

# STAT 4100 Lecture Note

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## Approximation to the variance of $\hat{\theta}_n$

- Why?
  - Reflect the variation or dispersion of  $\hat{\theta}_n$
  - Help approximate the distribution of  $\hat{\theta}_n$  (and further construct the confidence region for  $\theta$ ) if assuming normality
- How?
  - Utilizing the asymptotic variance of  $\hat{\theta}_n$
  - Resampling methods, e.g., bootstrapping

### CB Example 10.1.17 & Ex. 10.9 (con'd)

- iid  $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim p(x | \lambda) = \lambda^x \exp(-\lambda)/x!$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ . Define  $\theta = \Pr(X_i = 2 | \lambda) = \lambda^2 \exp(-\lambda)/2$ . Approximate the variance of  $\hat{\theta}_{\text{ML}} = \bar{X}_n^2 \exp(-\bar{X}_n)/2$  by delta methods.

### CB Example 10.1.15

- Holding iid  $X_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$ , the variance of  $\text{Bernoulli}(p)$  is  $\tau(p) = p(1-p)$  whose MLE is  $\tau(\hat{p}_{\text{ML}}) = \bar{X}_n(1 - \bar{X}_n)$ . Approximate  $\text{var}\{\tau(\hat{p}_{\text{ML}})\}$  by delta methods.

## Bootstrapping the variance of $\hat{\theta}_n$ (CB Sec. 10.1.4)

- Nonparametric bootstrap:
  1. For  $j$  in  $1 : B$ , do steps 2–3.
  2. Draw the  $j$ th resample  $\mathbf{x}_j^*$  of size  $n$  from the original sample  $\mathbf{x} = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ , with replacement, i.e., create a new iid sample  $\mathbf{x}_j^*$  from  $F_n$  (the empirical cdf of the original sample)
  3. Let  $\hat{\theta}_j^* = \hat{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_j^*)$ .
  4.  $\text{var}(\hat{\theta}) \approx$  the sample variance of  $\{\hat{\theta}_1^*, \dots, \hat{\theta}_B^*\}$ .
- (Optional, see, e.g., [www.stat.columbia.edu/~bodhi/Talks/Emp-Proc-Lecture-Notes.pdf](http://www.stat.columbia.edu/~bodhi/Talks/Emp-Proc-Lecture-Notes.pdf)) Empirical process: theoretical foundation for nonparametric bootstrap
  - (Glivenko-Cantelli)  $\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |F_n(x) - F(x)| \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} 0$
  - (Donsker)  $\sqrt{n}(F_n - F) \xrightarrow{d} \text{BB} \circ F$ , i.e.,  $\mathbb{E}[g\{\sqrt{n}(F_n - F)\}] \rightarrow \mathbb{E}[g(\text{BB} \circ F)]$  for all bounded, continuous and real-valued  $g$ 
    - \* BB is a Gaussian process (specifically, standard Brownian bridge process on  $[0, 1]$ ), i.e.,
      - $\text{BB}(0) = \text{BB}(1) = 0$  but  $\text{BB}(t) \sim \mathcal{N}(0, t(1-t))$  for  $t \in (0, 1)$ ;

- fixing  $t_1, \dots, t_p \in (0, 1)$ ,  $[BB(t_1), \dots, BB(t_p)]^\top$  is of multivariate normal with  $\text{cov}(BB(s), BB(t)) = \min(s, t) - st$ ;
- $BB(t)$  is continuous in  $t$ .

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options(digits = 4)
set.seed(1)
ts = (0:1000)/1000
delta_t = 1/1000
for (i in seq_len(animation::ani.options("nmax"))) {
  dev.hold()
  W = cumsum(c(0, rnorm(n = length(ts)-1, mean = 0, sd = delta_t^.5)))
  BB = W-ts*W[length(W)]
  plot(y = BB, x = ts, xlim = c(0,1), ylim = c(-1.5,1.5), type='l', xlab = 't', ylab = 'BB(t)',
       main = paste('Sample path', i, 'of the standard Brownian Bridge on [0,1]'))
  abline(h = 0, lty = 2)
  animation::ani.pause()
}
```

- Parametric bootstrap:
  1. For  $j$  in  $1 : B$ , do steps 2–3.
  2. Draw the  $j$ th resample  $\mathbf{x}_j^*$  of size  $n$  from a fitted model  $f(x | \hat{\theta})$ .
  3. Let  $\hat{\theta}_j^* = \hat{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_j^*)$ .
  4.  $\text{var}(\hat{\theta}) \approx$  the sample variance of  $\{\hat{\theta}_1^*, \dots, \hat{\theta}_B^*\}$ .

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options(digits = 4)
set.seed(1)
B = 1e4L
n = 30
x = rbinom(n, 1, prob = .7)
theta_ml = mean(x)
tau_theta_star_np = numeric(B)
tau_theta_star_p = numeric(B)
# Nonparametric bootstrap
for (j in 1:B){
  x_star = sample(x, size = n, replace = T)
  tau_theta_star_np[j] = mean(x_star)*(1-mean(x_star))
}
var(tau_theta_star_np)
# Parametric bootstrap
for (j in 1:B){
  x_star = rbinom(n, size = 1, prob = theta_ml)
  tau_theta_star_p[j] = mean(x_star)*(1-mean(x_star))
}
var(tau_theta_star_p)
# Estimate via the first-order delta method
theta_ml*(1-theta_ml)*(1-2*theta_ml)^2/n
# Estimate via the second-order delta method
2*theta_ml^2*(1-theta_ml)^2/n^2
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# Large-sample hypothesis testing

## Recall the LRT

- $H_0 : \theta \in \Theta_0$  v.s.  $H_1 : \theta \in \Theta_1$ , where  $\Theta = \Theta_0 \cup \Theta_1$
- LRT statistic

$$\lambda(x) = \frac{\sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} L(\theta; x)}{\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} L(\theta; x)} = \frac{L(\hat{\theta}_{0,ML}; x)}{L(\hat{\theta}_{ML}; x)}$$

- $\hat{\theta}_{0,ML}$ : constrained MLE for  $\theta \in \Theta_0$
- $\hat{\theta}_{ML}$ : unconstrained MLE for  $\theta \in \Theta$
- $\{x : \lambda(x) \leq c_\alpha\}$ : rejection region of level  $\alpha$  LRT
  - $c_\alpha$  is such defined that  $\sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} \Pr(\lambda(X) \leq c_\alpha \mid \theta) = \alpha$

## Asymptotic LRT rejection region (CB Thm 10.3.1 & 10.3.3)

- Under  $H_0$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$-2 \ln \lambda(X) \xrightarrow{d} \chi^2(\nu),$$

where  $\nu$  = difference of numbers of free parameters in  $\Theta_0$  and  $\Theta$ .

- (CB Thm 10.3.3)  $\{x : -2 \ln \lambda(x) \geq \chi_{\nu, 1-\alpha}^2\}$ : asymptotic rejection region of level  $\alpha$  LRT
  - $\chi_{\nu, 1-\alpha}^2$  is the  $1 - \alpha$  quantile of  $\chi^2(\nu)$ .

## CB Example 10.3.4

- iid  $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim f(x \mid p_1, \dots, p_5) = p_x$ ,  $x = 1, \dots, 5$ ,  $\sum_{k=1}^5 p_k = 1$  and  $p_k \in (0, 1)$ . i.e., the categorical distribution. Specify the asymptotic level  $\alpha$  LRT rejection region for  $H_0 : p_1 = p_2 = p_3$  and  $p_4 = p_5$  vs.  $H_1$  : Otherwise.

```
options(digits = 4)
set.seed(1)
B = 1e4L
n = 1e3L
p0 = c(.1, .1, .1, .35, .35)
ys = rmultinom(B, n, p0)
ms = matrix(
  c(rep(colMeans(ys[1:3,]), times = 3), rep(colMeans(ys[4:5,]), times = 2)),
  nrow = length(p0), ncol = B, byrow = T)
test_stats = 2*colSums(ys*log(ys/ms))
seg = seq(0, 20, length.out=1000)
pdfchi2 = dchisq(seg, 3)
hist(test_stats, breaks=100, xlim=c(0,20),
     freq=F, xlab = expression(paste('-2ln', lambda, '(x)'), main = '')
lines(seg, pdfchi2, col = "red")
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