

Intermediate Statistics

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Misc

- Moment generating function: $M_x(t) = \mathbb{E}[\exp(tx)]$
- σ -sub-Gaussian: $M_{x-\mu} \leq \exp(\sigma^2 t^2/2)$, 0-mean $[a, b]$ bounded RVs are $\frac{(b-a)}{2}$ -sub-Gaussian
- Jensen's inequality: for g convex, $g(\mathbb{E}[X]) \leq \mathbb{E}[g(X)]$
- Cauchy inequality: $(\mathbb{E}[XY])^2 \leq \mathbb{E}[X^2] \mathbb{E}[Y^2]$
- $\maximin \leq \minimax$
- $\text{Var}(X) = \mathbb{E}[X^2] - \mathbb{E}[X]^2$, $\text{Var}(aX) = a^2 \text{Var}(X)$, $\text{Var}(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i X_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n \alpha_i \alpha_j \text{Cov}(X_i, X_j)$
- $\text{Var}(XY) = \mathbb{E}[X^2] \mathbb{E}[Y^2] - \mathbb{E}[X]^2 \mathbb{E}[Y]^2$
- Gamma function $\Gamma(z) = \int_0^\infty x^{z-1} \exp(-x) dx$. $\Gamma(n) = (n-1)!$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$. $\Gamma(x+1) = x\Gamma(x)$
- Law of total expectation: $\mathbb{E}[X] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[X|Y]]$, total variance: $\text{Var}(Y) = \mathbb{E}[\text{Var}(Y|X)] + \text{Var}[\mathbb{E}(Y|X)]$
- Conditional gaussian: $\mu = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_1 \\ \mu_2 \end{bmatrix}$ ($\mu_1 \in \mathbb{R}^q$, $\mu_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{N-q}$), $\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{bmatrix}$. Then
 - $\bar{\mu} = \mu_1 + \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} (a - \mu_2)$, $\bar{\Sigma} = \Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \Sigma_{21}$
- Posterior for μ in Gaussian, with known σ , and prior $\mu \sim \mathcal{N}(m, \tau^2)$
 - $\mathbb{E}[\mu|X^n] = \frac{\tau^2}{\tau^2 + \sigma^2/n} \bar{X}_n + \frac{\sigma^2/n}{\tau^2 + \sigma^2/n} m$
 - $\text{Var}(\mu|X^n) = \tau^2 \cdot \frac{\sigma^2}{n} / \left(\tau^2 + \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \right)$
- Berry-Essen Theorem: let $F_n(x) = P\left(\frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sigma}(\hat{\mu} - \mu) \leq x\right)$, then $\sup |F_n(x) - \Phi(x)| \leq \frac{33}{4} \mathbb{E}|X_1 - \mu|^3 / \sigma^3 \sqrt{n}$
- KL divergence: $\text{KL}(P||Q) = \sum_i P(i) \log \frac{P(i)}{Q(i)}$
- Total variance distance: $\delta(P, Q) = \frac{1}{2} \int |P(x) - Q(x)| dx$

Inequalities

- Markov: for $X \geq 0$, $P[X \geq t] \leq \mathbb{E}[X]/t$
- Chebyshev: $P[|X - \mathbb{E}X| \geq k\sigma] \leq 1/k^2$
- Chernoff bound: $P[X - \mu \geq u] \leq \inf_{0 \leq t \leq b} \frac{M_{x-\mu}(t)}{\exp(tu)}$, where $M_{x-\mu}$ is finite $\forall |t| \leq b$
 - (sub-)Gaussian tail bound: $P(|X - \mu| \geq k\sigma) \leq 2 \exp(-2k^2)$
- Hoeffding bound (bounded RV): $P(|x - \mu| \geq k(b-a)) \leq 2 \exp(-2k^2)$
 - for n RVs, $P(|x - \mu| \geq t) \leq 2 \exp\left(-2n^2 t^2 / \sum_{i=1}^n (b_i - a_i)^2\right)$
- Bernstein ($[a, b]$ bounded RV, $\mu = 0$, small σ , i.i.d.)
 - $P(|\mu - \hat{\mu}| \geq t) \leq 2 \exp\left(-\frac{nt^2}{2(\sigma^2 + (b-a)t)}\right)$
 - $P\left(|\mu - \hat{\mu}| \leq 4\sigma \sqrt{\frac{\ln(2/\delta)}{n}} + \frac{4(b-a)\ln(2/\delta)}{n}\right) \geq 1 - \delta$
- Azuma's bound (difference bounded: $|f(x_1, \dots, x_k, \dots, x_n) - f(x_1, \dots, x'_k, \dots, x_n)| \leq L_k$)
 - $P[|f(x_1, \dots, f_n) - \mu| \geq t] \leq 2 \exp(-2t^2 / \sum_{k=1}^n L_k^2)$
- U-statistics: $U(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \binom{1}{n} \sum_{j < k} g(x_j, x_k)$ and g is symmetric and $|g| \leq B$
 - Azuma gives: $P[|U(x_1, \dots, x_n) - \mu| \geq t] \leq 2 \exp(-nt^2/8B^2)$
- χ^2 tail bound: $Y \sim X_n^2$ where $X_n \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$. $P\left[\left|\frac{1}{n}Y - 1\right| \geq t\right] \leq 2 \exp(-nt^2/8)$
- Johnson-Lindenstrauss Lemma: for $X^n \in \mathbb{R}^d$, $m \geq 16 \frac{\log(n/\delta)}{\varepsilon^2}$, $Z \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times d}$, $Z_{i,j} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$, $F(X_i) = \frac{Z}{\sqrt{n}} X_i$
 - $(1 - \varepsilon) \|X_i - X_j\|_2^2 \leq \|F(X_i) - F(X_j)\|_2^2 \leq (1 + \varepsilon) \|X_i - X_j\|_2^2$, holds w.p. $1 - \delta$

Convergence: estimator $\hat{\theta}_n$ is consistent iff $\hat{\theta}_n \xrightarrow{P} \theta$

- a.s. $P\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n = X\right) = 1$; i.p. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|X_n - X| \geq \varepsilon) = 0$; q.m. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}(X_n - X)^2 = 0$; d $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{X_n}(t) = F_X(t)$
 - a.s. \Rightarrow p; q.m. \Rightarrow p; q.m. \Leftarrow p if $|X_n|$ bounded; p \Rightarrow d; p \Leftarrow d if $X = c$; p \nRightarrow $\mathbb{E}[X_n] = c$
- Continuous mapping: if $X_n \xrightarrow{P} X$, then for any continuous function f , $f(X_n) \xrightarrow{P} f(X)$; if $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$, then for any continuous function f , $f(X_n) \xrightarrow{d} f(X)$
- Slutsky's theorem: if $X_n \xrightarrow{P} X$, $Y_n \xrightarrow{P} Y$, then $X_n + Y_n \xrightarrow{P} X + Y$, and $X_n Y_n \xrightarrow{P} XY$; if $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$, $Y_n \xrightarrow{d} c$, then $X_n + Y_n \xrightarrow{d} X + c$, and $X_n Y_n \xrightarrow{d} cX$
- WLLN: $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \xrightarrow{P} \mu$ for i.i.d. X_i s with $\mathbb{E}(|X|) < \infty$ and $\text{Var}(X) < \infty$
- CLT: X^n independent RVs, mean and variance finite, then $\frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sigma}(\hat{\mu} - \mu) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$, works also with estimated variance
 - Lyapunov CLT: X^n are independent but not i.i.d. Define $s_n = \frac{1}{n} \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2}$. If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{s_n^3} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}|X_i -$

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- $\mu_i^3 < \infty$, we have $\frac{1}{s_n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu_i) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$
- multivariate CLT: $\sqrt{n}(\mu - \hat{\mu}) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma)$
- Delta method (CLT for function of RV): if $\frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sigma}(\hat{\mu} - \mu) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$, g continuous differentiable, $g'(\mu) \neq 0$
 - $\frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sigma}(g(\hat{\mu}) - g(\mu)) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}\left(0, [g'(\mu)]^2\right)$
- multivariate delta method: $\sqrt{n}(g(\hat{\mu}) - g(\mu)) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}\left(0, \nabla_g^T(\mu) \Sigma \nabla_g(\mu)\right)$

Empirical process

- Vapnik-Chervonenkis Theory
 - empirical CDF: $\hat{F}_n(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{I}(X_i \leq x)$
 - Glivenko-Cantelli Theorem: $\Delta = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} \left| \hat{F}_n(x) - F_X(x) \right| \xrightarrow{P} 0$
 - empirical probability of set: $P_n(A) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{I}(X_i \in A)$, and $\Delta(A) = \sup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} |P_n(A) - P(A)|$
 - empirical process: $\Delta(\mathcal{F}) = \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n f(X_i) - \mathbb{E}[f] \right|$
 - Glivenko-Cantelli class: $\Delta(\mathcal{F}) \xrightarrow{P} 0$ where X^n i.i.d.
 - Shattering: n -th shattering coef of \mathcal{A} : $s(\mathcal{A}, n) = \max_{z^n} N_{\mathcal{A}}(z^n)$, where $N_{\mathcal{A}} = \# \{z^n \cap A\}$ (valid coloring)
 - VC dimension: max d that $s(\mathcal{A}, d) = 2^d$. There exists $\{z_i\}_{i=1}^d$ each of whose colorings are valid, but for any $(d+1)$ points, there exists an invalid coloring
 - you select the best x_1, \dots, x_n , adversary assigns label y_1, \dots, y_n
 - if $\text{VC}_{\mathcal{A}} \geq n$, you can find $f \in \mathcal{A}$ that is consistent with the labels
- VC dimension example:
 - $\mathcal{A} = \{A_1, \dots, A_N\}$, $V_{\mathcal{A}} \leq \log_2 N$
 - intervals $[a, b]$ on the real line: 2
 - discs in \mathbb{R}^2 : 3
 - closed balls in \mathbb{R}^d : $V_{\mathcal{A}} \leq d + 2$
 - rectangles in \mathbb{R}^d : $2d$
 - half-space in \mathbb{R}^d : $d + 1$
 - convex polygons in \mathbb{R}^2 : ∞
 - convex polygon with d vertices: $2d + 1$
- Empirical risk minimization: $\hat{f} = \arg \min_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \hat{R}_n(f)$, optimal $f^* = \arg \min_{f \in \mathcal{F}} R(f)$
 - minimize $\Delta(\mathcal{F}) = R(\hat{f}) - R(f^*)$, consider minimize $\Delta(\mathcal{A}) = \sup_{A \in \mathcal{A}} |P_n(A) - P(A)|$
 - if $|A|$ is finite: $P(|P_n(A) - P(A)| \geq t) \leq 2 \exp(-2nt^2)$, $P(\Delta(\mathcal{A}) \geq t) \leq 2|A| \exp(-2nt^2)$
 - if $|A|$ is not finite: $P(\Delta(\mathcal{A}) \geq t) \leq 8s(\mathcal{A}, n) \exp(-nt^2/32)$
- Sauer's Lemma: if $\text{VC}(\mathcal{A}) = d < \infty$, then for $n > d$, $s(\mathcal{A}, n) \leq (n+1)^d$
 - another form: $S_{\mathcal{F}}(n) \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\text{VC}_{\mathcal{F}}} \binom{n}{k}$
- Rademacher complexity: $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F}) = \mathbb{E}_{\epsilon} \mathbb{E}_X [\sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i f(X_i) \right|]$
 - $\Delta(\mathcal{F}) = \sup_{f \in \mathcal{F}} \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n f(X_i) - \mathbb{E}[f] \right|$
 - Rademacher Theorem: $\mathbb{E}[\Delta(\mathcal{F})] \leq 2\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F})$
 - finite class bound: if $|\mathcal{F}| = N$, $\forall f_i \in \mathcal{F}$ we have $\|f_i\|_{\infty} \leq b$, then $\mathcal{R}(\mathcal{F}) \leq 2b \sqrt{\frac{\log(2N)}{n}}$

Sufficiency

- Sufficient statistics: $T(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ is sufficient for θ if $p(X^n|T=t; \theta)$ does not depend on θ
 - factorization: $T(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ is sufficient for θ iff $p(X_1, \dots, X_n; \theta) = h(X_1, \dots, X_n) g(T; \theta)$
- Minimal sufficient statistics \Rightarrow for RVs $\{x_n\}$ and $\{y_n\}$, $T(X^n) = T(Y^n) \Leftrightarrow \frac{p(Y^n; \theta)}{p(X^n; \theta)}$ does not depend on θ

- Rao-Blackwell Theorem: $\hat{\theta}$ an estimator, T SS, $\tilde{\theta} = \mathbb{E}[\hat{\theta}|T]$, then $R(\tilde{\theta}, \theta) \leq R(\hat{\theta}, \theta)$ under squared loss

Parameter Estimation

- Method of moments (MOM) : solve for θ such that $\mathbb{E}[X^j] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^j$
- MLE: $\hat{\theta}$ maximize $\mathcal{L}(X^n; \theta)$
 - equivariance: if we replace θ by $\eta = g(\theta)$, the MLE estimators satisfy $\hat{\eta} = g(\hat{\theta})$ and $\mathcal{L}(\hat{\eta}) = \mathcal{L}(\hat{\theta})$
 - profile likelihood: if g not invertible, let $\mathcal{L}^*(\eta) = \sup_{\theta: g(\theta)=\eta} \mathcal{L}(\theta)$, then $\hat{\eta} = g(\hat{\theta})$ and $\mathcal{L}^*(\eta) = \mathcal{L}(\hat{\theta})$
- MLE, ERM and KL: $R_n(\theta, \hat{\theta}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log \frac{p(X_i; \theta)}{p(X_i; \hat{\theta})} = \text{constant} - \text{MLE}$
 - population risk is $R(\theta, \hat{\theta}) = \mathbb{E}_{X; \theta} \log \frac{p(X; \theta)}{p(X; \hat{\theta})} = \text{KL}(p(X; \theta) || p(X; \hat{\theta}))$
- conditions for MLE to be consistent
 - strong identifiability: $\inf_{\tilde{\theta}: |\tilde{\theta} - \theta| \geq \varepsilon} \text{KL}(p(X; \theta) || p(X; \tilde{\theta})) > 0$
- uniform LLN: $\sup_{\tilde{\theta}} \left| R_n(\tilde{\theta}, \theta) - R(\tilde{\theta}, \theta) \right| \xrightarrow{P} 0$

- MLE asymptotics: $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta} - \theta) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, I_1^{-1}(\theta))$, or $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\tau} - \tau) \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{N}(0, (g')^T I_1^{-1} g')$ where $\tau = g(\theta)$, conditions:
 - * 1) θ is identifiable. 2) $p(X; \theta)$ is thrice differentiable function of θ ; 3) The range of X does not depend on $\theta \Leftarrow$ interchange diff w.r.t θ and int over X . 4) θ is in the interior of Θ . 5) dimension space does not change with n
- Influence functions: $\psi(x) = \frac{\nabla_{\theta} \log p(x; \theta)}{I(\theta)}$, $\hat{\theta} = \theta + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \psi(X_i) + \text{Remainder}$. Robust if ψ is bounded
 - asymptotically linear estimators: satisfy $\hat{\theta} \approx \theta + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \psi(X_i)$
 - any sufficiently well-behaved (regular) estimator is asymptotically linear
- Asymptotic Relative Efficiency (ARE): two estimators W_n and V_n estimating $\tau(\theta)$ where $\sqrt{n}(W_n - \tau(\theta)) \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_w^2)$, $\sqrt{n}(V_n - \tau(\theta)) \rightsquigarrow \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_v^2)$. Then $\text{ARE}(V_n, W_n) = \sigma_w^2 / \sigma_v^2$. In general, MLE estimator $\hat{\theta}$ satisfies $\text{ARE}(\tilde{\theta}, \hat{\theta}) \leq 1$ for any other estimator $\tilde{\theta}$.

Decision Theory

- Fisher information
 - score function: $s(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \nabla_{\theta} \log p(X_i; \theta)$. data dependent, but $\mathbb{E}_{X^n; \theta} [s(\theta)] = 0$
 - fisher information: $I(\theta) = \mathbb{E} [s(\theta) s^T(\theta)] = \text{cov}(s(\theta))$. data independent
 - single sample: $I_1(\theta) = \mathbb{E} [-\nabla_{\theta}^2 \log p(X; \theta)]$; n samples: $I(\theta) = n I_1(\theta)$
 - Cramér-Rao bound: $\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}) \geq 1/n I_1(\theta)$. Multivariate: $\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}) \succeq \frac{1}{n} I_1^{-1}(\theta)$
 - efficient estimator: unbiased & achieve Cramér-Rao bound
- Risk w.r.t loss $L(\theta, \hat{\theta})$ is $R(\theta, \hat{\theta}) = \mathbb{E}_{X^n; \theta} [L(\theta, \hat{\theta})]$
 - MSE: L is squared error. $\text{MSE} = \mathbb{E}_{\theta} \left[(\hat{\theta} - \theta)^2 \right] = \left(\mathbb{E}_{\theta} [\hat{\theta}] - \theta \right)^2 + \text{Var}_{\theta}(\hat{\theta})$
 - minimax risk: $R_n = \inf_{\hat{\theta}} \sup_{\theta \in \Theta} R(\theta, \hat{\theta}) = \inf_{\hat{\theta}} \sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \mathbb{E}_{X^n; \theta} [L(\theta, \hat{\theta})]$
- Minimax estimator: $\hat{\theta}$ that minimize the worst case $R(\hat{\theta}, \cdot)$: $\sup_{\theta} R(\theta, \hat{\theta}) = \inf_{\hat{\theta}} \sup_{\theta} R(\theta, \hat{\theta})$
 - maximum risk: $\bar{R}(\hat{\theta}) = \sup_{\theta \in \Theta} R(\theta, \hat{\theta}) = \sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \mathbb{E}_{X^n; \theta} [L(\theta, \hat{\theta})]$
 - if Bayes estimator $\hat{\theta}$ for prior distribution π satisfies $\bar{R}(\hat{\theta}) \leq B_{\pi}(\hat{\theta})$, then $\hat{\theta}$ is minimax. π is least favorable prior
 - * Corollary: if risk $R(\theta, \hat{\theta})$ is constant for a Bayes estimator $\hat{\theta}$, then $\hat{\theta}$ is also minimax
 - if $L(\theta, \hat{\theta}) = l(\theta - \hat{\theta})$ where l is convex and bounded, symmetric about the origin, $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\theta, \Sigma)$, then X is the unique minimax estimator of θ
 - MLE estimator is approximately minimax as $n \rightarrow \infty$
- Bayes estimator (natural estimator): $\hat{\theta}$ that minimizes Bayes risk
 - Bayes risk: $B_{\pi}(\hat{\theta}) = \mathbb{E}_{\pi} [R(\theta, \hat{\theta})] = \mathbb{E}_{\pi} \mathbb{E}_{X^n; \theta} [L(\theta, \hat{\theta})] \leq \bar{R}(\hat{\theta})$
 - marginal: $m(X^n) = \int p(X^n | \theta) \pi(\theta) d\theta = \frac{p(\theta, X^n)}{\pi(\theta | X^n)}$ (normalizer in Bayes)
 - Bayes estimator $\hat{\theta}_B$ minimizes posterior risk: $r(\hat{\theta} | X^n) = \mathbb{E}_{\theta | X^n} [L(\theta, \hat{\theta})]$
 - * squared loss: posterior mean $\mathbb{E}[\theta | X^n = x^n]$; absolute loss: median; 0/1 loss: mode
 - * under squared loss, $r(\hat{\theta} | X^n) = \text{Var}(\theta | X^n)$
 - Bayes risk equivalence: $B_{\pi}(\hat{\theta}) = \int r(\hat{\theta} | X^n) m(X^n) dX^n$

Exponential family: $p(X; \theta) = \exp \left[\sum_{i=1}^s \eta_i(\theta) T_i(x) - A(\theta) \right] h(x)$

- Canonical parametrization: $\eta_i(\theta) = \theta_i$. $A(\theta) = \log \left[\int_X \exp \left[\sum_{i=1}^s \theta_i T_i(x) \right] h(x) dx \right]$
- Log partition: $\frac{\partial A(\theta)}{\partial \theta_i} = \mathbb{E}[T_i(X)]$, $\frac{\partial^2 A(\theta)}{\partial \theta_i \partial \theta_j} = \text{cov}(T_i(X), T_j(X))$. Therefore, A is convex
- Sufficient statistics: $T(X^n) = (\sum_{i=1}^n T_1(X_i), \dots, \sum_{i=1}^n T_s(X_i))$
- Concave log-likelihood: $\mathcal{LL}(\theta; X^n) \propto \sum_{i=1}^s \theta_i \sum_{j=1}^n T_i(x_j) - nA(\theta)$, $\mathcal{LL} \propto \langle \theta, T \rangle - nA(\theta)$
- Minimal representation: the T_i s are linearly independent
 - over-complete exponential families are not statistically identifiable

Hypothesis testing: Null hypothesis: $H_0 : \theta \in \Theta_0$. Alternative hypothesis: $H_1 : \theta \in \Theta_1$

- TN = retain True; FP = reject True (type 1); FN = retain False (type 2); TP = reject False
 - type 1: the incorrect rejection of a true H_0
 - type 2: the failure to reject a false H_0
- Statistical significance (from Wikipedia)
 - definition: unlikely to have occurred under H_0 , when $p < \alpha$
 - significance level α : $\Pr[\text{reject } H_0 | H_0 \text{ is true}] = \Pr[\text{type 1}]$

- Power (prob of rejection θ): should be large for $\theta \in \Theta_1$, small for $\theta \in \Theta_0$
 - probability of rejection when true parameter is θ (Type 1 error): $\beta(\theta) = P_{\theta}(X^n \in R)$
 - always favor the null hypothesis and only consider tests that control the Type-I error.
 - size $s = \sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} \beta(\theta)$. level α : $s \leq \alpha$
 - power of a test: $\Pr(\text{reject } H_0 | H_1 \text{ is true}) = 1 - \Pr[\text{type 2}]$
- p -value: defined for data x , $H_0 : \theta \in \Theta_0$, smallest α at which we would reject H_0
 - definition: $p = \inf \{ \alpha : T(x) \in R_{\alpha} \} = \sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} P_{\theta}(T(X) \geq T(x))$
 - $p \sim \text{Unif}(0, 1)$ under Θ_0
 - a small p -value indicates strong evidence against H_0
- Neyman-Pearson Test ($H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$ vs $H_1 : \theta = \theta_1$)
 - $T = \frac{\mathcal{L}(\theta_1)}{\mathcal{L}(\theta_0)}$, $R_{\alpha} = \{T > k_{\alpha}\}$; set $k \in \{t : P_{\theta_0}(T > t) \leq \alpha\}$ to obtain tests of level α .
- Wald Test ($H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$ vs $H_1 : \theta \neq \theta_0$): MLE $\hat{\theta}$, $T = \frac{\hat{\theta} - \theta_0}{\hat{\sigma}_0}$, reject $|T_n| \geq z_{\alpha/2}$
 - Assumption: asymptotically normal estimator $\hat{\theta}$ that satisfies $\hat{\theta} \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(\theta_0, \sigma_0^2)$ under H_0 . Can replace σ_0 with its plug-in estimation $\text{se}(\hat{\theta})$
 - For MLE $\hat{\theta}$: $T = \sqrt{n I_1(\theta_0)} (\hat{\theta} - \theta_0)$, $R_{\alpha} = \{|T| \geq z_{\alpha/2}\}$
 - Power: let $\Delta = \sqrt{n I_1(\theta_0)} (\theta - \theta_0)$, $\beta(\theta) = 1 - \Phi(\Delta + z_{\alpha/2}) + \Phi(\Delta - z_{\alpha/2})$. Large if $|\theta - \theta_0|$ or n large
- Likelihood Ratio Test ($H_0 : \theta \in \Theta_0$, $H_1 : \theta \notin \Theta_0$), p -value = $P(\chi_{\# \text{param}}^2 > \lambda)$
 - $\lambda(X^n) = 2 \log \frac{\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} \mathcal{L}(\theta)} \sim \chi_{d'}^2$, $R_{\alpha} = \{\chi_{d', \alpha}^2 > \lambda\}$, where $d = \dim(\Theta) - \dim(\Theta_0)$
- Goodness-of-fit test:
 - χ^2 test for multinomial distributions
 - * one sample testing: $H_0 : \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{p}_0 = (p_{01}, \dots, p_{0k})$ vs $H_1 : \mathbf{p} \neq \mathbf{p}_0$. Z^k is bin counts
 - $T = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{(Z_i - np_{0i})^2}{np_{0i}} \sim \chi_{k-1}^2$, $R_{\alpha} = \{\chi_{k-1, \alpha}^2 > T\}$, p -value = $\chi_{k-1, T}^2$
 - * two sample testing: $H_0 : \mathbf{p}_x = \mathbf{p}_y$ vs $H_1 : \mathbf{p}_x \neq \mathbf{p}_y$. Z_x, Z_y are bin counts for x, y
 - Let $\hat{p}_i = \frac{Z_{xi} + Z_{yi}}{n_x + n_y}$, then $T = \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{(Z_{xi} - n_x \hat{p}_i)^2}{n_x \hat{p}_i} + \frac{(Z_{yi} - n_y \hat{p}_i)^2}{n_y \hat{p}_i} \sim \chi_{k-1}^2$, $R_{\alpha} = \{\chi_{k-1, \alpha}^2 > T\}$
 - permutation test: observe $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^n \sim P$, $\{Y_j\}_{j=1}^m \sim Q$. We have $H_0 : P = Q$ vs $H_1 : P \neq Q$
 - * $T = \frac{1}{N!} \sum_L \mathbb{I}(g(X, Y, L) > g(X, Y, L^*)) \sim \text{Unif}(0, 1)$, $R_{\alpha} = \{T < \alpha\}$, p -value = $\frac{1}{N!} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbb{I}(T_i > T_{\text{obs}})$

Multiple testing

- Family-Wise Error Rate (FWER): $P[\text{exist false rej}]$. False Discovery Rate (FDR): $\mathbb{E}[\# \text{false rej} / \# \text{rej}]$
 - $\text{FWER} \geq \text{FDR}$, control FWER is controlling FDR; under global null, $\text{FDR} = \text{FWER}$
- Multiple Testing: d tests in total
 - Sidak method: reject any test if its p -value $\leq 1 - (1 - \alpha)^{1/d} = \alpha_t$ (p -value independent), then $\text{FWER} \leq \alpha$
 - Bonferroni method: p -value $\leq \alpha/d$, then $\text{FWER} \leq \alpha$
 - Holm's procedure: $i^* = \min \{i : p_i > \frac{\alpha}{d-i+1}\}$, reject all H_i for $i < i^*$, then $\text{FWER} \leq \alpha$
 - BH procedure: $t_i = \frac{i\alpha}{d}$, $i^* = \max \{i : p_i < t_i\}$, reject all H_i for $i \leq i_{\max}$, then $\text{FDR} \leq \alpha$

Confidence set: a random set $C(X, \alpha)$ for $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ that satisfies $P(\theta \in C(X)) \geq 1 - \alpha$

- Probability inequalities: if a bounded $\hat{\theta}$ is an unbiased estimator of θ , we can apply Hoeffding's bound
- Inverting a test: $C(X, \alpha) = \{\theta : X \in A(\theta, \alpha)\}$, where A is the acceptance region of the test with “center” θ
 - Wald Interval: for MLE $\hat{\theta}$ we have $\text{se}(\hat{\theta}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n I_1(\hat{\theta})}}$. Then $C(X, \alpha) = (\hat{\theta} - z_{\alpha/2} \text{se}(\hat{\theta}), \hat{\theta} + z_{\alpha/2} \text{se}(\hat{\theta}))$
 - * Note: can also be applied to another asymptotically normal estimators
 - * delta method: $\tau(\hat{\theta}_n) \pm z_{\alpha/2} \text{se}[\tau'(\hat{\theta}_n)]$
 - Likelihood Interval: for MLE $\hat{\theta}$ we have $C(X, \alpha) = \left\{ \theta : \frac{\mathcal{L}(\theta)}{\mathcal{L}(\hat{\theta})} > \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \chi_{d'}^2, \alpha\right) \right\}$, where $d = \dim \Theta$
- Pivots: a function $Q(X, \theta)$ whose distribution does not depend on θ . Therefore, a interval for θ is $\{\theta : Q(X, \theta) \in C(Q, 1 - \alpha)\}$

Causal inference:

- Average treatment effect: $\tau = \mathbb{E}(Y(1) - Y(0))$. Association: $\alpha = \mathbb{E}[Y(1) | W = 1] - \mathbb{E}[Y(0) | W = 0]$
 - α is easy to estimate: we have $\hat{\alpha} = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i: W_i=1} Y_i^{\text{obs}} - \frac{1}{n-m} \sum_{i: W_i=0} Y_i^{\text{obs}} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{W_i Y_i(1)}{m} - \frac{(1-W_i) Y_i(0)}{n-m}$
 - If $W \perp (Y(0), Y(1))$, then $\alpha = \tau$ and $\hat{\alpha} = \hat{\tau}$ is an unbiased estimator for τ . Otherwise, we suffer from selection bias
- Exact p -values: we test hypothesis $H_0 : \mathbb{E}[Y(1)] = \mathbb{E}[Y(0)]$ vs $H_1 : \mathbb{E}[Y(1)] \neq \mathbb{E}[Y(0)]$
 - define L^* as the original treatment assignment and \mathcal{L} as the set of possible assignments

- randomly assign treatments. For each assignment L we calculate $\hat{\tau}_L = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i:W_{Li}=1} Y^{obs}_i - \frac{1}{n-m} \sum_{i:W_{Li}=0} Y^{obs}_i$
- we then have $p = \frac{1}{|\mathcal{L}|} \sum_L \mathbb{I}_{\{|\hat{\tau}_L| > |\hat{\tau}_{L^*}|\}}$
- No unmeasured confounding: we have $W \perp (Y(0), Y(1)|X$, where X is the confounding variable
 - $\tau = \mathbb{E}_X[\mathbb{E}(Y^{obs}|X, W=1)] - \mathbb{E}_X[\mathbb{E}(Y^{obs}|X, W=0)] = \mathbb{E}[\mu_1(X)] - \mathbb{E}[\mu_0(X)]$
 - Suppose we can estimate μ_1 and μ_0 by $\hat{\mu}_1$ and $\hat{\mu}_0$. Then we directly have the plug-in estimator $\hat{\tau} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [\hat{\mu}_1(X_i) - \hat{\mu}_0(X_i)]$
 - Alternative estimator (Horvitz-Thompson): $\hat{\tau} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{Y^{obs}_i W_i}{\pi(X_i)} - \frac{Y^{obs}_i (1-W_i)}{1-\pi(X_i)} \right]$, where $\pi(x) = \mathbb{E}(W|X=x)$ is the propensity score

Regression: estimate $r(x) = \mathbb{E}[Y|X=x]$, risk of \hat{r} : $R(\hat{r}) = \mathbb{E}[\mathcal{L}(Y, \hat{r}(X))]$

- If joint distribution of (X, Y) is known, under square, risk is minimized by $\hat{r}(x) = \mathbb{E}[Y|X=x]$
- Kernel regression: $r(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i(x) Y_i$, where $w_i = K\left(\frac{x-x_i}{h}\right) / \sum_{j=1}^n K\left(\frac{x-x_j}{h}\right)$
 - bandwidth h : larger h , smoother regression function, more bias, less variance
 - Gaussian kernel: $K(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp(-x^2/2)$
 - simple analysis
 - * assumption: 1) $y_i = r(x_i) + \epsilon_i$; 2) x_i is 1-dimensional, equally spaced in $[0, 1]$; 3) $r(x) = \mathbb{E}[Y|X=x]$ is L -Lipschitz $\left| \frac{d}{dx} r(x) \right| \leq L$; 4) noise i.i.d: $\epsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$; 5) use spherical kernel $k(x) = \mathbb{I}(-1 \leq x \leq 1)$
 - * if bandwidth $h \geq 1/n$, then bias $b(x) \leq Lh$, variance $v(x) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{nh}$.
 - * let bandwidth $h = \left(\frac{\sigma^2}{2nL^2}\right)^{1/3}$, then $\hat{R}(\hat{r}, r) \leq 2 \left(\frac{L\sigma^2}{n}\right)^{2/3}$
 - Extension: if r is β -smooth, then $b(x) \approx h^{2\beta}$, $v(x) \approx \frac{1}{nh^\beta}$. Consequently, $R(\hat{r}, r) \approx n^{-2\beta/(2\beta+d)}$
 - * the curse of dimensionality: the rate gets exponentially slow as d increases (we only get linearly slow in parametric regression).
 - * get rid: smoothness / parametric (e.g. linear) / sparsity assumption
- Gaussian sequence model: observe y^n where $y_i = \theta_i + \epsilon_i$, $\epsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right)$
 - minimax estimator under squared loss: $\hat{\theta} = [y_1, \dots, y_d]^T$, l_2 risk: $R(\hat{\theta}, \theta) = \frac{\sigma^2 d}{n}$. Not consistent when $d \gg n$
 - hard thresholding t : $\hat{\theta}_i = y_i \mathbb{I}(|y_i| \geq t)$. Solution to: $\hat{\theta} = \arg \min_{\theta} \frac{1}{2} \|y - \theta\|_2^2 + \frac{t^2}{2} \sum_{i=1}^d \mathbb{I}(\theta_i \neq 0)$
 - soft thresholding t : $\hat{\theta}_i = \text{sign}(y_i) \max(|y_i| - t, 0)$. Solution to: $\hat{\theta} = \arg \min_{\theta} \frac{1}{2} \|y - \theta\|_2^2 + t \sum_{i=1}^d |\theta_i|$
 - analyzing hard thresholding
 - * maximum of Gaussians: if $\epsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$, then w.p. $\geq 1 - \delta$, $\max_{i=1}^d |\epsilon_i| \leq \sigma \sqrt{2 \log(2d/\delta)}$
 - * let threshold $t = 2\sigma \sqrt{2 \log(2d/\delta)/n}$, then w.p. $\geq 1 - \delta$, $\|\hat{\theta} - \theta\|_2^2 \leq 9 \sum_{i=1}^d \min\left(\theta_i^2, \frac{t^2}{4}\right)$
 - * risk upper bound: $R(\hat{\theta}, \theta) \lesssim \sum_{i=1}^d \min\left(\theta_i^2, \frac{\sigma^2 \log d}{n}\right)$
 - worst case: $R(\hat{\theta}, \theta) \lesssim \frac{\sigma^2 d \log d}{n}$, similar to minimax estimator
 - s sparse: $R(\hat{\theta}, \theta) \lesssim \frac{\sigma^2 s \log d}{n}$, consistent
 - l_1 sparse: if $\sum_{i=1}^d |\theta| \leq R$, then $R(\hat{\theta}, \theta) \lesssim 2R\sigma \sqrt{\frac{\log d}{n}}$
 - Linear regression: observe $\{(x_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^n$, model $y_i = \langle x_i, \beta^* \rangle + \epsilon_i$, where $\epsilon_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$, $\hat{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i x_i^T$
 - $\hat{\beta} = \arg \min_{\beta} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \langle x_i, \beta \rangle)^2 = \hat{\Sigma}^{-1} X^T y = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y \sim \mathcal{N}(\beta^*, \sigma^2 (X^T X)^{-1})$
 - * consider $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$ as random variables: random design matrix
 - * consider $X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$ as fixed: fixed design matrix
 - in-sample prediction error $\mathbb{E} \left[\|X\hat{\beta} - X\beta\|_2^2 / n \right]$
 - * $X\hat{\beta} \sim \mathcal{N}(X\beta^*, \sigma^2 X (X^T X)^{-1} X^T)$
 - * $\mathbb{E} \left[\|X\hat{\beta} - X\beta\|_2^2 / n \right] = \sigma^2 \mathbb{E} \left[\text{tr} \left(X (X^T X)^{-1} X^T \right) \right] / n = \sigma^2 d / n$
 - l_2 error $\mathbb{E} \left[\|\hat{\beta} - \beta\|_2^2 \right] = \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \text{tr}(\hat{\Sigma}^{-1})$
 - * if eigenvalues of $\hat{\Sigma}^{-1}$ are lower bounded by c , then l_2 error $\leq \frac{\sigma^2 d}{cn}$
 - * $I_n(\beta) = n \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{X^T X}{n \sigma^2} \right] = \frac{n \Sigma}{\sigma^2}$
 - * $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\beta} - \beta^*) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 \Sigma^{-1})$

- issues when d increases: 1) $\hat{\Sigma}$ not invertible; 2) error dominated by d ; 3) too many solutions of $y = X\beta$ in high dimension
- High dimensional regression
 - hard thresholding type estimator
 - * penalized form: $\hat{\beta} = \arg \min_{\beta} \frac{1}{2} \|y - X\beta\|_2^2 + \frac{t^2}{2} \sum_{i=1}^d \mathbb{I}(\beta_i \neq 0)$
 - * constraint form (best subset regression): $\hat{\beta} = \arg \min_{\beta} \frac{1}{2} \|y - X\beta\|_2^2$, subject to $\sum_{i=1}^d \mathbb{I}(\beta_i \neq 0) \leq k$
 - soft thresholding type estimator (LASSO: least absolute selection and shrinkage operator)
 - * penalized form: $\hat{\beta} = \arg \min_{\beta} \frac{1}{2} \|y - X\beta\|_2^2 + t \sum_{i=1}^d |\beta_i|$
 - * constraint form: $\hat{\beta} = \arg \min_{\beta} \frac{1}{2} \|y - X\beta\|_2^2$, subject to $\sum_{i=1}^d |\beta_i| \leq k$
 - * prediction error, w.p. $\geq 1 - \delta$, $\frac{1}{n} \|X\hat{\beta} - X\beta\|_2^2 \leq 4\sigma \|\beta^*\|_1 \sqrt{\frac{2 \log 2d/\delta}{n}}$

Bayesian inference

- Bayesian vs Frequentist
 - probability: subjective degree of belief; limiting frequency
 - goal: analyze belief; create procedures with frequency guarantee
 - θ : random variable; fixed
 - X : random variable; random variable
 - use Bayes: Yes, to update beliefs; Yes if it leads to procedure with good frequentist behavior, otherwise no
- Setup: given a collection of distributions $\{P_{\theta} : \theta \in \Theta\}$; prior: $\theta \sim \pi$; likelihood: $p(X^n | \theta) \sim P_{\theta}$
 - compute posterior belief: $\pi(\theta | X) = p(X | \theta) \pi(\theta) / \int_{\Theta} p(X | \theta) \pi(\theta) \propto p(X | \theta) \pi(\theta)$
 - Bayesian: success if you can calculate posterior
 - frequentist: success if the posterior concentrates on the true parameter θ^*
- Credible set C_{α} for posterior distribution: $\int_{C_{\alpha}} \pi(\theta | X^n) d\theta = 1 - \alpha$
- Frequentist view
 - Consistency: $\forall \epsilon > 0, \pi(\{\theta : \|\theta - \theta^*\| \geq \epsilon\} | X^n) \rightarrow 0$
 - Convergence rate (based on consistency): for $\forall \delta > 0$, we define its convergence rate $\epsilon = \sup\{\epsilon' : \pi_{\theta}(\|\theta - \theta^*\| \geq \epsilon' | X) \leq \delta\}$
- Bernstein-von Mises Theorem: if prior is continuous and strictly positive around θ^* , then for a fixed dimension d , as $n \rightarrow \infty$, the posterior is close to Gaussian:
 - $\left\| \pi(\theta | X^n) - \mathcal{N}(\hat{\theta}_n, 1/n I_1(\hat{\theta}_n)) \right\|_{\text{TV}} \rightarrow 0$, where $\hat{\theta}_n$ is MLE, and TV is total variance
 - in high-dimensional or non-parametric setting, strictly positive around θ^* is hard to be true
 - if it is true, can use credible sets like Wald test
- Ideas in choosing prior: 1) by convenience (minimax); 2) doesn't matter (low-dimensional / parametric); 3) based on data: empirical Bayes; 4) non-informative prior; 5) Joffrey's prior: $\pi(\theta) \sim \sqrt{I(\theta)}$: invariant under transformations; 6) hierarchical prior
- Regularizer: 1) LASSO: posterior mode with Laplace prior; 2) ridge regression: Gaussian prio; 3) estimating Bernoulli prob with laplace smoothing: posterior mean with Beta prior

Monte Carlo

- MC Integration: compute $\mu = \mathbb{E}_{X \sim P}[f(X)]$
 - directly sampling from P : $\hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n f(X_i)$. If cannot sample from P
 - importance weighting: $\mu = \mathbb{E}_{X \sim Q} \left[\frac{p(X)}{q(X)} f(X) \right] = \mathbb{E}_{X \sim Q} [w(X) f(X)]$, $\hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n w(X_i) f(X_i)$
 - if doesn't work, use Markov Chain Monte Carlo
- Markov chain: transition probability $T(x_i, x_{i+1}) = P(x_{i+1} | x_i)$
 - limiting distribution always exists: $\pi(x) = P(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x)$
 - detailed balance: condition for reaching limiting distribution: $\forall x, y, \pi(x) T(x, y) = \pi(y) T(y, x)$
 - Markov LLN: MC $\{X^n\}$, limiting distribution π , then $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n f(X_i) \rightarrow \mathbb{E}_{\pi}[f(x)]$ (weak dependence)
- Metropolis-Hastings: at step i , $y \sim q(y | X = x_i)$, accept w.p. $r = \min \left\{ 1, \frac{f(y)q(x_i | y)}{f(x_i)q(y | x_i)} \right\}$
 - proposal distribution q , often $q(y | x_i = x) \sim \mathcal{N}(x, \sigma^2)$
 - if $q(\cdot | \cdot)$ is symmetric, we sample more from high-prob regions, and accept w.p. 1 if prob going up
 - limiting distribution of this Markov chain is f : $T(y, x) = q(y | x) r$, verify $f(x) T(y, x) = f(y) T(x, y)$

Bootstrap: test the variability of a point estimate (variance, confidence set)

- Given $X^n \sim P$, estimate empirical distribution $P_n(A) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{I}(X_i \in A)$, then draw from P_n
- Bootstrap variance estimate
 - draw bootstrap sample $X^{*n} \sim P_n$, compute $\hat{\theta}_n^* = g(X^{*n})$
 - repeat B times, yielding $\hat{\theta}_{n,1}^*, \hat{\theta}_{n,2}^*, \dots, \hat{\theta}_{n,B}^*, \bar{\theta} = \frac{1}{B} \sum_{j=1}^B \hat{\theta}_{n,j}^*$
 - bootstrap variance $\hat{s}^2 = \frac{1}{B} \sum_{j=1}^B \left(\hat{\theta}_{n,j}^* - \bar{\theta} \right)^2$
- Bootstrap confidence interval

- draw bootstrap sample $X^{*n} \sim P_n$, compute $\hat{\theta}_n^* = g(X^{*n})$
- repeat B times, yielding $\hat{\theta}_{n,1}^*, \hat{\theta}_{n,2}^*, \dots, \hat{\theta}_{n,B}^*$
- calculate Bootstrap CDF: $\hat{G}(t) = \frac{1}{B} \sum_{j=1}^B \mathbb{I}\left(\sqrt{n}\left(\hat{\theta}_{n,j}^* - \hat{\theta}_n\right) \leq t\right)$
- $C_n = \left[\hat{\theta}_n - \frac{g_{1-\alpha/2}}{\sqrt{n}}, \hat{\theta}_n - \frac{g_{\alpha/2}}{\sqrt{n}}\right]$ where $g_{\alpha/2} = \hat{G}^{-1}(\alpha/2)$, $g_{1-\alpha/2} = \hat{G}^{-1}(1 - \alpha/2)$
- Bootstrap theorem: $F_n(t) = P\left(\sqrt{n}\left(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta\right) \leq t\right)$, $\hat{F}_n(t) = P\left(\sqrt{n}\left(\hat{\theta}_n^* - \hat{\theta}_n\right) \leq t\right)$, where $\hat{\theta}_n$ is the estimator based on X^n .
 - Example: if $\mu_3 = E|X_i|^3 < \infty$, and $\hat{\theta}_n$ is sample mean, then $\sup_t \left|\hat{F}_n(t) - F_n(t)\right| = O_P\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right)$

Model selection

- Definition: A scheme S is model selection consistent: as sample size $n \rightarrow \infty$, $P(S \text{ selects wrong model}) \rightarrow 0$
- Cross validation:
 - prediction consistent: as test size $n_{\text{te}} \rightarrow \infty$, risk estimation converges to its expectation.
 - not model selection consistent
- Akaike Information Criterion (AIC): define for model space Θ
 - $AIC(\Theta) = 2l(\hat{\theta}) - 2 \dim \Theta$, where parameter $\hat{\theta}$ is the MLE within Θ and $l(\hat{\theta}) = \log P(X|\hat{\theta})$
 - not model selection consistent
- Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC): define for model space Θ with sample size n .
 - $BIC(\Theta) = 2l(\hat{\theta}) - \dim \Theta \log n$, where parameter $\hat{\theta}$ is the MLE within Θ and $l(\hat{\theta}) = \log P(X|\hat{\theta})$
 - compared to AIC, prefer sparser / simpler models
 - model selection consistent
- Application of AIC and BIC: compare among different model spaces and select the one that maximizes AIC / BIC.
- Main take-away
 - if goal is “prediction”, and have reasonable sample size & computational budget \Rightarrow cross validation
 - if goal is “prediction”, less samples / computational budget \Rightarrow AIC
 - if goal is “selecting true model” \Rightarrow BIC

	$\mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma)$	$\text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$	$\text{Exp}(\lambda)$	$\text{Poisson}(\lambda)$
support	$\mu + \text{span}(\Sigma)$	$(0, +\infty)$	$(0, +\infty)$	$k \in \mathbb{N}^+ \cup \{0\}$
pdf	$\frac{\exp(-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu)^T \Sigma^{-1}(x-\mu))}{(2\pi)^{d/2} \det(\Sigma) ^{1/2}}$	$\frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} \exp(-\beta x)$	$\lambda e^{-\lambda x}$	$\frac{\lambda^k \exp(-\lambda)}{k!}$
cdf	-	$\frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \gamma(\alpha, \beta x)$	$1 - e^{-\lambda x}$	$e^{-\lambda} \sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor k \rfloor} \frac{\lambda^i}{i!}$
mean	μ	α/β	λ^{-1}	λ
variance	Σ	α/β^2	λ^{-2}	λ
mgf	$\exp(\mu^T t + \frac{1}{2} t^T \Sigma t)$	$(1 - t/\beta)^{-\alpha}$ for $t < \beta$	$\frac{\lambda}{\lambda - t}$ for $t < \lambda$	$\exp(\lambda(z - 1))$
conv	$\mathcal{N}(\mu_x + \mu_y, \sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2)$	$\text{Gamma}(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2, \beta)$	-	$\text{Poisson}(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$
fisher	$\begin{bmatrix} 1/\sigma^2 & \\ & 1/2\sigma^4 \end{bmatrix}$	-	λ^{-2}	λ^{-1}
MoM	$\hat{\mu} = \overline{X}_n, \sigma^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X - \overline{X}_n)^2$			$\hat{\lambda} = \overline{X}_n$
MLE	same			same

	Ber (p)	Rademacher	Binom (n, p)	Geometric (p)	$\chi^2(k)$
support	$\{0, 1\}$	$\{-1, 1\}$	$k \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$	\mathbb{N}^+	$x \in (0, \infty)$
pdf	-	-	$\binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$	$(1-p)^{k-1} p$	$\frac{1}{2^{k/2} \Gamma(k/2)} x^{k/2-1} e^{-\frac{x}{2}}$
cdf	-	-	-	$1 - (1-p)^k$	-
mean	p	0	np	$1/p$	k
variance	$p(1-p)$	1	$np(1-p)$	$(1-p)/p^2$	$2k$
mgf	$q + pe^t$	$\exp(t^2/2)$	$(1-p + pe^t)^n$	$\frac{pe^t}{1-(1-p)\exp(t)}$	$(1-2t)^{-k/2}$ for $t < \frac{1}{2}$
conv	-	-	Binom ($n+m, p$)	-	-
fisher	$1/p(1-p)$	-	$n/p(1-p)$	-	-
MoM			$\hat{p} = \overline{X}_n/n$	$\hat{p} = 1/\overline{X}_n$	
MLE			same	same	

	Beta (α, β)
support	$(0, 1)$
pdf	$\frac{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)} x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1}$
cdf	-
mean	$\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}$
variance	$\frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha+\beta)^2(\alpha+\beta+1)}$
mgf	$1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\prod_{r=0}^{k-1} \frac{\alpha+r}{\alpha+\beta+r}\right) \frac{t^k}{k!}$
conv	-
fisher	$\begin{bmatrix} \text{Var}[\ln X] & \text{Cov}[\ln X, \ln(1-X)] \\ \text{Cov}[\ln X, \ln(1-X)] & \text{Var}[\ln(1-X)] \end{bmatrix}$
MoM	
MLE	

Table 1: Probability distribution