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Probability Theory & Stats

Week 12

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## Recap: Limit Theorems

WLLN: Large # i.i.d. r.v.s

$X_1, \dots, X_n$  like sampling from a population.

$$r.v. \quad M_n = \frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}{n}$$

sample mean

Convergence in prob.

$$P(|X_n - \mu| \geq \epsilon) = 0 \quad n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu$$

↳ "close" to  $\mu + \epsilon$

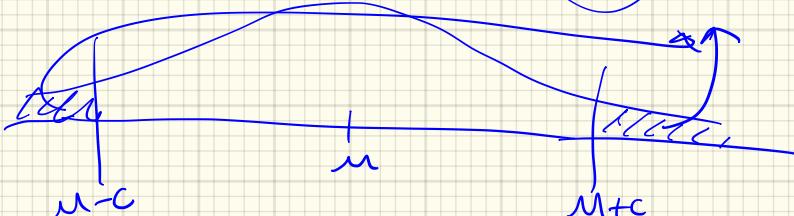
: estimate of the expected value.

$$\text{WLLN: } M_n \xrightarrow{\text{convergence in probability}} E[X] = \mu$$

Recall Tchebycheff  
Triv.  
 $\mu, \sigma^2$

$$P(|X - \mu| > c)$$

$$\frac{\sigma^2}{c^2}$$

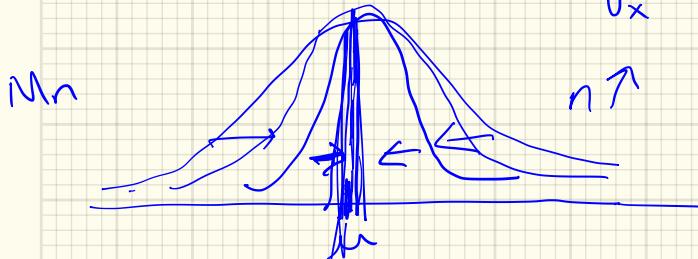


$$\rightarrow M_n = \frac{(X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n)}{n}$$

$$E[M_n] = \frac{E[X_1] + \dots + E[X_n]}{n} = \frac{n \cdot \mu}{n} = \mu$$

: true mean of the population

$$\text{Var}(M_n) = \frac{1}{n^2} n \cdot \text{Var}(X_i) = \frac{\sigma_x^2}{n} \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{\approx} 0$$



Polling ex:  $\hat{P}$ : fraction of population that prefer out.

$M_n = \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n}$ :

Bernoulli:  $X_i = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if yes (prefer)} \\ 0, & \text{if no (does not prefer)} \end{cases}$

prediction of the fraction  $P$ .

accuracy:  $P(|M_n - P| \geq 0.01)$

Goal:  $P(|M_n - P| \geq 0.01) \leq 0.05$

$\Rightarrow 0.05$

$\Rightarrow 95\%$  confidence

$\Rightarrow 1 - \alpha$  confidence

Types of Polling Problems : Specify Specs  
w/ 95% confidence of  $\leq 1\%$  error

- i) Collect data ( $n$ ) , calculate sample mean  $M_n$   
X check whether we satisfy the specs
- ii) Calculate the sample size  $n$  so that the specs are satisfied.

Check the polling ex. from last time :

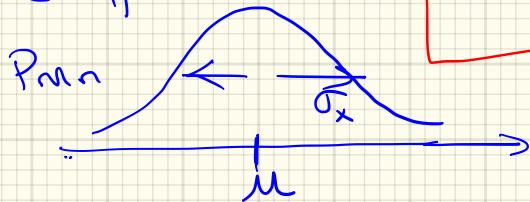
$\rightarrow n = 50K$  people <sup>/samples</sup> were needed to satisfy the specs.

Not practical.

$\rightarrow 1-2K$  samples  $\rightarrow$  you need to change your specs.

\* Different scalings of  $\frac{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n}{\text{sum r.v.}}$ ,  $X_i$  i.i.d.  $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ .

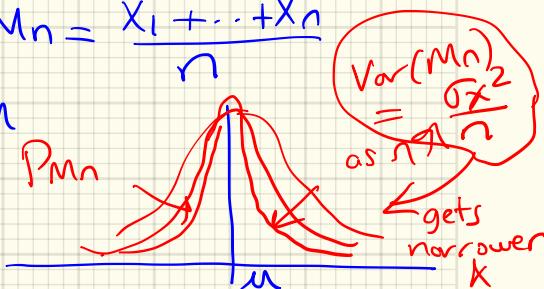
i) Sample Mean r.v.



$$\text{Scale} = \frac{1}{n} \rightarrow M_n = \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n}$$

$$E[M_n] = \mu$$

$n \nearrow$

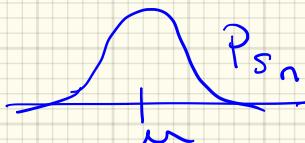


$$\text{Var}(M_n) = \frac{\sigma_x^2}{n}$$

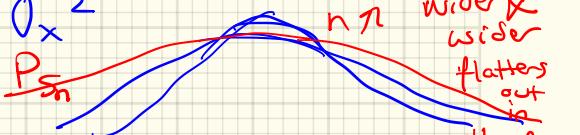
as  $n \nearrow$   
gets narrower

ii) Scale = 1 Sum r.v.  $S_n = X_1 + \dots + X_n$ ;  $X_i$ : i.i.d.

$$E[S_n] = n \cdot \mu, \text{Var}(S_n) = n \cdot \sigma_x^2$$



density shifts



narrower  
distrib.  
wider x wider

widens  
flatters out  
the limit

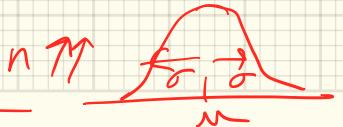
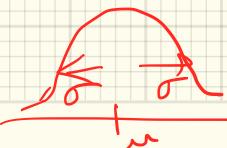
iii) Scale =  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$

$$\frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}} \rightarrow \text{Var}\left(\frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}}\right) = \text{Var}\left(\frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{\sqrt{n}}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^2 n \cdot \sigma_x^2 = \sigma_x^2$$

shape of the  
distrib. changes



$n \nearrow$



constant  
variance  
distrib. width  
stays the same!

Different scalings of  $S_n$  :  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  i.i.d. w/  $\mu$ ,  $\text{var } \sigma^2$ .

3 variants : 1)  $S_n = X_1 + \dots + X_n$  : Variance  $n \sigma^2 \rightarrow \infty$ .

2)  $M_n = \frac{S_n}{n}$  : Variance  $\frac{\sigma^2}{n} \rightarrow 0$

3)  $\frac{S_n}{\sqrt{n}}$  : Constant Variance  $\sigma^2$  ✓

STANDARDIZE  $S_n = X_1 + \dots + X_n$  by

$$Z_n = \frac{S_n - E[S_n]}{\sqrt{S_n}} = \frac{S_n - n \cdot E[X]}{\sqrt{n \sigma^2}} = \frac{S_n - nE[X]}{\sqrt{n} \cdot \sigma}$$

This is called standardization of an r.v. → zero mean, unit variance.

Now  $\begin{cases} E[Z_n] = 0 \\ \text{Var}(Z_n) = 1 \end{cases}$

Compare  $Z_n$  to a Standard Normal r.v.

$$Z_n \xrightarrow{\text{in distribution}} Z \sim N(0, 1)$$

Let  $Z$  be a standard normal r.v.

## CENTRAL LIMIT THEOREM (CLT)

We have a large # i.i.d. r.v.s  $X_i$ 's ( $X_i$ 's could be any r.v. of any distribution!)

→ Sum them → Standardize them to  $Z_n$

$$Z_n = \frac{S_n - E[S_n]}{\sqrt{n}\sigma}$$

For every  $c$ ,

$$P(Z_n \leq c) \rightarrow P(Z \leq c) = \Phi(c)$$

cdf of  $Z_n$

Standard Normal  
≡ Gaussian w/ 0 mean & unit var

useful b/c we have CDF of std normal available from tables.

Given

$$X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$$

$X_i$ 's w/ mean  $\mu$ , var:  $\sigma^2$

normalized  
 $\sum X_i$   
distrib. (CDF)

Normal Distrib.  
CDF

$$Z_n = \frac{S_n - nE[X]}{\sqrt{n}\sigma}$$

$S_n$  is Normal r.v.

$$S_n = \sqrt{n} \underbrace{Z_n}_{\sim N(0, 1)} + nE[X]$$

$Z_n \sim N(0, 1)$  when  $n$  is large

- Exercise Check why  $\bar{S}_n \xrightarrow{\sim}$  is also a normal r.v.
- b/c  $\bar{S}_n \leftarrow$  linear transformation of  $\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{\sqrt{n}}$  is Normal r.v. when n is large enough.
- CLT is a limit theorem:  $n \geq 100$ .
  - In practice, maybe  $n = 30 \rightarrow$  gives accurate results.

Ex: Let  $X_i \sim N(0,1)$  i.i.d.

Define  $Y_N = \sum_{i=1}^N X_i^2$

Approximate  $Y_N$  dist by a Gaussian.

Q. Is this justified?

b/c  $X_i$  are i.i.d. w/ finite mean & var ✓

$$\text{Var}(Y_N) = N \text{Var}(X_i^2)$$

$X_i^2$  are i.i.d. ✓

CLT says  $\tilde{Y}_N = \frac{Y_N - E[Y_N]}{\sigma_{Y_N}} = \frac{Y_N - N \cdot E(X^2)}{\sqrt{N \cdot \text{Var}(X^2)}}$   $\xrightarrow{\text{CLT}} N(0,1)$

$$E[X^2] = \text{Var}(X) = 1$$

$$\text{Var}(X^2) = E[X^4] - (E[X^2])^2 = 3 - 1 = 2.$$

$\begin{matrix} Y = X^2 \\ E[Y^2] \end{matrix}$

$E[X^4] = 3$  (check)  
derived ✓ known ✓

$\leftarrow \frac{Y_N}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{Y_N - N \cdot 1}{\sqrt{2N}} \approx \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  by CLT.  
as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

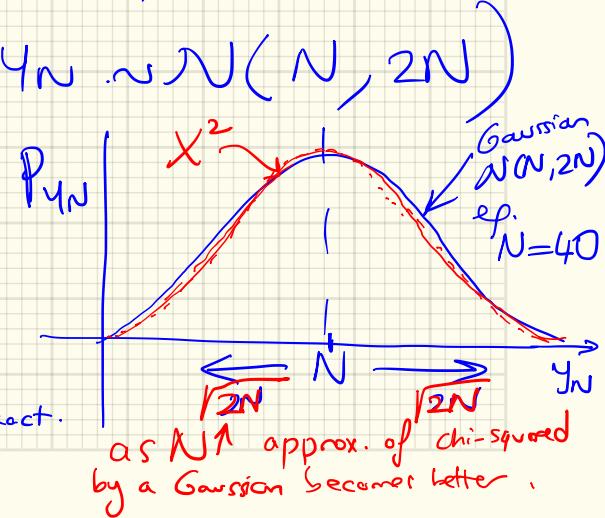
$$\rightarrow Y_N = \sqrt{2N} \tilde{Y}_N + N \rightarrow Y_N \sim \mathcal{N}(N, 2N)$$

$\tilde{Y}_N$  Gaussian? Yes  
 Gaussian  $\rightarrow$  w/ mean=0 std=1

$$E[Y_N] = \sqrt{2N} E(\tilde{Y}_N) + N$$

$$\text{Var}(Y_N) = 2N \cdot 1 + 0 \rightarrow 2N$$

$Y_N$  is  $\chi^2$ : chisquared distrib.  $Y_N \sim \chi_N^2$  exact.



## Ex: Pollster's problem using CLT .

- $p$ : fraction of the population that prefers "Something"
- $X_i$ :  $i$ th randomly selected person,  $X_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if yes} \\ 0 & \text{if no.} \end{cases}$  Bernoulli

$M_n = \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n}$  : this is the estimate for the fraction of the population that prefers ...

We define 2 specifications for the poll  $\equiv$  2 parameters

$$P(|M_n - p| > 0.01) \leq 0.05 = 1 - \underbrace{\text{confidence}}_{95\%}$$

↑  
accuracy

\* Want probability 95% that our estimate  $M_n$  is within 1% of the true  $p$  value

event of interest :  $|M_n - p| \geq 0.01$

rewrite

standardizing :

$$= \left| \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n - np}{n} \right| \geq 0.01$$

$$= \left| \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n - np}{\sqrt{n} \sigma} \right| \geq \frac{0.01 \sqrt{n}}{\sigma}$$

Standardized r.v.  $\equiv Z_n$ .

$$\sigma_{M_n}^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$$

$$\sigma_{M_n} = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$$

divide by this.

$$\rightarrow P(|M_n - p| > 0.01) = P(|Z_n| \geq \frac{0.01\sqrt{n}}{\sigma})$$

↑ result of the ball  
↑ the value

Using CLT, we calculate this prob

$$\approx P(|Z| \geq \frac{0.01\sqrt{n}}{\sigma})$$

where  $Z$  is a standard normal r.v.:  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$

→ Note one difficulty: we don't know  $\sigma$ ? But we know an upper bound

For Bernoulli:  $\text{Var}(X) = p(1-p)$ . Recall last time:  $\sigma^2 \leq \frac{1}{4}$



$$\rightarrow \sigma \leq \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow \text{we'll use this upper bound.}$$

$$= P(|Z| \geq \frac{0.01\sqrt{n}}{\sigma}) \leq P(|Z| \geq 0.02\sqrt{n})$$

i) Given  $n = 10,000$

$$P(|Z| \geq 0.02\sqrt{10^4}) = P(|Z| \geq 2) = 2P(Z \geq 2)$$

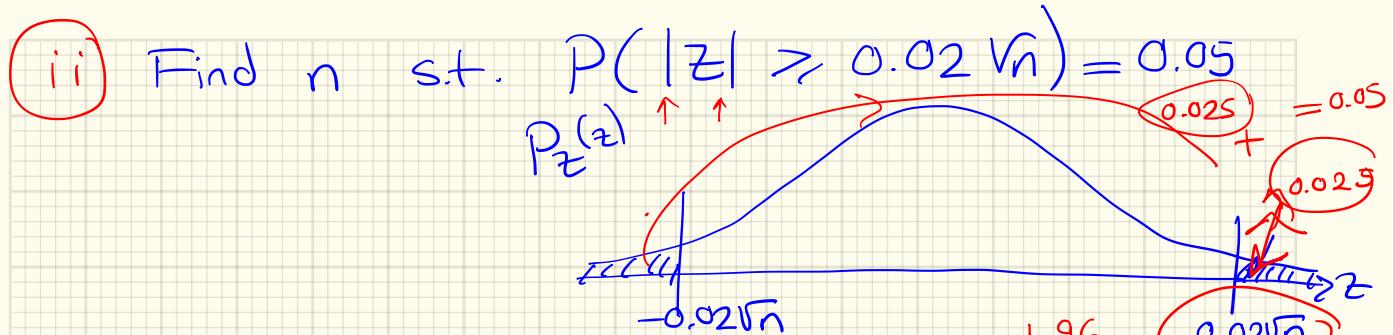
$$= 2(1 - P(Z < 2)) = 2(1 - 0.9772) \xrightarrow{\text{prob. of error}}$$

$\Phi(2) = 0.9772$

Use Normal Table  $\frac{0.0456}{\approx 1/4 \cdot 6} < 5\%$  ✓

$$\left(\frac{1}{\sigma}\right) > 2$$

lower bound.



$$0.02\sqrt{n} = 1.96$$

$$\rightarrow n = 9604$$

w/  $n = 9604$  people in the poll  
our prob. of error is 0.05

CLT: in polling

- i) start w/  $n$  & calculate probabilities
- ii) start w/ specs (prob) & calculate  $n$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\Phi(c) &\approx 1 - 0.025 \\ \Phi(c) &= 0.975 \\ \rightarrow c &= 1.96 \text{ from the table}\end{aligned}$$

we use  
CLT in different ways

1) polling
2) approximating distribution by a standard Gaussian,

Ex.: CLT: Apply to Binomial approx.

$X_i$ : Bernoulli ( $p$ ), i.i.d.  $0 < p < 1$ .

$$S_n = X_1 + \dots + X_n \equiv \text{Binomial}(n, p)$$

Binomial r.v.: mean:  $np$ , variance:  $np(1-p)$  ✓

CDF of  $\frac{S_n - np}{\sqrt{np(1-p)}}$  Standardized  $\xrightarrow{\text{CLT}}$  Std Normal Distrib.

Check whether this approx is good

Let  $n=36$ ,  $p=0.5$

$$\text{mean} = np = 18$$

$$\text{Var} = np(1-p) = 9 \rightarrow \sigma = 3$$

Find,  $P(S_n \leq 21)$ ?

$$\frac{S_n - 18}{3} \leq \frac{21 - 18}{3} = 1$$

$$Z_n \leq 1$$

$\sim Z \leq \frac{1}{\text{std normal}}$  CLT.  $\rightarrow$

$$\rightarrow \bar{D}(1) = P(Z \leq 1) = 0.843$$

from table.

approx. answer ?

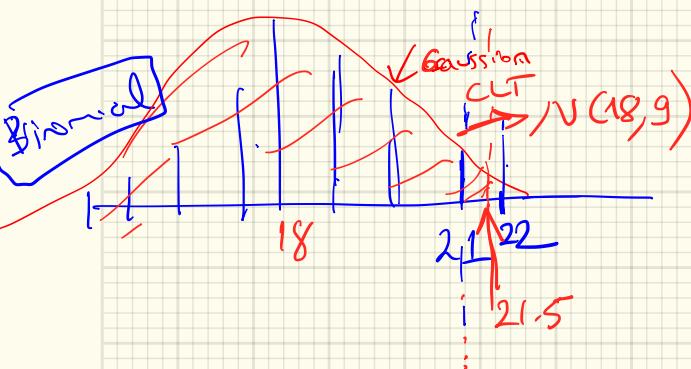
$$\sum_{k=0}^{21} \binom{36}{k} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{36} = 0.8785$$

Exact answer :

b/c  $S_n$  is a discrete r.v.

$$P(S_n \leq 21) = P(S_n < 22)$$

∴ use  $P(S_n \leq 21.5)$  → called  $\frac{1}{2}$  correction for Binomial approx.



$$\frac{S_n - 18}{3} \leq \frac{21.5 - 18}{3} = 1.17$$

Table :  $P(Z \leq 1.17)$

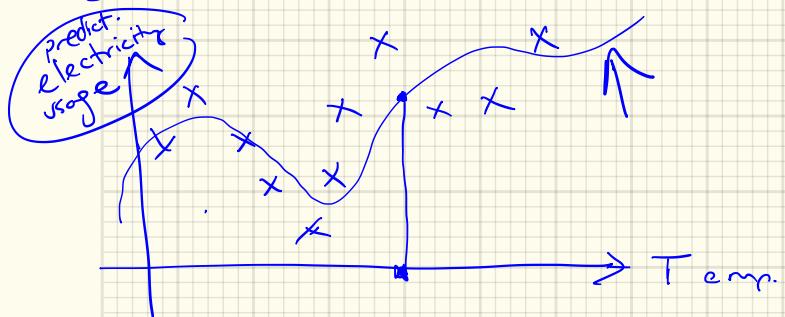
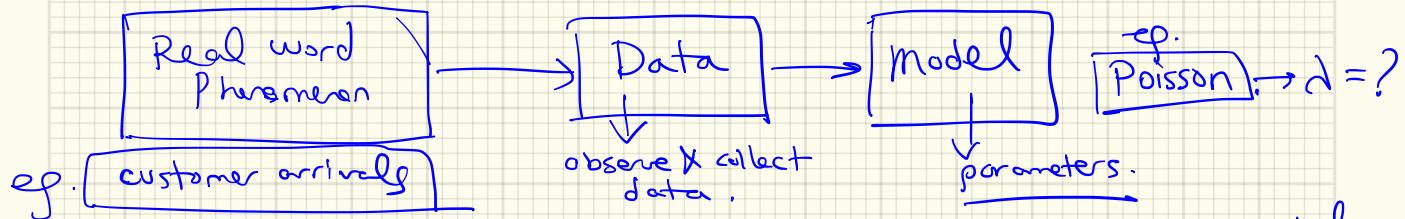
$$= 0.879$$

a much better approx.

w/ the  $\frac{1}{2}$  correction..

# STATISTICAL INFERENCE

~ Applied Probability



- come up w/ a model
- calculate its parameters
- make predictions about the real world.

Polling Problems :

estimation of preferences of populations

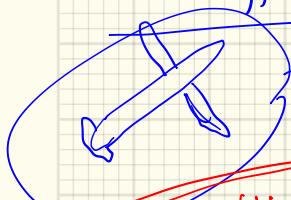
- Finance ::

1) Bayesian Statistical Inference

2) Classical Statistical Inference.

Two types of problems

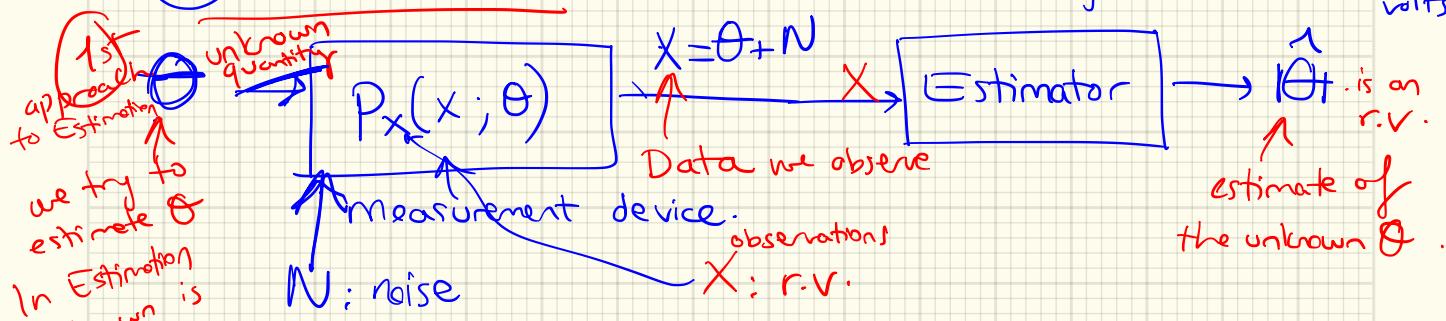
i) Hypothesis Testing: discrete quantities.



Radar measurement → Detect a signal or not  
interested in prob-of error.

We start w/ problem

ii) Estimation? Want to measure a voltage  $\theta$ , in  $(-V, V)$  volts

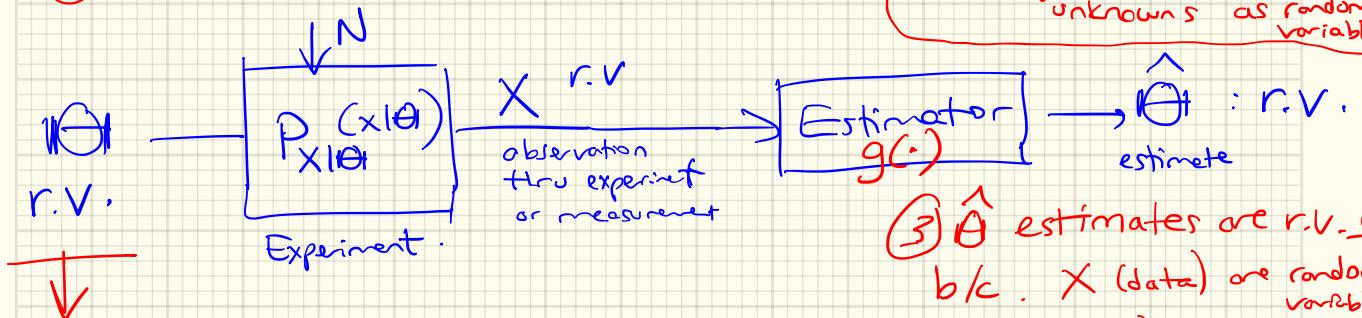


1) Classical Statistics approach

$\theta$  : unknown number ; nota r.v. !

## (2) Bayesian Statistics Approach:

- Note
- ① Classical stat. treats unknowns as unknown numbers
  - ② Bayesian stats treats unknowns as random variables



$P_{\Theta}(\theta)$  ; prior distribution:  
 our initial belief about  $\theta$  before the experiment

We rely on Bayes rule

come up w/ a posterior distrib.

$$P_{\Theta|X}(\theta|X)$$

prior  $\rightarrow$  posterior

our revised beliefs once we obtain data  $X$ , i.e. after the experiments

$\hat{\theta} = g(X)$   
 Recall: functions of r.v.s are r.v.s.

## Bayesian Inference

conditional model of the experimental process = likelihood of observing the data

$$P_{\theta|x}(x|\theta) = \frac{P_{X|\theta}(x|\theta) \cdot P(\theta)}{P_x(x)}$$

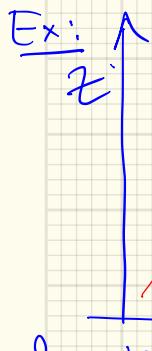
Prior: initial belief on  $\theta$  before the experiment

Valid for  $P$ : pmfs or pdfs  
both discrete & continuous r.v.s.

evidence: can be calculated based on likelihood

$$\int_{\Theta} P_{X|\theta}(x|\theta) p(\theta) d\theta$$

Want to calculate posterior distribution of  $\theta$  given  $X$ .



position of the object.

$$z_t = \theta_0 + \theta_1 t + \theta_2 t^2$$

$$\underline{\theta} = [\theta_0, \theta_1, \theta_2]$$

$$x_t = z_t + w_t$$

observations

noise.

(measurements we make are noisy)

Goal: calculate posterior distribution  $t$

$$P(\theta_0, \theta_1, \theta_2 | x_1, \dots, x_n) \propto P(\theta_0, \theta_1, \theta_2 | x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

$$\text{Bayes likelihood} \propto P(x_1, \dots, x_n | \underline{\theta}) P(\underline{\theta})$$

$$P(x_1, \dots, x_n) \rightarrow$$

$$[\theta_0, \theta_1, \theta_2]$$

prior is given  
continuous  
(pdfs.) r.v.s.

Ex: Coin w/ unknown parameter  $\theta$  ( $= p$ ) .  
Estimate  $\theta$ .

→ Classical statistics approach: Flip the coin many times

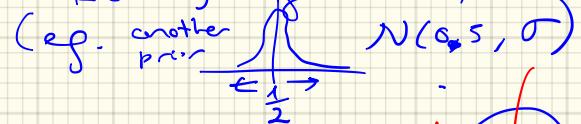
$$\hat{\theta}_m = \frac{S_n}{n} \xrightarrow{\text{heads in } n \text{ tosses}} \theta$$

$\xrightarrow{\text{no. of trials}}$

$X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \rightarrow$   
→ form  $S_n \rightarrow \text{sum } X_i$

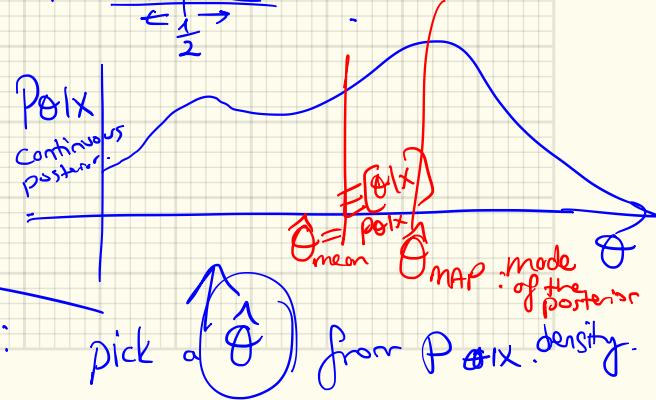
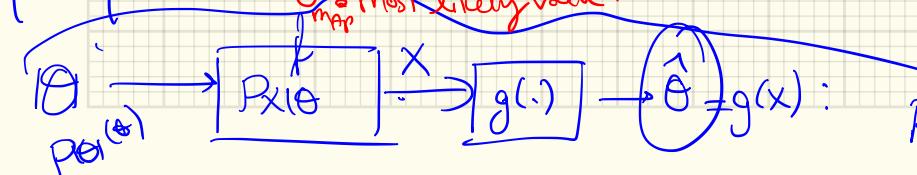
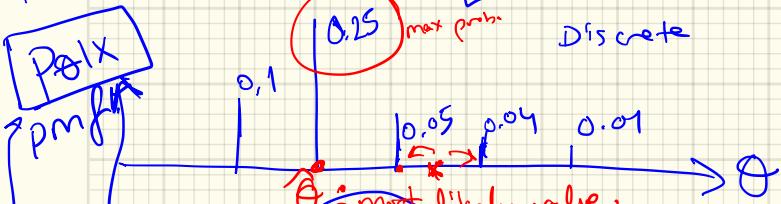
→ Bayesian approach: Assume a prior on  $\theta$ .

(e.g. uniform prior if you don't know anything about  $\theta$ ).



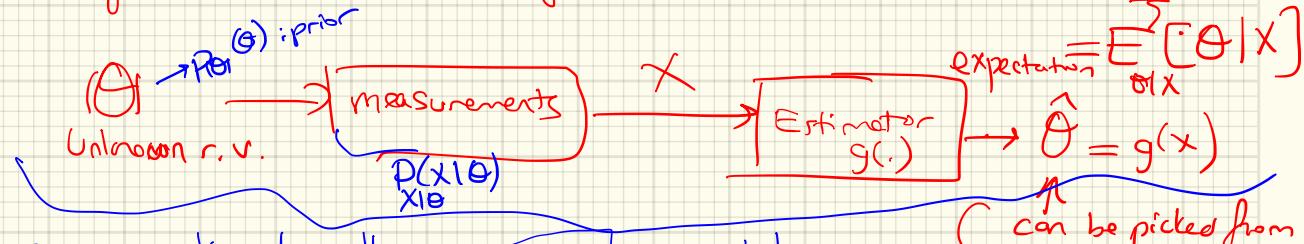
calculate this posterior!  $P(\theta|x) = ?$  w/ Bayes rule.

$$P(\theta|x) \propto P(x|\theta) P(\theta)$$



→ Output of Bayesian inference :  $\text{Post}(\theta|x)$  ; posterior distribution.

→ If interested in a single output :  $\hat{\theta}_{\text{MAP}}$  or  $\hat{\theta}_{\text{MLE}}$ :



① MAP: (Maximum a Posteriori) Estimate

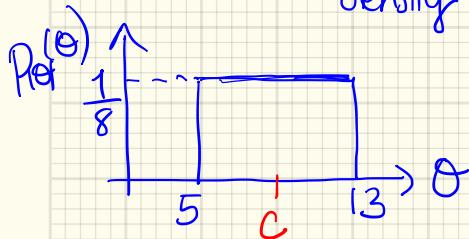
$$\hat{\theta}_{\text{MAP}} = \arg \max_{\theta} \text{Post}(\theta|x)$$

② Conditional Expectation (Least-Mean Squared Error (LMS) estimate)

$$E[\theta|x=x] = \int \theta \text{Post}(\theta|x) d\theta : \text{average of the posterior distrib.}$$

## Least Mean-Squared Estimation (LMS):

Given a prior on  $\theta$ :  
density



Goal: come up w/ a point estimate using LMS.

(w/ no observed  $x$ ) we minimize LMS criterion:

$$\min E[(\theta - c)^2]$$

point estimate called the

Least Mean-Squared Estim.

What is "optimal" estimate  $c$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} \min_{\frac{\partial}{\partial c}} & E[\theta^2] - 2E(\theta)c + c^2 \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial c} &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial c} = -2E(\theta) + 2c = 0$$

$$\rightarrow c = E[\theta] = 9 \text{ for this specific example.}$$

To judge how good is our estimate?

"optimal mean squared error":  $E[(\theta - E[\theta])^2] = \text{Var}(\theta)$

When we're minimizing the least mean-squared error,  
Expectation is the "best" estimate  $\xrightarrow{\hspace{1cm}}$

Next: we have data  $X$ , how will this estimate change?

LMS estimation of  $\theta$  based on  $X$  : Given  $X$  r.v.

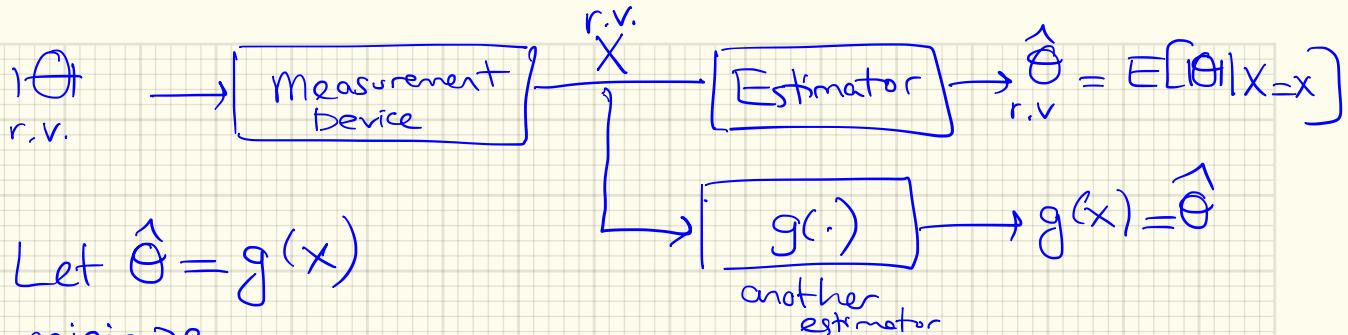
$$\min \mathbb{E}[(\theta - c)^2 | X=x]$$

is minimized by

$$c = \mathbb{E}[\theta | X=x]$$

: Now we use conditional expectation  
(exp. of the posterior density).

$\theta, X$  are r.v.s  
Given  $X=x$ ,  
Evaluate in a  
conditional  
universe.



minimize  $E[(\theta - g(x))^2]$

$$\min_{x, \theta} E[(\theta - g(x))^2] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\theta - g(x))^2 p_{\theta|x}(x|\theta) d\theta$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left( \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\theta - g(x))^2 p_{\theta|x}(\theta|x) d\theta \right) p_x(x) dx$$

$p_x(x) dx$   
 $p_x(x) > 0$

We can minimize  $f(c) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\theta - c)^2 p_{\theta|x}(\theta|x) d\theta$

$c = g(x)$

 $\frac{\partial f}{\partial c} = 0$ 
 $2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\theta - c) p_{\theta|x}(\theta|x) d\theta = 0$ 
 $\rightarrow \int \theta p_{\theta|x}(\theta|x) d\theta = c \cdot \int p_{\theta|x}(\theta|x) d\theta$

$$c = E[\theta | X] = \int \theta p_{\theta|X}(\theta | X) d\theta$$

$\tilde{g}(x)$

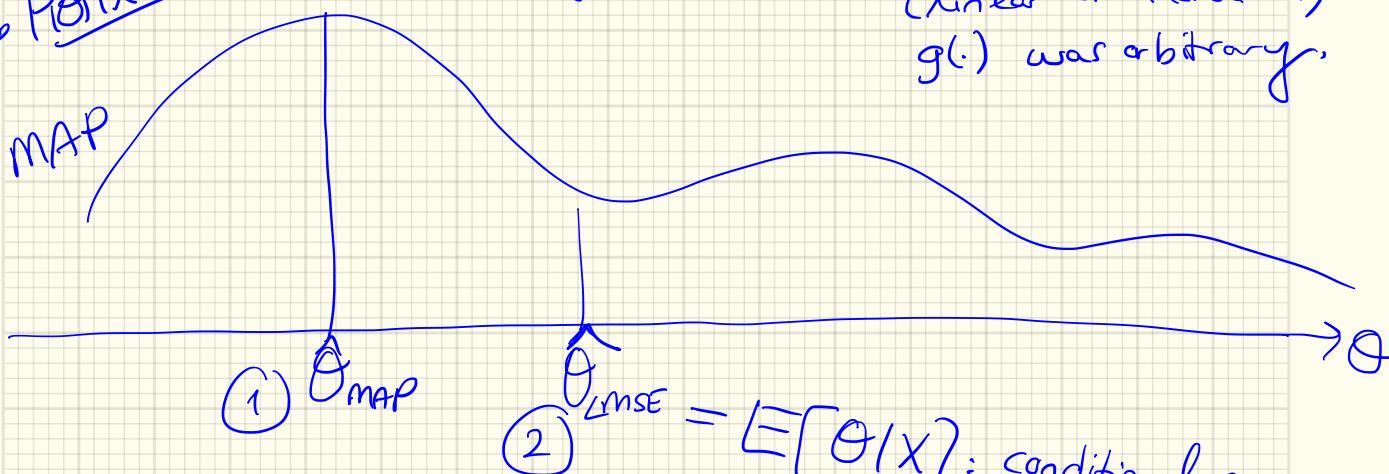
$\theta | X$

$$\rightarrow \hat{\theta}(x) = E[\theta | X]$$

posterior density  $p_{\theta|X}(\theta | X)$ : complete answer to a Bayesian inference.

: is the "optimal" estimator  
 (in sense of LMSE)  
 among all estimators  
 (linear or nonlinear)  
 $g(\cdot)$  was arbitrary,

① MAP



②  $\hat{\theta}_{LMSE} = E[\theta | X]$ : conditional mean of the posterior density

## Issues

- Unknown  $\underline{\Theta}$  : vector of  $\Theta$ 's.
- Observations  $\underline{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$  ← several measurements

Calculate w/ Bayes rule

$$P(\underline{\Theta} | X_1, \dots, X_n) \rightarrow \text{MSE}$$

$$\underline{E[\Theta | X_1, \dots, X_n]}$$

$$\rightarrow P_{\underline{\Theta}}(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) = \frac{P_{X_1, \dots, X_n | \underline{\Theta}}}{P_{\underline{\Theta}}}$$

$$P_{X_1, \dots, X_n} := \iiint \dots \int P_{X_1, \dots, X_n | \underline{\Theta}} d\underline{\Theta}$$

- 1) Calculations may become intractable due to multi-dimensional integrals  $P_{\underline{\Theta} | \underline{X}}$  & its expectation
- 2) Come up w/ a plausible prior

Ex 8.11 from Betroukes book.

### Linear LMS estimator:

Now, consider a simpler estimator of  $\Theta$ :

Let  $g(x) = \hat{\theta}_L = aX + b$

minimize  $E[(\theta - \hat{\theta}_L)^2]$

$$= E[(\theta - (ax+b))^2]$$

$\underbrace{g(x)}_{}$

generic estimator

$$g(x) = E[\theta|x] \\ = \theta_{LMS}$$

exercise Derive:

$$E[\theta^2 - (ax+b)^2 - 2\theta(a+b)]$$

minimize  $\left\{ E[\theta^2] + a^2 E[X^2] + 2ab E[X] + b^2 - 2a E[\theta \cdot X] - 2b E[\theta] \right\}$

w.r.t.  $a \times b$ .  $\frac{\partial}{\partial a} = 0, \frac{\partial}{\partial b} = 0$  ✓

$$a = \frac{\text{cov}(x, \theta)}{\text{Var}(x)}, b = E[\theta] - \frac{\text{cov}(x, \theta)}{\text{Var}(x)} E[x]$$

"Best" choice of  $a$  &  $b$  w.r.t. LMS criterion:

$$\hat{\theta}_L = E[\theta] + \frac{\text{cov}(x, \theta)}{\text{Var}(x)} (x - E[x])$$

Linear LMS estimator of  $\theta$ .