

Recall Have iid samples x_1, \dots, x_n from F which depends on parameters θ . Given an estimator of θ , $\hat{\theta} = s(x)$ we can estimate the sampling distribution of $\hat{\theta}$ with the nonparametric bootstrap via:

① Sample "new" data \underline{x}^{*b} \rightarrow bootstrap dataset from $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ with replacement for $b = 1, \dots, B$

② Form $\hat{\theta}^{*(b)} = s(\underline{x}^{*b})$ for $b = 1, \dots, B$ \rightarrow bootstrap "replicate" of $\hat{\theta}$

③ $\hat{\theta}^{*(1)}, \dots, \hat{\theta}^{*(B)}$ can be thought of as samples from $g_{\hat{\theta}}^* = \text{sampling dist of } \hat{\theta}$

For example, to estimate standard error of $\hat{\theta}$ could use:

$$\hat{SE}(\hat{\theta}) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{B-1} \sum_{b=1}^B \left(\hat{\theta}^*(b) - \frac{1}{B} \sum_{j=1}^B \hat{\theta}^*(j) \right)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{approx 95\% CI } \hat{\theta} \pm 2 \hat{SE}(\hat{\theta})$$

Remark.

How big should B be? Bigger = better, usually few hundred/thousand samples.

Parametric bootstrap

In nonp. boot we generate new datasets by sampling $\underline{x}^* \sim F_n$, in parametric bootstrap we generate new bootstrap datasets from a parametric dist $\underline{x}^* \sim F_{\hat{\theta}}$

where $X_i \sim F_0$, using a ~~plug-in estimate~~ of Θ .

[Ex] Have data \underline{x} from exponential dist w/ rate λ

$$F_\lambda(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, \quad x \geq 0$$

An estimator for rate might be $\hat{\lambda} = \frac{1}{\bar{x}}$

To assess uncertainty in $\hat{\lambda}$ could generate
 n iid samples from $\text{Exp}(\hat{\lambda})$, recalculate

$\hat{\lambda}^*$, do this $b=1 \dots B$

$$\hat{\lambda}^*(1), \dots, \hat{\lambda}^*(B)$$

8.4 Bootstrap for regression

Suppose we have regression setup with samples

$\underline{z}_1 = (x_1, y_1), \dots, \underline{z}_n = (x_n, y_n)$ are obs from

$$y = X\beta + \varepsilon$$

2 ways to estimate dist of $\hat{\beta}_{OLS}$ using bootstrap:

Bootstrapping pairs

Algorithm: For $b = 1, \dots, B$

- ① select indep bootstrap samples from $\underline{z}_1, \dots, \underline{z}_n$,
 $\underline{z}^{*1}, \dots, \underline{z}^{*n}$, with repl.

② Do ALS based on $\{z^{*i}\}_{i=1}^n$, call $\hat{f}^{*i}(x)$

