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1 Introduction

1.1 Inequalities

Markow's Inequality:

Let Y be a non negative random variable with finite expected value then

$$\mathbb{P}(Y \ge t) \le \frac{\mathbb{E}[Y]}{t}$$

Chebyshev's Inequality:

Let X be a random variable with finite second moment and let $\sigma = \sqrt{Var(x)}$, then for any positive real h

$$\mathbb{P}(|X - \mathbb{E}[X]| \ge h\sigma) \le \frac{1}{h^2} \tag{1.1.1}$$

Theorem 1.1.1. Schwartz If X, Y are random variables with finite second moment then:

$$(\mathbb{E}[XY])^2 \le \mathbb{E}[X^2]\mathbb{E}[Y^2]$$

If X is a random variable taking values in a set I with $\mathbb{E}[X] = \mu$ and f() is convex on I, then $f(x) \ge f(\mu) + h(x - \mu)$ holds with probability 1 for some choice of h. By integrating both sides of the inequality with respect to the distribution of X we obtain:

$$\mathbb{E}[f(x)] \ge f(\mathbb{E}[X])$$
 (Jensen's Inequality)

1.2 Common distributions

Gaussian:

A continuous random variable Y is said to have a Gaussian distribution with parameters μ and σ^2 if the density function at t is:

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}}\exp\Big\{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\Big\}$$

Y is unimodal and symmetric around the mode $t = \mu$ and we write

$$Y \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

It's characteristic function is

$$\mathbb{E}[e^{tiy}] = \exp\left\{it\mu - \frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2}\right\}$$

The derivative of the characteristic function valued in t = 0 give us the non centred moments of Y.

If $Y \sim N(\mu\sigma^2)$ and $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ then $(a+bY) \sim N(a+b\mu, b^2\sigma^2)$. This mean that the entire family of distribution can be generated by linear transformations starting from any member of the family (i.e. is a location scale family)

If $Y_1 \sim N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$ and $Y_2 \sim N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$ and $Y_1 \coprod Y_2$ then $Y_1 + Y_2 \sim N(\mu_1 + \mu_2, \sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2)$. This result can be extended to linear combinations of Gaussian random variables.

Uniform distribution:

A continuous random variable can Y with density function:

$$f(t; a, b) = \frac{1}{b-a} \mathbb{1}_{[a, b]}(t)$$

is said to be uniformly distributed in [a, b] and we write $Y \sim U(b)$.

Theorem 1.2.1. Integral transformation theorem

If Z is a continuous random variable with distribution function F then the random variable

$$W := F(Z) \sim U(0, 1)$$

Proof.

$$\mathbb{P}(W \le t) = \mathbb{P}(F(Z) \le t)$$

$$= \mathbb{P}(Z \le F^{-1}(t))$$

$$= F(F^{-1}(t))$$

$$= t$$

Which is the distribution function of uniform in [0, 1]

Gamma distribution:

The Gamma function is:

$$\Gamma(x) := \int_0^{+\infty} t^{x-1} e^{-t} dt$$

Some properties of this function are:

- $\Gamma(x+1) = x\Gamma(x)$
- if x is a positive integer $\Gamma(x) = (x-1)!$
- $\Gamma(1) = 1$

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$$\Gamma\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\pi}$$

Stirling 's Approximation

$$n! \sim \sqrt{2\pi n} \left(\frac{n}{e}\right)^n$$

Definition 1.2.1. We say that a continuous random variable X has a Gamma distribution with shape parameter w and scale parameter λ ($X \sim Gamma(w, \lambda)$) if its density function is:

$$f(t;w,\lambda) = \frac{\lambda^w}{\Gamma(w)} t^{w-1} e^{-\lambda t} \mathbbm{1}_{[\mathbb{R}^+]}(t)$$

Proposition 1.2.1. If $Y_1 \sim Gamma(w_1, \lambda)$ and $Y_2 \sim Gamma(w_2, \lambda)$ and $Y_1 \coprod Y_2$ then:

$$Y_1 + Y_2 \sim Gamma(w_1 + w_2, \lambda)$$

Other distributions:

- 1. Beta distribution
- 2. Binomial Distribution
- 3. Hypergeometric Distribution
- 4. Negative Binomial distribution

1.3 Linear Algebra

Matrix:

Consider A, B two $n \times n$ squared matrix *Notation*:

 I_n is the identity matrix of order n

 1_n is the $n \times 1$ (column) vector with all elements equal to 1

() is a matrix with all element equal to zero

|A| denotes the determinant of A

Definitions / Properties:

Definition 1.3.1. A is called *symmetric matrix* if

$$A = A^T$$

Proposition 1.3.1. for two conformable matrix A, B we have:

$$|AB| = |A||B|$$

Definition 1.3.2. if $|A| \neq 0$, A is called *non singular* or *invertible* and there exist a matrix A^{-1} called *inverse* such that

$$AA^{-1} = A^{-1}A = I_n$$

Definition 1.3.3. A diagonal matrix is a matrix with all elements outside the main diagonal equal to zero

Definition 1.3.4. A matrix A is called *invertible* if there exist an invertible matrix P such that $P^{-1}AP$ is a diagonal matrix

Proposition 1.3.2. It holds:

$$(A^T)^{-1} = (A^{-1})^T$$

$$(AB)^{-1} = B^{-1}A^{-1}$$

Definition 1.3.5. A symmetric matrix A is said to be *positive semi-definite* if

$$v^T A v > 0, \ \forall v \in \mathbb{R}^n$$

Definition 1.3.6. A matrix A is called orthogonal if:

$$A^{-1} = A^T$$

Definition 1.3.7. Given a matrix A, we call *trace of* A the sum of all the elements on the main diagonal:

$$Tr(A) := \sum_{i=1}^{n} a_{ii}$$

Proposition 1.3.3. For any matrix A, B we have:

$$Tr(AB) = Tr(BA)$$

Definition 1.3.8. An *idempotent matrix* A is a matrix which, when multiplied by itself, yields itself i.e.:

$$AA = A$$

Proposition 1.3.4. properties of an idempotent matrix A:

- 1. I M is also an idempotent matrix
- 2. A is idempotent if and only of for all positive integers k, $A^k = A$
- 3. an idempotent matrix is always diagonalizable and its eigenvalues are either 0 or 1
- 4. the trace of an idempotent matrix is always an integer and it is equal to its rank

Proposition 1.3.5. Two identities:

1.
$$(A + BCD)^{-1} = A^{-1} - A^{-1}B(C^{-1} + DA^{-1}B)^{-1}DA^{-1}$$

2.
$$(A + bd^T)^{-1} = A^{-1} - \frac{1}{1 + d^T A^{-1} b} A^{-1} b d^T A^{-1}$$

Theorem 1.3.1. Spectral theorem

Let A be a symmetric $n \times n$ matrix, then there exist an orthogonal matrix Q such that:

$$A = Q\Lambda Q^T$$

where Λ is a diagonal matrix whose diagonal elements are the eigenvalues $\lambda_1...\lambda_n$ of A.

Corollary 1.3.1.

$$|A| = |\Lambda| = \prod_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_i$$

1.4 Multivariate analysis

Definition 1.4.1. Take $X_1...X_n$ random variables defined on the same probability space, we define the random vector or the multivariate random variable X as:

$$X = (x_1...x_n)^T$$

Definition 1.4.2. The *mean vector* of X is obtained by forming the vector of the mean values of the components

$$\mathbb{E} = (\mathbb{E}[X_1] \dots \mathbb{E}[x_n])^T$$

Definition 1.4.3. Similarly we can define the *variance matrix* as

$$Var[X] := \begin{bmatrix} Var(X_1) & Cov(X_1, X_2) & \dots & Cov(X_1, X_n) \\ Cov(X_2, X_1) & Var(X_2) & \dots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ Cov(X_n, X_1) & \dots & \dots & Var(X_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

Definition 1.4.4. A generic element of the *correlation matrix* is defined as following:

$$Corr(x_i, x_j) := \frac{Cov(X_i, X_j)}{\sqrt{Var(x_i)Var(X_j)}}$$

Lemma 1.4.1. Let $A = a_{ij}$ be a $k \times n$ matrix, $b = (b_1 \dots b_n)^T$ a $n \times 1$ vector and $x = (X_1 \dots X_n)$ a random vector with $\mathbb{E}[x] = \mu$, Var(x) = V define

$$Y := Ax + b$$

then

$$\mathbb{E}[Y] = A\mu + b$$

$$Var[Y] = AvA^T$$

Lemma 1.4.2. The variance matrix V of the random vector X i positive semi-definite and it is positive definite if there exist no vectors b such that b^T is a degenerate random variable.

Lemma 1.4.3. If $A = (a_{ij})$ is a $n \times n$ matrix then:

$$\mathbb{E}[X^T A X] = \mu^T A \mu + Tr(AV)$$

Proof.

$$\mathbb{E}[X^T A X] = \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n x_i a_i j x_j\right]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} \mathbb{E}[x_i x_j]$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} \mu_i \mu_j + v_{ij}$$

$$= \mu^T A \mu + \sum_{i=1}^n (AV)_{ii}$$

$$= \mu^T A \mu + Tr(AV)$$

Multivariate Gaussian distribution:

Consider a vector $Z = (Z_1...Z_k)^T$ where $Z_1....Z_k$ are independent and identically distributed standard Gaussian random variables. Now set

$$Y = AZ + \mu$$

Where A is a non singular $k \times k$ matrix and μ is a $k \times 1$ vector.

It is natural to define Y as a k-generated distribution of the Gaussian distribution.

We start from:

$$f_z = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{k/2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}t^T t\right\}$$

(Z are independent so we simply multiplied them).

Since $Z = A^{-1}(Y - \mu)$, the Jacobian of the transformation is:

$$\left| \frac{dz_i}{dy_i} \right| = |A|^{-1} = |V|^{-1/2}$$

Taking into account that $|V| = |AA^T| = |A|^2$.

Setting $Y = At + \mu \implies t = A^{-1}(Y - \mu)$ we obtain:

$$t^{T}t = \{A^{-1}(Y - \mu)\}^{T}\{A^{-1}(Y - \mu)\} = (Y - \mu)^{T}V^{-1}(Y - \mu)$$

Therefore the density of Y is:

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{k/2} |V|^{1/2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} (y-\mu)^T V^{-1} (y-\mu)\right\}$$

We say that the random variable $Y = (Y_1...Y_n)^T$ with density function f_Y is a multivariate Gaussian random variable with mean μ and variance V. $Y \sim N_k(\mu, V)$.

Now we will explore marginal and conditional distribution of Y.

Proposition 1.4.1. If A is a $k \times k$ positive matrix and b is a $k \times 1$ vector then:

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^k} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^k/2} \exp\bigg\{ -\frac{1}{2} (y^T A y - 2b^T y) \bigg\} dy = \frac{\exp\{1/2b^T A^{-1} b\}}{|A|^{1/2}}$$

Proof. Let $\mu A^{-1}b$ and within the integral expand exp by adding and subtracting $\frac{1}{2}\mu^T A\mu$ so that

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^k} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^k/2} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} (y^T A y - 2b^T y)\right\} dy = |A^{-1}|^{1/2} \exp\left\{\frac{1}{2} \mu^T A \mu\right\} \int_{\mathbb{R}^k} g(y) dy$$

1.5 Basic Concepts of Random Samples

Definition 1.5.1. Let $X_1...X_n$ independent and identically distributed random variables with distribution $\sim f_{X_i}(x_i;\theta)$. We call $X:=(X_1...X_n)$ random sample

According with the definition of random sample the distribution of X will be:

$$f_X(X;\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n f_{x_i}(x_i;\theta)$$

Definition 1.5.2. We denote by $x = (x_1...x_n)$ the observed sample

Definition 1.5.3. A statistical model is defined as following

$$\{f_X(x;\theta):\theta\in\Theta\}$$

Where Θ is the parametric space

Usually Θ will be a open subset of \mathbb{R}^n .

Definition 1.5.4. Let $X_1, ..., X_n$ be a random sample of size n from a population and let $T(x_i, ..., x_n)$ be a real-valued or vector-valued function whose domain includes the sample space of $(X_1, ..., X_n)$. Then the random variable or random vector $T_n = T(X_1, ..., X_n)$ is called a *statistic*. The probability distribution of a statistic T_n is called the *sampling distribution* of T_n .

Some examples of statistic are:

- Sample mean: $\bar{X}_n := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$
- Sample variance: $\tilde{S}^2 := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i \bar{X})^2$
- Corrected sample variance: $S^2 := \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i \bar{X})^2$
- Sample moments of order r: $M_{r,n} := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i^r$
- Sample moments of order r: $\bar{M}_{r,n} := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i \bar{x}_n)^r$
- Ordered statistic: $X_{(m)}$
- Sample min: $X_{(1)}$
- Sample max: $X_{(n)}$
- Sample median: $Me := \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}(X_{(n/2)} + X_{(n/2+1)}) & if \ n-even \\ X_{\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)} & if \ n-odd \end{cases}$

Finding the distribution of T_n in general it is complex. We can make it easier by putting constrains. Suppose for example $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2) \leftarrow$ fair assumption because there is the Central Limit Theorem.

Theorem 1.5.1. Fisher Cochran

Let Q, Q_1, Q_2 random variables such that $Q = Q_1 + Q_2$ and let $Q \sim \mathcal{X}_g^2$ and $Q_2 \sim \mathcal{X}_{g_1}^2$. Then

$$Q_2 \sim \mathcal{X}_{g_2}^2$$
 where $g_2 = g - g_1$,

and $Q_1 \coprod Q_2$

Proposition 1.5.1. Let $X_i \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ and $X = (X_1...X_n)$. Then

1.
$$\bar{X}_n := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \sim N(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n})$$

2.
$$\tilde{S}_n := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{X})^2 \sim \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \mathcal{X}_{n-1}^2$$

where \mathcal{X}_{n-1}^2 is the Chi-squared distribution with n-1 degrees of freedom

1. the first one is easily checked using the linearity of the Gaussian distribution.

2. Consider the random variable $\tilde{S}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2$ and proceed as following:

$$\frac{n\tilde{S}^2}{\sigma^2} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^2$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i - \mu + \bar{x}_n - \bar{x}_n}{\sigma}\right)^2$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i - \bar{x}_n}{\sigma}\right)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\bar{x}_n - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^2 + 2\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i - \bar{x}_n}{\sigma}\right) \left(\frac{\bar{x}_n - \mu}{\sigma}\right)$$

Now consider separately the tree terms of the sum:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(\frac{x_i - \bar{x}_n}{\sigma} \right) = n\bar{x}_n \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i = n\bar{x}_n - n\bar{x}_n = 0$$

$$\implies 2\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(\frac{x_i - \bar{x}_n}{\sigma} \right) \left(\frac{\bar{x}_n - \mu}{\sigma} \right) = 0$$

For the other two terms consider:
$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(\frac{x_i - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^2 \sim \mathcal{X}_1^2$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(\frac{\bar{x}_n - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{\bar{x}_n - \mu}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}} \right)^2 \sim \mathcal{X}_n^2$$

So, using the theorem 1.5.1

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(\frac{x_i - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(\frac{x_i - \bar{x}_n}{\sigma} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\bar{x}_n - \mu}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}} \right)^2 \sim \mathcal{X}_{n-1}^2$$

$$\implies \tilde{S}_n^2 \sim \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \mathcal{X}_{n-1}^2$$

Let $X = (X_1...X_n)$ be a random sample where $X_i \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, consider the statistic:

$$T_n = \frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu}{S_n / \sqrt{n}} = \frac{(\bar{X}_n - \mu) / \sigma / \sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{S_n / \sigma^2}} = \frac{Z}{\sqrt{R / (n-1)}}$$

where $Z \sim N(0,1), R \sim (\mathcal{X}_n - 1)$ We can say that $T_n \sim T - Student$ with (n-1) degrees of freedom only if $Z \coprod R$. We can they are independent because of the following:

Theorem 1.5.2. If $(x_1...x_n)$ random sample with $X_i \sim N(\mu\sigma^2)$ then

$$\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

$$S^{2} = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_{i} - \bar{X}_{n})^{2}$$

 $are\ independent$

The other way around is also true:

Theorem 1.5.3. If $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$, $S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{X}_n)^2$ are independent then $X = (x_1...x_n)$ is random sample where $X_i \sim N(\mu\sigma^2)$

2 Concentration Measure

We're now going to investigate some methods to study the tail of a distribution. Consider a non negative random variable and let t > 0. Then by Markow inequality we have:

$$\mathbb{P}(X \ge t) \le \frac{\mathbb{E}[X]}{t}$$

We can try to improve this inequality using a function Φ that is strictly increasing with non negative values. Then we can write

$$\mathbb{P}(X \ge t) = \mathbb{P}(\Phi(X) \ge \Phi(t)) \le \frac{\mathbb{E}[\Phi(X)]}{\Phi(t)}$$

In particular we can take $\Phi(x) = x^q$, $X \ge 0, q > 0$ so we have

$$\mathbb{P}(|X - \mathbb{E}[X]| \ge t) \le \frac{\mathbb{E}[|X - \mathbb{E}[X]|^q]}{t^q}$$

In specific examples one can choose the value of q that optimize the upper bound.

A related idea is a the basis of **Chernoff's bounding method**: taking $\Phi(X) = e^{sx}$ where s is an arbitrary positive number for any random variable X and $t \in \mathbb{R}$ we have:

$$\mathbb{P}(X \ge t) = \mathbb{P}(e^{sX} \ge e^{st}) \le \frac{\mathbb{E}[e^{sX}]}{e^{st}}$$
 (2.0.1)

So we can bound the probability using the characteristic function which is usually easier than $\mathbb{E}[X^q]$ to compute.

However it can be proven that the bounding given form $\Phi(X) = x^q$ is always better than the one given by $\Phi(X) = E^{sX}$.

Theorem 2.0.1. Cauchy Swartz inequality

Given two random variables with finite second moments then:

$$|\mathbb{E}[XY]|^2 \le \mathbb{E}[X^2]\mathbb{E}[Y^2]$$

Theorem 2.0.2. let $t \geq 0$ then

$$\mathbb{P}(X - \mathbb{E}[X] \ge t) \le \frac{Var(X)}{Var(X) + t^2}$$

Proof. We assume that E[X] = 0 (the proof for the general case is the same). For all t we can write

$$t = \mathbb{E}[t] = \mathbb{E}[t] - e[X] = \mathbb{E}[t - X] \le \mathbb{E}[(t - X)\mathbb{1}_{[X < t]}(X)]$$

Then for $t \geq 0$ from Cauchy Swartz inequality:

$$t^{2} \leq \mathbb{E}[(t-X)^{2}]\mathbb{E}[(\mathbb{1}_{[X< t]}(X))^{2}]$$
$$= \mathbb{E}[(t-X)^{2}]\mathbb{P}(X < t)$$
$$= (Var(X) + t^{2})\mathbb{P}(x < t)$$

$$\implies \mathbb{P}(X < t) \ge \frac{t^2}{Var(X) + t^2}$$

$$\implies \mathbb{P}(X \ge t) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(X < t) \le 1 - \frac{t^2}{Var(X) + t^2} = \frac{Var(X)}{Var(X) + t^2}$$

Theorem 2.0.3. Let f, g be non decreasing real valued functions defined on the real line. If X is a real valued random variable then:

$$\mathbb{E}[f(x)g(x)] \ge \mathbb{E}[f(x)]\mathbb{E}[g(x)]$$

If f is non increasing and g is non decreasing then:

$$\mathbb{E}[f(x)g(x)] \le \mathbb{E}[f(x)]\mathbb{E}[g(x)]$$

Proof. Let Y be a random variable with the same distribution of X and $X \coprod Y$. Because f, g are non decreasing functions we have $(f(x) - f(y))(g(x) - g(y)) \ge 0$

$$\implies 0 \le \mathbb{E}[(f(x) - f(y))((g(x) - g(y)))] = \mathbb{E}[f(x)g(x) - f(x)g(y) - f(y)g(x) + f(y)g(y)]$$

 \Longrightarrow

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{E}[f(x)g(x)] &\geq \mathbb{E}[f(x)g(y)] + \mathbb{E}[f(y)g(x)] - \mathbb{E}[f(x)g(y)] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[f(x)g(y)] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[f(x)]\mathbb{E}[g(y)] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[f(x)]\mathbb{E}[g(x)] \end{split}$$

The second part of the theorem can be proved in the same way.

The previous theorem can be generalized as following:

Theorem 2.0.4. Let $f, g : \mathbb{R}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ be non increasing functions. Let $X_1...X_n$ be independent real valued random variables and define the random variable $X = (X_1...X_n)$ that take values in \mathbb{R}^n then:

$$\mathbb{E}[f(x)q(x)] > \mathbb{E}[f(x)]\mathbb{E}[q(x)]$$

If f is non increasing and g is non decreasing then:

$$\mathbb{E}[f(x)g(x)] \le \mathbb{E}[f(x)]\mathbb{E}[g(x)]$$

2.1 Concentration for sum of random variables

We want to bound the probability $\mathbb{P}(S_n - \mathbb{E}[S_n] \ge t)$ where $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ and $X_1...X_n$ are independent random variables real valued.

An application of the Chebyshev's inequality give us:

$$\mathbb{P}(|S_n - \mathbb{E}[S_n]| \ge t) \le \frac{Var(S_n)}{t^2} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n Var(X_i)}{t^2}$$

Applying the Chebyshev's inequality to $\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}x_{i}$ we get

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\left|\frac{1}{n}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i} - \mathbb{E}[X_{i}]\right)\right| \geq \epsilon\right) = \mathbb{P}\left(\left|S_{n} - \mathbb{E}[S_{n}]\right| \geq \epsilon n\right)$$

$$\leq \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} Var(X_{i})}{\epsilon^{2}n^{2}}$$

If we define $\sigma^2 := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ then:

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\left|\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}x_{i} - \mathbb{E}[X_{i}]\right| \ge \epsilon\right) \ge \frac{\sigma^{2}}{n\epsilon^{2}}$$
(2.1.1)

To understand why the equation 2.1.1 is unsatisfying recall what appens with the *Central Limit Theorem*:

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\sqrt{\frac{n}{\sigma^2}}\left(\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n X_i - \mathbb{E}[X_i]\right) \ge y\right) \xrightarrow{n \to \infty} 1 - \Phi(y) \le \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{e^{-y^2/2}}{y}$$

(where Φ is the CDF of the standard Gaussian distribution)

SO

$$\mathbb{P}\left(\sqrt{\frac{n}{\sigma^2}}\left(\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n X_i - \mathbb{E}[X_i]\right) \ge \epsilon\right) \lesssim \exp\left\{\frac{-n\epsilon^2}{2\sigma}\right\}$$

So for $\mathbb{P}\left(\sqrt{\frac{n}{\sigma^2}}\left(\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^n X_i - \mathbb{E}[X_i]\right) \geq \epsilon\right)$ we have:

$$\exp\left\{\frac{-n\epsilon^2}{2\sigma}\right\} \leftarrow \text{from Central Limit Theorem}$$

$$\frac{\sigma^2}{n\epsilon^2}$$
 \leftarrow from Chebyshev's inequality

From here we can see that the Chebyshev's inequality doesen't work well for the sum of n random variables when n is large. Meanwhile the Chebyshev's inequality works better than the Central Limit Theorem for small n.

Another instrument previously introduced that can be helpful for bounding tail probabilities of sum of independent random variables is the **Chernoff bounding** 2.0.1:

$$\mathbb{P}(S_n - \mathbb{E}[S_n] \ge t) \le e^{-st} \mathbb{E}[\exp\{s \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mathbb{E}[X_i])\}] = e^{st} \prod_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[\exp\{s(x_i - \mathbb{E}[X_i])\}]$$
(2.1.2)

(remember that s is an arbitrary positive number)

Now the problem of finding bond on the tail probability reduces to the problem of finding (upper) bounds for the moments generating function of $X_i - \mathbb{E}[X_i]$.

As we saw Chebyshev's inequality 1.1.1 does not work well for sums of random variables. In this section we will see a partial solution given by *Hoeffding's Inequality*, then a more complete solution given by *Bernstein Inequality*.

Lemma 2.1.1. Let X be a with $\mathbb{E}[X] = 0$ (actually it can be generalized for a random variable with any expected value), $a \leq X \leq b$ (X bounded random variable). Then

$$\mathbb{E}[e^{sx}] \le \exp\left\{\frac{s^2(b-a)^2}{8}\right\} \quad for \quad s > 0$$

Proof. By the convexity of the exp function we have

$$e^{sx} \le \frac{x-a}{b-a}e^{sb} + \frac{b-x}{b-a}e^{sa}$$
 with $a \le x \le b$

Using $\mathbb{E}[X] = 0$ and defining $p := \frac{-a}{b-a}$ we obtain

$$\mathbb{E}[e^{sx}] \leq \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{x-a}{b-a}e^{sb} + \frac{b-x}{b-a}e^{sa}\right]$$

$$\leq \frac{b}{b-a}e^{sa} - \frac{a}{b-a}e^{sb}$$

$$= \frac{b-a+a}{b-a}e^{sa} + pe^{sb}$$

$$= (1-p)e^{sa} + pe^{sb}$$

$$= (1-p)e^{sa} + pe^{s(b-a+a)}$$

$$= (1-p)e^{sa} + pe^{s(b-a)}e^{sa}$$

$$= (1-p)e^{sa} + pe^{s(b-a)}e^{sa}$$

$$= (1-p)e^{sa} + pe^{s(b-a)}e^{sa}$$

$$= (1-p)e^{sa} + pe^{s(b-a)}e^{sa}e^{b-a}$$

$$= (1-p)e^{sa} + pe^{s(b-a)}e^{-ps(b-a)}$$

Then defining

$$\mu = s(s - a)$$

$$\Phi(\mu) = -p\mu + \ln(1 - p + pe^{\mu})$$

so we have that the last equality $(1-p)e^{sa}+pe^{s(b-a)}e^{-ps(b-a)}=e^{\phi(\mu)}$ It is possible to show

$$\Phi'(X) = -p + \frac{p}{p + (1-p)e^{-\mu}}$$

therefore $\Phi(\mu) = \Phi'(0) = 0$, moreover

$$\Phi(\mu) = \frac{p(1-p)e^{-\mu}}{(p+(1+p)p^{-\mu})^4} \le \frac{1}{4}$$

by Taylor's theorem we have:

$$\Phi(x) = \Phi(0) + \mu \Phi'(0) + \frac{\mu}{2} \Phi''(\sigma) \le \frac{\mu^2}{8} = \frac{s^2(b-a)^2}{8}$$

with $\sigma \in [0, \mu]$.

We're now ready for the **Hoeffding's Inequality**

Theorem 2.1.1. Let $(x_1...x_n)$ be independent random variable such that $x_i \in [a_i, b_i]$ then for any t > 0

$$\mathbb{P}(S_n - \mathbb{E}[S_n] \ge t) \le e^{-\frac{2t^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (b_i - a_i)^2}}$$

$$\mathbb{P}(S_n - \mathbb{E}[S_n] \le -t) \le e^{-\frac{2t^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (b_i - a_i)^2}}$$

Proof. Using the *Chernoff's bounding* for sums of random variables 2.1.2 and the precedent lemma 2.1.1 we obtain

$$\mathbb{P}(S_n - \mathbb{E}[S_n] \ge t) \le e^{-st} \prod_{i=1}^n e^{\frac{s^2(b-a)^2}{8}} = e^{-st} e^{\frac{s^2}{8} \sum_{i=1}^n (b_i - a_i)^2} = e^{-\frac{2t^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (b_i - a_i)^2}}$$

where we chose $s = \frac{4t}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (b_i - a_i)^2}$

This inequality has the same form as the one based on the central limit theorem except that the average variance σ^2 is replaced by the upper bound $\frac{1}{4}\sum_{i=1}^n(b_i-a_i)^2$. Next we will see *Bernstein*

Inequality an inequality that take into account also the variance.

Lemma 2.1.2. Assume that $\mathbb{E}[X_i] = 0$ then if for all X_i , $|X_i| \leq c$ (X_i are bounded):

$$\mathbb{E}[e^{sx_i}] \le \exp\left\{s^2 \sigma_i^2 \frac{e^{sc} - 1 - sc}{sc}\right\}$$

where $\sigma_i^2 := \mathbb{E}[X_i^2]$

Proof. define $F_i = \sum_{r=2}^{\infty} s^{r-2} \frac{\mathbb{E}[x_i^r]}{r!\sigma_i^2}$. Since (for Taylor) $e^{sx} = 1 + sx + \sum_{r=2}^{\infty} s^r \frac{x^r}{r!}$ then taking into account $\mathbb{E}[X_i] = 0$

$$\mathbb{E}[s^{sX_i}] = 1 + s\mathbb{E}[X_i] \sum_{r=2}^{\infty} s^r \frac{\mathbb{E}[x_i^r]}{r!} = 1 + s^2 \sigma^2 F_i \le e^{s^2 \sigma_i^2 F_i}$$

Because we supposed $|X_i| \leq c$ for each index r we have

$$\mathbb{E}[X_i^r] = \mathbb{E}[X_i^{r-2} X_i^2] \le \mathbb{E}[c^{r-2} X_i^2] = c^{r-2} \sigma_i^2$$

Thus

$$F_{i} \leq \sum_{r=2}^{\infty} \frac{s^{r-2}c^{r-2} \ \beta_{i}^{2}}{r! \ \beta_{i}^{2}}$$
$$= \frac{1}{(sc)^{2}} \sum_{r=2}^{\infty} \frac{(sc)^{r}}{r!}$$
$$= \frac{e^{sc} - 1 - sc}{(sc)^{2}}$$

where in the last step we recognized the summation as the exponential wrote in Taylor series missing the first two terms

Theorem 2.1.2. Bernstein Inequality

Let $(x_1...x_n)$ be independent real valued random variables with $\mathbb{E}[X_i] = 0$ and $|X_i| \leq c$. Set $\sigma^2 =$ $\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{Var[X_i]} (note \ that \ Var[X_i] = \mathbb{E}[X_i^2] \ because \mathbb{E}[X_i] = 0). \ Then \ for \ t > 0$

$$\mathbb{P}(\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i \ge t) \le \exp\left\{-\frac{n\sigma^2}{c^2} h\left(\frac{ct}{n\sigma^2}\right)\right\}$$

where $h(\mu) = (1 + \mu) \ln(1 + \mu) - \mu$ for $\mu \ge 0$.

Proof. Using the Chernoff's bounding for sums of random variables 2.1.2 we obtain and the precedent lemma 2.1.2 we obtain

$$\mathbb{P}(\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i \ge t) \le \exp\left\{\frac{n\sigma^2(e^{sc} - 1 - sc)}{c^2} - st\right\}$$

and the bound is minimized by $s = \frac{1}{c} \ln \left(1 + \frac{tc}{n\sigma^2} \right)$

Corollary 2.1.1. Referring to the Bernstein Inequality there is a lower bound for h:

$$h(\mu) \ge \frac{\sigma^2}{2 + 2\frac{\mu}{\epsilon}}$$

so for $\epsilon > 0$ the Bernstein Inequality becomes:

$$\mathbb{P}(\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i \ge t) \le \exp\left\{-\frac{n\epsilon}{2\sigma^2 + \frac{2}{3}c\epsilon}\right\}$$

This result is extremely useful in hypothesis testing $(\mathbb{P}(T_n > t) = \alpha)$ because usually to do the test we have to invert the CDF of T_n . With this result we can instead use the second term of the *Bernstein Inequality* as α and then we can isolate the ϵ to find the small t. Sadly this work only if T_n is a sum of independent random variables which however is the most common situation.

We consider now the problem of deriving inequalities for the Variance of functions of independent random variables.

Lemma 2.1.3. Let \mathcal{X} be some set and let $g: \mathcal{X}^n \to \mathbb{R}$ be a measurable function. Define $Z:=g(X_1...X_n)$ where $(x_1...x_n)$ are independent random variables in \mathcal{X} and $\mathbb{E}_i Z$ the expected value of Z with respect to X_i that is $\mathbb{E}_i Z = \mathbb{E}[Z|X_1...X_{i-1}, X_{i+1}...X_n]$. Then

$$Var(Z) \le \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbb{E}[(Z - \mathbb{E}_{i}Z)^{2}]$$

Directly from this lemma follows

Theorem 2.1.3. Efron-Stein Inequality Let $X'_1...X'_n$ be from an independent copy of $X_1...X_n$ and define $Z'_i = g(X_1...X_{i-1}, X'_i, X_{i+1}...X_n)$ then

$$Var(Z) \le \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbb{E}[(Z - Z_i')^2]$$

when $g(X_1...X_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ the inequality becomes an equality.

3 Likelihood Function

The *likelihood function* is a function that contains all the statistical information required to make inference.

Definition 3.0.1. Consider a random sample $(X_1...X_n)$ from $X \sim f_X(X;\theta)$, then the distribution of $(X_1...X_n)$ will be:

$$f_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x};\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} f_{X_i}(x_i;\theta)$$

when we see $f_X(\underline{x};\theta)$ as a function of θ for fixed \underline{x} , is the likelihood function

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta, \underline{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} f_{X_i}(x_i; \theta)$$

An important function related to the likelihood function is the log likelihood function

Definition 3.0.2. The log of the likelihood function is said log likelihood function

$$V_n(\theta) = \log \mathcal{L}(\theta, \underline{x}) = \log \left(\prod_{i=1}^n f_{X_i}(x_i; \theta) \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log(f_{X_i}(x_i; \theta))$$

Definition 3.0.3. *Score function*:

$$V'_n = \frac{d}{d\theta}V_n(\theta) = \frac{\mathcal{L}'(\theta, \underline{x})}{\mathcal{L}(\theta, x)}$$

Note that if we fix θ then $\mathcal{L}(\theta, \underline{x})$ is (related to) the probability that the particular value we fixed for θ has generated \underline{x} .

Suppose we fix two value $\theta, \theta_2 \in \Theta$ and

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta_1, x) > \mathcal{L}(\theta_2, x)$$

we say that \underline{x} "more likely" generate under θ_1 .

Note that the same meaning is conserved with the log likelihood function.

It is because of that we usually search for the max of the likelihood function. Usually to find it we just derive, but sometimes \mathcal{L} is not regular enough so we have to "regularize".

3.1 Likekihood principles

he statistical inference based on the likelihood function is a consequence of two principles.

1. Week likelihood principle: for a fixed parametric model $X \sim F_X(x, \theta)$ if two observed samples \underline{x} and y are such that

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta, \underline{x}) \propto \mathcal{L}(\theta, y)$$

then the two likelihood functions are equivalent i.e. sample must produce the same inference result on θ .

2. Strong likelihood principle: let \underline{x} be an observed sample under the model $X \sim F_X(x, \theta)$ with likelihood function $\mathcal{L}(\theta, \underline{x})$ and let y be an observed sample under the model $X \sim F_Y(y, \theta)$

with likelihood function $\mathcal{L}(\theta, \underline{y})$, if $\mathcal{L}(\theta, \underline{x}) \propto \mathcal{L}(\theta, \underline{y})$ the the two samples provides with the same inference.

The fundamental difference between *Probability* and *Statistic* is that in the first one the goal is to find the chance of a random variable to take a particular value, statistic instead given the results of a experiment, try to find the distribution where it came from.

Example 3.1.1. Take (X_1, X_2, X_3) from one of the following distribution:

(a)
$$X \sim Ber(\theta_1), \theta_1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

(b)
$$X \sim Ber(\theta_2), \theta_2 = \frac{1}{3}$$

(c)
$$X \sim Ber(\theta_3), \theta_3 = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$X\in [0,1]\ \Theta=[0,1].$$

We can imagine (x_1, x_2, x_3) as the results of a experiment where we had to flip a coin 3 times. Now we want to know the parameter θ of the coin we flipped tree times.

So
$$(x1, x_2, x_3) \in \{0, 1\}^3$$

x_1, x_2, x_3	$\theta_1 \frac{1}{2}$	$\theta_2 = \frac{1}{3}$	$\theta_3 = \frac{1}{4}$
0,0,0	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{8}{27}$	$\frac{27}{64}$.
0,0,1	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{4}{27}$.	$\frac{9}{64}$
0,1,0	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{4}{27}$.	$\frac{9}{64}$
1,0,0	$\frac{1}{8}$	$\frac{4}{27}$.	$\frac{9}{64}$
0,1,1	$\frac{1}{8}$.	$\frac{2}{27}$	$\frac{3}{64}$
1,0,1	$\frac{1}{8}$.	$\frac{2}{27}$	$\frac{3}{64}$
1,1,0	$\frac{1}{8}$.	$\frac{2}{27}$	$\frac{3}{64}$
1,1,1	$\frac{1}{8}$.	$\frac{1}{27}$	$\frac{1}{64}$

Once we know the result of the throw we will "guess" the value of θ choosing the one that give us more probability for the given result.

3.2 Condition of Regularity

In our investigations on θ we will assume some condition of regularity for our model. Given $X \sim F_x(x, \theta)$

- 1. we assume that $\theta \in \Theta$ where Θ is a open real set
- 2. for any $\theta \in \Theta$ there exist the derivative of $\mathcal{L}(\theta;z)$ with respect to θ at least up to the third order
- 3. for any $\theta_0 \in \Theta$ there exist tree functions g, h, H that are integrable in a neighborhood of θ_0 and

$$\bullet \left| \frac{d}{d\theta} f_X(x,\theta) \right| \le g(x)$$

•
$$\left| \frac{d^2}{d^2 \theta} f_X(x, \theta) \right| \le h(x)$$

•
$$\left| \frac{d^3}{d^3 \theta} \log(f_X(x, \theta)) \right| \le H(x)$$

4. for any $\theta \in \Theta$

$$0 < \mathbb{E}[(\log(\mathcal{L}(\theta, \underline{X})))^2] < \infty$$

(With \underline{X} we're tanking it as random variable).

In addition there is the condition of identifiability.

5. We say that a statistical model is identifiable if for every θ_1, θ_2 there is all least one event E such that:

$$\mathbb{P}(X \in E | \theta_1) \neq \mathbb{P}(X \in E | \theta_2)$$

(We will always take 5. as granted)

3.3 Properties of the Likelihood Function

Proposition 3.3.1. Some properties of the score function 3.0.3 are:

1. $\mathbb{E}[V_n'(\theta)] = 0$

2.
$$Var(V'_n(\theta) = \mathbb{E}[(V'_n(\theta))^2]) = -\mathbb{E}[V''_n(\theta)]$$

Proof. 1.

$$\mathbb{E}[V_n'(\theta)] = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} V_n'(\theta) f_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x}, \theta) dx$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{f_{\underline{X}}'(\underline{x}, \theta)}{f_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x}, \theta)} f_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x}, \theta) dx$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{d}{d\theta} f_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x}, \theta) dx$$

$$= \frac{d}{d\theta} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x}, \theta) dx$$

$$= \frac{d}{d\theta} 1$$

$$= 0$$

Where in the in the fourth equal we used Leibniz and for the fifth recall that $f_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x}, \theta)$ is the PDF of \underline{X}

2. Start by showing that
$$V''_n(\theta) = V''_n(\theta) = \frac{f''_X(\underline{x};\theta)}{f_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x};\theta)} - \left(\frac{f'_X(\underline{x};\theta)}{f_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x};\theta)}\right)^2$$

$$\begin{split} V_n''(\theta) &= \frac{d^2}{d\theta^2} \mathcal{L}(\theta, ux) \\ &= \frac{d}{d\theta} \frac{f_{\underline{X}}'(\underline{x}; \theta)}{f_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x}; \theta)} \\ &= \frac{f_{\underline{X}}''(\underline{x}; \theta) f_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x}; \theta) - f_{\underline{X}}'(\underline{x}; \theta) f_{\underline{X}}'(\underline{x}; \theta)}{|f_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x}; \theta)|^2} \\ &= \frac{f_{\underline{X}}''(\underline{x}; \theta)}{f_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x}; \theta)} - \left(\frac{f_{\underline{X}}'(\underline{x}; \theta)}{f_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x}; \theta)}\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{f_{\underline{X}}''(\underline{x}; \theta)}{f_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x}; \theta)} - (V_n'(\theta))^2 \end{split}$$

So now

$$\mathbb{E}[V_n''(\theta)] = \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{f_{\underline{x}}''(\underline{x};\theta)}{f_{\underline{x}}(\underline{x};\theta)} f_{\underline{x}}(\underline{x};\theta) dx - \mathbb{E}[V_n'(\theta)^2]$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} \frac{d^2}{d\sigma^2} f_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x};\theta) dx - \mathbb{E}[V_n'(\theta)^2]$$

$$= \frac{d^2}{d\sigma^2} \int_{\mathbb{R}^n} f_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x};\theta) dx - \mathbb{E}[V_n'(\theta)^2]$$

$$= -\mathbb{E}[V_n'(\theta)^2]$$

Definition 3.3.1. we define the *Fisher Information* as:

$$\mathcal{I}_n(\theta) = -\mathbb{E}[V_n''(\theta)]$$

Note that this is the definition of Fisher information just for a particular case, there exist a more general one.

The Fisher information has a central role in statistic because it can be shown that for *unbiased estimators* $\tilde{\theta}$ it holds: $Var(\tilde{\theta}) \geq \frac{1}{\mathcal{I}_n(\theta)}$. So i we can find an estimator with $Var(\tilde{\theta}) = \frac{1}{\mathcal{I}_n(\theta)}$ we are sure that it is the one with the lowest variance.

Proposition 3.3.2. Consider $(x_1...x_n)$ from $X \sim F_X(x;\theta)$ regular then

$$\mathcal{I}_n(\theta) = n\mathcal{I}_1(\theta)$$

Example 3.3.1. Consider $(x_1...x_n)$ from $X \sim Ber(\theta)$

$$\mathcal{L}_{n}(\theta, \underline{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} f_{\underline{X_{i}}}(\underline{x_{i}}; \theta) = \theta^{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i}} (1 - \theta)^{n - \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i}}$$

$$V_{n}(theta) = \log(\mathcal{L}_{n}(\theta, \underline{x})) = \log(\theta) \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i} + (\log(1 - \theta)) \left(n - \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i}\right)$$

$$V'_{n}(\theta) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i}}{\theta} - \frac{n - \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i}}{1 - \theta}$$

$$V''_{n}(\theta) = \frac{-\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i}}{\theta^{2}} - \frac{-\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_{i}}{(1 - \theta)^{2}}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[V_{n}(\theta)] = \frac{1}{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbb{E}[x_{i}] - \frac{1}{1 - \theta} \left(n - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbb{E}[x_{i}]\right)$$

$$= \frac{n}{\theta} - \frac{1}{1 - \theta} (n - n\theta)$$

$$= n - n = 0$$

$$[V'''_{n}(\theta)] = -\frac{1}{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbb{E}[X_{i}] - \frac{1}{1 - \theta} \left(n - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mathbb{E}[X_{i}]\right)$$

$$= -\frac{n\theta}{\theta^{2}} - \frac{n - n\theta}{(1 - \theta)^{2}}$$

$$= -\frac{n}{\theta} - \frac{n(1 - \theta)}{(1 - \theta)\theta}$$

$$\mathcal{I}_{n}(\theta) = -\mathbb{E}[V'''_{n}(\theta)]$$

$$= \frac{n}{(1 - \theta)\theta}$$

3.4 Exponential Families

Definition 3.4.1. We say that the distribution of a random variable an element of an *Exponential Family* $X \sim EF(\theta)$ if its PDF can be written as follow:

$$f_X(x;\theta) = \exp\{Q(\theta)A(x) + C(x) - k(\theta)\}\$$

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Definition 3.4.2. We say that the distribution of a random sample $(x_1...x_n)$ from $X \sim EF(\theta)$ is an element of an *Exponential Family* $X \sim EF(\theta)$ if its PDF can be written as follow:

$$f_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x};\theta) = \exp\{Q(\theta)\sum_{i=1}^{n} A(x_i) + \sum_{i=1}^{n} C(x_i) - nK(\theta)\}$$

Example 3.4.1. $X \sim Ber(\theta), X \in \{0, 1\}, \Theta = (0, 1)$

$$P_X(x) = \theta^x (1\theta)^{1-x} \mathbb{1}_{\{0,1\}}(x)$$

$$= \exp\{x \ln(\theta) + (1-x) \ln(1-\theta)\}$$

$$= \exp\{x \ln(\theta) + \ln(1-\theta) - x \ln(1-\theta)\}$$

$$= \exp\{x \ln\left(\frac{\theta}{1-\theta}\right) + \ln(1-\theta)\}$$

so we get

$$Q(\theta) = \ln\left(\frac{\theta}{1-\theta}\right)$$

$$A(x) = x$$

$$C(x) = 0$$

$$K(\theta) = -\ln(1-\theta)$$

Note that for $K(\theta)$ we had to put a -because in the definition we have -K.

Proposition 3.4.1. Let $X \sim EF(\theta)$ then

1.
$$\mathbb{E}[A(X)] = \frac{K'(\theta)}{Q'(\theta)}$$

2.
$$Var(A(X)) = \frac{K(\theta)}{(Q'(\theta))^2} - \frac{Q''(\theta)}{(Q'(\theta))^2} \frac{K'(\theta)}{Q'(\theta)}$$

Note that this proposition gives us only the expectation and variance for A(X), but it is not a problem because usually A(X) = X.

Proof. 1. because the exponential family is regular we can use Leibniz so

$$0 = \frac{d}{d\theta} 1$$

$$= \frac{d}{d\theta} \int f_X(x;\theta) dx$$

$$= \int \frac{d}{d\theta} f_X(x;\theta) dx$$

$$= \int (A(x)Q'(\theta) - K'(\theta)) f_X(x;\theta) dx$$

$$= Q'(\theta) \int A(x) f_X(x;\theta) dx - K'(\theta) \int f_X(x;\theta) dx$$

$$= Q'(\theta) \mathbb{E}[A(X)] - K'(\theta)$$

$$\implies \mathbb{E}[A(X)] = \frac{K'(\theta)}{Q'(\theta)}$$

2. because the exponential family is regular we can use Leibniz so

$$0 = \frac{d^{2}}{d\theta^{2}} \int f_{X}(x;\theta)$$

$$= \int \frac{d^{2}}{\theta^{2}} f_{X}(x;\theta)$$

$$= \int (A(x)Q''(\theta) - K''(\theta)) f_{X}(x;\theta) + (A(x)Q'(\theta) - K'(\theta))^{2} f_{X}(x;\theta) dx$$

$$= Q''(\theta) \mathbb{E}[A(X)] - K''(\theta) + (Q'(\theta))^{2} \int \left(A(x) - \frac{K'(\theta)}{Q'(\theta)}\right)^{2} f_{X}(x;\theta) dx$$

$$= Q''(\theta) \frac{K'(\theta)}{Q'(\theta)} - K''(\theta) + (Q'(\theta))^{2} \int (A(x) - \mathbb{E}[A(X)])^{2} f_{X}(x;\theta) dx$$

$$= Q''(\theta) \frac{K'(\theta)}{Q'(\theta)} - K''(\theta) + (Q'(\theta))^{2} Var(A(X))$$

$$\implies Var(A(X)) = \frac{K(\theta)}{(Q'(\theta))^{2}} - \frac{Q''(\theta)}{(Q'(\theta))^{2}} \frac{K'(\theta)}{Q'(\theta)} = \frac{K(\theta)}{(Q'(\theta))^{2}} - \frac{Q''(\theta)}{(Q'(\theta))^{2}} \mathbb{E}[A(X)]$$

Observation 1. If $Q(\theta) = \theta$ we get

$$\mathbb{E}[A(X)] = K'(\theta)$$
$$Var(A(X)) = K''(\theta)$$

3.5 Natural Exponential Families

Definition 3.5.1. We say that the distribution of a random sample $(x_1...x_n)$ from $X \sim NEF(\theta)$ is an element of a *Natural Exponential Family* $X \sim NEF(\theta)$ if its PDF can be written as follow:

$$f_X(x; \nu) = \exp\{\nu x + C(x) - K(\nu)\}\$$

4 Statistics

The notation of statistic was introduced by fisher (1920).

The importance of sufficiency is that of can be found in any statistical decision (point estimation, testing, confidential bound)

Definition 4.0.1. Let $X = (X_1...X_n)$ be a random sample from a parametric model $X \sim f_X(x, \theta)$ for some $\theta \in \Theta$ unknown.

We say that $T_n = T(X)$ sufficient for the parameter θ if the conditional distribution of X given T_n does not depend of θ i.e.

- $f_{X|T_n=t}(X;t,\theta)$ conditional distribution of \underline{X} given T_n
- $h_{X,T_n}(z,t,\theta)$ joint distribution of \underline{X} and T_n
- $g_{T_n}(t,\theta)$ marginal distribution of T_n

then T_n is sufficient for the parameter θ only if $f_{\underline{X}|T_n=t}(X;t,\theta)$ does not depend of θ . Note that

$$f_{\underline{X}|T_n=t}(X;t,\theta) = \frac{h_{\underline{X},T_n}(z,t,\theta)}{q_{T_n}(t,\theta)}$$

Example 4.0.1. $(X_1...X_n) \in \{0,1\}^n$ from a $Ber(\theta)$, $\theta \in (0,1)$. Define $T_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ then we want to verify if T_n is sufficient.

- $f_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x};\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n f_{X_i}(\underline{x_i};\theta) = \theta^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} (1-\theta)^{n-\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}$
- $g_{T_n}(t,\theta) = \binom{n}{t} \sigma^t (1-\sigma)^{n-t} \mathbb{1}_{0,1...n}(t)$
- $h_{X,T_n(z,t,\theta)}\mathbb{P}(\underline{X}=\underline{x},T_n=t)=\sigma^t(1-\sigma)^{n-t}$

so

$$f_{\underline{X}|T_n=t} = \frac{\sigma^t (1-\sigma)^{n-t}}{\binom{n}{t} \sigma^t (1-\sigma)^{n-t}} = \frac{1}{\binom{n}{t}}$$

So T_n is a sufficient statistic for θ .

This is a really special case because all the X_i are already in function of T_n .

Observation 2. If T_n is sufficient for θ then all the statistical information of θ is contained in the random sample relocated in T_n . In the example above we just need $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i$.

Observation 3. The notation of sufficiency derive from the probability structure of the parametric family $X \sim f_X(x;\theta)$ We can talk about sufficiency for a parameter θ only after we have specified $X \sim f_X(x;\theta)$

The definition of sufficiency based on conditional probability is not of practical use because we need this two distributions $\begin{cases} g_{T_n}(\cdot) \\ h_{\underline{X},T_n}(\cdot,\cdot) \end{cases}$ that can be difficult to find. To avoid that there is a corollary of the Fisher Factorization Theorem:

Corollary 4.0.1. Let $\underline{X} = (X_1...X_n)$ from $X \sim f_x(x,\theta)$. Then a statistic T_n is sufficient for θ if and only if there exist two non negative functions $g(\cdot), h(\cdot)$ such that $\mathcal{L}_n(\theta, \underline{x}) = g(T(\underline{X}); \theta)h(\underline{X})$

Observation 4. • g is a function of the observed sample via T_n

• h is a function of the observed sample and does not depend on θ

Example 4.0.2. Recall The example 4.0.1 $(X_1...X_n) \in \{0,1\}^n$ from a $Ber(\theta)$, $\theta \in (0,1)$. Define $T_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ then we want to verify if T_n is sufficient.

•
$$f_{\underline{X}}(\underline{x};\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} f_{X_i}(\underline{x_i};\theta) = \theta^{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i} (1-\theta)^{n-\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i}$$

- h(X) = 1
- $g(T_n(\underline{X}), \theta) = \theta^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} (1 \theta)^{n \sum_{i=1}^n x_i}$

Example 4.0.3. $(X_1...X_n) \in \{0,1\}^n$ from a $N(\theta,1)$. We want to verify that $T_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ is a sufficient statistic

$$\mathcal{L}_{n}(\theta, \underline{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(x_{i} - \theta)^{2}\right\}$$

$$= (2\pi)^{-n/2} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\sum_{i=1}^{n}(x_{i} - \theta)^{2}\right\}$$

$$= (2\pi)^{-n/2} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\sum_{i=1}^{n}x_{i}^{2} - \frac{n\theta^{2}}{2} + \theta\sum_{i=1}^{n}x_{i}\right\}$$

$$= (2\pi)^{-n/2} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\sum_{i=1}^{n}x_{i}^{2}\right\} \exp\left\{-\frac{n\theta^{2}}{2} + \theta\sum_{i=1}^{n}x_{i}\right\}$$

so

•
$$h(x) = \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i^2\right\}$$

•
$$g(\sum_{i=1}^{n}, \theta) = \exp\left\{-\frac{n\theta^2}{2} + \theta \sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i\right\}$$

5 Exercises

Exercise 1. Let X_1 an X_2 two random variables independent and uniformly distributed on the interval [0,1]. Find the distribution of:

1.
$$Y = X_1 + X_2$$

2.
$$W = \frac{X_1}{X_2}$$

3.
$$Z = X_1 X_2$$

Solution:

1. Let's start with the sum of two generic random variables: we know that $f_{Y|X_1}(y|x_1) = f_{X_2}(y-x)$ and the joint distribution on two random variables is:

$$f_{X_1,Y}(x_1,y) = f_{Y|X_1}(y|x_1)f_{X_1}(x_1)$$

so in our case:

$$f_{X_1,Y}(x_1,y) = f_{X_2}(y-x_1)f_{X_1}(x_1)$$

and now we can calculate the PDF of Y simply by integrating the PDF of the joint distribution:

$$f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X_1,Y}(x_1, y) dx_1$$
$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X_2}(y - x_1) f_{X_1}(x_1) dx_1$$

(For a more detailed analysis see the convolution product).

Now we can proceed replacing he generic PDF with the one of a uniform distribution on the interval [0,1] is $\mathbb{1}_{[0,1]}(t)$, we have:

$$f_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \mathbb{1}_{[0,1]}(y - x_1) \mathbb{1}_{[0,1]}(x_1) dx_1$$
$$= \int_{0}^{1} \mathbb{1}_{[0,1]}(y - x_1) dx_1$$

and by separating the integral in various cases we can solve it obtaining:

$$f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 0 & if \ y < 0 \\ y & if \ y \in [0, 1] \\ 2 - y & if \ y \in (1, 2] \\ 0 & if \ y > 2 \end{cases}$$

2. for the distribution of W we will use the CDF function: fir of all it is easy to prove that forw ≤ 0 , $F_W(w) = 0$, so in the next passage we can assume w > 0

$$\begin{split} F_W(w) &= \mathbb{P}[W < w] \\ &= \mathbb{P}[\frac{X_2}{X_1} < w] \\ &= \mathbb{P}[\frac{X_2}{X_1} < w, X_1 > 0] + \mathbb{P}[\frac{X_2}{X_1} < w, X_1 < 0] \\ &= \mathbb{P}[X_2 < X_1 w, X_1 > 0] + 0 \\ &= \int_0^\infty f_{x_1}(x_1) \int_{-\infty}^{wx_1} f_{x_2}(x_2) dx_2 dx_1 \\ &= \int_0^\infty \mathbb{1}_{[0,1]}(x_1) \int_{-\infty}^{wx_1} \mathbb{1}_{[0,1]}(x_2) dx_2 dx_1 \\ &= \int_0^1 \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } wx_1 > 1 \\ wx_1 & \text{if } wx_1 < 1 \end{cases} dx_1 \\ &= \begin{cases} \int_0^1 wx_1 dx & \text{if } w \leq 1 \\ \int_0^{\frac{1}{w}} wx_1 dx_1 + \int_{\frac{1}{w}}^1 1 dx_1 & \text{if } w > 1 \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{w}{2} & \text{if } 0 \leq w \leq 1 \\ 1 - \frac{1}{2w} & \text{if } w > 1 \end{cases} \end{split}$$

3. for the distribution of Z we will adopt a more straight forward approach an we will use the CDF function:

$$F_{Z}(z) = \mathbb{P}[Z < z]$$

$$= \mathbb{P}[X_{1}X_{2} < z]$$

$$= \mathbb{P}[X_{1}X_{2} < z, X_{1} > 0] + \mathbb{P}[X_{1}X_{2} < z, X_{1} < 0]$$

$$= \mathbb{P}[X_{2} < \frac{z}{X_{1}}, X_{1} > 0] + 0$$

$$= \int_{0}^{\infty} f_{X_{1}}(x_{1}) \int_{-\infty}^{z/x_{1}} f_{X_{2}}(x_{2}) dx_{2} dx_{1}$$

$$= \int_{0}^{\infty} \mathbb{I}_{[0,1]}(x_{1}) \int_{-\infty}^{z/x_{1}} \mathbb{I}_{[0,1]}(x_{2}) dx_{2} dx_{1}$$

$$= \int_{0}^{\infty} \mathbb{I}_{[0,1]}(x_{1}) \begin{cases} 1 & if \frac{z}{x_{1}} > 1 \\ \frac{z}{x_{1}} & if \frac{z}{x_{1}} < 1 \end{cases} dx_{1}$$

$$= \int_{0}^{1} \begin{cases} 1 & if \frac{z}{x_{1}} > 1 \\ \frac{z}{x_{1}} & if \frac{z}{x_{1}} < 1 \end{cases} dx_{1}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \int_{0}^{z} 1 dx_{1} + \int_{z}^{1} \frac{z}{x_{1}} dx_{1} & if z < 1 \\ \int_{0}^{1} 1 & if z \ge 1 \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} z - z \ln(z) & if 0 < z < 1 \\ 1 & if z \ge 1 \end{cases}$$

Exercise 2. Consider X_1, X_2, X_3 tree random variables independent and identically distributed with distribution $\sim Exp(\frac{1}{2})$.

Find the distribution of:

1.
$$U = \frac{X_2}{X_1}$$

2.
$$W = \sum_{i=1}^{3} X_1$$

(in this exercise we will consider the PDF of the exponential $f_X = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$). Solution:

1. For the distribution of U we will use the CDF function: first of all it is easy to prove that for $u \leq 0$, $F_U(u) = 0$, so in the next passage we can assume u > 0

$$\begin{split} F_{(u)} &= \mathbb{P}[U < u] \\ &= \mathbb{P}[\frac{X_2}{X_1} < u] \\ &= \mathbb{P}[\frac{X_2}{X_1} < u, X_1 > 0] + \mathbb{P}[\frac{X_2}{X_1} < u, X_1 < 0] \\ &= \mathbb{P}[X_2 < X_1 u, X_1 > 0] + 0 \\ &= \int_0^\infty f_{x_1}(x_1) \int_{-\infty}^{ux_1} f_{x_2}(x_2) dx_2 dx_1 \\ &= \int_0^\infty \lambda e^{-\lambda x_1} \int_0^{ux_1} \lambda e^{-\lambda x_2} dx_2 dx_1 \\ &= \int_0^\infty \lambda e^{-\lambda x_1} (1 - e^{-\lambda u x_1}) x_1 \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{1+u} \end{split}$$

2. Here we will use the moment-generating function to demonstrate that $W \sim Gamma(\alpha = 3, \beta = \frac{1}{2})$.

The the moment-generating function of the exponential with parameter 2 is: $M_X(t) = \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{\frac{1}{n}-t}$.

$$M_{W}(t) = \mathbb{E}[e^{wt}]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[e^{\sum_{i=1}^{3} X_{i}t}]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[\prod_{i=1}^{3} e^{X_{i}t}]$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^{3} \mathbb{E}[e^{X_{i}t}]$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^{3} \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{\frac{1}{2} - t}$$

$$= \left(\frac{\frac{1}{2}}{\frac{1}{2} - t}\right)^{3}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2} - t\right)^{-3}$$

$$= \left(1 - \frac{t}{\frac{1}{2}}\right)^{-3}$$

which is the MGF of a $Gamma(3, \frac{1}{2})$

Exercise 3. Let (X,Y) be a bivariate random variable such that $X \sim U(-1,1)$ and $Y|X \sim U(x,x+1)$. Find he distribution of $Z = -\ln(Y-X)$

Solution:

$$\begin{split} \mathbb{P}(Z < z) &= \mathbb{P}(-log(X - Y) < t) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(log(X - Y) \ge z) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(Y \ge X + e^{-z}) \\ &= \int_{-1}^{1} \int_{x + e^{-z}}^{x + 1} \frac{1}{2} dx dy \\ &= 1 - e^{-z} \end{split}$$

Which is the distribution function of neg exp

Exercise 4. Let A, B be two independent and identically distributed random variables with distribution $\sim U(0,h)$. Compute the probability that the equation $Z^2 - 2AZ + B = 0$ doesn't admit real solutions. Solution: We are asked to compute $\mathbb{P}(A^2 - B < 0)$.

Exercise 5. Let $X \sim Gamma(r,1), Y \sim Gamma(s,1)$ independent random variables. Find the distribution of

- 1. W := X + Y
- 2. $Z := \frac{X}{W}$
- 3. (Z, w)

Solution: Did in class.

Exercise 6. Let X_1, X_2, X_3 random variables with distribution:

- $X_1 \sim Gamma(\alpha_1, 1)$
- $X_2 \sim Gamma(\alpha_2, 1)$
- $X_3 \sim Gamma(\alpha_3, 1)$

Define:

- $Z = \frac{X_1}{X_1 + X_2 + X_3}$
- $W = \frac{X_2}{X_1 + X_2 + X_3}$

Find the distribution of (Z, W)

For this exercise we will use the theorem on page 165 of [1]

Solution: To have a (3,3) parametrization we will add another random variable $S := X_1 + X_2 + X_3$. Consider the parametrization

- $X_1 = ZS$
- \bullet $X_2 = WS$
- $X_3 = S S(Z + W)$

The Jacobian matrix is defined as:

$$J := \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial \phi_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial \phi_N}{\partial x_1} & \cdots & \frac{\partial \phi_N}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

in our situation then:

$$|J| = \begin{vmatrix} S & 0 & Z \\ 0 & S & W \\ -S & -S & 1 - Z - W \end{vmatrix} = S^2$$

So by the previous theorem we have:

$$f_{Z,W,S}(z, w, s) = f_{X_1, X_2, X_3}(zs, ws, s - s(z + w))|J|$$

Remembering that X_1, X_2, X_3 are independent then $f_{X_1, X_2, X_3}(zs, ws, s-s(z+w)) = f_{X_1}(zs)f_{X_2}(ws)f_{X_3}(s-s(z+w))$ so

$$\begin{split} f_{Z,W,S}(z,w,s) &= f_{X_1}(zs) f_{X_2}(ws) f_{X_3}(s-s(z+w)) s^2 \\ &= \frac{(zs)^{\alpha_1-1} (ws)^{\alpha_2-1} (s-s(z+w))^{\alpha_3-1} e^{-s}}{\Gamma(\alpha_1) \Gamma(\alpha_2) \Gamma(\alpha_3)} s^2 \mathbb{1}_{[\min(zs,ws,s-s(z+w)),\infty)}(0) \\ &= \frac{z^{\alpha_1-1} w^{\alpha_2-1} (1-(z+w))^{\alpha_3-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha_1) \Gamma(\alpha_2) \Gamma(\alpha_3)} s^{\alpha_1+\alpha_2+\alpha_3-1} e^{-s} \end{split}$$

Notice that the second member is the kernel of a Gamma distribution with parameters $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3, 1$. We know that $s \ge 0$ so $\min(zs, ws, s - s(z + w))$ has the same sign of $\min(z, w, 1 - (z + w))$. To get the distribution of Z, W we have to integrate $f_{Z,W,S}(z, w, s)$ with respect to s:

$$\begin{split} f_{Z,W}(z,w) &= \int_0^\infty f_{Z,W,S}(z,w,s) \mathbbm{1}_{[\min(z,w,1-(z+w)),\infty)}(0) ds \\ &= \mathbbm{1}_{[\min(z,w,1-(z+w)),\infty)}(0) \int_0^\infty \frac{z^{\alpha_1-1}w^{\alpha_2-1}(1-(z+w))^{\alpha_3-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha_1)\Gamma(\alpha_2)\Gamma(\alpha_3)} s^{\alpha_1+\alpha_2+\alpha_3-1}e^{-s} ds \\ &= \mathbbm{1}_{[\min(z,w,1-(z+w)),\infty)}(0) \frac{z^{\alpha_1-1}w^{\alpha_2-1}(1-(z+w))^{\alpha_3-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha_1)\Gamma(\alpha_2)\Gamma(\alpha_3)} \int_0^\infty s^{\alpha_1+\alpha_2+\alpha_3-1}e^{-s} ds \\ &= \frac{z^{\alpha_1-1}w^{\alpha_2-1}(1-(z+w))^{\alpha_3-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha_1)\Gamma(\alpha_2)\Gamma(\alpha_3)} \Gamma(\alpha_1+\alpha_2+\alpha_3) \mathbbm{1}_{[\min(z,w,1-(z+w)),\infty)}(0) \end{split}$$

Exercise 7. Show that the moment generating function of a random variable $X \sim NEF(\nu)$ is

$$\mathbb{E}[e^{sx}] = e^{K(s+\nu) - K^{\nu}}$$

Solution:

$$\begin{split} e[e^{sx}] &= \int e^{sx} e^{x\nu + C(x) - K(\nu)} dx = \int e^{x(s+\nu) + C(x) + K(s+\nu) - K(s+\nu) - K(\nu)} dx \\ &= e^{K(s+\nu) - K(\nu)} \int e^{x(s+\nu) + C(x) - K(s+\nu)} dx \\ &= e^{K(s+\nu) - K(\nu)} 1 \\ &= e^{K(s+\nu) - K(\nu)} \end{split}$$

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