

Formulae and Facts

1. Given $X = x$, the predictor of Y with the least MSE is $E[Y|x]$, and its MSE is $\text{var}[Y|x]$.
2. Let X_1, \dots, X_n be IID $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ RV's.

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i, \quad S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$$

Then \bar{X} and S^2 are independent,

$$\bar{X} \sim N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right), \quad \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2, \quad \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{S/\sqrt{n}} \sim t_{n-1}$$

3. Let Z_1, \dots, Z_k be IID $N(0,1)$ RV's. Then $Y = \sum_{i=1}^k Z_i^2 \sim \chi_k^2$. $E(Y) = k$ and $\text{var}(Y) = 2k$.
4. Consider a population of size N with mean μ and variance σ^2 . For $n \leq N$, let X_1, \dots, X_n be a simple random sample from the population, and let $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$.

$$E(\bar{X}) = \mu, \quad \text{var}(\bar{X}) = \frac{N-n}{N-1} \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$$

5. The Multinomial($n, (p_1, \dots, p_r)$) probability mass function is:

$$\frac{n!}{x_1! \dots x_r!} p_1^{x_1} \dots p_r^{x_r}$$

where x_1, \dots, x_r are non-negative integers summing to n .

6. For an estimator $\hat{\theta}$ of θ , its mean squared error (MSE) is

$$E\{(\hat{\theta} - \theta)^2\} = \{E(\hat{\theta}) - \theta\}^2 + \text{var}(\hat{\theta})$$

7. Let $\hat{\theta}_n$ be the ML estimator of $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^p$ based on IID random variables X_1, \dots, X_n with density $f(x|\theta)$. For large n , approximately

$$\hat{\theta} \sim \text{Normal}\left(\theta, \frac{\mathcal{J}(\theta)^{-1}}{n}\right)$$

where the Fisher information is

$$\mathcal{J}(\theta) = -E\left(\frac{d^2 \log f(X_i|\theta)}{d\theta^2}\right)$$

8. n IID RV's density is defined by $\theta \in \Omega$ with k_1 independent parameters. Let L_1 be the maximum likelihood value over Ω . Let Ω_0 be a subset defined by $k_0 < k_1$ parameters. Let L_0 be the maximum likelihood value over Ω_0 . If $\theta \in \Omega_0$, for large n , approximately

$$G = 2 \log \left(\frac{L_1}{L_0} \right) = 2(\ell_1 - \ell_0) \sim \chi_{k_1 - k_0}^2$$

$$\ell_1 = \log L_1, \ell_0 = \log L_0.$$

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