

* Show $\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$ is a pivot for μ , σ known, using (9.2.11)

from C₁, B pg 428

Let $T = \bar{X}$. Then

$$f_T(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma/\sqrt{n}} e^{-\frac{(\bar{x} - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2/n}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{t - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \right]^2} \left| \frac{-1}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \right|$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} [Q(t, \mu)]^2} \left| \frac{d}{dt} Q(t, \mu) \right|$$

where $Q(t, \mu) = \frac{t - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$ is monotone in $t = \bar{x}$

Note that $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} z^2} = g(z)$ is the distribution of a $N(0, 1)$

which $z = Q(t, \mu)$ is...

* Show $\frac{n\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma^2}$ is a pivot for σ^2 , when μ known.

We could just use the fact that

$$\frac{n\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma^2} = \sum \left(\frac{X_i - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 = \sum Z^2 \sim \chi_n^2 \text{ is free of } \sigma$$

But for illustration, let $T = n\hat{\sigma}^2 = \sum (X_i - \mu)^2$

Then $T \sim \Gamma\left(\frac{n}{2}, 2\sigma^2\right)$ as a sum of n $[N(0, \sigma^2)]^2$ variables

So $f_T(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\frac{n}{2}) [2\sigma^2]^{n/2}} t^{n/2 - 1} e^{-t/2\sigma^2}$

$$= \underbrace{\frac{1}{\Gamma(\frac{n}{2}) 2^{n/2}} \left[\frac{t}{\sigma^2} \right]^{n/2 - 1} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{t}{\sigma^2} \right]}}_{g(Q(t, \sigma))} \cdot \underbrace{\left| \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \right|}_{\left| \frac{d}{dt} Q(t, \sigma) \right|}$$

where $g(Q(t, \sigma))$ is the χ_n^2 distribution

and $Q(t, \sigma) = \frac{t}{\sigma^2}$

* When μ is unknown, we need Cochran's Theorem to show $\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$