

ESTIMATION OF A FUNCTION, PARAMETRIC AND NON PARAMETRIC TEST

Q) What is estimation of a function, F ? And why do we estimate F ?

Ans - Function f , connects the input variables to output variable.

f may involve more than one input variable.

- We estimate f because of 2 reasons: i) Prediction ii) Inference

Q) What do you mean by prediction?

Ans - Set of input variable is mapped by with output X through function.

$$\hat{y} = f(x)$$

Example - Suppose x_1, x_2, x_3 are characteristics of a customer who will / invested in fixed deposit.

Accuracy of \hat{y} depend on two quantities - i) Reducible error (bias error, variance error)
ii) Irreducible error.

- Irreducible error is something we cannot reduce. Quantity may contain unmeasurable variation. Suppose, while targeting customer who will invest in fixed deposit, corona virus happened and everything went into lockdown.

Q) What is Inference?

Ans - Relationship between independent variable (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) to understand the effect on Y .

Few eg - i) Relationship between predictors (correlation) or we can say a relationship between Y and each predictor can be summarized using eqn.

Q) How do we estimate function f ?

Ans - In order to find a function, f such that $\hat{y} = f(x)$ we have two characteristics - i) Parametric function ii) Non parametric function

Q) Difference between Parametric test/function with Non parametric test/fn.

PARAMETRIC TEST/FUNCTION

- i) Assume assumption about the population
- ii) Assume a regular bell shape / normal distribution
- iii) Results can be generalized to the whole population.
- iv) Small sample to draw conclusion.

NON PARAMETRIC TEST/FUNCTION

- i) Do not assume any assumption as it takes whole population (almost)
- ii) Don't need any distribution about the data.
- iii) Results cannot be generalized if we take another population.
- iv) Large sample to draw conclusion.

Q) Give example of parametric and non-parametric test.

| CONDITION | PARAMETRIC | NON-PARAMETRIC |
|---|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Compare 1 Median/Mean to specific value | z test, 1 sample t test | Wilcoxon signed test |
| Compare 2 Median/Mean to specific value | Paired sample t test | |
| Compare 2 Independent median/mean | 2 sample t test | Mann-Whitney |
| Compare 3 or more median/mean, 1 variable | 1 way Anova | Kruskal Wallis |
| Compare 3 or more median/mean, 2 variable | 2 way Anova | Fredman |
| Treat 2 categorical variable of Independence. | None | Chi-square test of Independence. |

Parametric test uses mean as center of distribution.

Non parametric test uses median as center of distribution.