

1 Approximations

1.1 Law of Large Numbers

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be IID, with expectation μ and variance σ^2 . $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \xrightarrow[n]{\infty} \mu$. Let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n be realisations of the random variable X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n , then $\bar{x}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_n \xrightarrow[n]{\infty} \mu$

1.2 Central Limit Theorem

Let $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ where X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n IID. $\frac{S_n - n\mu}{\sqrt{n}\sigma} \xrightarrow[n]{\infty} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

2 Distributions

2.1 Poisson(λ)

$Pr(X = k) = \frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!}, k = 0, 1, \dots$
 $E(X) = Var(X) = \lambda$

2.2 Normal $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$

$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right), -\infty < x < \infty$

- When $\mu = 0$, $f(x)$ is an even function, and $E(X^k) = 0$ where k is odd
- $Y = \frac{X - E(X)}{SD(X)}$ is the standard normal

2.3 Gamma Γ

$g(t) = \frac{\lambda^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} t^{\alpha-1} e^{-\lambda t}, t \geq 0$

$\mu_1 = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda}, \mu_2 = \frac{\alpha(\alpha+1)}{\lambda^2}$

2.4 χ^2 Distribution

Let $\mathcal{Z} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1), \mathcal{U} = \mathcal{Z}^2$ has a χ^2 distribution with 1 d.f.

$f_{\mathcal{U}}(u) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} u^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\frac{u}{2}}, u \geq 0$

$\chi_1^2 \sim \Gamma(\alpha = \frac{1}{2}, \lambda = \frac{1}{2})$

Let U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n be χ_1^2 IID, then $V = \sum_{i=1}^n U_i$ is χ_n^2 with n degree freedom, $V \sim \Gamma(\alpha = \frac{n}{2}, \lambda = \frac{1}{2})$
 $E(\chi_n^2) = n, Var(\chi_n^2) = 2n$
 $M(t) = (1 - 2t)^{-\frac{n}{2}}$

2.5 t-distribution

Let $\mathcal{Z} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1), \mathcal{U}_n \sim \chi_n^2$ be independent, $t_n = \frac{\mathcal{Z}}{\sqrt{\mathcal{U}_n/n}}$ has a t-distribution with n d.f.

$f(t) = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{(n+1)/2}{2})}{\sqrt{n\pi}\Gamma(\frac{n}{2})} \left(1 + \frac{t^2}{n}\right)^{-\frac{n+1}{2}}$

- t is symmetric about 0
- $t_n \xrightarrow[n]{\infty} \mathcal{Z}$

2.6 F-distribution

Let $U \sim \chi_m^2, V \sim \chi_n^2$ be independent, $W = \frac{U/m}{V/n}$ has an F distribution with (m, n) d.f.

If $X \sim t_n, X^2 = \frac{\mathcal{Z}/1}{\mathcal{U}_n/n}$ is an F distribution with $(1, n)$ d.f, with $w \geq 0$:

$f(w) = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{(n+1)/2}{2})}{\Gamma(m/2)\Gamma(n/2)} \frac{m}{n} \frac{w^{\frac{m}{2}-1}}{w^{\frac{m}{2}-1}} \left(1 + \frac{m}{n}w\right)^{-\frac{m+n}{2}}$
For $n > 2, E(W) = \frac{n}{n-2}$

3 Sampling

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be IID $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$.

sample mean, $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$

sample variance, $S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$

3.1 Properties of \bar{X} and S^2

- \bar{X} and S^2 are independent
- $\bar{X} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n})$
- $\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$
- $\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{S/\sqrt{n}} \sim t_{n-1}$

3.2 Simple Random Sampling (SRS)

Assume n random draws are made without replacement. (Not SRS, will be corrected for later).

3.2.1 Summary of Lemmas

- $P(X_i = \xi_j) = \frac{n_j}{N}$: Lemma A
- For $i \neq j, Cov(X_i, X_j) = -\frac{\sigma^2}{N-1}$: Lemma B

3.2.2 Estimation Problem

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be random draws with replacement. Then \bar{X} is an estimator of μ . and the observed value of \bar{X}, \bar{x} is an estimate of μ .

3.2.3 Standard Error (SE)

SE of an \bar{X} is defined to be $SD(\bar{X})$.

param	est	SE	Est. SE
μ	\bar{X}	$\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$	$\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$
p	\hat{p}	$\sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}$	$\sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n-1}}$

3.2.4 Without Replacement

SE is multiplied by $\frac{N-n}{N-1}$, because s^2 is biased for σ^2 : $E(\frac{N-1}{N}s^2) = \sigma^2$, but N is normally large.

3.2.5 Confidence Interval

An approximate $1 - \alpha$ CI for μ is

$(\bar{x} - z_{\alpha/2} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{x} + z_{\alpha/2} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}})$

3.3 Biased Measurements

Let $X = \mu + \epsilon$, where $E(\epsilon) = 0, Var(\epsilon) = \sigma^2$
Suppose X is used to measure an unknown constant $a, a \neq \mu. X = a + (\mu - a) + \epsilon$, where $\mu - a$ is the bias.

Mean square error (MSE) is $E((X - a)^2) = \sigma^2 + (\mu - a)^2$

with n IID measurements, $\bar{x} = \mu + \bar{\epsilon}$

$E((x - a)^2) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n} + (\mu - a)^2$

MSE = SE² + bias², hence $\sqrt{\text{MSE}}$ is a good measure of the accuracy of the estimate \bar{x} of a .

3.4 Estimation of a Ratio

Consider a population of N members, and two characteristics are recorded: $(X_1, Y_1), (X_2, Y_2), \dots, (X_n, Y_n), r = \frac{\mu_y}{\mu_x}$.

An obvious estimator of r is $R = \frac{\bar{Y}}{\bar{X}}$

$Cov(\bar{X}, \bar{Y}) = \frac{\sigma_{xy}}{n}$, where

$\sigma_{xy} := \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \mu_x)(y_i - \mu_y)$ is the population covariance.

3.4.1 Properties

$Var(R) \approx \frac{1}{\mu_x^2} \left(r^2 \sigma_X^2 + \sigma_Y^2 - 2r\sigma_{XY} \right)$

Population coefficient $\rho = \frac{\sigma_{xy}}{\sigma_x \sigma_y}$

$E(R) \approx r + \frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{N-n}{N-1} \right) \frac{1}{\mu_x^2} (r\sigma_x^2 - \rho\sigma_x\sigma_y)$

$s_{xy} = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y})$

3.4.2 Ratio Estimates

$\bar{Y}_R = \frac{\mu_x}{\bar{X}} \bar{Y} = \mu_x R$

$Var(\bar{Y}_R) \approx \frac{1}{n} \frac{N-n}{N-1} (r^2 \sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2 - 2r\rho\sigma_x\sigma_y)$

$E(\bar{Y}_R) - \mu_y \approx \frac{1}{n} \frac{N-n}{N-1} \frac{1}{\mu_x} (r\sigma_x^2 - \rho\sigma_x\sigma_y)$

The bias is of order $\frac{1}{n}$, small compared to its standard error.

\bar{Y}_R is better than \bar{Y} , having smaller variance, when $\rho > \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{C_x}{C_y} \right)$, where $C_i = \sigma_i/\mu_i$

Variance of \bar{Y}_R can be estimated by

$s_{\bar{Y}_R}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \frac{N-n}{N-1} (R^2 s_x^2 + s_y^2 - 2R s_{xy})$

An approximate $1 - \alpha$ C.I. for μ_y is $\bar{Y}_R \pm z_{\alpha/2} s_{\bar{Y}_R}$

4 Method of Moments

To estimate θ , express it as a function of moments $g(\hat{\mu}_1, \hat{\mu}_2, \dots)$

4.1 Monte Carlo

Monte Carlo is used to generate many realisations of random variable.

$\bar{X} \xrightarrow[n]{\infty} \alpha/\lambda, \hat{\sigma}^2 \xrightarrow[n]{\infty} \alpha/\lambda^2$, MOM estimators are consistent (asymptotically unbiased).

Poisson(λ): bias = 0, $SE \approx \sqrt{\frac{\bar{x}}{n}}$

$N(\mu, \sigma^2)$: $\mu = \mu_1, \sigma^2 = \mu_2 - \mu_1^2$

$\Gamma(\lambda, \alpha)$: $\hat{\lambda} = \frac{\hat{\mu}_1}{\hat{\mu}_2 - \hat{\mu}_1^2} = \frac{\bar{X}}{\bar{\sigma}^2}, \hat{\alpha} = \frac{\hat{\mu}_1^2}{\hat{\mu}_2 - \hat{\mu}_1^2} = \frac{\bar{X}^2}{\bar{\sigma}^2}$

5 Maximum Likelihood Estimator (MLE)

5.1 Poisson Case

$L(\lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\lambda^{x_i} e^{-\lambda}}{x_i!} = \frac{\lambda^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} e^{-n\lambda}}{\prod_{i=1}^n x_i!}$

$l(\lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \log \lambda - n\lambda - \sum_{i=1}^n \log x_i!$

ML estimate of λ_0 is \bar{x} . ML estimator is $\hat{\lambda}_0 = \bar{X}$

5.2 Normal case

$l(\mu, \sigma) = -n \log \sigma - \frac{n \log 2\pi}{2} - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}$

$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \mu} = \frac{\sum (X_i - \mu)}{\sigma^2} \implies \hat{\mu} = \bar{x}$

$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \sigma} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2}{\sigma^3} - \frac{n}{\sigma}$
 $\implies \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$

5.3 Gamma case

$l(\theta) = n\alpha \log \lambda + (\alpha - 1) \sum_{i=1}^n \log X_i - \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n X_i - n \log \Gamma(\alpha)$

$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \alpha} = n \log \alpha + \sum_{i=1}^n \log X_i - \sum_{i=1}^n X_i - \frac{n}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \Gamma'(\alpha)$

$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \lambda} = \frac{n\alpha}{\lambda} - \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$

$\hat{\lambda} = \frac{\hat{\alpha}}{\bar{x}}$

5.4 Multinomial Case

$f(x_1, ..., x_r) = \binom{n}{x_1, x_2, ..., x_r} \prod_{i=1}^r p_i^{X_i}$
where X_i is the number of times the value occurs, and not the number of trials. and $x_1, x_2, ... x_r$ are non-negative integers summing to n . $\forall i$:
 $E(X_i) = np_i, Var(X_i) = np_i(1 - p_i)$
 $Cov(X_i, X_j) = -np_i p_j, \forall i \neq j$
 $l(p) = + \sum_{i=1}^{r-1} x_i \log p_i + x_r \log(1 - p_1 - ... - p_{r-1})$
 $\frac{\partial l}{\partial p_i} = \frac{x_i}{p_i} - \frac{x_r}{p_r} = 0$ assuming MLE exists
 $\frac{x_i}{p_i} = \frac{x_r}{p_r} \implies \hat{p}_i = \frac{x_i}{c}, c = \frac{x_r}{p_r}$
 $\sum_{i=1}^r \hat{p}_i = \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{x_i}{c} = 1$
 $\implies c = \sum_{i=1}^r x_i = n \implies \hat{p}_i = \frac{\bar{x}_i}{n}$
same as MOM estimator.

5.5 CIs in MLE

$\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{s/\sqrt{n}} \sim t_{n-1}$
Given the realisations \bar{x} and s , $\bar{x} \pm t_{n-1, \alpha/2} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{x} + t_{n-1, \alpha/2} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}$ is the exact $1 - \alpha$ CI for μ .
 $\frac{n\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}, \frac{n\hat{\sigma}^2}{\chi_{n-1, \alpha/2}^2}, \frac{n\hat{\sigma}^2}{\chi_{n-1, 1-\alpha/2}^2}$ is the exact $1 - \alpha$ CI for σ .

6 Fisher Information

$I(\theta) = -E\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta^2} \log f(x|\theta)\right)$

Distribution	MLE	Variance
Po(λ)	X	λ
Be(p)	X	$p(1 - p)$
Bin(n, p)	$\frac{X}{n}$	$\frac{p(1-p)}{n}$
HWE tri	$\frac{X_2 + 2X_3}{n}$	$\frac{\theta(1-\theta)}{n}$

General trinomial: $(\frac{X_1}{n}, \frac{X_2}{n})$

$$\begin{bmatrix} p_1(1 - p_1) & -p_1 p_2 \\ -p_1 p_2 & p_2(1 - p_2) \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{n}$$

In all the above cases, $var(\hat{\theta}) = I(\theta)^{-1}$.

7 Asymptotic Normality of MLE

As $n \rightarrow \infty, \sqrt{nI(\hat{\theta})}(\hat{\theta} - \theta) \rightarrow N(0, 1)$ in distribution, and hence $\hat{\theta} \sim N\left(\theta, \frac{I(\theta)^{-1}}{n}\right)$
As $\hat{\theta} \xrightarrow[n]{\infty} \theta$, MLE is consistent.

SE of an estimate of θ is the SD of the estimator $\hat{\theta}$, hence $SE = SD(\hat{\theta}) = \sqrt{\frac{I(\theta)^{-1}}{n}} \approx \sqrt{\frac{I(\hat{\theta})^{-1}}{n}}$
 $1 - \alpha$ CI $\approx \hat{\theta} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{I(\hat{\theta})^{-1}}{n}}$

8 Sufficiency

8.1 Characterisation

Let $S_t = x : T(x) = t =$. The sample space of X , S is the disjoint union of S_t across all possible values of T .
 T is sufficient for θ if $\exists q()$ s.t. $\forall x \in S_t, f_{\theta}(X|T = t) = q(x)$.

8.2 Factorisation Theorem

T is sufficient for θ iff $\exists g(t, \theta), h(x)$ s.t. $\forall \theta \in \Theta, f_{\theta}(x) = g(T(x), \theta)h(x) \forall x$

8.3 Rao-Blackwell Theorem

Let $\hat{\theta}$ be an estimator of θ with finite variance, T be sufficient for θ . Let $\tilde{\theta} = E[\hat{\theta}|T]$. Then for every $\theta \in \Theta, E\left(\hat{\theta} - \theta\right)^2 \leq E\left(\tilde{\theta} - \theta\right)^2$.
Equality holds iff $\hat{\theta}$ is a function of T .

8.4 Random Conditional Expectation

- $E(X) = E(E(X|T))$
- $var(X) = var(E(X|T)) + E(var(X|T))$
- $var(Y|X) = E(Y^2|X) - E(Y|X)^2$
- $E(Y) = Y, var(Y) = 0$ iff Y is a constant

9 Hypothesis Testing

Let $X_1...X_n$ be IID with density $f(x|\theta)$. null $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0, H - 1 : \theta = \theta_1$. Critical region is R_n . size = $P_0(X \in R)$ and power = $P_1(X \in R)$.
 $\Lambda(x) = \frac{f_0(x_1)...f_0(x_n)}{f_1(x_1)...f_1(x_n)}$. Critical region $x : \Lambda(x) < c_{\alpha}$, and among all tests with this size, it has the maximum power (Neyman-Pearson Lemma).
A hypothesis is simple if it completely specifies the distribution of the data.
 $H_1 : \mu > \mu_0$: Critical region $\{\bar{x} > \mu_0 + z_{\alpha} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}\}$, the power is a function of μ , and this is uniformly the most powerful test for size $\leq \alpha$.
 $H_1 : \mu \neq \mu_0$: Critical region $\{|\bar{x} - \mu_0| > c\}, c = z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$, but not uniformly most powerful.

The $(1 - \alpha)$ CI for μ consists of precisely the values μ_0 for which $H_0 : \mu = \mu_0$ is not rejected against $H_1 : \mu \neq \mu_0$. Exact for normal with known variance, approx. in others.

9.1 p-value

the probability under H_0 that the test statistic is more extreme than the realisation. (A, B): $p = P_0(\bar{X} > \bar{x}) = P(Z > \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}})$. (C): $p = P_0(|\bar{X} - \mu_0| > |\bar{x} - \mu_0|)$. The smaller the p-value, the more suspicious one should be about H_0 . If size is smaller than p-value, do not reject H_0 .

10 Generalized Likelihood Ratio

$\Lambda^* = \frac{\max_{\theta \in \omega_0} L(\theta)}{\max_{\theta \in \Omega} L(\theta)}, \Omega = \omega_0 \cup \omega_1$. The closer Λ is to 0, the stronger the evidence for H_1 .

10.1 Large-sample null distribution of Λ

Under H_0 , when n is large, $-2 \log \Lambda = \chi_k^2$, where $k = \dim(\Omega) - \dim(\omega_0)$.

Normal (C): $p = P\left(\chi_1^2 > \frac{(\bar{x} - \mu_0)^2}{\sigma^2/n}\right)$

Multinomial: $\Lambda = \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{E_i}{\bar{X}_i}\right)^{X_i}$ where $E_i = np_i(\hat{\theta})$ is the expected frequency of the i th event under H_0 . $-2 \log \Lambda \approx \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{(X_i - E_i)^2}{E_i}$, which is the Pearson chi-square statistic, written as X^2 .

10.2 Poisson Dispersion Test

For $i = 1...n$ let $X_i \sim Poisson(\lambda_i)$ are independent.

$w_0 = \{\tilde{\lambda} | \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = ... = \lambda_n\}$

$w_1 = \{\tilde{\lambda} | \lambda_i \neq \lambda_j \text{ for some } i, j\}$

$-2 \log \Lambda \approx \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2}{\bar{X}}$. For large n , the null distribution of $-2 \log \Lambda$ is approximately χ_{n-1}^2

11 Comparing 2 samples

11.1 Normal Theory: Same Variance

$X_1, ..., X_n$ be i.i.d $N(\mu_X, \sigma^2)$ and $Y_1, ..., Y_m$ be i.i.d $N(\mu_Y, \sigma^2)$, independent. $H_0 : \mu_X - \mu_Y = d$

11.1.1 Known Variance

$Z := \frac{\bar{X} - \bar{Y} - (\mu_X - \mu_Y)}{\sigma \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{m}}}$ and reject H_0 when $|Z| > z_{\alpha/2}$

11.1.2 Unknown Variance

$s_p^2 = \frac{(n-1)s_X^2 + (m-1)s_Y^2}{m+n-2}$ where $\$s_X^2 = 1 \over n-1 \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$. s_p^2 is an unbiased estimator of σ^2 . s_X within factor of 2 from s_Y .
 $t := \frac{\bar{X} - \bar{Y} - (\mu_X - \mu_Y)}{s_p \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{m}}}$ follows a t distribution with $m + n - 2$ d.f.

If two-sided: reject H_0 when $|t| > t_{n+m-2, \alpha/2}$.
If one-sided, e.g $H_1 : \mu_X > \mu_Y$, reject H_0 when $t > t_{n+m-2, \alpha}$.

11.1.3 CI

$\frac{\bar{X} - \bar{Y}}{\pm} z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \sigma \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{m}}$ if σ is known, or $\frac{\bar{X} - \bar{Y}}{\pm} t_{m+n-2, \alpha/2} \cdot s_p \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{m}}$ if σ is unknown.

11.1.4 Unequal Variance

$Z := \frac{\bar{X} - \bar{Y} - (\mu_X - \mu_Y)}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma_X^2}{n} + \frac{\sigma_Y^2}{m}}}$
 $t := \frac{\bar{X} - \bar{Y} - (\mu_X - \mu_Y)}{\sqrt{\frac{s_X^2}{n} + \frac{s_Y^2}{m}}}$, with $df = \frac{(a+b)^2}{\frac{a^2}{n-1} + \frac{b^2}{m-1}}$
where $a = \frac{s_X^2}{n}$ and $b = \frac{s_Y^2}{m}$

11.2 Mann-Whitney Test

We take the smaller sample of size n_1 , and sum the ranks in that sample. $R' = n_1(m + n + 1) - R$, and $R* = \min(R', R)$, we reject $H_0 : F = G$ if $R*$ is too small.
Test works for all distributions, and is robust to outliers.

11.3 Paired Samples

(X_i, Y_i) are paired and related to the same individual. (X_i, Y_i) is independent from (X_j, Y_j) . Compute $D_i = Y_i - X_i$, To test $H_0 : \mu_D = d, t = \frac{\bar{D} - \mu_D}{s_D/\sqrt{n}}$.
 $1 - \alpha$ CI: $\bar{D} \pm t_{n-1, \alpha/2} s_D/\sqrt{n}$

11.4 Ranked Test

W_+ is the sum of ranks among all positive D_i and W_- is the sum of ranks among all negative D_i . We want to reject H_0 if $W = \min(W_+, W_-)$ is too large.