

## Bootstrap (the basics)

- Use it to get confidence intervals for a very wide variety of estimators.
- Under the bootstrap assumption:

$$\sigma^2_{\text{sampling (w/replacement)}} \approx \sigma^2_{\text{(across samples)}}$$

- Let  $B$  (usually in the hundreds or thousands) be the number of bootstrap replicates.
  - If our original sample is  $(x_i, y_i)_{i=1}^n$
- Then, for each bootstrap replicate we'll have

$$(x_{J(b)}, y_{J(b)})_{J \in I}$$

where  $I = \text{set of indices} = \{1, \dots, n\}$

# of bootstrap replicate for  $b = 1, \dots, B$ .

and  $\{J\}_{(b)}$  is a sequence of indices which are sampled with replacement from  $I$ .

Example . we have data sample

$(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), (x_3, y_3),$

$(x_4, y_4), (x_5, y_5)$

$\Rightarrow I = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$

(Set of indices)

$(b=1) \rightarrow J_{(1)} = \{1, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$

(Sequence of indices sampled for bootstrap replicate 1).

$(b=2) \rightarrow J_{(2)} = \{1, 2, 3, 3, 3\}$

So, for  $b = 1 \dots$

$(x_{J(b)}, y_{J(b)})$

For each  $b$ , compute  $\hat{y}_{J(b)} = E(y_{J(b)} | x_{J(b)})$

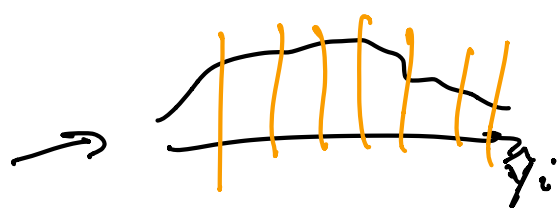
using our towers estimator. Then, save  $\{J(b)\}$

and  $\hat{y}_{J(b)}$

We end up with table ...

for each observation  $i$ :

$b \rightarrow$	1	2	3	...	B
$i \downarrow$					
1	$\hat{y}_1(1)$	—	—	•	}
2	$\hat{y}_2(1)$	$\hat{y}_2(2)$	—	•	
3	—	$\hat{y}_3(2)$	—	•	
4	$\hat{y}_4(1)$	—	—	•	
5	$\hat{y}_5(1)$	—	—	•	
...					
N	$\hat{y}_N(1)$	$\hat{y}_N(1)$	—	—	



Further, you can compute an estimate of standard error (observation-specific)

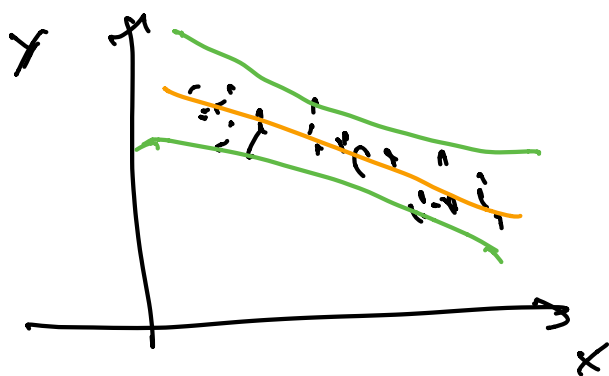
$$\sigma_{\hat{y}_i}^{\text{boot}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (\hat{y}_{i(b)} - \bar{\hat{y}}_i)^2}{B_i - 1}}$$

Average across bootstrap replicates

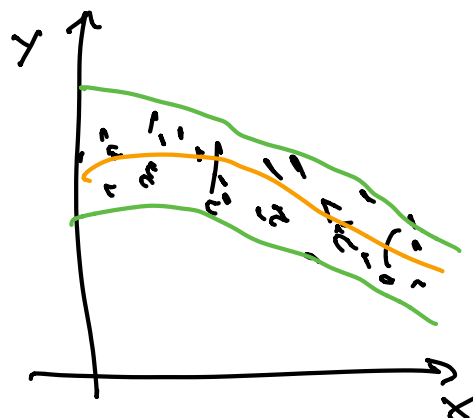
# of bootstrap replicates  
containing observation  $i$ .

$B$  is fixed,  $B_i$  is variable

Comparing the width and shape of CI for OLS  
vs Bootstrap CI's, we observe:



OLS



- ① OLS CI's are tighter (considers an infinite # of samples).
- ② on the other hand, our <sup>bootstrap</sup> CI's for  $\beta$  just consider  $B$  samples.

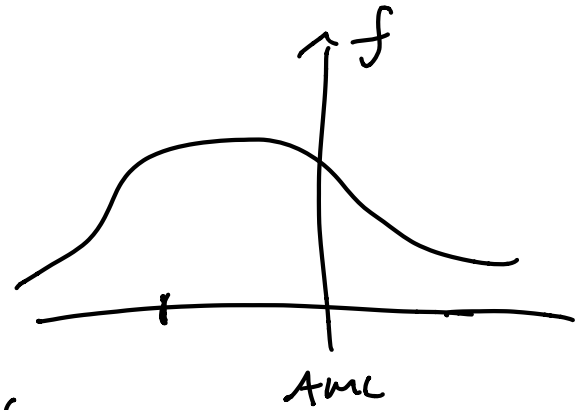
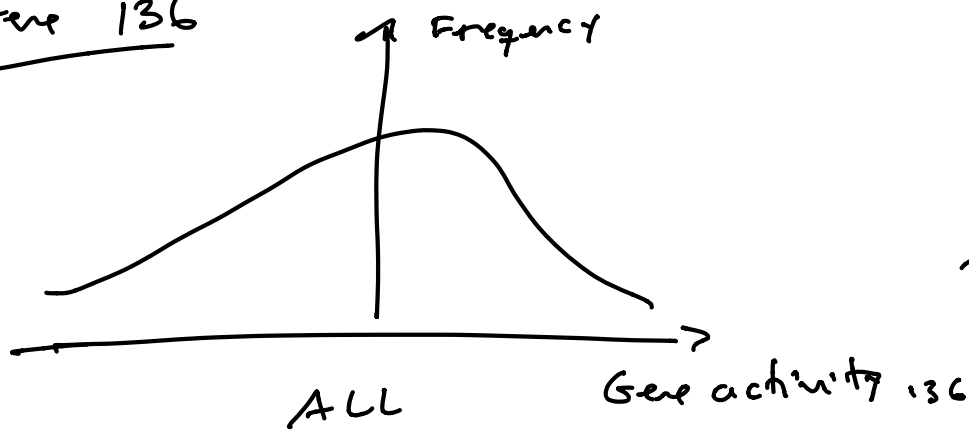
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Big data implications on hypothesis testing.

- 72 Leukemia Patients
  - 47 with ALL (Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia)
  - 25 with AML (Acute Myeloid Leukemia)

- Measurements available for 7128 genes for each patient!
- let's focus on 1 of them (Gene 136)

Gene 136



- Classic way to check if means are equal is using a t-test for hypothesis

$$H_0: \mu_{AML} = \mu_{ALL}$$

$$t = \frac{\bar{y}_{136}^{AML} - \bar{y}_{136}^{ALL}}{\hat{s}e}$$

•  $\hat{s}e$  = standard error estimate.

• For simplicity, let's assume equal variances.

$$\hat{s}e = \hat{\sigma} \left( \frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2} \right)^{1/2}$$

where  $n_2 = 47$   
 $n_1 = 25$

- $V = n_1 + n_2 - (2) = 70$  (degrees of freedom)