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1 STAT 207: Permutation Tests and the Bootstrap

- Both techniques involve random resampling of observed data
- Less reliant on model assumptions and large sample requirements
- Comes with higher computational demands
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1.1 Permutation Tests

- Permutation tests differ from parametric tests in how the distribution of the test statistic is evaluated.
- Two-sample t -test as an example.
- x_1, \dots, x_m from population 1; y_1, \dots, y_n from population 2. Propose the test statistic $T = \bar{x} - \bar{y}$.
- Concatenate the observations z_1, \dots, z_{m+n} .
- Under the null, the permutations generate $\binom{m+n}{m}$ equally likely versions of the test statistic T, T_1, \dots, T_J .
- The p-value attached to the observed value T_{obs} is just the fraction $p = |\{j : |T_j| \geq |T_{\text{obs}}|\}|/J$.
- Precision of the permutation p-value: k random permutations, then \hat{p} has mean p and variance $\sigma_k^2 = p(1-p)/k$, which leads to the CI $(\hat{p} - 2\hat{\sigma}_k, \hat{p} + 2\hat{\sigma}_k)$.
- The set of possible p-values is discrete, more of an issue for small samples.
- The width of the CI is proportional to $1/\sqrt{k}$.

1.1.1 Example: The One-Way Layout and Reading Speeds

- k samples of sizes n_1, \dots, n_k with unknown means μ_1, \dots, μ_k and a common unknown variance σ^2 .
- Observations $y_{ij}, j = 1, \dots, n_i$ and total sample size n .
- $H_0 : \mu_1 = \dots = \mu_k = \mu$. Assuming y_{ij} 's are normally distributed, the test statistic is the

difference between the two

$$\min_{\mu} \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} (y_{ij} - \mu)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} y_{ij}^2 - n\bar{y}^2,$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^k \min_{\mu_i} \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} (y_{ij} - \mu_i)^2 = \sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} y_{ij}^2 - \sum_{i=1}^k n_i \bar{y}_i^2.$$

- The permutation test statistic is

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^k n_i \bar{y}_i^2.$$

- Permuting all n samples and separate into k populations and recompute S .

TABLE 24.2. Reading Speeds and Typeface Styles

Typeface Style		
1	2	3
135	175	105
91	130	147
111	514	159
87	283	107
122		194

1.2 The Bootstrap

- We have i.i.d. samples $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ from an unknown distribution $F(x)$.
- Estimator $T(\mathbf{x})$ of a parameter (or functional) $t(F)$.
- Define bootstrap samples $\mathbf{x}^* = (x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*)$ and calculate the estimator $T(\mathbf{x}^*)$ provided $F_n^*(x)$ approximates $F(x)$.
 - Non-parametric bootstrap, $F_n^*(x)$ is the empirical distribution function
 - Parametric bootstrap, $F_n^*(x) = F_{\hat{\alpha}}(x)$ for some parametric form $F_{\alpha}(x)$.
- $T(\mathbf{x}) - t(F)$ and $T(\mathbf{x}^*) - t(F_n^*)$ have similar distributions.
- In many examples, $t(F_n^*) = T(\mathbf{x})$ holds.
- Approximate the distribution and moments of $T(\mathbf{x})$ by independent Monte Carlo sampling [Efron 1979](#).

1.2.1 Examples of bootstrap parameters

- The moments and central moments:

$$\mu_k(F) = \int x^k dF(x),$$

$$\omega_k(F) = \int [x - \mu_1(F)]^k dF(x).$$

- The p th quantile

$$\xi_p(F) = \inf \{x : F(x) \geq p\}.$$

- The natural estimators are

$$\hat{\mu}_k(\mathbf{x}) = \mu_k(F_n^*) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^k$$

$$\hat{\omega}_k(\mathbf{x}) = \omega_k(F_n^*) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^k$$

$$\hat{\xi}_p(\mathbf{x}) = \xi_p(F_n^*) = \inf \{x : F_n^*(x) \geq p\}.$$

- $t(F_n^*) = T(\mathbf{x})$?

1.2.2 Bias Reduction

- The bootstrap bias:

$$\text{bias}^* = E[T(\mathbf{x}^*)] - t(F_n^*)$$

can be estimated by the Monte Carlo average

$$\widehat{\text{bias}}_B^* = \frac{1}{B} \sum_b T(\mathbf{x}_b^*) - t(F_n^*).$$

- The revised estimator would have smaller bias:

$$T(\mathbf{x}) - \widehat{\text{bias}}_B^* = 2T(\mathbf{x}) - \frac{1}{B} \sum_b T(\mathbf{x}_b^*).$$

1.2.3 Confidence Intervals

- A set $C(\mathbf{x})$ is a $1 - \alpha$ level confidence set for $t(F)$ if

$$P[t(F) \in C(\mathbf{x})] \geq 1 - \alpha.$$

- Bootstrap percentile interval:

$$[\xi_{\frac{\alpha}{2}}(G_n^*), \xi_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}(G_n^*)]$$

should approximate the α level CI. But in practice, the deviation can be substantial.

1.2.4 Applications in Regression

- Linear regression model, $y = X\beta + u$.
- Define the residuals $r_i = y_i - \hat{y}_i$.
- Bootstrapping residuals samples \mathbf{r}^* from $\mathbf{r} = (r_1, \dots, r_n)$ with replacement. And let $\mathbf{y}^* = X\hat{\beta} + \mathbf{r}^*$.
- $E(\hat{\beta}^*) = \hat{\beta}$?
- Parametric bootstrap in GLM: using the MLE coefficients to resample responses.

1.3 Efficient Bootstrap Simulations

Methods to reduce Monte Carlo sampling error

1.3.1 The Balanced Bootstrap

- For bias estimation, for example, we estimate the bias of the sample mean \bar{x} by the Monte Carlo difference

$$\frac{1}{B} \sum_b \bar{x}_b^* - \bar{x}.$$

- Retain the randomness in the bootstrap resamples x_b^* while forcing each original x_i to appear exactly B times.

1.3.2 The Antithetic Bootstrap

- To reduce variance and improve efficiency.
- Antithetic resampling: think of both unbiased estimators V and W that are negatively correlated rather than independent.

$$Var\left(\frac{V+W}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{4}Var(V) + \frac{1}{4}Var(W) + \frac{1}{2}Cov(V, W)$$

- To generate antithetic bootstrap resamples: think of the order statistics $x_{(1)} \leq \dots \leq x_{(n)}$ and the permutation $\pi(i) = n - i + 1$, then

$$x_{(\pi[1])} \geq \dots \geq x_{(\pi[n])}.$$

- For any bootstrap sample $x^* = (x_1^*, \dots, x_n^*)$, define x^{**} by substituting $x_{(\pi[i])}$ for every appearance of $x_{(i)}$ in x^* .
- T^* and T^{**} are negatively correlated.

1.3.3 Importance Resampling

- Assign different resampling probabilities p_i to the different observations x_i .
- The connection between the uniform expectation and the importance expectation

$$\begin{aligned} E[T(\mathbf{x}^*)] &= E_p \left[T(\mathbf{x}^*) \frac{\binom{n}{m_1^* \dots m_n^*} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^n}{\binom{n}{m_1^* \dots m_n^*} \prod_{i=1}^n p_i^{m_i^*}} \right] \\ &= E_p \left[T(\mathbf{x}^*) \prod_{i=1}^n (np_i)^{-m_i^*} \right] \end{aligned}$$

- Estimate $E[T(\mathbf{x}^*)]$ by the bootstrap average

$$\frac{1}{B} \sum_b T(\mathbf{x}_b^*) \prod_{i=1}^n (np_i)^{-m_{bi}^*}.$$

- Minimize the variance with respect to p .

1.3.4 Python implementations

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[1]: # list all permutations
from itertools import permutations
l = list(permutations(range(1, 4)))
print(l)

# Generate one random permutation
import numpy as np

print(np.random.permutation(10))

np.random.permutation([1, 4, 9, 12, 15])
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[(1, 2, 3), (1, 3, 2), (2, 1, 3), (2, 3, 1), (3, 1, 2), (3, 2, 1)]
[7 3 8 5 9 1 0 4 6 2]
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[1]: array([ 4,  1, 12,  9, 15])
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[2]: import numpy as np

# Original data
data = np.array(range(1,11))

# Bootstrap resampling
bootstrap_sample = np.random.choice(data, size=len(data), replace=True)

print("Bootstrap sample:", bootstrap_sample)
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Bootstrap sample: [5 2 3 2 5 10 2 2 10 10]

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