

In Lec 10 $\frac{\hat{\theta} - \theta}{SE[\hat{\theta}]} \xrightarrow{d} N(0,1) \Rightarrow \frac{\hat{\theta} - \theta}{SE[\hat{\theta}]} \xrightarrow{d} N(0,1)$

We can use this now in our situation

$\frac{\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2}{SE[\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2]} \xrightarrow{d} N(0,1) \Rightarrow \frac{\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2}{SE[\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2]} \xrightarrow{d} N(0,1)$

$$SE[\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2] = \sqrt{\theta_{shared}(1 - \theta_{shared})\left(\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}\right)}$$

$$\hat{SE}[\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2] = \sqrt{\hat{\theta}_{shared}(1 - \hat{\theta}_{shared})\left(\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}\right)} \text{ if } \hat{\theta}_{shared} \text{ is consistent}$$

$$\hat{\theta}_{shared} = \text{avg over both samples} = \frac{\sum x_{1i} + \sum x_{2i}}{n_1 + n_2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2}{\sqrt{\frac{\sum x_{1i} - \sum x_{2i}}{n_1 + n_2} \left(1 - \frac{\sum x_{1i} + \sum x_{2i}}{n_1 + n_2}\right) \left(\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}\right)}} \sim N(0,1) \quad (\text{double approx})$$

2- Proportion Z-test (Difference in mean)

$$H_a: \theta_1 - \theta_2 \neq 0 \quad H_0: \theta_1 - \theta_2 = 0 \quad \alpha = 5\%$$

Control group: $n_1 = 81$, $\sum x_{1i} = 27 \Rightarrow \hat{\theta}_1 = \frac{27}{81} = .333$

Exp group: $n_2 = 79$, $\sum x_{2i} = 12 \Rightarrow \hat{\theta}_2 = \frac{12}{79} = .152$

$$(\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2)_{stat} = \frac{.333 - .152}{\sqrt{.224(1 - .224)\left(\frac{1}{81} + \frac{1}{79}\right)}} = 2.66 \notin [-1.96, 1.96] \rightarrow \hat{\theta}_{shared} = .224$$

Another (obvious) Wald test: If x_1, \dots, x_n iid DGP with mean θ & var σ^2 & estimator $\hat{\theta} = \bar{x}$, then CLT implies that:

$$\frac{\hat{\theta} - \theta}{\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0,1) \text{ if } \sigma \text{ is known}$$

If σ is unknown, replace σ with any consistent estimator

e.g. $(s, \hat{\sigma} \text{ & } \frac{1}{n} \sum (y_i - \theta)^2)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\hat{\theta} - \theta}{\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0,1)$$

Are you allowed to just use the t-test here? Many people just use the t-test here, Technically it's wrong because you need the DGP to be normal iid. But if you use the T-test it's not so bad. I did this on Problem 11 of the midterm.

$$H_a: \theta > 2, n=30, \bar{x} = 2.57, s = 1.00$$

$$\hat{\theta}_{std} = \frac{2.57 - 2}{\frac{1.00}{\sqrt{30}}} = 3.12 \notin (-\infty, 1.645) \text{ Reject } H_0$$

Another Wald test for two independent samples with unknown variance & you wish to test if two means are different.

$$\frac{\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2}{\sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0,1) \Rightarrow \frac{\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2}{\sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0,1)$$

if you use the Satterthwaite t-test, it "wouldn't be so bad" because unless your population distribution were so very skewed, it should be fine.

Let's use the asymptotic normality of the MLE thm (last class) to do Wald test. H₀: $\theta = 1$ has DGP: X_1, \dots, X_n iid Gumbel($\theta, 1$). The Gumbel is a r.v model for "extreme events" think maximum rainfall per month.

$$\ell'(\theta; x_1, \dots, x_n) = n - c^\theta \sum e^{-x_i} \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \Rightarrow \hat{\theta}^{MLE} = \ln\left(\frac{n}{\sum e^{-x_i}}\right)$$

$$\ell'(\theta; x) = 1 - c^\theta e^{-x} \Rightarrow \ell''(\theta; x) = -c^\theta e^{-x} \quad (\text{Prof made an error})$$

$$I(\theta) = E[-\ell''(\theta; x)] = E[c^\theta e^{-x}] = c^\theta E[e^{-x}] = e^{-2\theta}$$

$$\frac{\hat{\theta}^{MLE} - \theta}{\sqrt{\frac{I(\theta)^{-1}}{n}}} = \frac{\hat{\theta}^{MLE} - \theta}{\frac{c^\theta}{\sqrt{n}}} = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{n}{\sum e^{-x_i}}\right) - \theta}{\frac{c^\theta}{\sqrt{n}}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0,1)$$

Ex: $X_1 = 2.15, X_2 = 1.91, X_3 = 3.66, X_4 = 4.85, X_5 = 3.03, X_6 = 1.03, X_7 = 3.58, n = 7$

$\hat{\theta}_{MLE} = 2.26$, test $H_0: \theta \geq 2$ $\alpha = 5\%$

$$\hat{\theta}_{std} = \frac{2.26 - 2}{\frac{e^2}{\sqrt{7}}} = \frac{.26}{2.79} = .09 \in [-\infty, 1.645]$$

\Rightarrow Retain H_0

There are 3 goals of Statistical Inference

(1) Point estimation

Goal Here is to provide a best guess, $\hat{\theta}$ of the value of θ . You don't know if your specific guess is good, is closer, is bad, is far... How do we ask the question "is it good/bad"? We imagined $\hat{\theta}$ coming from a distribution $\hat{\theta}$, the sampling distribution. There are properties about the sampling distribution e.g. Some good Properties are unbiasedness, Consistency, low MSE, low risk (for general loss functions).

(2) Testing

Goal here is to test a theory about specific theta (" θ "). We used hypothesis testing. What makes a "good test"? One Property is power. There are other Properties we didn't discuss.

(3) Confidence Sets

The goal here is to create a set of values for θ that you're "Confident in". The approach we use here is the "Confidence Interval".

Definition: an "interval estimator" are two statistics: $w_L(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ & $w_U(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ s.t. $w_L \leq w_U$ for all data set Combined in an interval: $[w_L(X_1, \dots, X_n), w_U(X_1, \dots, X_n)]$
eg $[1.789, 2.463]$

and of course, the "interval estimator" is: $[w_L(X_1, \dots, X_n), w_U(X_1, \dots, X_n)]$ which is a "random interval".

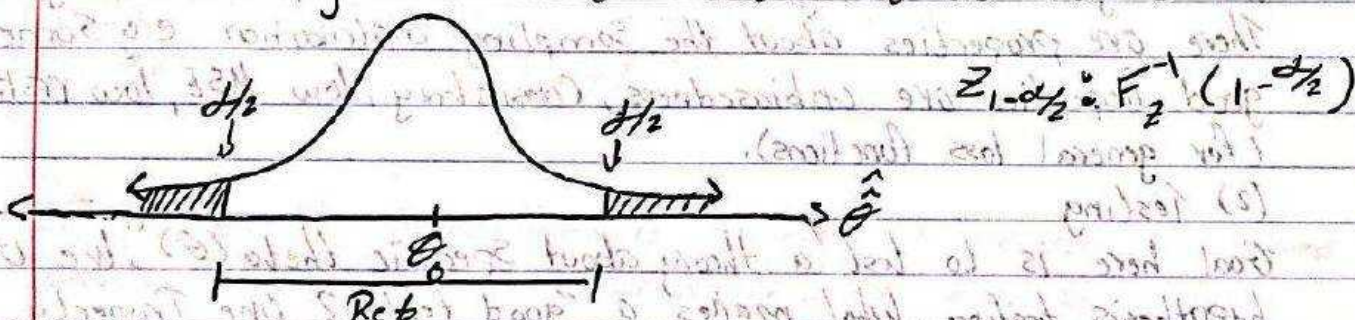
Definition: An interval estimator has "Coverage Probability" $P(\theta \in [w_L(X_1, \dots, X_n), w_U(X_1, \dots, X_n)] | \theta)$. An illustration:
Do

Data Set 1: θ
 Data Set 2: θ
 Data Set 3: θ
 Data Set 4: θ

The Coverage Probability is computed over every data sets. For these four data sets, the Coverage Probability would be $3/4 = 75\%$

We define the "confidence interval" with coverage Probability $1 - \alpha$ for Parameter θ as this interval estimate and interval estimator (depending on context) Denoted $CI_{\theta, 1-\alpha}$

Given alpha, how do we find the confidence interval? Let's begin with the DGP iid normal mean θ , variance σ^2 & Variance known & estimator $= \bar{X}$
 Consider testing $H_a: \theta \neq \theta_0$ vs $H_0: \theta = \theta_0$ at size α



$$P(\hat{\theta} \in \text{Ret} | H_0) = 1 - \alpha$$

$$P(\hat{\theta} \in \theta_0 - z_{1-\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}, \theta_0 + z_{1-\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} | \theta = \theta_0)$$

$$= P(\hat{\theta} - \theta_0 \in [-z_{1-\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}, z_{1-\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}] | \theta = \theta_0)$$

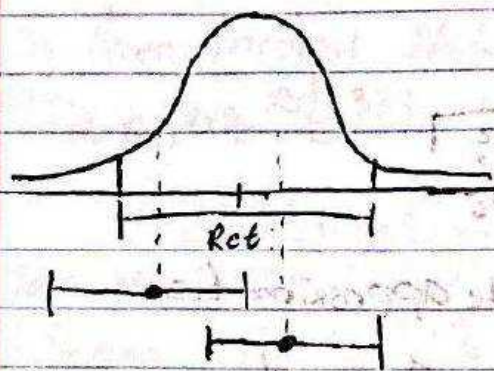
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$$= P(\theta_0 \in [\underbrace{\hat{\theta} - z_{1-\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}}_{w_L}, \underbrace{\hat{\theta} + z_{1-\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}}_{w_U}] | \theta = \theta_0)$$

$$= P(\theta_0 \in [w_L(X_1, \dots, X_n), w_U(X_1, \dots, X_n)] | \theta = \theta_0) \text{ Since Valid } \forall \theta_0$$

$$\Rightarrow CI_{\theta, 1-\alpha} = [\hat{\theta} - z_{1-\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}, \hat{\theta} + z_{1-\alpha/2} \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}]$$

We constructed our first confidence interval by "inverting the test"



theta being in Confidence interval
with Coverage Probability $1-\alpha$
 $\hat{\theta}$ is equivalent to test at size
alpha retainment.

$$\hat{\theta} \in \text{Ret}_{\theta_0, \alpha} \Leftrightarrow \theta_0 \in \text{CI}_{\hat{\theta}, 1-\alpha}$$

Pg 421 C&B: both hypothesis testing & interval construction
look for Concordance between the Sample Statistics ($\hat{\theta}$)
& the Population Parameter (θ).

Hypothesis test fix Value of the Parameter $\theta_0 (H_0)$ & ask
"is the estimate $\hat{\theta}$ in agreement? If no \Rightarrow Reject
Confidence set fixes the estimate ($\hat{\theta}$) & ask "which
Values of the Parameter θ are in agreement?"

We inverted a 2-sided hypothesis test to get a 2-sided CI
You also have a 1-sided CI e.g.
 $\text{CI}_{L, \theta, 1-\alpha} := [w_L(x_1, \dots, x_n), \infty)$ or $\text{CI}_{R, \theta, 1-\alpha} := (-\infty, w_U(x_1, \dots, x_n)]$
but we won't do this in class 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: iid $N(\theta, \sigma^2)$ with σ^2 unknown \rightarrow \rightarrow $\text{CI}_{\theta, 1-\alpha} = [\hat{\theta} \pm t_{1-\alpha/2, n-1} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}]$ \leftarrow exact

DGP: X_1, \dots, X_n iid $N(\theta, \sigma^2)$ indep or X_{21}, \dots, X_{2n_2} iid $N(\theta_2, \sigma_2^2)$

if σ_1^2, σ_2^2 known
 $\text{CI}_{\theta_1 - \theta_2, 1-\alpha} = [\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2 \pm z_{1-\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n_2}}]$
if $\sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2 = \sigma^2$ known

$$= [\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2 \pm z_{1-\alpha/2} \sigma \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}]$$

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

$$= [\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2 \pm t_{1-\alpha/2, n_1 + n_2 - 2} \text{Spooler} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2}}]$$

if $\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2$ & unknown

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

See lec 7 for Satterthwaite approximation

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\hat{\theta} - \theta}{\sqrt{\frac{\theta(1-\theta)}{n}}} \sim N(0,1) \xRightarrow{\text{Slutsky's}} P\left(\frac{\hat{\theta} - \theta}{\sqrt{\frac{\hat{\theta}(1-\hat{\theta})}{n}}} \in [-z_{1-\alpha/2}, z_{1-\alpha/2}]\right) = 1-\alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow P\left(\frac{\hat{\theta} - \theta}{\sqrt{\frac{\hat{\theta}(1-\hat{\theta})}{n}}} \in [-z_{1-\alpha/2}, z_{1-\alpha/2}]\right) \approx 1-\alpha \quad \text{using this fact \& following through}$$

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

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

this fails, I don't know theta

We actually use

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

this is "a" CI for the binomial Proportion. It is actually a bad approximation for low n & θ near 0 or 1 there are other CI's we want study and it's actually an area of modern Research.

Proportion DGP: X_1, \dots, X_{n_1} iid Bern(θ_1) indep of $X_{n_1+1}, \dots, X_{n_1+n_2}$ iid Bern(θ_2)

from lec 11, $\frac{(\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2) - (\theta_1 - \theta_2)}{\sqrt{\frac{\theta_1(1-\theta_1)}{n_1} + \frac{\theta_2(1-\theta_2)}{n_2}}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0,1) \xRightarrow{5.5.4 \text{ Slutsky}} \Rightarrow$

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

eg. from medical studies, $n_1 = 81$, $\hat{\theta}_1 = .333$, $n_2 = 79$, $\hat{\theta}_2 = .152$
 $CI_{\theta_1 - \theta_2, 95\%} \approx [-.333 - .152] \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{.333(.667)}{81} + \frac{.152(.848)}{79}}$

$$= [-.181 \pm 1.96(.066)] = [0.051, .311]$$

Your 95% Confident that the true Proportion difference is between 5.1% & 31.1%

DGP is some RV with mean θ , variance σ^2 unknown. $\hat{\theta} = \bar{X}$

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

"So bad" *

Problem 11 on midterm I: $\bar{X} = 2.57$, $s = 1.06$

$$CI_{\theta, 95\%} \approx [2.57 \pm 1.96 \frac{1.06}{\sqrt{30}}] = [2.212, 2.928]$$

DGP:

DGP is $f(\theta)$ where $\hat{\theta} = \theta^{MLE}$

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

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

Example from last class

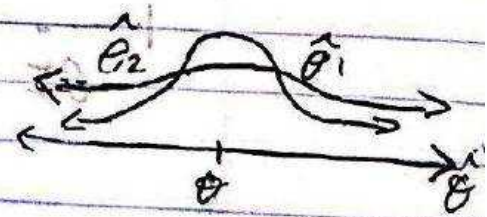
DGP is Gumbel ($\theta, 1$) $\langle 2.15, 1.91, 3.66, 4.85, 3.03, 1.03, 3.58 \rangle$ $n=7$ 95%

CI for θ

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

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

$$CI_{\theta, 95\%} \approx [2.26 \pm 1.96 \left(\frac{9.57}{\sqrt{7}}\right)] = [.58, 3.93]$$



Now we've been Properly introduced to Statistical inference (all three goals), let's talk about big Picture things

for an unbiased estimator, MSE (being small) is king why?

(1) Point estimation
 the lower the MSE, the closer $\hat{\theta}$ is to θ on average

(2) Hypothesis testing
Mostly estimators we discussed with exactly or approximately normally distributed. Thus the retention region for a 2-sided test looks like: $RET = [\theta_0 \pm z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \sqrt{MSE}]$

(3) Confidence Intervals

for exactly or approximately normally distributed estimator,

$$CI_{\theta, 1-\alpha} \approx [\hat{\theta} \pm z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \sqrt{MSE}]$$

or $\sqrt{\hat{MSE}}$ thrm 5.5.4

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

$$CI_{\theta, 95\%} = [0.49, 0.51] \text{ vs } CI_{\theta, 95\%} = [0.449, 0.5001]$$

Let's picture all three goals

