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Lecture 12

Statistical significance: test of hypothesis

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TALENT VERSUS LUCK: THE ROLE OF RANDOMNESS IN SUCCESS AND FAILURE

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Variance: Biased vs Unbiased

$$S^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2$$
 Biased estimator

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum (X_i - \mu)^2$$
 Unbiased estimator

$$S^2 = \frac{1}{N-1} \sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2$$
 Unbiased estimator

 \bar{X} is estimator of μ

$$S^2$$
 is an estimator of σ^2

$$\mathrm{E}\left[(\overline{X}-\mu)^2\right]=rac{1}{n}\sigma^2.$$

$$E[S^2] \neq \sigma^2$$

$$But \ E\left[\frac{N}{N-1}S^2\right] = \sigma^2$$

Bias of an estimator

$$E[S^{2}] = E\left[\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_{i} - \overline{X})^{2}\right] = E\left[\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left((X_{i} - \mu) - (\overline{X} - \mu)\right)^{2}\right]$$

$$= E\left[\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}\left((X_{i} - \mu)^{2} - 2(\overline{X} - \mu)(X_{i} - \mu) + (\overline{X} - \mu)^{2}\right)\right]$$

$$= E\left[\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_{i} - \mu)^{2} - \frac{2}{n}(\overline{X} - \mu)\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_{i} - \mu) + \frac{1}{n}(\overline{X} - \mu)^{2}\sum_{i=1}^{n}1\right]$$

$$= E\left[\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_{i} - \mu)^{2} - \frac{2}{n}(\overline{X} - \mu)\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_{i} - \mu) + \frac{1}{n}(\overline{X} - \mu)^{2} \cdot n\right]$$

$$= E\left[\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_{i} - \mu)^{2} - \frac{2}{n}(\overline{X} - \mu)\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_{i} - \mu) + (\overline{X} - \mu)^{2}\right]$$

$$\mathrm{E}\left[(\overline{X}-\mu)^2\right]=rac{1}{n}\sigma^2.$$

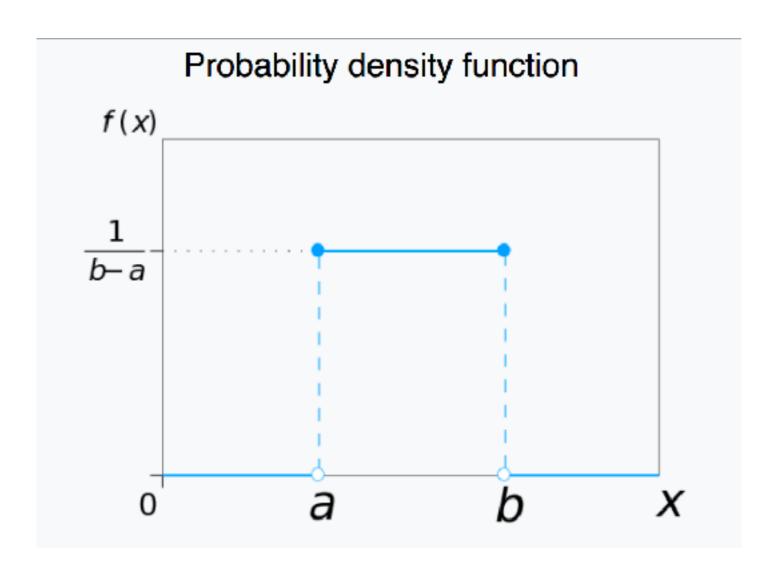
$$\overline{X} - \mu = rac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i - \mu = rac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i - rac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mu \ = rac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu).$$

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{E}[S^2] &= \mathbf{E} \left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2 - \frac{2}{n} (\overline{X} - \mu) \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu) + (\overline{X} - \mu)^2 \right] \\ &= \mathbf{E} \left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2 - \frac{2}{n} (\overline{X} - \mu) \cdot n \cdot (\overline{X} - \mu) + (\overline{X} - \mu)^2 \right] \\ &= \mathbf{E} \left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2 - 2(\overline{X} - \mu)^2 + (\overline{X} - \mu)^2 \right] \\ &= \mathbf{E} \left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2 - (\overline{X} - \mu)^2 \right] \\ &= \mathbf{E} \left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2 \right] - \mathbf{E} \left[(\overline{X} - \mu)^2 \right] \\ &= \sigma^2 - \mathbf{E} \left[(\overline{X} - \mu)^2 \right] = \left(1 - \frac{1}{n} \right) \sigma^2 < \sigma^2. \end{split}$$

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bias_of_an_estimator

Probability distributions important to modelling in the life and social sciences

Uniform probability distribution



Probability Distribution Function

$$p(x,k) = \frac{x^k e^{-x}}{k!}$$

$$ke^{-kx}$$

$$f(k; n, p) = \Pr(X = k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n-k}$$

for k = 0, 1, 2, ..., n, where

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$$

$$f(x \mid \mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$



The null hypothesis

A test of significance

$$H_0: \mu_1 = \mu_2$$

There no statistically difference between two samples

The alternative hypothesis

$$H_0: \mu_1 \neq \mu_2$$

Example: Newton's laws of motion

Einstein's theory of gravity

Student's t-Test

Introduced in William Sealy Gosset devised this test to find that quality of barley field depending on the number of sample points

When the sample is small n<30, how do find that the statistics is significant or not

$$t = \frac{\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2}{\sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}}}$$



Next Class

2:30 PM Friday, 22 September 2023