



theta\_0 being in the confidence interval with coverage probability  $1 - \alpha$ , is equivalent to the test at size  $\alpha$  retaining.

$$\hat{\theta} \in \text{RET}_{\theta_0, \alpha} \iff \theta_0 \in \text{CI}_{\hat{\theta}, 1-\alpha}$$

p421 C&B: both hypothesis testing and interval construction look for consonance between the sample statistic (thetahat) and the population parameter (theta).

Hypothesis tests fix the value of the parameter theta ( $H_0$ ) and ask "is the estimate thetahat in agreement?" If no => Reject.

Confidence sets fixes the estimate (thetahat) and asks "which values of the parameter (theta) are in agreement?"

We inverted a 2-sided hypothesis test to get a 2-sided CI. You can also have a 1-sided CI e.g.

$$\text{CI}_{L, \theta, 1-\alpha} := [w_L(X_1, \dots, X_n), \infty) \text{ or } \text{CI}_{R, \theta, 1-\alpha} := (-\infty, w_R(X_1, \dots, X_n)]$$

but we won't do this in class only for the interest of saving time and moving on to other topics.

Sometimes the sampling distribution was approximate. Inverting that test will yield CI's with approximate coverage i.e. "approximate CI's". Let's build some popular CI's!

DGP:  $\overset{iid}{\sim} N(\theta, \sigma^2)$  with  $\sigma^2$  unknown,  $\hat{\theta} = \bar{X}$

$$\text{CI}_{\theta, 1-\alpha} = \left[ \hat{\theta} \pm t_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}, n-1} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} \right] = \left[ \hat{\theta} \pm \text{margin of error} \right]$$

DGP:  $X_{11}, \dots, X_{1n_1} \overset{iid}{\sim} N(\theta_1, \sigma_1^2)$  indep of  $X_{21}, \dots, X_{2n_2} \overset{iid}{\sim} N(\theta_2, \sigma_2^2)$ ,  $\hat{\theta}_1, \hat{\theta}_2 = \bar{X}_1, \bar{X}_2$

$$\text{CI}_{\theta_1 - \theta_2, 1-\alpha} = \left[ (\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2) \pm z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n_2}} \right]$$

if  $\sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2 = \sigma^2$  known

$$= \left[ (\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2) \pm z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \sigma \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}} \right] \text{ see lec. 6}$$

if  $\sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2$  but unknown

$$= \left[ (\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2) \pm t_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}, n_1+n_2-2} s_{\text{pooled}} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}} \right]$$

if  $\sigma_1^2 \neq \sigma_2^2$  and unknown

$$\approx \left[ (\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2) \pm t_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}, df} \sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}} \right]$$

see lec 7 for the Satterthwaite approximation

DGP:  $\overset{iid}{\sim} \text{bern}(\theta)$ ,  $\hat{\theta} = \bar{X}$  via the CLT,  $\frac{\hat{\theta} - \theta}{\sqrt{\frac{\theta(1-\theta)}{n}}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0,1)$

$\Rightarrow \frac{\hat{\theta} - \theta}{\sqrt{\frac{\theta(1-\theta)}{n}}} \sim N(0,1) \xrightarrow{\text{via Thm 5.5.4 \& Slutsky's}} \frac{\hat{\theta} - \theta}{\sqrt{\frac{\hat{\theta}(1-\hat{\theta})}{n}}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0,1)$

$\Rightarrow P\left(\frac{\hat{\theta} - \theta}{\sqrt{\frac{\hat{\theta}(1-\hat{\theta})}{n}}} \in [-z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}, z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}]\right) \approx 1 - \alpha$

$\Rightarrow P\left(\frac{\theta - \hat{\theta}}{\sqrt{\frac{\hat{\theta}(1-\hat{\theta})}{n}}} \in [-z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}, z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}]\right) \approx 1 - \alpha$

$\Rightarrow P\left(\theta \in \left[\hat{\theta} - z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{\theta}(1-\hat{\theta})}{n}}, \hat{\theta} + z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{\theta}(1-\hat{\theta})}{n}}\right)\right) \approx 1 - \alpha$

$\Rightarrow \text{CI}_{\theta, 1-\alpha} \approx \left[ \hat{\theta} - z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{\theta}(1-\hat{\theta})}{n}}, \hat{\theta} + z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{\theta}(1-\hat{\theta})}{n}} \right] \times$

this is a fail... I don't know theta!

$\Rightarrow \text{CI}_{\theta, 1-\alpha} \approx \left[ \hat{\theta} - z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{\theta}(1-\hat{\theta})}{n}}, \hat{\theta} + z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{\theta}(1-\hat{\theta})}{n}} \right]$

this is \*a\* CI for the binomial proportion. It is actually a bad approximation for low n and theta near 0 or 1. There are other CI's we won't study and it is actually an area of modern research.

DGP:  $X_{11}, \dots, X_{1n_1} \overset{iid}{\sim} \text{bern}(\theta_1)$  indep. of  $X_{21}, \dots, X_{2n_2} \overset{iid}{\sim} \text{bern}(\theta_2)$  the Richard maneuver

From Lec 11,  $\frac{(\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2) - (\theta_1 - \theta_2)}{\sqrt{\frac{\theta_1(1-\theta_1)}{n_1} + \frac{\theta_2(1-\theta_2)}{n_2}}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0,1) \xrightarrow{\text{Thm 5.5.4 \& Slutsky's}} \frac{(\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2) - (\theta_1 - \theta_2)}{\sqrt{\frac{\hat{\theta}_1(1-\hat{\theta}_1)}{n_1} + \frac{\hat{\theta}_2(1-\hat{\theta}_2)}{n_2}}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0,1)$

$\Rightarrow \text{CI}_{\theta_1 - \theta_2, 1-\alpha} \approx \left[ (\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2) \pm z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{\theta}_1(1-\hat{\theta}_1)}{n_1} + \frac{\hat{\theta}_2(1-\hat{\theta}_2)}{n_2}} \right]$

e.g. from the medical study,  $n_1 = 81$ ,  $\hat{\theta}_1 = 0.333$ ,  $n_2 = 79$ ,  $\hat{\theta}_2 = 0.152$

$\text{CI}_{\theta_1 - \theta_2, 95\%} \approx \left[ (0.333 - 0.152) \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{0.333 \cdot 0.667}{81} + \frac{0.152 \cdot 0.848}{79}} \right]$

$= [0.181 \pm 1.96 \cdot 0.066] = [0.051, 0.311]$

"You're 95% confident that the true proportion difference is between 5.1% and 31.1%."

DGP  $\overset{iid}{\sim}$  some rv with mean  $\theta$ , variance  $\sigma^2$  unknown,  $\hat{\theta} = \bar{X}$

$\text{CI}_{\theta, 1-\alpha} \approx \left[ \hat{\theta} \pm z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} \right]$  if you use the t it won't be "so bad"

Prob 11 on midterm I:  $\bar{x} = 2.57$ ,  $s = 1.00$

$\text{CI}_{\theta, 95\%} \approx \left[ 2.57 \pm 1.96 \frac{1.00}{\sqrt{30}} \right] = [2.212, 2.928]$

DGP  $\overset{iid}{\sim} f(\theta)$  where  $\hat{\theta} = \hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}}$

From Lec 11,  $\frac{\hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}} - \theta}{\sqrt{\frac{I(\theta)^{-1}}{n}}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0,1) \xrightarrow{\text{Richard}} \frac{\hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}} - \theta}{\sqrt{\frac{I(\hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}})^{-1}}{n}}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0,1)$

$\Rightarrow \text{CI}_{\theta, 1-\alpha} \approx \left[ \hat{\theta} \pm z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{I(\hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}})^{-1}}{n}} \right]$

example from last class. DGP: iid Gumbel(theta, 1) and the data is <2.15, 1.91, 3.66, 4.85, 3.03, 1.03, 3.58> and n = 7. Find a 95% CI for theta:

$\hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}} = \ln\left(\frac{n}{2e^{-\hat{\theta}}}\right)$ ,  $\hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}} = 2.26$

$\sqrt{I(\hat{\theta})^{-1}} = e^{\hat{\theta}} \Rightarrow \sqrt{I(\hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}})^{-1}} = 9.57$

$\text{CI}_{\theta, 95\%} \approx \left[ 2.26 \pm 1.96 \cdot \frac{9.57}{\sqrt{7}} \right] = [0.58, 3.93]$

Now that we've been properly introduced to statistical inference (all three goals), let's talk about some big picture things.

For an unbiased estimator, MSE (being small) is KING. Why?

(1) Point Estimation

The lower the MSE, the closer thetahat is to theta on average.

(2) Hypothesis Testing

Most estimators we discussed with exactly or approximately normally distributed. Thus the retention region for a 2-sided test looks like:

$\text{RET} = \left[ \theta_0 \pm z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \sqrt{\text{MSE}} \right]$

with a smaller MSE => smaller RET => higher power!

(3) Confidence Intervals

For exactly or approximately normally distributed estimators,

$\text{CI}_{\theta, 1-\alpha} \approx \left[ \hat{\theta} \pm z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \cdot \sqrt{\text{MSE}} \right]$

A lower MSE means a tighter / smaller CI which means you're more confidence about where theta lies e.g.

$\text{CI}_{\theta, 95\%} = [0.44, 5.1]$  vs.  $\text{CI}_{\theta, 95\%} = [0.4119, 0.5001]$

Let's picture all three goals:

