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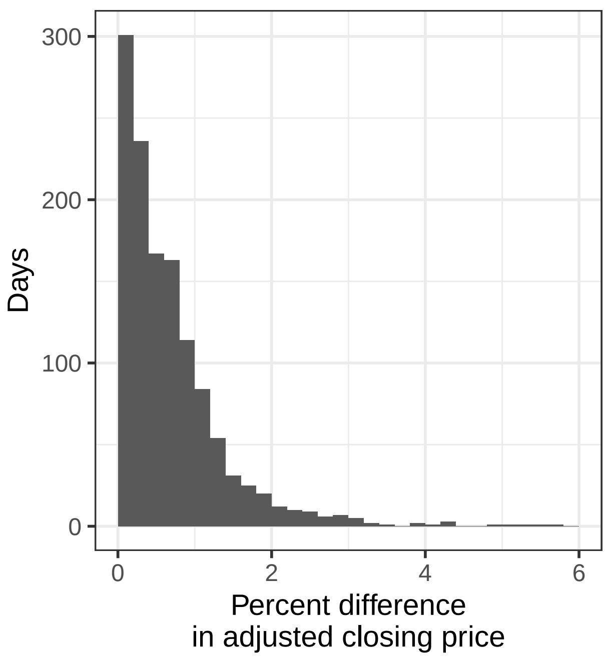
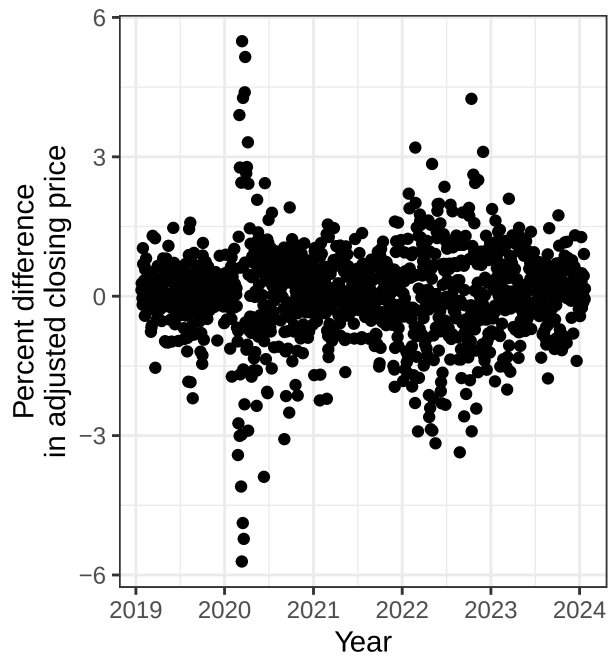
Stonks

The following questions deal with the past 5 years of S&P 500 adjusted closing prices available here.





In this section, we will be modeling the day-to-day percent differences in the adjusted closing price of the S&P 500 as $Y_1, ..., Y_n \sim \text{Expo}(\lambda)$.

1. Find the score of λ (recall that the score is $\frac{\partial}{\partial\lambda}\ell(\lambda; \vec{y})$) in terms of the sample mean and verify that $E(s(\lambda^*; \vec{Y})) = 0$.

2. Verify the information equality by showing $-E(s'(\lambda; \vec{Y})) = \text{Var}(s(\lambda; \vec{Y}))$.

3. Find the Fisher information $\mathcal{I}_{\vec{Y}}(\lambda^*)$. Then, find a function g such that $\mathcal{I}_{\vec{Y}}(g(\lambda^*))$ is constant (this is the variance stabilizing transformation of the Exponential distribution). Hint: Recall that the Fisher information for a transformation is $\mathcal{I}_{\vec{Y}}(g(\lambda^*)) = \frac{\mathcal{I}_{\vec{Y}}(\lambda^*)}{g'(\lambda^*)^2}$.

4. Verify this is indeed the variance stabilizing transformation through simulation.

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set.seed(111)

sapply(c(0.001, 0.01, 0.1, 1, 10, 100, 1000), function(lambda) var(log(rexp(100000, lambda))))
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## [1] 1.630103 1.651781 1.654339 1.629304 1.655330 1.641993 1.645989
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5. Show that the MLE of $\hat{\lambda}$ is consistent for λ. That is, show that $\hat{\lambda} \to \lambda$ as $n \to \infty$ by showing the MSE goes to 0, a LLN holds, making a claim using the CMT, or showing convergence directly.

6. Find the asymptotic distribution of the MLE and its approximate distribution for large n.

7. In his book *The Black Swan*, Nassim Taleb argues that part of the reason for the 2008 financial crisis was a failure to model market fluctuations and assign sufficient probability to extreme events. Let us consider daily absolute differences above τ to be extreme events. Let $X_i = I(Y_i > \tau)$. Show that $\bar{X}$ is consistent for $p = P(Y_i > \tau)$ first by using MSE and then by using the law of large numbers.

8. Find the asymptotic distribution of $\bar{X}$ and its approximate distribution for large n in terms of λ.

9. Now, suppose we estimate $P(Y_i > \tau)$ with $\hat{p} = e^{-\hat{\lambda}\tau}$. Find the asymptotic distribution of $\hat{p}$ and its approximate distribution for large n.

10. The distributions in 8 and 9 should have the same mean. However, the variances are different. The following are the estimated standard errors of each estimator with $\tau = 5$. Explain why the results are what they are.

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##  Xbar SE  phat SE
## 0.000759 0.000004
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11. Though $\hat{p}$ is more efficient, it might be less robust. The following shows the MSEs of the two estimators for estimating $P(Y > \tau)$ when $Y \sim \text{Expo}(0.5)$ (the correct model) and $Y \sim \text{Log-Normal}(0.1, 1)$ (an incorrect model). Again, we have used $\tau = 5$ and $n = 100$ with 10^5 simulations.

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##               Xbar    phat
## Log Normal 0.00061 0.00053
## Expo       0.00075 0.00041
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Ty Mup

Ty Mup is taking an exam with n equally hard questions. He has a probability p_2 of getting each question right independently. However, there is also a $0 < p_1 < 1$ probability he sleeps through his alarm and misses the exam entirely. Let Y be the number of questions he gets right on his exam. (This distribution is called the zero-inflated binomial.)

1. Find $E(Y|Y > 0)$.

2. Unfortunately, the day is February 2nd in Punxsutawney and Ty is destined to repeat this day d times, scoring i.i.d Y_i on the exams. Find the likelihood function, the log-likelihood function, the score for p_1 and p_2. (Hint: Let m be the number of 0s.)

3. Find a two-dimensional sufficient statistic (a two dimensional statistic that contains all the information about the likelihood).

4. Find the Fisher information for p_1. (Hint: Write M as $M_1 + M_2$ where M_1 is the number of days Ty slept through the alarm and M_2 is the number of times he took the test and got a 0.)

5. Check that this Fisher information gives the correct result in the cases $p_2 = 1$ and $p_2 = 0$.

6. Let B be the event that Ty sleeps through the alarm at least once. Show that as $d \to \infty$,

$$I_B \frac{d^{1/2}(\bar{Y} - (1-p_1)np_2)}{\sqrt{np_2(1-p_2)(1-p_1) + (np_2)^2 p_1(1-p_1)}} \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0,1)$$