

HW3: Bootstrap (Due: Wed, Nov 10, at noon)

The following function simulates data from a bi-variate distribution.

```
simXY=function(n,rho){
  x=scale(rexp(n))
  y=x*rho+rnorm(n,sd=sqrt(1-rho^2))
  return(cbind(x,y))
}

# testing it
tmp=simXY(1e6,.23)
cor(tmp)
```

```
##           [,1]      [,2]
## [1,] 1.0000000 0.2310407
## [2,] 0.2310407 1.0000000
```

1) SE of the sample correlation and an approximate 95% CI

The following formula is commonly used to approximate the SE of the sample correlation

$$SE = \sqrt{\frac{(1-\rho^2)}{(n-2)}}$$

1.1) Using the following data set report the sample correlation, the SE and an approximate 95% CI (assuming normality) using the formula presented above.

```
set.seed(195021)
DATA_30=simXY(n=30,rho=.5)
```

```
## [1] 0.1708 0.8153
```

1.2) Repeat 1.1 using a sample size of 300, comment on the differences in the results

```
set.seed(195021)
DATA_300=simXY(n=300,rho=.5)
```

```
## [1] 0.4187 0.6132
```

2) Bootstrap CIs (percentile method)

Use 5000 Bootstrap samples to estimate the SE of the sample correlation, and an approximate 95% CI, for each of the data sets simulated above (DATA_30 and DATA_300).

To estimate the CI use the percentile method we used in class. That is, report the empirical 2.5% and 97.5% percentiles of the bootstrap estimates.

Note: as you implement bootstrap, be sure to save the bootstrap estimates in a vector, you will need those for questions 3 and 4 as well.

Compare your bootstrap CIs with the ones previously reported.

```
##                2.5%  97.5%
## Conventional  0.1708 0.8153
## Bootstrap    0.1044 0.7418

##                2.5%  97.5%
## Conventional  0.4187 0.6132
## Bootstrap    0.4159 0.6036
```

3) Bootstrap CI: pivotal method

An alternative approach for estimating bootstrap CI is as follows

- Collect bootstrap estimates $[r_1, r_2, \dots, r_k]$, here r_* is a bootstrap estimate of the correlation
- Subtract from the bootstrap estimate the mean of the bootstrap estimates (\bar{r}), that is: $[\tilde{r}_1 = (r_1 - \bar{r}), \tilde{r}_2 = (r_2 - \bar{r}), \dots, \tilde{r}_k = (r_k - \bar{r})]$
- Compute the relevant percentiles (e.g., $q_{0.025}$, and $q_{0.975}$) of the \tilde{r} 's
- Use $CI_{95\%} = [r + q_{0.025}; r + q_{0.975}]$, where r is the sample correlation evaluated in the original data set.

Report 95% pivotal CIs for the DATA_30 and DATA_300 using the method described above.

```
##                2.5%  97.5%
## Conventional  0.1708 0.8153
## Bootstrap1    0.1044 0.7418
## Bootstrap2    0.1256 0.7630

##                2.5%  97.5%
## Conventional  0.4187 0.6132
## Percentile    0.4159 0.6036
## Pivotal       0.4185 0.6063
```

4) Bootstrap CI: normal method

If we assume normality, we can compute a Bootstrap CI using $r \pm 1.96 \times SE$ where r is the correlation estimated in the original sample, and SE is a Bootstrap estimate of the SE.

Report 95% CIs for each of the data sets using the normal method.

```
##                2.5%  97.5%
## Conventional  0.1708 0.8153
## Percentile    0.1044 0.7418
## Pivotal       0.1256 0.7630
## Normal        0.1698 0.8163

##                2.5%  97.5%
## Conventional  0.4187 0.6132
## Percentile    0.4159 0.6036
## Pivotal       0.4185 0.6063
## Normal        0.4227 0.6092
```