MATH324 Crib Sheet

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1 Properties of Estimators and Statistics

1.1 Biasedness

An estimator $\hat{\theta}$ is biased if $\mathbb{E}(\hat{\theta}) \neq \theta$.
Example $\hat{\theta} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i$ is biased if X_i are i.i.d. with mean μ and variance σ^2.

$$\mathbb{E}(\hat{\theta}) = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}\mathbb{E}(X_i) = \frac{1}{n}n\mu = \mu \tag{1}$$

The bias is determined by the equation

$$\mathbb{B}(\hat{\theta}) = \mathbb{E}(\hat{\theta}) - \theta \tag{2}$$

We can generally find an unbiased estimator from a biased estimator by eliminating the constants surrounding the estimator, such that $\mathbb{E}(\hat{\theta}) \rightarrow \theta$.

1.2 Consistency

An estimator $\hat{\theta}_n$ is consistent if $\hat{\theta}$ converges in probability to θ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

$$\lim_{n\rightarrow\infty} P(|\hat{\theta}_n - \theta| > \epsilon) = 0 \tag{3}$$

$$\lim_{n\rightarrow\infty} P(|\hat{\theta}_n - \theta| \leq \epsilon) = 1 \tag{4}$$

This is equivalent to the following:

$$\lim_{n\rightarrow\infty} \mathbb{V}(\hat{\theta_n}) = 0 \tag{5}$$

1.3 Asymptotic Normality

An estimator $\hat{\theta}$ is asymptotically normal if $\hat{\theta}$ converges in distribution to a normal distribution as $n \rightarrow \infty$.
Example $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i$ is asymptotically normal if X_i are independent and identically distributed (i.i.d.) with mean μ and variance σ^2. For large samples:

$$\bar{X} \sim N(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}) \tag{6}$$

$$\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{n}}} \sim N(0,1) \tag{7}$$

1.4 Sufficiency

Given a random sample $Y_1 \dots Y_n$ with the parameter θ, a statistic T is sufficient for θ if T contains all the information about θ. This implies that θ can be uniquely determined from an estimator based on T without any loss of information.
This is true iff the distribution of Y given T is does not depend on θ.

1.4.1 Fisher-Neyman Theorem

Let U be a statistic of the random $Y_1 \dots Y_n$. U is sufficient for θ iff $L(\theta)$ can be writte as

$$L(\theta) = g(u, \theta) \cdot h(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n | u) \tag{8}$$

where $g(u,\theta)$ is a function of u and θ and $h(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$ is not a function of θ

1.5 Efficiency

An estimator $\hat{\theta}$ is efficient if $\hat{\theta}$ has the smallest variance among all unbiased estimators of θ. the efficiency of two estimators $\hat{\theta}_1$ and $\hat{\theta}_2$ is given by

$$\text{eff}(\hat{\theta}_1, \hat{\theta}_2) = \frac{\mathbb{V}(\hat{\theta}_1)}{\mathbb{V}(\hat{\theta}_2)} \tag{9}$$

1.5.1 The Rao Blackwell Theorem

Let $\hat{\theta}$ be an unbiased estimator of θ such that $\mathbb{V}(\hat{\theta}) < \infty$. If U is a sufficient statistic for θ, define $\hat{\theta}^* = \mathbb{E}(\hat{\theta}|U)$. Then $\forall\theta$:

$$\mathbb{E}(\hat{\theta}^*) = \theta \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{V}(\hat{\theta}^*) \leq \mathbb{V}(\hat{\theta})$$

Remark The result of the Rao Blackwell Theorem is the *minimum-variance unbiased estimator* of θ. (MVUE)

2 Hypothesis Testing

2.1 Terminologies

- **Null Hypothesis** $\rightarrow H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$
- **Alternative Hypothesis**$\rightarrow H_a : \theta \neq \theta_0$
- **Type I Error**$\rightarrow \alpha = P(\text{Reject } H_0 \text{ when } H_0 \text{ is true})$ i.e. $P(T \in RR|H_0)$
- **Type II Error**$\rightarrow \beta = P(\text{Fail to reject } H_0 \text{ when } H_1 \text{ is true})$ i.e. $P(T \notin RR|H_1)$

2.2 Rejection Regions

A rejection region is a set of values of the test statistic T such that if T falls in the rejection region, we reject the null hypothesis.
Example Let X_i be i.i.d. with mean μ and variance σ^2. Let $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i$. We want to test the null hypothesis $H_0 : \mu = \mu_0$ against the alternative hypothesis $H_1 : \mu \neq \mu_0$.
We can use the following rejection region:

$$R = \left\{ T \in \mathbb{R} : |T - \mu_0| > c\sqrt{\frac{\sigma^2}{n}} \right\} \tag{10}$$

where c is a constant.
Remark This is in fact a two-sided T-test for the population mean.

2.3 The T-test

2.3.1 Large-Sample Hypothesis Testing

Large sample hypothesis testing is based on the central limit theorem.
Given an estimator $\hat{\theta}$ that is asymptotically normal in regards to θ, we know the following:

$$Z = \frac{\hat{\theta}_n - \theta_0}{\sqrt{\frac{\mathbb{V}(\hat{\theta}_n)}{n}}} \sim N(0,1) \tag{11}$$

We can make a comparison with the standard normal distribution's rejection region in regards to a chosen α, e.g. $Z_\alpha = Z_{0.05}$, and see if Z falls in the rejection region $Z_{0.05}$.

Alternatively, a clearer way is to use the *p-value*, which is the probability of observing a value of Z as extreme as the one observed, given that H_0 is true.
We can obtain the p-value by using the standard normal distribution's CDF, but this is generally simplified into a table or a software.
We reject H_0 if $p < \alpha$. Otherwise, we fail to reject H_0.

2.3.2 Small-Sample Hypothesis Test

The small-sample hypothesis test is based on the t-distribution, a distribution similiar to the standard normal distribution, but with heavier tails.
The t-distribution is defined as follows:

$$T = \frac{\hat{\theta}_n - \theta_0}{\sqrt{\frac{\mathbb{V}(\hat{\theta}_n)}{n}}} \sim t(n-1) \tag{12}$$

The t-distribution is a similiar distribution to Z, with different parameters. The parameter $n-1$ is the degrees of freedom.
Remark The t-distribution is used in the same way as the standard normal distribution, except that the rejection region is defined by the t-distribution instead of the standard normal distribution.

2.3.3 F-test for Variance

The F-test is used to test the null hypothesis $H_0 : \sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2$ against the alternative hypothesis $H_1 : \sigma_1^2 \neq \sigma_2^2$.
The test statistic is defined as follows:

$$F = \frac{S_1}{S_2} \tag{13}$$

And we can make a conclusion using the F-table like the t-table.

2.4 The Likelihood Ratio Test

2.4.1 The Likelihood Ratio Test for a Single Parameter

The Neyman-Pearson Lemma

2.4.2 The Likelihood Ratio Test for Multiple Parameters

3 Linear Regression

3.1 Parameters of a Linear Model

3.2 The Least Squares Estimator

3.3 The correlation coefficient

3.4 Hypothesis Testing for Linear Regression

3.4.1 The T-test

3.4.2 The F-test

Formulas, Tables, and Other Tools

Theorem: Convergence in Probability

Suppose that $\hat{X}_n \to X$ in probability and $\hat{Y}_n \to Y$ in probability. Then:

- $\hat{X}_n + \hat{Y}_n \to X + Y$ in probability
- $\hat{X}_n \cdot \hat{Y}_n \to X \cdot Y$ in probability
- $Y \neq 0 \implies \frac{\hat{X}_n}{\hat{Y}_n} \to \frac{X}{Y}$ in probability
- $g(\cdot)$ is a continuous function at $X \implies g(\hat{X}_n) \to g(X)$ in probability

Suppose that U_n converges to a standard normal as $n \to \infty$ and W_n converges to 1. Then:

$$\frac{U_n}{W_n} \to N(0,1) \tag{14}$$

Common T and Z hypothesis tests

Test Parameter	Sample Size	Point Estimator	Standard Error
μ	n	$\bar{X}$	$\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$
p	n	$\hat{p} = \frac{X}{p}$	$\sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}$
$\mu_1 - \mu_2$	$n_1 + n_2$	$\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2$	$\sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n_2}}$
$p_1 - p_2$	$n_1 + n_2$	$\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2$	$\sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}_1(1-\hat{p}_1)}{n_1} + \frac{\hat{p}_2(1-\hat{p}_2)}{n_2}}$

$S \approx \sigma$, but given a small sample size ($n \leq 30$), add the extra parameter $df = n - 1$ to the t-distribution.

Chi-Square distribution and Variance

$$W = \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2_{(n-1)} \tag{15}$$

F-distribution

$$F = \frac{W_1/df_1}{W_2/df_2} \sim F(df_1, df_2) \tag{16}$$

Where W_1 and W_2 are chi-squared random variables with df_1 and df_2.

R-Scripts

All R-scripts below are available at https://github.com/SamZhang02/math324/tree/main/src/r_tools.

- Single/Multiple Linear Regression
- Hypothesis Testing