Economics 103 – Statistics for Economists

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Lecture 18



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By independence: $Var[\bar{X}_n - \bar{Y}_m] = Var[\bar{X}_n] + Var[\bar{Y}_m] = \frac{\sigma_x^2}{n} + \frac{\sigma_y^2}{m}$



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Normal, by independence and linearity property of normal distributions.

Sampling Distribution of $\bar{X}_n - \bar{Y}_m$

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Shorthand:
$$SE(\bar{X}_n - \bar{Y}_m) = \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_x^2}{n} + \frac{\sigma_y^2}{m}}$$

CI for Difference of Population Means, σ_x^2, σ_y^2 Known

$$\frac{(\bar{X}_n - \bar{Y}_m) - (\mu_{\scriptscriptstyle X} - \mu_{\scriptscriptstyle Y})}{\mathit{SE}(\bar{X}_n - \bar{Y}_m)} \sim \mathit{N}(0, 1)$$

Thus, we construct a $100 \times (1 - \alpha)\%$ CI for $\mu_x - \mu_y$ as follows:

$$(ar{X}_{\it n} - ar{Y}_{\it m}) \pm \ {
m qnorm}(1 - lpha/2) \ {\it SE}(ar{X}_{\it n} - ar{Y}_{\it m})$$

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$$SE = \sqrt{\frac{3^2}{25} + \frac{4^2}{25}} = \frac{\sqrt{9+16}}{5} = 1$$

$$ME = qnorm(1 - 0.05/2) \times SE \approx 2 \times SE = 2$$



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The actual population means were 4 and 3, respectively

What if σ_x^2 , σ_y^2 are Unknown?

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u)$$

Formula for ν is Complicated and You Don't Need to Know it

Two possibilities:

- 1. Have R find the correct value of ν for us
- 2. If m, n are large enough, approximately standard normal.

Case of Equal, Unknown Variances

The book considers a case where $\sigma_x^2 = \sigma_y^2 = \sigma^2$, that is a common unknown variance. This is a very dangerous assumption. It is almost certainly false and can throw off our results in a serious way. You are not responsible for this case.

Sampling Distributions Under Normality: One-sample

Suppose that $X_1, \ldots, X_n \sim \text{iid } N(\mu, \sigma^2)$. Then:

$$\left(\frac{n-1}{\sigma^2}\right)S^2 \sim \chi^2(n-1)$$

$$\frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \sim N(0,1)$$

$$\frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu}{S/\sqrt{n}} \sim t(n-1)$$

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But what if the population isn't Normal?

The Central Limit Theorem

Suppose that X_1, \ldots, X_n are a random sample from a population with unknown mean μ . Then, provided that n is sufficiently large, the sampling distribution of \bar{X}_n is approximately $N\left(\mu, \widehat{SE}(\bar{X}_n)^2\right)$, even if the even if the underlying population is non-normal.

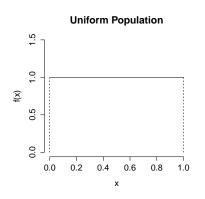
In Other Words...

$$rac{ar{X}_n - \mu}{\widehat{SE}(ar{X}_n)} pprox N(0,1)$$

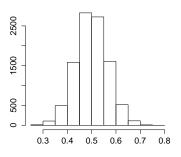
Use this to create approximate CIs for population mean!

You should be amazed by this.

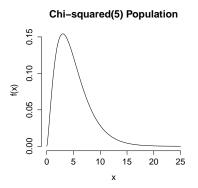
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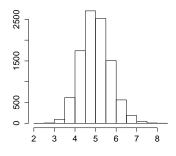
Sample Mean - Uniform Pop (n = 20)



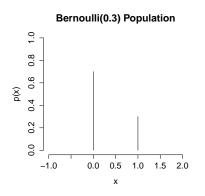
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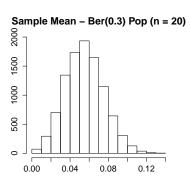


Sample Mean - Chisq(5) Pop (n=20)



Example: Bernoulli(0.3) Population, n = 20





Who is the Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court?



- (a) Harry Reid
- (b) John Roberts
- (c) William Rehnquist
- (d) Stephen Breyer

Are US Voters Really That Ignorant?

Pew: "What Voters Know About Campaign 2012"

The Data

Of 771 registered voters polled, only 39% correctly identified John Roberts as the current chief justice of the US Supreme Court.

Research Question

Is the majority of voters unaware that John Roberts is the current chief justice, or is this just sampling variation?

Assume Random Sampling...

Confidence Interval for a Proportion

What is the appropriate probability model for the sample?

 $X_1, \ldots, X_n \sim \mathsf{iid} \; \mathsf{Bernoulli}(p), \; 1 = \mathsf{Know} \; \mathsf{Roberts} \; \mathsf{is} \; \mathsf{Chief} \; \mathsf{Justice}$

What is the parameter of interest?

p = Proportion of voters *in the population* who know Roberts is Chief Justice.

What is our estimator?

Sample Proportion: $\widehat{p} = (\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i)/n$

$$\widehat{p} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i = \bar{X}_n$$

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Central Limit Theorem Applied to Sample Proportion

Central Limit Theorem: Intuition

Sample means are approximately normally distributed provided the sample size is large even if the population is non-normal.

CLT For Sample Mean

CLT for Sample Proportion

$$rac{ar{X}_n - \mu}{\widehat{SE}(ar{X}_n)} pprox N(0,1)$$

$$\frac{\widehat{p}-p}{\sqrt{\frac{\widehat{p}(1-\widehat{p})}{n}}}\approx N(0,1)$$

In this example, the population is Bernoulli(p) rather than normal.

The sample mean is \hat{p} and the population mean is p.

$$\frac{\widehat{p} - p}{\sqrt{\frac{\widehat{p}(1-\widehat{p})}{n}}} \approx N(0,1)$$

$$P\left(-2 \le \frac{\widehat{p} - p}{\sqrt{\frac{\widehat{p}(1-\widehat{p})}{n}}} \le 2\right) \approx 0.95$$

$$P\left(\widehat{p} - 2\sqrt{\frac{\widehat{p}(1-\widehat{p})}{n}} \le p \le \widehat{p} + 2\sqrt{\frac{\widehat{p}(1-\widehat{p})}{n}}\right) \approx 0.95$$

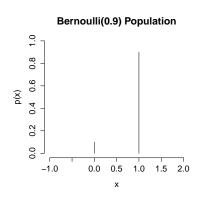
$100 \times (1 - \alpha)$ CI for Population Proportion (p)

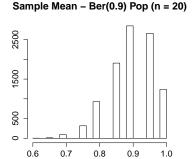
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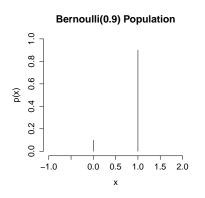
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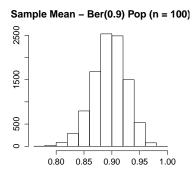
Example: Bernoulli(0.9) Population, n = 20





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What can we conclude?

Approximate 95% CI: (0.35, 0.43)

Are Republicans Better Informed Than Democrats?

Pew: "What Voters Know About Campaign 2012"

Of the 239 Republicans surveyed, 47% correctly identified John Roberts as the current chief justice. Only 31% of the 238 Democrats surveyed correctly identified him. Is this difference meaningful or just sampling variation?

Again, assume random sampling.

Confidence Interval for a Difference of Proportions

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The difference of sample proportions: $\hat{p} - \hat{q}$ where:

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