

## Wald test statistic for Bernoulli distribution

The general form of  $W$  statistic is

$$W = \frac{\hat{\theta} - \theta}{\sqrt{\text{var}(\hat{\theta})}}$$

For a given sample, we generally plug in the estimated  $\text{var}(\hat{\theta})$  to the denominator, i.e.,

$$W = \frac{\hat{\theta} - \theta}{\sqrt{\widehat{\text{var}}(\hat{\theta})}}$$

In the following hypothesis test,  $X \sim \text{Ber}(p)$ , where  $p$  is unknown.

$$\begin{aligned} H_0: p &= p_0 \\ H_1: p &\neq p_0 \end{aligned}$$

The Maximum likelihood estimator of  $p$  is

$$\hat{p} = \bar{X}_n$$

The sample variance of  $\hat{p}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\text{var}}(\hat{p}) &= \widehat{\text{var}}(\bar{X}_n) = \widehat{\text{var}}\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) = \frac{1}{n^2} \widehat{\text{var}}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) = \frac{n}{n^2} \widehat{\text{var}}(X_i) \\ &= \frac{\hat{p}(1 - \hat{p})}{n} = \frac{\bar{X}_n(1 - \bar{X}_n)}{n} \end{aligned}$$

So the observed  $W$  statistic in a given sample is

$$W = \frac{\hat{p} - p_0}{\sqrt{\widehat{\text{var}}(\hat{p})}} = \frac{\bar{X}_n - p_0}{\sqrt{\frac{\bar{X}_n(1 - \bar{X}_n)}{n}}} = \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - p_0)}{\sqrt{\bar{X}_n(1 - \bar{X}_n)}}$$