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# 1 Basic Distributions

{ order statistics }

Distribution	repr	PDF, PMF	$E(X)$	$V(X)$	$M(t)$
Negative Binomial					
Hypergeometric					
Poisson					
Normal	$\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$	$\frac{\exp(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2})}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}$			
Gamma	$\text{Gamma}(\alpha, \lambda)$	$\frac{\lambda^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\lambda x}$			
Beta	$\text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta)$	$\frac{x^{\alpha-1}(1-x)^{\beta-1}}{B(\alpha, \beta)}$			
Bernoulli		$[1-p, p]_k$	$p$	$p(1-p)$	
t					
Uniform	$U(a, b)$	$\frac{1}{b-a} I_{(a,b)}(x)$			
Exponential	$\text{Exp}(\lambda)$	$\lambda e^{-\lambda x}$			
Binomial	$\text{Binom}(n, p)$	$\binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$	$np$	$np(1-p)$	
Geometric		$p(1-p)^{k-1}$	$\frac{1}{p}$	$\frac{1-p}{p^2}$	

Where the beta function is defined by  $B(\alpha, \beta) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}$

## 2 Definitions and Theorems

### 2.1 Random Variable

The **sample space**  $\Omega$  is the set of all possible outcome. **Events** are the subset of  $\Omega$  (denoted:  $A, B, \dots$ ). A **random variable**  $X : \Omega \rightarrow E$  is a measurable function from the set of possible outcomes  $\Omega$  to some set  $E$  (usually  $E = \mathbb{R}$ ).

{ expected value }

{ variance }

{ standard deviation }

{ covariance }

{ correlation }

{ mgf - moment generating function }

{ the other basics }

Conditional probability:

$$\Pr(A|B) = \frac{\Pr(A \cap B)}{\Pr(B)}$$

Two events  $A$  and  $B$  are independent if  $\Pr(A \cap B) = \Pr(A) \Pr(B)$ .

Bayes' Rule

$$\Pr(A|B) = \frac{\Pr(B|A) \Pr(A)}{\Pr(B)}$$

{ PMF }

{ PDF }

{ CDF }

### 2.2 Convergence of random variables

Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be a sequence of random variables. Let  $Y$  be another random variable.

The sequence  $\{X_n\}$  **converges** to  $Y$  **in distribution** if

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R} \left[ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr(X_n \leq x) = \Pr(Y \leq x) \right]$$

Note that  $\Pr(X_n \leq x) = F_{X_n}(x)$  and  $\Pr(Y \leq x) = F_Y(x)$ .

The sequence  $\{X_n\}$  **converges** to  $Y$  **in probability** if

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \left[ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr(|X_n - Y| > \varepsilon) = 0 \right]$$

Suppose all random variable have a (finite) common mean.

The sequence  $\{X_n\}$  **converges** to  $Y$  **almost surely** if

$$\Pr \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n = Y \right) = 1$$

### 2.3 Law of large numbers (LLN)

Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be a sequence of iid random variables with finite mean.

The **Weak law of large numbers (WLLN)** states that

$$\bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{P} \mu \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

The **Strong law of large numbers (SLLN)** states that

$$\bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} \mu \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

### 2.4 Central limit theorem (CLT)

Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be a sequence of iid random variables with finite mean and variance.

Let  $Z_n = \frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$ , then as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $Z_n \xrightarrow{d} Y$  where  $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

### 2.5 Statistic

A **statistic**  $t(X)$  is a function of data  $X$  or sample.

Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim F_\theta$  and let  $T$  be a function of  $\mathbf{X} = \{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$ . We call  $T = T(\mathbf{X})$  a **sufficient statistic** for  $\theta$  if it is a statistic and the conditional probability  $\Pr(\mathbf{X}|T)$  does not depend on  $\theta$ .

An **ancillary statistic** is a **pivot** (which is also a statistic).

Note that a statistic is **NOT** the parameter.

### 2.6 Statistical model

A **statistical model** is a set of assertions that directly or indirectly specify the probability distribution of observed data.

### 3 Statistical Inference

{ Bayesian or frequentist approach }

$\hat{\theta}$  is a random variable with probability distribution known as the **sampling distribution**. The standard deviation of the sampling distribution is known as the **standard error**.

#### 3.1 Pivotal quantity

A **pivotal quantity** or **pivot** is a function of observations and unobservable parameters whose probability distribution does not depend on the unknown parameters.

#### 3.2 Method of moments

The  $k^{\text{th}}$  moment is defined as

$$M^{(k)}(0) = \mu_k = E(X^k)$$

if  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are i.i.d. random variables from a distribution, the  $k^{\text{th}}$  **sample moment** is defined as

$$\hat{\mu}_k = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^n X_i^k$$

$\hat{\mu}_k$  can be viewed as a **unbiased** estimate of  $\mu_k$ .

{ application }

{ MME - Method of moment estimator }

#### 3.3 Maximum likelihood estimate

{ definition }

The log likelihood function is defined by  $l(|\theta) = \ln L(|\theta)$ .

#### 3.4 Properties

An estimator  $\hat{\theta}$  is **consistent** if  $\hat{\theta}_n \xrightarrow{p} \theta$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

An estimator  $\hat{\theta}$  is **unbiased** if  $E(\hat{\theta}) = \theta$ .

The **mean square error**(MSE) of an estimator  $\hat{\theta}$  is

$$\text{MSE}(\hat{\theta}) = E[(\hat{\theta} - \theta)^2] = \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}) + [B(\hat{\theta})]^2$$

The **efficiency** of  $\hat{\theta}$  relative to  $\tilde{\theta}$  is the ration of their variances.

$$\text{eff}(\hat{\theta}, \tilde{\theta}) = \frac{\text{Var}(\tilde{\theta})}{\text{Var}(\hat{\theta})}$$

{ Sufficiency }

{ MLE - Maximum likelihood estimator }

{ Theorem 9.2 from p451 MSA }

{ p310 of PSTSCU }

#### 3.5 Exponential family

{ Exponential family model and its properties }

A model in exponential family can be expressed as

$$f(x|\theta) = \exp(\pi(\theta)T(x) - g(\theta) + b(x))$$

where  $\pi$  is called **natural parameters**, and  $T$  is called **natural sufficient statistics**.

Examples of exponential family models: normal, bernoulli,  $\chi^2$ , exponential, Poisson, gamma, binomial, negative binomial, beta, inverse normal, ...

Fact:  $\hat{\theta}_{\text{MLE}}$  is a function of sufficient statistic for exponential family.

Fact: If  $X$  is distributed according to a full rank exponential family, then  $T(x)$  is minimal sufficient.

{ fact about  $T$  and complete }

Examples of 1-param exponential family models: bernoulli, binomial, poisson, exponential.

For 1-param exponential family, method of moment estimator is equal to maximum likelihood estimator.

#### 3.6 Score and Fisher information

The **score function**  $S(\theta)$  is defined by:

$$S(\theta) = S(x|\theta) = \frac{\partial l(x|\theta)}{\partial \theta}$$

Fact:  $E[S(\theta)] = 0$

The **Fisher information**  $I(\theta)$  is defined by:

$$I(\theta) = E \left[ -\frac{\partial^2 l(x|\theta)}{\partial^2 \theta} \right]$$

Fact:  $\text{Var}(S(\theta)) = I(\theta)$

Fact:  $\text{Var}(\sum_1^n S(\theta)) = nI(\theta)$

#### 3.7 wtf

$\sum_{i=1}^n T(X_i)$  is sufficient statistic.

including normal, the binomial, the Poisson, and the gamma.

{ Score function and fisher information }

Under i.i.d. sampling from a model with Fisher information  $I(\theta)$  the Fisher information for a sample of size  $n$  is given by  $nI(\theta)$

{ Theorem 6.5.1 of PSTSCU }

The observed Fisher information is given by

$$\hat{I}(s|\theta) = \frac{\partial^2 l(s|\theta)}{\partial^2 \theta} \Big|_{\theta} = \hat{\theta}(s)$$

where  $\hat{\theta}(s)$  is MLE.

{ sufficient at p460 }

{ factorization criterion at p461 }

{ Ex 9.66 }

{ 9.4, 9.5 and 9.7 }

{ Maximum Likelihood Estimator }

{ Rao-Blackwell Theorem }

{ Complete Statistic }

{ Lehmann-Scheffe Lemma }

## 4 Lecture Topics

### 4.1 Monday, June 29, 2015

- converges in distribution
- converges in probability
- converges almost surely
- law of large numbers (weak and strong)
- central limit theorem
- { normal distribution theorem }

### 4.2 Monday, July 6, 2015

- statistic
- { probability model and statistical model }
- { statistical inference }
- { estimator }
- { principal of minimizing MSE }
- { Method of moment estimator }
- { parameter space }
- { biased estimator / unbiased estimator }
- { consistent estimator }
- { MVUE - Minimum-variance unbiased estimator }

#### 4.2.1 Estimator

An *estimator*  $\hat{\theta}$  is a rule, often expressed as a formula, that tells how to calculate the value of an estimate based on the measurements contained in a sample.

The *bias* of a point estimator  $\hat{\theta}$  is given by  $B(\hat{\theta}) = E(\hat{\theta}) - \theta$ .

A estimator  $\hat{\theta}$  is unbiased if  $B(\hat{\theta}) = 0$ .

A estimator  $\hat{\theta}$  is consistent if  $\hat{\theta} \xrightarrow{P} \theta$ .

A square loss function is defined by  $\mathcal{L}(\hat{\theta}, \theta) = (\hat{\theta} - \theta)^2$

The risk function (expected loss) is defined by  $R(\hat{\theta}, \theta) = E[(\hat{\theta} - \theta)^2] = \text{MSE}$

**Principal of minimizing MSE**  $\hat{\theta}_1$  is preferred  $\hat{\theta}_2$ , if  $\text{MSE}(\hat{\theta}_1) \leq \text{MSE}(\hat{\theta}_2)$ .  $\hat{\theta}$  is optimal if  $\text{MSE}(\hat{\theta}) \leq \text{MSE}(\hat{\theta}')$  for all  $\hat{\theta}'$ . { check this }

$$\text{MSE}(\hat{\theta}) = \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}) + (B(\hat{\theta}))^2$$

#### 4.2.2 Statistical Inference

estimation( $\hat{\theta}$ , a estimator of  $\theta$ )

hypothesis testing estimation( $\hat{\theta}$ )

estimator is a statistic  $\hat{\theta}(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  estimator  $\hat{\theta}$  is a statistic of data sample  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$

the set of all unbiased estimator  $D_0$

Let  $\hat{\theta}$  be a point estimator for a parameter  $\theta$ . Then  $\hat{\theta}$  is an *unbiased estimator* if  $E(\hat{\theta}) = \theta$ . If  $E(\hat{\theta}) \neq \theta$ ,  $\hat{\theta}$  is said to be *biased*.

The *mean square error* of a point estimator  $\hat{\theta}$  is

$$\text{MSE}(\hat{\theta}) = E[(\hat{\theta} - \theta)^2] = \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}) + [B(\hat{\theta})]^2$$

Define *standard error*  $\sigma_{\hat{\theta}} = \sqrt{\sigma_{\hat{\theta}}^2}$ .

The error of estimation  $\varepsilon$  is the distance between an estimator and its target parameter. That is,  $\varepsilon = |\hat{\theta} - \theta|$ .

Statistical Model and Inference Method of Moment Estimator

### 4.3 Wednesday, July 8, 2015

#### 4.3.1 Confidence interval

An **interval estimator**(confidence intervals) is a rule specifying the method for using the sample measurements to calculate two numbers that form the endpoints of the interval.

Given  $\Pr(\hat{\theta}_L \leq \theta \leq \hat{\theta}_U) = 1 - \alpha$ , the probability  $(1 - \alpha)$  is the **confidence coefficient**.

Let  $X$  be a random sample from a distribution that depends on a parameter  $\theta$ . Let  $g(X, \theta)$  be a random variable whose distribution is the same for all  $\theta$ . Then  $g$  is called a **pivotal quantity** (or simply a pivot).

8.5, 8.6 and 8.8

- { pivotal method at p407 }
- Large Sample CI concerning  $\mu$
- Likelihood Inference
- Likelihood Principle
- Sufficient Statistics
- factorization theorem

- minimal sufficient statistic

Sufficient Statistics is not unique

#### 4.4 Monday, July 13, 2015

{ sufficient at p460 }

{ factorization criterion at p461 }

{ Ex 9.66 }

{ 9.4, 9.5 and 9.7 }

{ Maximum Likelihood Estimator }

{ Rao-Blackwell Theorem }

{ Complete Statistic }

{ Ancillary Statistic }

{ Lehmann-Scheffe Lemma }

#### 4.5 Wednesday, July 15, 2015

{ Exponential family model and its properties }

{ Score function and fisher information }

$$I(\theta) = \text{Var}(S(\theta))$$

#### 4.6 Wednesday, July 22, 2015

{ Observed fisher information }

{ Expected fisher information }

{ likelihood inverse }

##### 4.6.1 Likelihood Asymptotic

Asymptotic properties of MLE

Let

$$S(\theta) = \sum_i^n S_i(\theta)$$

1.  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}S(\theta) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, I(\theta))$
2.  $\sqrt{n}(\theta_{MLE} - \theta) \rightarrow N(0, I(\theta)^{-1})$
3.  $\hat{\theta}_{MLE} \xrightarrow{p} \theta_{MLE}$

##### 4.6.2 Delta method

If  $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta} - \theta) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, [I(\theta)]^{-1})$  then  $g$  is a differentiable function and  $g'(\theta) \neq 0$  then

$$\sqrt{n}(g(\hat{\theta}) - g(\theta)) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, [g'(\theta)]^2 [I(\theta)]^{-1})$$

.

For  $g'(\theta) = 0$  and  $g''(\theta) \neq 0$ ,

$$n(g(\hat{\theta}) - g(\theta)) \sim \mathcal{X}_1^2 \frac{1}{2} g''(\theta) \frac{1}{I(\theta)}$$

{ proof }

{ Final Question }

##### 4.6.3 Cramer-Rao lower bound

Suppose  $\theta$  is unknown parameter which is to be estimated from  $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$  distributed according to  $f_e(X)$  then for any given unbiased estimator  $\hat{\theta}$   $\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}) \geq [nI(\theta)]^{-1}$ .

If  $\hat{\theta}_{MLE}$  is unbiased and  $\hat{\theta}_{MLE}$  achieves CR lower bound then  $\hat{\theta}_{MLE}$  is MVUE.

{ retype }

in exponential family  $\hat{\theta}_{MLE}$  is a fn of complete mss then by Lehmann-Scheffe lemma  $\hat{\theta}_{MLE}$  is MVUE

but not all MLEs are unbiased therefore MVUE does not always achieve Cramer-Rao lower bound.

$$\text{Bernoulli } \theta \quad \hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \bar{X} \quad \text{Var}(\bar{x}) = [nI(\theta)]^{-1}$$

$$\text{Binomial } (n, \theta) \quad \hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \bar{X}$$

$$\text{Poisson } \theta \quad \hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \bar{X}$$

$$\exp(\beta) \quad \hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \bar{X}$$

Normal - { check }

Uniform - { check non-exist }

Gamma - { check }

Beta - { check }

#### 4.7 Monday, July 27, 2015

{ Intro to Hypothesis Testing }

Null hypothesis

Alternate hypothesis

Significance level

p-value

type I and type II error

One-side and two sided test

power of test

Neyman-Pearson Lemma

Hardy-Weinberg Equilibrium

Poisson Dispersion Test

#### 4.8 Wednesday, July 29, 2015

{ Neyman-Pearson Lemma }

{ Likelihood Ratio Test }

#### 4.9 Monday, August 5, 2015

{ P-value }

{ Relationship between Confidence Interval and Hypothesis Testing }



## 5 TODO

section 7.2, 7.3

Example 8.1

$\mathcal{X}^2$  distribution, t distribution, F distribution

$L^2$  convergence

MGF, PDF

All exercises in section 8.2, read 8.3 and 8.4. Ex 8.36, 8.37.  
8.38. Read section 9.3. try exercise 9.15 –9.36 and exercise in  
section 9.6.

## 6 Distributions

Notation	Name	pdf	cdf
$\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$	normal	-	-
$B(n, p)$	binomial		
	T-distribution		
	$\chi^2$ distribution		

## 7 Abbreviations

**r.v.** random variable

**i.i.d.** independent and identically distributed

**SD** standard deviation

**CI** Confidence Interval

- $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$
- $X_n \xrightarrow{d} Y$  converges in distribution
- $X_n \xrightarrow{p} Y$  converges in probability
- $X_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} Y$  converges almost surely

Critical values

{  $l$  for log-likelihood function }

## 8 Definitions

A **random variable** is a real-valued function for which the domain is a sample space.

A **statistic** is a function of the observable random variables in a sample and known constants.

**Variance**  $\text{Var}(X) = E[(X - \mu)^2]$

## 9 Basic Topics

## 10 Acknowledgement

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