

X is continuous random variable with pdf $g(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma} f\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)$

$$\downarrow \begin{matrix} f(z) \\ \mu=0 \\ \sigma=1 \end{matrix}$$

$$X = \mu + \sigma Z$$

\hookrightarrow random variable pdf $f(z)$ $\begin{matrix} \text{mean} = \mu \\ \text{std} = \sigma \end{matrix}$

Objective = obtain bootstrap interval estimates for μ and σ

Given $X_1, \dots, X_n \rightarrow$ estimates of μ and σ are \bar{X} and S (sample mean/std dev)

t -statistic for $f(z)$ is $t = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{S/\sqrt{n}} \rightarrow t$ distribution with $n-1$ Dof (SLIDE 16)

$t_{.975}$ = 97.5th percentile of this t -distribution

$$P\left(-t_{.975} < \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{S/\sqrt{n}} < t_{.975}\right) = .95$$

solve the inequality to obtain 95% CI

$$\bar{X} - t_{.975} \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}} < \mu < \bar{X} + t_{.975} \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}}$$

Note: Distribution of t -statistic does not depend on either μ or σ


A function of observations and parameters whose pdf doesn't depend on the parameters is a **PIVOT QUANTITY**
a pivot quantity doesn't need to be a statistic - function and value can depend on parameters, distribution MUST be WELL
if $f(z)$ is not normal, t -statistic is still a pivot quantity, which is referred to as a t -pivot quantity

CANNOT claim distribution is t -distribution with $n-1$ Dof

assume able to obtain distribution of t -pivot

$t_{.025}$ & $t_{.975}$ are 2.5th & 97.5th percentiles of this distribution

assert (SLIDE 16)

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95% CI is (SLIDE 17) reference to past when normal $t_{\alpha} = -t_{1-\alpha}$

Can have different percentiles t_a & t_b such that $b - a = .95$

$t_{.025}, t_{.975}$ may NOT produce interval symmetric about the mean (like with t -dist.)

for $100p\%$ CI ($p > 1/2$)

$[(1-p)/2]$ th and $[(1+p)/2]$ th percentiles


Bootstrap CI for μ

provides a way to approximate the percentiles of distribution of the t -pivot

STEPS (SLIDE 17)

1. Compute \bar{x} and S of original data

2. bootstrap sample size n , mean \bar{X}_b and stdev S_b of bootstrap sample

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3. Compute bootstrap t -pivot quantity (unnecessary *'s)

$$t_b = \frac{\bar{X}_b - \bar{x}}{S_b / \sqrt{n}}$$

repeat 2-3 B times (typically between 1,000 and 5,000) = bootstrap distribution of t_b 's

1000 \rightarrow grab $t_{.025}$ and $t_{.975}$

$t_{b,.025}$ and $t_{b,.975}$ 2.5th & 97.5th percentiles of bootstrap distribution

Discrete nature of bootstrap distr., may not be percentiles for desired confidence


THEN: interpolate or choose percentile as close to desired as possible

Can do pivot-quantity for variance, χ^2 -pivot

bootstrap CI for σ^2

NOTE: bootstrap distribution of a pivot quantity is just an approximation of its true distribution

Thus, level of confidence asserted by bootstrap procedure is an approximation of actual level of confidence

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comparisons (SHOW table 8.3.2)

if exponential distr., then parametric interval (exact 95% coverage of mean)

may not know distr., use bootstrap interval, even though approximate

Manly (1997) 95% CI for μ exponential $n=20$


percentile = 90.1%, residual = 88.8%, BCA = 92.4%, t-pivot = 95.2%

When intervals miss true value, tend to be on low side

prefer t-pivot (given a pivot quantity) or BCA interval

transformation equivariance = CI for $\hat{\theta}(L, U)$ then $g(\theta)$ ($g(L), g(U)$)

Second-order accurate = error E is proportional to step-size to the 2nd power

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Code