

Lecture 24: Revision Notes

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- I have been asked to cover:
- For instance over testing hypothesis on the last exercise sheet;
- Non-parametric regression again;
- more concrete examples on GLMs;
- how to handle the separable data case again, along with jitter residuals;
- Non parametric regression;
- Estimate the unknown function $h(x)$ with the modulators and the wavelets.

Modelling

- This is an abbreviation; the full course is in the regular lecture notes.
- Started by making the distinction between the explanatory and predictive framework.
- Discussion about why data is stochastic.
- Start by specifying a distribution $F(y_1, \dots, y_n; \theta)$; where $y \in \mathcal{Y}^n$ and $\theta \in \Theta$.
- Assume we observe $Y_1, \dots, Y_n \in \mathcal{Y}^n$.
- When $F(y_1, \dots, y_n; \theta)$ is known the problem is parametric; if not then it is non-parametric.
- Example: coin flipping with an unknown success probability θ .
- How do we handle the modelling? We need to understand probability.

Probability

- We model outcomes of experiments. A possible outcome ω is an elementary event.
- The set of total outcomes is written as Ω .
- We always assume $\Omega \neq \emptyset$. Note that \emptyset is a set.
- An event is a subset of Ω .
- The union of two events F_1 and F_2 is $F_1 \cup F_2$ occurs if and only if either of F_1 or F_2 occurs.
- The intersection of two events F_1 and F_2 written as $F_1 \cap F_2$ occurs if and only if both of F_1 or F_2 occurs.
- We can define unions of unions and intersections iteratively.

Probability

- The **complement** of an event F written as F^c contains all the elements in Ω that are not in F .
- Two events F_1 and F_2 are **disjoint** if they have no elements in common.
- A partition $\{F_n\}$ is a collection of events such that $F_i \cap F_j = \emptyset$ and $\cup_n F_n = \Omega$.
- We can combine these binary operations using De Morgan's laws.
- We go from sets to probability measure. To define this we define the three axioms of probability:
 - (i) $\Pr\{F\} \geq 0$ for all $F \subset \Omega$.
 - (ii) $\Pr\{\Omega\} = 1$.
 - (iii) If an event G is a **countable union** $G = \cup_n F_n$ for disjoint events F_n then

$$\Pr\{G\} = \sum_n \Pr\{F_n\}.$$

Random Variables

- **Conditional probability** is the next set of results.
- For any pair of events F_1 and F_2 such that $\Pr\{F_2\} > 0$ then we define the conditional probability of F_1 given F_2 :

$$\Pr\{F_1 | F_2\} = \frac{\Pr\{F_1 \cap F_2\}}{\Pr\{F_2\}}.$$

- A random variable (RV) X is a real function $X : \Omega \mapsto \mathbb{R}$.
- We for $A \subset \mathbb{R}$ write $\{X \in A\}$ for the event

$$\{\omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) \in A\}.$$

- The **distribution function** (or **cumulative distribution function**) $F_X(x)$ is defined as

$$F_X(x) = \Pr\{X \leq x\}.$$

Random Variables

- A continuous random variable X has **probability density function** $f_X(x)$ for $x \in \mathcal{X}$ such that

$$F_X(b) - F_X(a) = \int_a^b f_X(u) du.$$

- $f_X(x)$ on its own is not a probability and so not bounded above.
- For a discrete random variable X we may define its **probability mass function** (PMF) to be

$$f_X(x) = \Pr\{X = x\}, \quad x \in \mathcal{X}.$$

- Once we understand how to model X we have a model of $Y = g(X)$.
- In real life we never just look at single RVs: we need random vectors.

Random Vectors

- **Random vectors**: A random vector X for a fixed positive integer d is $X = (X_1 \ \dots \ X_d)^T$ is a finite collection of random variables.
- The **joint distribution** of the random vector $X = (X_1 \ \dots \ X_d)^T$ is

$$F_X(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_d) = \Pr\{X_1 \leq x_1, X_2 \leq x_2, \dots, X_d \leq x_d\}.$$

- One can marginalize distributions by integrating out or summing out variables.
- Everything continuous is multivariate calculus, see e.g. Schaum's Outline of Advanced Calculus, Third Edition.

Random Vectors

- The random variables X_1, \dots, X_d are called **independent** if and only if for all x_1, \dots, x_d

$$F_{X_1, \dots, X_d}(x_1, \dots, x_d) = F_{X_1}(x_1)F_{X_2}(x_2) \dots F_{X_d}(x_d).$$

- Equivalently the random variables X_1, \dots, X_d are independent if and only if for all x_1, \dots, x_d

$$f_{X_1, \dots, X_d}(x_1, \dots, x_d) = f_{X_1}(x_1)f_{X_2}(x_2) \dots f_{X_d}(x_d).$$

- For two random variables, X and Y , we denote their independence as $X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y$.
- The random vector X in \mathbb{R}^d is called **conditionally independent** of the random vector Y given the random vector Z written as

$$X \perp\!\!\!\perp_Z Y \quad \text{or} \quad X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y|Z,$$

if and only if, for all $x_1, \dots, x_d \in \mathbb{R}$

$$F_{X_1, \dots, X_d|Z, Y}(x_1, \dots, x_d) = F_{X_1, \dots, X_d|Z}(x_1, \dots, x_d). \quad (1)$$

Random Vectors

- (Sums of random variables). Let X and Y be independent continuous random variables with densities $f_X(x)$ and $f_Y(y)$ respectively. The density of $X + Y$ is the convolution of $f_X(x)$ with $f_Y(y)$. Thus

$$f_{X+Y}(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(u-v)f_Y(v) dv.$$

- Define $g : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$ $(x, y) \mapsto (x + y, y)$ with inverse transformation $(u, v) \xrightarrow{g^{-1}} (u - v, v)$. The Jacobian of the inverse is $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$, with determinant 1.
- It follows that

$$f_{X+Y,Y}(u, v) = f_{X,Y}(u - v, v) = f_X(u - v)f_Y(v).$$

- Marginalize and you are done.

Expectation

- For a continuous random variable this is defined as

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx.$$

- For any $g : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ we define

$$\mathbb{E}\{g(X_1, \dots, X_d)\} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x_1, \dots, x_d) f_X(x) dx_1, \dots dx_d.$$

- The **mean vector** of random vector $\mathbf{X} = (X_1 \dots X_d)^T$ is defined as

$$\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{X}) = (\mathbb{E}(X_1) \dots \mathbb{E}(X_d))^T.$$

- The **variance** of a random variable X expresses how disperse the realisations of X are around its expectation

$$\text{Var}(X) = \mathbb{E}\{(X - \mathbb{E}(X))^2\},$$

if $\mathbb{E}(X^2)$ is finite.

Expectation

- Furthermore the **covariance** of a random variable X_1 with another random variable X_2 expresses the linear dependence between the two:

$$\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2) = \mathbb{E}\{(X_1 - \mathbb{E}(X_1))(X_2 - \mathbb{E}(X_2))\}.$$

- The **correlation** between X_1 and X_2 is defined as

$$\text{corr}(X_1, X_2) = \frac{\text{Cov}(X_1, X_2)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(X_1) \text{Var}(X_2)}}.$$

- The correlation conveys equivalent dependence information to the covariance. Advantages: (1) invariant to scale changes, (2) can be understood in absolute terms (ranges in $[-1, 1]$). This is a consequence of the correlation inequality, follows from Cauchy-Schwarz inequality.

Conditional Expectation

- We can also calculate the **conditional expectation** of random variable X given that of another random variable Y which took the value y as

$$\mathbb{E}(X|Y = y) = \begin{cases} \sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} x \Pr\{X = x|Y = y\} & \text{if } X \text{ and } Y \text{ discrete} \\ \int_{\mathcal{X}} x f_{X|Y=y}(x|y) dx & \text{if } X \text{ and } Y \text{ continuous} \end{cases}$$

- The **conditional variance** of X given Y is defined as

$$\text{Var}\{X|Y\} = \mathbb{E}_Y\left\{(X - \mathbb{E}_{X|Y}(X|Y))^2|Y\right\} = \mathbb{E}(X^2|Y) - \mathbb{E}^2(X|Y).$$

The **law of total variance** states that

$$\text{Var}(X) = \mathbb{E}_Y(\text{Var}(X|Y)) + \text{Var}_Y(\mathbb{E}(X|Y)).$$

Moment Generating Functions

- Let X be a random variable taking values in \mathbb{R} . The moment generating function (MGF) of X is defined as

$$M_X(t) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cup \{\infty\},$$

and

$$M_X(t) = \mathbb{E}(e^{tX}).$$

- $M_{X+Y}(t) = M_X(t)M_Y(t)$ when X and Y are independent.

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- Lemma: Let $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ and assume $a \neq 0$. Then $aX + b \sim N(a\mu + b, a^2\sigma^2)$.
- Corollary: let X_1, \dots, X_n be independent random variables and let $X_i \sim N(\mu_i, \sigma_i^2)$. Take S_n as the sum of the X_i . Then

$$S_n \sim N\left(\sum_i \mu_i, \sum_i \sigma_i^2\right).$$

Entropy etc

- The **entropy** is used to measure the disorder of a random variable.
- The entropy of a random variable X is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} H(X) &= -\mathbb{E}\{\log f_X(X)\} \\ &= \begin{cases} -\sum_{x \in \mathcal{X}} f_X(x) \log\{f_X(x)\} & \text{if } X \text{ discrete} \\ -\int_{\mathcal{X}} f_X(x) \log\{f_X(x)\} dx & \text{if } X \text{ continuous} \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

- Let $p(x)$ and $q(x)$ be two probability density (probability mass) functions on \mathbb{R} . We define the **Kullback-Leibler divergence** or relative entropy of q with respect to p as

$$\text{KL}(q||p) \equiv \int_{\mathbb{R}} p(x) \log\left(\frac{p(x)}{q(x)}\right) dx. \quad (2)$$

Exponential Family

- A probability distribution is said to be a member of a **k -parameter exponential family**, if its density (or frequency), admits the representation

$$f(y) = \exp \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^k \phi_i T_i(y) - \gamma(\phi_1, \dots, \phi_k) + S(y) \right\} \quad (3)$$

where

- (a) $\phi = (\phi_1, \dots, \phi_k)$ is a k -dimensional parameter in $\Phi \subseteq \mathbb{R}^k$;
- (b) $T_i : \mathcal{Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $\gamma : \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are real-valued;
- (c) The support \mathcal{Y} of f does not depend on ϕ .

Statistics

- We use sampling theory to understand how functions $T = T(Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$ carry information about the parameter θ .
- We determine the probability distribution of T and determine how that relates to the distribution of the sample.
- Definition (**Statistic**). A statistic is any function T of the data whose domain is the sample space \mathcal{Y}^n but which does not depend on any unknown parameters.
- Intuitively any function that can be evaluated from the sample is a statistic.
- Any statistic is a random variable with its own distribution.

Statistics

- Definition (**Sampling Distribution**) Let $(Y_1, \dots, Y_n)^T \sim F(y_1, \dots, y_n; \theta)$ and let T be a q -dimensional statistic

$$T(Y_1, \dots, Y_n) = (T_1(Y_1, \dots, Y_n) \quad \dots \quad T_q(Y_1, \dots, Y_n)).$$

The sampling distribution of T under $F(y_1, \dots, Y_n; \theta)$ is the distribution:

$$F_T(t_1, \dots, t_q) = \Pr(T_1(Y_1, \dots, Y_n) \leq t_1, \dots, T_q(Y_1, \dots, Y_n) \leq t_q).$$

- Definition. **Ancillary statistics**. A statistic T is ancillary for θ if its distribution does not functionally depend on θ .
- **Sufficient Statistic**: A Statistic $T = T(Y)$ is said to be sufficient for the parameter θ if the conditional probability distribution of the sample given the statistic

$$F_{Y|T=y}(y_1, \dots, y_n) = \Pr\{Y_1 \leq y_1, \dots, Y_n \leq y_n \mid T = t\},$$

does not depend on θ .

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- Thus T is sufficient for θ .
- In general the definition of sufficiency is hard to verify.
- **Theorem (Fisher–Neyman factorization theorem)**: suppose that Y has a joint density or frequency function $f(y; \theta)$, where $\theta \in \Theta$. A Statistic $T = T(Y)$ is sufficient for θ if and only if

$$f(y; \theta) = g(T(y), \theta)h(y).$$

- Lemma: If T and S are minimally sufficient statistics for a parameter θ , then there exists injective functions g and h such that $S = g(T)$ and $T = h(S)$.
- Theorem: Let $Y = (Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$ have joint density or frequency function $f(y; \theta)$ and let $T = T(Y)$ be a statistic. Suppose that $f(y; \theta)/f(z; \theta)$ is independent of θ if and only if $T(y) = T(z)$. Then T is minimally sufficient for θ .

Sampling Distributions

- By studying sampling distributions we aim to determine what different information do different forms of T carry about θ .
- Theorem: (Sampling Distributions of Gaussian Sufficient Statistics).

Let $Y_1, \dots, Y_n \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ and define

$$\bar{Y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i \quad S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2.$$

- The pair (\bar{Y}, S^2) are minimally sufficient for (μ, σ^2) and
 - (a) The sample mean has distribution $\bar{Y} \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2/n)$,
 - (b) The random variables \bar{Y} and S^2 are independent,
 - (c) The random variable S^2 satisfies $\frac{n-1}{\sigma^2} S^2 \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$.
- Corollary: (Moments of Sufficient Statistics).

If $Y_1, \dots, Y_n \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ then

$$\mathbb{E}(\bar{Y}) = \mu, \quad \text{Var}\{\bar{Y}\} = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}, \quad \mathbb{E}(S^2) = \sigma^2, \quad \text{Var}\{S^2\} = \frac{2\sigma^4}{n-1}.$$

Sampling Distributions

- Theorem (**Sum of Gaussian Squares**) Let (Z_1, \dots, Z_k) be iid $N(0, 1)$ random variables. Then

$$Z_1^2 + \dots + Z_k^2 \sim \chi_k^2.$$

- Theorem: let $Y_1 \sim \chi_{d_1}^2$ and let $Y_2 \sim \chi_{d_2}^2$ be independent. Then

$$\frac{Y_1/d_1}{Y_2/d_2} \sim F_{d_1, d_2}.$$

Modes of Convergence

convergence allows us to study the distribution as the sample size becomes bigger

= Convergence in Law

- Definition: **Convergence in Distribution** (Weak Convergence). Let $\{F_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ be a sequence of distribution functions and let G be a distribution function on \mathbb{R} . We say that F_n converges weakly or in distribution to G and write $F_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} G$ whenever

$$F_n(y) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} G(y),$$

for all y constituting continuity points of G .

- Definition (**convergence in probability**): When a sequence of random variables satisfies $\Pr\{\|Y_n - Y\| > \epsilon\} \rightarrow 0$ for all $\epsilon > 0$ and a given (random variable) Y , then we say that Y_n converges in probability to Y , and write $Y_n \xrightarrow{P} Y$.
- $\xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}}$ relates distribution functions. It says that the probabilistic behaviour of a sequence Y_n becomes more and more alike that of the limit Y .

Modes of Convergence

- Theorem (**The Continuous Mapping Theorem**)

Let $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous on the range of Y . Then

$$(a) Y_n \xrightarrow{P} Y \Rightarrow g(Y_n) \xrightarrow{P} g(Y),$$

$$(b) Y_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} Y \Rightarrow g(Y_n) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} g(Y).$$

- Theorem (**Slutsky's theorem**): Let $X_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} X$ and let $Y_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} c$ where $c \in \mathbb{R}$. Then

$$(a) X_n + Y_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} X + c.$$

$$(b) X_n Y_n \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} Xc.$$

- Theorem (**Law of Large Numbers**): let Y_n be independent random variables with $\mathbb{E} Y_k = \mu$ and $\mathbb{E}|Y_k| < \infty$ for all k . Then $n^{-1}(Y_1 + \dots + Y_n) \xrightarrow{P} \mu$.
 finite absolute moment

Modes of Convergence

- Theorem (**Central Limit Theorem**). Let $\{Y_n\}$ be a sequence of iid random variables with mean μ and variance σ^2 which is assumed finite. Then

$$\sqrt{n}\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \mu)\right) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} N(0, \sigma^2).$$

- Theorem (**Delta method**): Let $Z_n = a_n(X_n - \theta) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} Z$ where $a_n \in \mathbb{R}^+$ and $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ for all n and assume $a_n \rightarrow \infty$. Let $g(\cdot)$ be continuously differentiable at θ . Then

$$a_n\{g(X_n) - g(\theta)\} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} g'(\theta)Z.$$

- Vector versions are also provided.

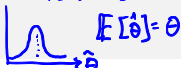
Estimation

- What is **estimation** (\equiv “learning” in machine learning)?
- Imagine you assume Y is distributed according to $F(y_1, \dots, y_n; \theta)$ where $y \in \mathcal{Y}^n$.
- Assume you know the form of $F(y_1, \dots, y_n; \theta)$ but not the value of θ .
- Guessing θ on having observed y_1, \dots, y_n is estimation.
- Not that whenever we realise a different set of Y_1, \dots, Y_n then we realise a different $\hat{\theta}(Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$.
- How do we design an estimator $\hat{\theta}(Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$?
- A good estimator would produce a value of $\hat{\theta}(Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$ near θ .
- We usually address this in terms of the mean and variance of $\hat{\theta}(Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$.
- Definition (**mean square error**): assume that $\hat{\theta}$ is an estimator of the parameter θ corresponding to the model $F(y; \theta)$, where $\theta \in \Theta \subset \mathbb{R}^d$. The mean square error of $\hat{\theta}$ is then defined as

$$\text{MSE}\{\hat{\theta}, \theta\} = \mathbb{E}\left[\|\hat{\theta} - \theta\|^2\right]. \quad (4)$$

Estimation

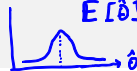
UNBIASED ESTIMATOR



VS

BIASED ESTIMATOR

$$E[\hat{\theta}] \neq \theta$$



- The mean square error of an estimator, is the bias square plus its variance.
- If the model is not identifiable then you can get the same model with different values of the parameters.
- The Cramér–Rao lower bound provides a bound on the variance of an unbiased estimator.
- Theorem (Rao-Blackwell Theorem): Let $\hat{\theta}$ be an unbiased estimator of θ that has finite variance. Assume T is sufficient for θ . In this case $\hat{\theta}^* = \mathbb{E}\{\hat{\theta} | T\}$ is an unbiased estimator and

$$\text{Var}\{\hat{\theta}^*\} \leq \text{Var}\{\hat{\theta}\}.$$

- Equality is attained if and only if $\Pr\{\hat{\theta}^* = \hat{\theta}\} = 1$.

Estimation

- Definition: Let (Y_1, \dots, Y_n) be a sample of random variables with joint density/frequency $f(y_1, \dots, y_n; \theta)$ where $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^p$. The likelihood of θ is defined as

$$L(\theta) = f(Y_1, \dots, Y_n; \theta).$$

- Definition: (Maximum Likelihood Estimation). In the same context, a maximum likelihood estimator (MLE) of $\hat{\theta}$; is an estimator such that

$$L(\theta) \leq L(\hat{\theta}), \quad \forall \theta \in \Theta.$$

- Be careful, calculus is not always the answer.
- If the likelihood is twice differentiable in θ , we can verify this by checking

"we should check the Hessian": $-\nabla_{\theta}^2 L(\theta)|_{\theta=\hat{\theta}} \succ 0.$

- The negative of the Hessian is positive definite.
- When there exists a unique maximum, we speak of the MLE $\hat{\theta} = \arg_{\theta \in \Theta} \max L(\theta).$

Estimation

- The next property we shall cover is the **equi-variance** or **invariance** of MLEs. If $g(\theta)$ is a bijection, recall that if we are attempting to estimate $\tau = g(\theta)$ then if we form the likelihood

$$L(\theta) = \prod_{j=1}^n f(Y_j; \theta),$$

- Provided it exists, the MLE of the natural parameter in a k -parameter natural exponential family with open parameter space Φ is consistent.
- Assuming we can get consistency, we can focus on understanding the sampling distribution of the MLE.

Estimation

- Theorem: Let X_1, \dots, X_n be IID random variables with the same density $f(x; \theta)$. Assume that A1–A6 are satisfied. If the MLE $\hat{\theta}_n$ exists and is unique, and we have consistency then

centered and co-standardized MLE

$$\sqrt{n}\{\hat{\theta}_n - \theta\} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} N(0, \mathcal{I}_1(\theta)/\mathcal{J}_1^2(\theta)).$$

Furthermore, when we can say that ^{if} $\mathcal{I}(\theta) = \mathcal{J}(\theta)$ then

$$\sqrt{n}\{\hat{\theta}_n - \theta\} \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} N(0, 1/\mathcal{I}_1(\theta)).$$

- For finite samples we often say

$$\hat{\theta}_n \overset{d}{\approx} N(\theta, 1/\mathcal{I}_n(\theta)).$$

- Despite this, once we allow for bias the MLE is not always the best estimator.
- Need to use decision theory to figure out what to do.

Hypothesis Testing

- Often in science two concurrent theories need to be confronted with the empirical evidence.
- The **null hypothesis** H_0 which states that $\theta \in \Theta_0$

$$H_0 : \theta \in \Theta_0.$$

- The **alternative hypothesis** that postulates $\theta \in \Theta_1$

$$H_1 : \theta \in \Theta_1.$$

- T is a statistic called a **test statistic** and;
- C is a subset of the range of T and is called the **critical region**.
- We can write

$$\delta(Y) = I(T(Y_1 \dots Y_n) \in C).$$

- Take **action** 0 when H_1 is true—this is a type II error. Take action 1 when H_0 is true—this is a type I error.

Hypothesis Testing

- The **Neyman-Pearson** Framework
- We declare that we only consider test functions $\delta : \mathcal{X} \mapsto \{0, 1\}$ such that

$$\delta \in \mathcal{D}(\Theta_0, \alpha) = \{\delta : \sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} \Pr\{\delta = 1\} \leq \alpha\}.$$

- i.e. rules for which prob of type I error is bounded above by α .
- Jargon: we fix a significance level for our test.
- Within this restricted class of rules, choose δ to minimize prob of type II error:

$$\Pr\{\delta(\mathbf{X}) = 0\} = 1 - \Pr\{\delta(\mathbf{X}) = 1\}.$$

- Equivalently, maximize the power

$$\beta(\theta, \delta) = \Pr\{\delta(\mathbf{X}) = 1\} = \mathbb{E} \mathbb{I}\{\delta(\mathbf{X}) = 1\} = \mathbb{E}\{\delta(\mathbf{X})\}, \quad \theta \in \Theta_1.$$

Hypothesis Testing

- Neyman-Pearson lemma.
- Likelihood ratio test statistic.
- Score test, Wald test.
- p -values. The p -value is the observed significance level.
- Interval estimation; confidence intervals.
- Multiple testing, Bonferroni, FDR etc.
- Nonparametrics. Kernel Density Estimation.

Bayesian Statistics

- Does not treat the parameter as fixed but unknown, rather models it as random directly.
- Bayes theorem allows us to convert a likelihood to a posterior distribution.
- Minimize the expected posterior loss to arrive at a point estimator.
- Credible intervals permit us to arrive at an interval estimator.

Regression

- Trying to determine the relationship between predictor variables and the response variable.
- Use the linear model to connect the two

$$\mathbb{E} Y = X\beta.$$

where $Y = (Y_1 \dots Y_n)^T$, is the vector of observations, X is the known $n \times p$ design matrix and $\beta = (\beta_1 \dots \beta_p)^T$ is the $p \times 1$ parameter vector.

- We are trying to quantify the systemic variation in Y due to $X\beta$.
- We can also add further assumptions

Second-order assumptions (SOA) $\text{var}(Y) = \sigma^2 I_n$ where σ^2 is unknown. Thus $\text{var}(Y_i) = \sigma^2$ for all i and the Y_i s are uncorrelated.

Normal theory assumptions (NTA) The Y_i s are independently and normally distributed with common unknown variance σ^2 so $Y \sim N(X\beta, \sigma^2 I_n)$.

Regression

- The linear model ~~can~~ be rewritten as

$$Y = X\beta + \epsilon.$$

- Find $\hat{\beta}$ that minimise the residual sum of squares (RSS), i.e. find

$$\hat{\beta} = \arg \min_{\beta} (\epsilon^T \epsilon = \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i^2).$$

$\epsilon = y_i - x_i \beta$

- Or

$$\hat{\beta} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T Y.$$

Why can't we do X^{-1} ?

because X is not a square matrix, and may not be invertible. So we assume $X^T X$ has a full rank, so it will have an inverse.

Regression

- $\hat{\beta}$ is linear in Y , and $\hat{\beta}$ is unbiased for β .
- Also $\text{var}(\hat{\beta}) = \sigma^2(X^T X)^{-1}$.
- (Gauss-Markov Theorem) Among all unbiased linear estimates of β for a full rank linear model satisfying SOA, any linear combination of the least squares estimator $\hat{\beta}$ has the smaller or equal variance to that of any other.
- The hat matrix $P = X(X^T X)^{-1}X^T$ is key to understanding the linear model; it is idempotent and its trace is p .

Regression

- You need to understand/be able to reproduce simple linear regression.
- The residual sum of squares (RSS) is defined to be

$$\text{RSS} = Y^T Y - (PY)^T (PY).$$

- With NTA we can make interval estimates, and do testing.
- We can estimate $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \text{RSS}/(n - p)$.
- Leverage: the i th leverage is p_{ii} . We take notice when $p_{ii} > 2p/n$.
- Weighted least squares.
- Testing for nested models. Likelihood ratio test (see earlier, and tomorrow).
- Outliers and diagnostics.
- Linear algebra. If you need more, look at Schaum's Outline of Linear Algebra, 5th Edition: 568 Solved Problems.

Generalized Linear Regression

- Model selection: forward selection, backwards elimination, cross validation.
- Model selection criteria: AIC, BIC etc.
- Penalization, ridge regression, lasso, shrinkage.
- GLMs. What do we do when the data is not Gaussian?
- Use a link function to connect $\mathbb{E} Y_i$ with $x_i^T \beta$.
- Asymptotic normality.
- Deviance.
- Jittered residuals, separation.
- Non-parametric regression for Gaussian data (make link to KDE before). Balancing variance vs bias, and orthogonal function expansion.

Generalized Linear Regression

- GLM setting for non-parametric functions:

$$Y_i = g(x_i) + \epsilon_i \mapsto Y_i | x_i \stackrel{ind}{\sim} \exp\{g(x_i)y_i - \gamma\{g(x_i)\} + S(y_i)\}.$$

- We recognise the latter as a GLM with mean $g(x_i)$.
- Parameterize $g(x)$ using splines, and do penalized max likelihood.
- GLM examples discussed.
- Causal inference and conditional independence representations **not examinable**.

Worked examples tomorrow

- I have been asked to cover:
- For instance over testing hypothesis on the last exercise sheet;
- Non-parametric regression again;
- more concrete examples on GLMs;
- how to handle the separable data case again, along with jitter residuals;
- Non parametric regression;
- Estimate the unknown function $h(x)$ with the modulators and the wavelets.