

Def

Let X_1, X_2, \dots be a sequence of r.v's with cdf's F_1, F_2, \dots . Let X be a r.v with cdf F . We say that X_n converges in distribution to X if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(x) = F(x)$, for every x (Every x at which F is continuous.)

Theorem - Continuity

Let F_n be a sequence of cdf's with the corresponding mgf's M_n . Let F be a cdf with mgf M . If $M_n(t) \rightarrow M(t)$ when $n \rightarrow \infty$ for all t , then $F_n(x) \rightarrow F(x)$ when $n \rightarrow \infty$ for every x .

Theorem - CLT

Let X_1, X_2, \dots be a sequence of iid r.v's having mean μ , variance σ^2 , cdf F and mgf M . Let $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P\left(\frac{S_n}{\sigma\sqrt{n}} \leq x\right) = \Phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^x e^{-\frac{u^2}{2}} du$, cdf of $N(0,1)$

Proof

Let $Z = \frac{S_n}{\sigma\sqrt{n}}$. We will show that $M_{Z_n}(t) \rightarrow e^{t\mu + \frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2}}$

$$M_{S_n}(t) = M_{X_1, X_2, \dots}(t) = (M(t))^n$$

$$M_{Z_n}(t) = E[e^{tZ_n}] = E[e^{t \frac{S_n}{\sigma\sqrt{n}}}] = E[e^{t \frac{S_n}{\sigma\sqrt{n}}}] = M_{S_n}\left(\frac{t}{\sigma\sqrt{n}}\right) = (M\left(\frac{t}{\sigma\sqrt{n}}\right))^n$$

Remark - Taylor exp

$$f(s) = f(0) + f'(0)s + \frac{1}{2}f''(0)s^2 + \epsilon, \quad \frac{\epsilon}{s^2} \rightarrow 0 \text{ when } s \rightarrow 0$$

$$e^s \approx 1 + s + \frac{s^2}{2}, \text{ when } s \text{ is small}$$

$$\sin(x) \approx x$$

$$\cos(x) \approx 1 - \frac{x^2}{2}$$

$$\ln(1+x) \approx x - \frac{x^2}{2}$$

Use Taylor expansion for mgf M .

$$M(s) = M(0) + M'(0)s + \frac{1}{2}M''(0)s^2 + \epsilon$$

$$M'(0) = E[X] = \mu$$

$$M''(0) = E[X^2] - E[X]^2$$

$$\text{Var}[X_i] = E[X_i^2] - E[X_i]^2 \Rightarrow M''(0) = \text{Var}[X_i] = \sigma^2$$

$$M_{Z_n}(t) = (M\left(\frac{t}{\sigma\sqrt{n}}\right))^n \approx \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 \cdot \left(\frac{t}{\sigma\sqrt{n}}\right)^2\right)^n = \left(1 + \frac{t^2}{2n}\right)^n$$

assuming ϵ small

Remark

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{a_n}{n}\right)^n = e^a, \text{ where } a_n \rightarrow a, n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$M_{Z_n}(t) \approx \left(1 + \frac{t^2}{2n}\right)^n \rightarrow e^{\frac{t^2}{2}}$$

Def - Method of moments (MM)

- Calculate low-order moments $E[X], E[X^2], E[X^3]$ Finding expressions for the moments in terms of the parameters
- Invert the expressions from step one to find new expressions for the parameters in terms of the moments
- Insert the sample moments into the expressions from step 2

Ex

$X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$. Find the method of moments (MM) estimator of p .

$$1. E[X] = np$$

$$2. p = \frac{E[X]}{n}$$

$$3. \hat{p} = \frac{\bar{x}}{n}$$

$X \sim P_0(\lambda)$

$$1. E[X] = \lambda$$

$$2. \lambda = E[X]$$

$$3. \lambda = \bar{x}$$

$X \in \{0, 1, 2\}$

$$P(X=0) = p, P(X=1) = P(X=2) = \frac{1-p}{2}$$

$$1. E[X] = 0 \cdot p + 1 \cdot \frac{1-p}{2} + 2 \cdot \frac{1-p}{2} = 3 \left(\frac{1-p}{2} \right) = \frac{3-3p}{2}$$

$$2. 1-p = \frac{2}{3} E[X] =$$

$$P = 1 - \frac{2}{3} E[X]$$

$$3. \hat{p} = 1 - \frac{2}{3} \bar{x}$$

Def - Likelihood Function

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be iid rvs with density f . Then $\text{Lik}(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i)$ - likelihood function.

$L(\theta) = \log(\text{Lik}(\theta)) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log(f_\theta(x_i))$ - log likelihood function

MLE estimator is the that maximizes likelihood function

Ex

$X \in \{0, 1, 2\}$

$$P(X=0) = p, P(X=1) = P(X=2) = \frac{1-p}{2} \Rightarrow 0 \leq p \leq 1$$

$$x_1 = 0, x_2 = 0, x_3 = 1$$

$$\text{lik}(p) = p \cdot p \cdot \frac{1-p}{2}, L(p) = \log(\text{lik}(p)) = 2 \log(p) + \log\left(\frac{1-p}{2}\right), L'(p) = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{p} + \frac{2}{1-p} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{2}{p} - \frac{1}{1-p} = \frac{2-3p}{p(1-p)}$$

$$2-3p=0 \Rightarrow \hat{p} = \frac{2}{3}, \text{ mle estimate}$$

Ex

X_1, \dots, X_n are coming from an exponential distribution: $\text{Exp}(\theta)$ Density of $\text{Exp}(\theta)$

is given by: $f_\theta(x) = \theta e^{-\theta x}$

$\text{lik}(\theta) = \theta e^{-\theta x_1} \cdots \theta e^{-\theta x_n}$

$$L(\theta) = \log(\theta e^{-\theta x_1} + \cdots + \theta e^{-\theta x_n}) = \{\log \theta + \log e^{-\theta x_1} + \cdots + \log \theta + \log e^{-\theta x_n}\} = n \log \theta - \theta \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

$$L'(\hat{\theta}) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \hat{\theta} = \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} = \frac{1}{\bar{x}}$$

mle estimate

Remark

If $X \sim \text{Exp}(\theta)$ then $E[X] = \frac{1}{\theta}$ or $\theta = \frac{1}{E[X]}$

Regarding the exam

1. Generating functions

How to obtain GF for a given sequence.

How to obtain a sequence given a GF.

Counting Problems (like the example with the bag of fruits)

2. Moment Generating Functions

Find a mgf for a given distribution. Both with given values and generally.

Find some moments of a given distribution.

3. Limit Theorems

Proof's of: Markov's, Chebyshev's inequalities, law of large numbers, CLT

4. Confidence Intervals

CI for the μ , σ^2 known

CI for the μ , σ^2 unknown (small sample) \leftarrow t-distribution

CI for σ^2

CI for P - population proportion

Ex: How to construct an interval.

$\frac{\bar{X}-\mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$ approx. $N(0,1)$ because of CLT

$$P(L_1 \leq \mu \leq L_2) = (1-\alpha) \quad [L_1, L_2] - 100(1-\alpha)\%$$

$$(1-\alpha) = P\left(\frac{L_1 - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \leq \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \leq \frac{L_2 - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}\right) = P\left(\frac{L_1 - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \leq \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \leq \frac{L_2 - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}\right) = P\left(\bar{X} - \frac{L_1 - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \leq \mu \leq \bar{X} - \frac{L_2 - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}\right)$$