1 General definitions

1.1 Basic

- Sample variance

$$S_X^2 = \frac{1}{n-1}\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_i - \bar{X})^2 \tag{1.1}$$

- Sample correlation coefficient

$$r_{X,Y} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y})}{(n-1)\sqrt{(S_X^2 S_Y^2)}} \tag{1.2}$$

- QQ-plot for cumulative distribution function F is the set of points $\left(q_F\left(\frac{i}{n+1}\right), x_{(i)}\right)$, where $q_F(\cdot)$ is the quantile function for the distribution.

- Mean Squared Error (MSE)

$$\mathrm{MSE}(\theta; T(X), g(\theta)) = \mathbb{E}_\theta \left(T(X) - g(\theta)\right)^2 \tag{1.3}$$

- Bias-variance decomposition

$$\mathrm{MSE}(\theta; T(X)) = \mathrm{var}_\theta T + \left(\mathbb{E}_\theta T(X) - g(\theta)\right)^2 \tag{1.4}$$

- Empirical distribution function

$$\hat{F}_n(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{n}\mathbb{I}(X_i \leq x) \tag{1.5}$$

1.2 k-th order statistic $X_{(k)}$

$X_{(k)}$ — $k-th$ order statistic distribution for n i.i.d. variables from continuous distribution F.

$$f_{(k)}(x) = \frac{n!}{(k-1)!(n-k)!}F(x)^{k-1}(1-F(x))^{n-k}f(x) \tag{1.6}$$

$$F_{(k)}(x) = \sum_{j=k}^{n}\binom{n}{j}F(x)^j(1-F(x))^{n-j} \tag{1.7}$$

$$\mathbb{E}F(X_{(k)}) = \frac{k}{n+1} \tag{1.8}$$

2 Important distributions

- Student's t-distribution t_ν, $\nu \in \mathbb{R}_{>0}$
  - pdf
$$\frac{\Gamma(\frac{\nu+1}{2})}{\sqrt{\pi\nu}\,\Gamma(\frac{\nu}{2})}\left(1+\frac{x^2}{\nu}\right)^{-\frac{\nu+1}{2}} \tag{2.1}$$
  - cdf
$$\frac{1}{2}+x\Gamma\left(\frac{\nu+1}{2}\right)\frac{{}_2F_1\left(\frac{1}{2},\frac{\nu+1}{2};\frac{3}{2},-\frac{x^2}{\nu}\right)}{\sqrt{\pi\nu}\,\Gamma(\frac{\nu}{2})} \tag{2.2}$$
  - t-distribution with $n \in \mathbb{N}$ degrees of freedom arises from the ratio of independent $N(0,1)$- and χ^2_n-distributions
- Poisson distribution Poisson(λ), $\lambda > 0$
  - λ is the average number of events per interval
  - pdf
$$p_\lambda(k) = e^{-\lambda}\frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \tag{2.3}$$
- Geometric distribution $G(\theta)$, $0 \le \theta \le 1$
  - pdf
$$f_\theta(k) = (1-\theta)^{1-k}\theta \tag{2.4}$$
  - cdf
$$F_\theta(k) = 1-(1-\theta)^k \tag{2.5}$$
- Exponential distribution $F(x;\lambda)$
  - pdf
$$f_\lambda(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x} \tag{2.6}$$
  - cdf
$$F_\lambda(x) = 1-e^{-\lambda x} \tag{2.7}$$
  - $\mathbb{E}_\lambda X = 1/\lambda$
- Beta distribution $B(\alpha,\beta)$, $\alpha,\beta > 0$

- pdf

$$f_{\alpha,\beta}(x) = \frac{x^{\alpha-1}(1-x)^{\beta-1}}{B(\alpha,\beta)}, \;\; B(\alpha,\beta) \equiv \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)} \tag{2.8}$$

- Weibull distribution
  - α and λ are the "shape" and 'inverse scale" parameters.
  - pdf

$$f_{\lambda,\alpha}(x) = \lambda^{\alpha}\alpha x^{\alpha-1}e^{-(\lambda x)^{\alpha}} \tag{2.9}$$

  - cdf

$$F_{\lambda,\alpha}(x) = 1 - e^{-(\lambda x)^{\alpha}} \tag{2.10}$$

- Gamma distribution $\Gamma(\alpha,\lambda),\;\alpha > 0, \lambda > 0$
  - α and λ are known as "shape" and "inverse scale" parameters.
  - pdf

$$f_{\alpha,\lambda}(x) = \frac{x^{\alpha-1}\lambda^{\alpha}e^{-\lambda x}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \tag{2.11}$$

  - cdf (where $\gamma(s,x) = \int_0^x t^{s-1}e^{-t}dt$ — is the "incomplete gamma function")

$$F_{\alpha,\lambda}(x) = \frac{\gamma(\alpha, x\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \tag{2.12}$$

Definition 2.1. A family of probability densities p_θ that depends on a parameter θ is called a k-dimensional exponential family if there exist functions $c(\theta)$, $h(x)$, $Q_j(\theta)$, and $V_j(x)$ such that

$$p_\theta(x) = c(\theta)h(x)e^{\sum_{j=1}^{k} Q_j(\theta)V_j(x)}$$

3 Fundamental results

Theorem 3.1. *Let $X_1, \dots X_n$ be an i.i.d. ramdom variables from the $N(\mu,\sigma^2)$ distribution, then*

1. *$\bar{X}$ is $N(\mu, \sigma^2/n)$ distributed;*
2. *$(n-1)S_X^2/\sigma^2$ is χ^2_{n-1}-distributed (see 1.1);*

3. $\bar{X}$ and S_X^2 are independent;

4. $\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}-\mu)/\sqrt{S_X^2}$ has the t_{n-1}- distribution.

Proof. $\|X\|^2 - n\bar{X}^2 = (n-1)S_X^2$

Definition 3.2. Let X be a random variable defined on probability space $(\Omega, \mathbb{P}_\theta)$, $\theta \in \Theta$. Suppose that the likelihood function $\theta \mapsto \ell_\theta \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \log p_\theta$ is differentiable for all $x \in \Omega$. The gradient

$$\dot{\ell}_\theta(x) = \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}\ell_\theta(x)$$

is called the *score function*. The *Fisher information* is defined as the matrix

$$i_\theta = \mathbb{V}_\theta \dot{\ell}_\theta(X)$$

Theorem 3.3. *Suppose that Θ is compact and convex and that θ is identifiable, and let $\hat{\theta_n}$ be the maximum likelihood estimator based on a sample of size n from the distribution with (marginal) probability density p_θ. Suppose, furthermore, that the map $\vartheta \mapsto \log p_\vartheta(x)$ is continuously differentiable for all x, with derivative $\dot{\ell}_\vartheta(x)$, such that $\|\dot{\ell}_\vartheta(x)\| \leq L(x)$ for every $\vartheta \in \Theta$, where $L(x)$ is a function with $\mathbb{E}_\theta L^2(X) < \infty$. If θ is an interior point of Θ and the function $\theta \mapsto i_\theta$ is continuous and positive, then under θ, $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta_n} - \theta)$ converges in distribution to a normal distribution with expectation 0 and variance i_θ^{-1}. Therefore, under θ, as $n \to \infty$, we have*

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta_n} - \theta) \to N(0, i_\theta^{-1})$$

Theorem 3.4. *Suppose $\theta \mapsto p_\theta(x)$ is differentiable for every x. Then under certain regularity conditions any unbiased estimator T for $g(\theta)$ satisfies:*

$$\mathbb{V}_\theta(T) \geq g'(\theta) I_\theta^{-1} g'(\theta)^T,$$

where I_θ denotes the full *information matrix.*

4 Estimators

4.1 Maximum of n uniformally distributed statistics

Set up: $X_1, X_2, \ldots X_n$ i.i.d. drown from $U[0,\theta]$, where θ is the parameter of interest.

- $\hat{\theta} = 2\bar{X}_n$
  - method of moments estimator
  - *unbiased*
  - $\text{MSE}(\theta, \hat{\theta}) = \frac{\theta^2}{3n}$, see (1.6)
- $X_{(n)}$ — n-th order statistic, i.e. maximum.
  - $\mathbb{E}_\theta X_{(n)} = \frac{n}{n+1}\theta$, see (1.6)
  - $\text{MSE}(\theta, X_{(n)}) = \frac{2\theta^2}{(n+2)(n+1)}$
- $\frac{n+2}{n+1}X_{(n)}$
  - best estimator of the form $cX_{(n)}$
  - $\text{MSE}(\theta, \frac{n+2}{n+1}X_{(n)}) = \frac{\theta^2}{(n+1)^2}$

4.2 Univariate normal distribution

- $(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\sigma}^2) = \left(\bar{X}_n, \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_i - \bar{X}_n)\right) = \left(\bar{X}_n, \frac{n-1}{n}S_X^2\right)$
  - maximum likelihood estimator
  - method of moments estimator
  - $\hat{\mu}$ is *unbiased*
  - $\mathbb{E}_{(\mu,\sigma^2)}\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{n-1}{n}\sigma^2$

4.3 Empirical distribution function

Let $X_1, \ldots X_n$ be an i.i.d. sample drawn from the distribution F.

- The empirical distribution function (ecdf) $\hat{F}(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{n}\mathbb{I}(X_i \le x)$ (see 1.1)
  - *unbiased*
  - $\mathbf{cov}_F\left(\hat{F}(u), \hat{F}(v)\right) = n^{-1}(F(\min(u, v)) - F(u)F(v))$ – positively correlated

5 Statistical tests

5.1 t-tests

5.1.1 One-sample t-test

Let $X_1, X_2, \dots X_n$ be an i.i.d. sample from the $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$-distribution with μ and σ^2 unknown. Given $\mu_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ we test:

$$H_0 : \mu \leq \mu_0 \text{ against } H_1 : \mu > \mu_0 \tag{5.1}$$

Test statistic:

$$T = \sqrt{n}\frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu_0}{S_X} \tag{5.2}$$

By Theorem 3.1, under $\mu = \mu_0$ the statistic has Student's t_{n-1} distribution, consequently we can use.

$$\sup_{\mu \leq \mu_0} \mathbb{P}\left(T \geq t_{n-1,1-\alpha}\right) \leq \alpha \tag{5.3}$$

5.1.2 t-Test for paired observations

Let $(X_1, Y_1), (X_2, Y_2), \dots (X_n, Y_n)$ be the i.i.d. sample of paired observations. We assume that $Z_i \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} X_i - Y_i$ is $N(\Delta, \sigma^2)$ is normally distributed, and the ordinary One-sample t-test can be used to test the null hypotheses $H_0 : \Delta \geq 0$. Note that if X_i and Y_i are strongly correlated then variance of Z_i decreases and this improves the power of the t-test.

5.1.3 Two-sample t-test

Let $X_1, X_2, \dots X_n$ and $Y_1, Y_2, \dots Y_m$ be two mutually independent i.i.d samples from $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ and $N(\nu, \sigma^2)$. The test checks

$$H_0 : \mu - \nu \leq 0 \text{ against } H_1 : \mu - \nu > 0 \tag{5.4}$$

Test statistic:

$$T = \frac{\bar{X} - \bar{Y}}{S_{X,Y}\sqrt{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{m}}} \tag{5.5}$$

$$S^2_{X,Y} = \frac{1}{m+n-2}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_i - \bar{X}_n)^2 + \sum_{j=1}^{m}(Y_j - \bar{Y}_m)^2\right) \tag{5.6}$$

Theorem 3.1 implies that $S^2_{X,Y}$ follows $\sigma^2 \cdot \chi^2_{m+n-2}$ distribution.

5.2 Kolmogorov-Smirnov test

Given and i.i.d. sample $X_1, \dots X_n$ from some unknown distribution F, we want to test:

$$H_0 : F = F_0 \text{ against } H_1 : F \neq F_0 \tag{5.7}$$

The test statistic is given by

$$T = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |\hat{F}_n(x) - F(x)|, \tag{5.8}$$

where $\hat{F}_n(x)$ stands for the empirical distribution function (see 1.1). The distribution of T is the same for every continuous cdf F_0. The following limit establishes the test:

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \mathbb{P}_{F_0} \left(T > \frac{z}{n} \right) = 2 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{j+1} e^{-j^2 z^2} \tag{5.9}$$