

e.g.) Error bounds

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \theta = \mu \quad \hat{\theta} = \bar{Y}$$

$$2 \text{ s.e. bound} = \pm 2 \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \approx \pm 2 \cdot \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \theta = p \quad \hat{\theta} = \frac{Y}{n}$$

$$2 \cdot \text{s.e. bound} = \pm 2 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}} \approx \pm 2 \sqrt{\frac{\frac{Y}{n}(1-\frac{Y}{n})}{n}}$$

8.37]

$$n=10 \quad Y_1, \dots, Y_{10} \sim \text{Exp}(\theta)$$

$$\bar{Y} = 1020 \text{ hrs} = \hat{\theta}$$

$$\text{s.e.}(\hat{\theta}) = \sqrt{\text{Var}(\hat{\theta})} = \sqrt{\text{Var}(\bar{X})} = \sqrt{\frac{\text{Var}(Y)}{n}} = \sqrt{\frac{\theta^2}{n}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{2-s.E. bound} &= \pm 2 \cdot \frac{\hat{\theta}}{\sqrt{n}} = \pm 2 \cdot \frac{1020}{\sqrt{10}} \\ &= \frac{\theta}{\sqrt{n}} \end{aligned}$$

; not a 95% bound (rather 75%)

Confidence Intervals

about procedure of obtaining C.I. not about any single C.I.

100(1 - α)% confidence interval → Random Variable !!

- ▶ Interval of values that is likely to contain the true value of the parameter θ $99\% C I(3.5, 6.9)$ $P(\theta \in (3.5, 6.9)) = .99?$
- ▶ The long-run relative frequency over many repetitions of sampling → Random variable
- ▶ $P(\hat{\theta}_L \leq \theta \leq \hat{\theta}_U) = 1 - \alpha$: two-sided confidence interval
- ▶ $P(\hat{\theta}_L \leq \theta) = 1 - \alpha$: one-sided confidence interval bound
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Pivotal method to construct C.I.

Find a pivotal quantity that possesses two characteristics

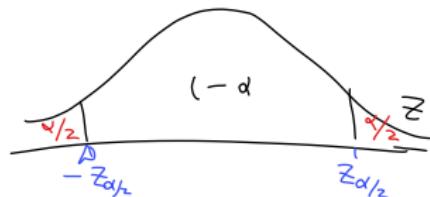
- ▶ a function of the sample measurements and the unknown parameter θ , where θ is the only unknown quantity.
- ▶ Second, Its probability distribution does not depend on the parameter θ .

Construct Interval for pivotal quantity

\Rightarrow pivot to make C. I. for θ .

e.g. $\frac{\bar{Y} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \sim N(0, 1)$

pivot



$$P(-z_{\alpha/2} < \frac{\bar{Y} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} < z_{\alpha/2}) = 1 - \alpha$$

pivot

$$P(\bar{Y} - z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \mu \leq \bar{Y} + z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}) = 1 - \alpha$$

$100(1-\alpha)\%$ C.I.

$$\bar{Y} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$$

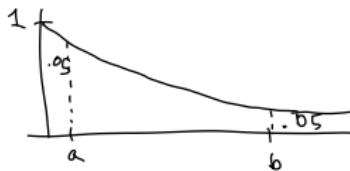
Example

Y single obs $\sim Exp(\theta)$

$$X = \frac{Y}{\theta} \sim Exp(1) \quad \leftarrow \text{check!}$$

: pivotal.

90% C.I.



$$a = .051$$

$$b = 2.996$$

$$P\left(0.051 \leq \frac{Y}{\theta} \leq 2.996\right) = .90$$

$$\Rightarrow P\left(\frac{Y}{2.996} \leq \theta \leq \frac{Y}{.051}\right) = .90$$

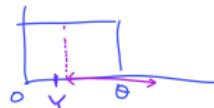
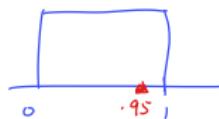
90%

$$\left[\frac{Y}{2.996}, \frac{Y}{.051} \right] : C.I.$$

Eg 8.5 $Y \sim U(0, \theta)$

95% lower confidence bound of θ ?

$$\frac{Y}{\theta} \sim U(0, 1)$$



$$P\left(\frac{Y}{\theta} < .95\right) = .95$$

$$\Rightarrow P\left(\theta > \frac{Y}{.95}\right) = .95$$

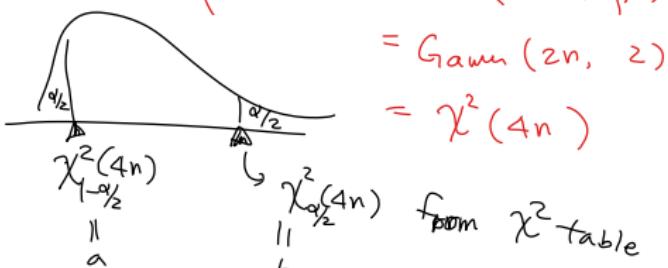
$$\left[\frac{Y}{.95}, \infty \right)$$

Ex 8.48] $Y_1, \dots, Y_n \sim \text{Gamma}(2, \beta)$ $\Sigma Y_i \sim \text{Gamma}(2n, \beta)$

a) $\frac{2 \sum Y_i}{\beta} \sim \chi^2(4n)$

$$\frac{2}{\beta} \Sigma Y_i \sim \text{Gamma}\left(2n, \beta \cdot \frac{2}{\beta}\right)$$

b)



$$P\left(a \leq \frac{2n\bar{Y}}{\beta} \leq b\right) = 1 - \alpha$$

$\chi^2_{1-\alpha/2}$ $\chi^2_{\alpha/2}$ from χ^2 -table

$$\Rightarrow P\left(\frac{2n\bar{Y}}{b} \leq \beta \leq \frac{2n\bar{Y}}{a}\right) = 1 - \alpha$$

c) $n=5$. $\bar{y}=5.39$

Find C.I. $\therefore (,) \rightarrow \text{exact}$

try If n is large, approx. to Normal
this!

..... $(,) \rightarrow \text{approximate}$

Large-Sample Confidence Intervals

Wald C.I.

- ▶ For large samples,

$$Z = \frac{\hat{\theta} - \theta}{\sigma_{\hat{\theta}}}$$

possesses approximately a standard normal distribution.

- ▶ Z forms a pivotal quantity
- ▶ $100(1-\alpha)$ % confidence interval (with normal approximation)
(point estimate) $\pm z_{\alpha/2}$ (standard error)
 $= \hat{\theta} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \sigma_{\hat{\theta}}$
- ▶ As the confidence level $1 - \alpha$ increases, the width of C.I. becomes larger.
- ▶ As the sample size increases, the width of C.I. becomes smaller.

Width of C.I. depends on

n , $1-\alpha$, "underlying uncertainty" (σ)
← count control.

$$\bar{Y} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \theta = \mu$$

$$\bar{X} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}} \quad : \text{approximate C.I.}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \theta = \mu_1 - \mu_2$$

$$\bar{X} - \bar{Y} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}}$$

$$\zeta = \frac{\bar{X} - \bar{Y} - (\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n_2}}} \quad \text{is pivotal.}$$

$$\textcircled{3} \quad \theta = p$$

$$\hat{p} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}$$

$$\zeta = \frac{\hat{p} - p}{\sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}}$$

In practice

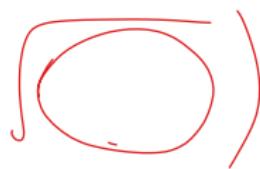
$$\hat{p} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\frac{1}{2}(1-\frac{1}{2})}{n}}$$

to be conservative.

better coverage,

less utility.

$$P\left(-z_{\alpha/2} \leq \frac{\hat{p} - p}{\sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}} \leq z_{\alpha/2}\right) = 1 - \alpha$$

$$\left(\frac{\hat{p} + \frac{z_{\alpha/2}^2}{2n}}{1 + \frac{z_{\alpha/2}^2}{2n}} \pm \sqrt{\frac{z_{\alpha/2}^2}{2n}} \right)$$


$$\textcircled{4}$$

$$\theta = p_1 - p_2$$

$$\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2 \pm z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}_1(1-\hat{p}_1)}{n_1} + \frac{\hat{p}_2(1-\hat{p}_2)}{n_2}}$$

Sample Size Determination

How large n should be to achieve a certain degree of utility with high confidence?

Given $1-\alpha$, desired error bound, d , we

Calculate n .

$$\bar{x} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \rightarrow d = z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \Rightarrow n = \left(\frac{z_{\alpha/2} \sigma}{d} \right)^2$$

given

σ : unknown $\left(\text{or use } \sigma \approx \frac{\max - \min}{4} \right)$