



MA2011 Statistics Homework Assignment 5

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1. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ . Given an  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ .

(i) Using the joint distribution of  $\bar{X}$  and  $S^2$  to construct a  $100(1 - \alpha)\%$  confidence interval for  $\mu$ .

(ii) Using the exact distribution of the MLE  $\hat{\sigma}^2$  to construct an exact  $100(1 - \alpha)\%$  confidence interval for  $\sigma^2$ .

(iii) Using the asymptotic distribution of  $\hat{\sigma}^2$  to construct an approximate  $100(1 - \alpha)\%$  confidence interval for  $\sigma^2$ .

(i) Note that  $\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{S/\sqrt{n}} \sim t_{n-1}$

Therefore,  $P(-t_{n-1, \frac{\alpha}{2}} \leq \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{S/\sqrt{n}} \leq t_{n-1, 1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}) = 1 - \alpha$ ,

where  $t_{n-1, q}$  is the  $q$ th quantile for  $t_{n-1}$ ,

and  $t_{n-1, q} = -t_{n-1, 1-q}$ , for  $q \in (0, 1)$ .

$\Rightarrow 100(1 - \alpha)\%$  C.I. for  $\mu$ :  $\bar{X} \pm \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}} t_{n-1, 1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}$

(ii) Note that  $\frac{n\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$ .

Therefore,  $P(\chi_{n-1, \frac{\alpha}{2}}^2 \leq \frac{n\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma^2} \leq \chi_{n-1, 1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}^2) = 1 - \alpha$ ,

where  $\chi_{n-1, q}^2$  is the  $q$ th quantile for  $\chi_{n-1}^2$ ,  $q \in (0, 1)$ .

$\Rightarrow 100(1 - \alpha)\%$  C.I. for  $\sigma^2$ :  $(\frac{n\hat{\sigma}^2}{\chi_{n-1, 1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}^2}, \frac{n\hat{\sigma}^2}{\chi_{n-1, \frac{\alpha}{2}}^2})$ .

(iii) Note that  $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\sigma}^2 - \sigma^2) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 2\sigma^4)$

Therefore,  $P(\hat{\sigma}^2 - \frac{\sigma^2}{\sqrt{2\sigma^4/n}} \leq \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2 - \sigma^2}{\sqrt{2\sigma^4/n}} \leq \hat{\sigma}^2 + \frac{\sigma^2}{\sqrt{2\sigma^4/n}}) \approx 1 - \alpha$ ,

where  $\hat{\sigma}^2$  is the  $q$ th quantile for  $N(0, 1)$ ,

and  $\hat{\sigma}^2 = -\hat{\sigma}^2$ ,  $q \in (0, 1)$ .

$\Rightarrow P(-\hat{\sigma}^2 \leq \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2 - \sigma^2}{\sqrt{2\sigma^4/n}} \leq \hat{\sigma}^2) \approx 1 - \alpha$

$\Rightarrow$  approximate  $100(1 - \alpha)\%$  C.I. for  $\sigma^2$ :

$\hat{\sigma}^2 \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{n}} \hat{\sigma}^2 \cdot \hat{\sigma}^2_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} = \hat{\sigma}^2 (1 \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{n}} \hat{\sigma}^2_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}})$

2. Suppose that we observe  $\hat{\mu} = 2.5$  and  $\hat{\sigma}^2 = 4$ . Using R to compute the following estimates: ( $\alpha = 0.05$ )

(a) Suppose  $n = 16$ , repeat #1(i,ii,iii).

(b) Suppose  $n = 100$ , repeat #1(i,ii,iii).

(a) (i) By R,  $t_{15, 0.975} \approx 2.131$ ,  $(n-1)S^2 = n\hat{\sigma}^2 \Rightarrow \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}} = \sqrt{\frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{n-1}}$

95% C.I. for  $\mu$ :  $2.5 \pm \sqrt{\frac{4}{15}} \cdot t_{15, 0.975} \approx (1.399, 3.601)$

(ii) By R,  $\chi_{15, 0.025}^2 \approx 6.262$ ,  $\chi_{15, 0.975}^2 \approx 27.488$

95% C.I. for  $\sigma^2$ :  $(\frac{16 \cdot 4}{\chi_{15, 0.975}^2}, \frac{16 \cdot 4}{\chi_{15, 0.025}^2}) \approx (2.328, 10.220)$

(iii) By R,  $\hat{\sigma}^2_{0.975} \approx 1.960$ .

app. 95% C.I. for  $\sigma^2$ :  $4(1 \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{16}} \hat{\sigma}^2_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}) \approx (1.228, 6.772)$

(b) (i)  $t_{99, 0.975} \approx 1.984$ .

95% C.I. for  $\mu$ :  $2.5 \pm \sqrt{\frac{4}{99}} \cdot t_{99, 0.975} \approx (2.106, 2.899)$

(ii)  $\chi_{99, 0.025}^2 \approx 73.361$ ,  $\chi_{99, 0.975}^2 \approx 128.422$

95% C.I. for  $\sigma^2$ :  $(\frac{100 \cdot 4}{\chi_{99, 0.975}^2}, \frac{100 \cdot 4}{\chi_{99, 0.025}^2}) \approx (3.115, 5.452)$

(iii) app. 95% C.I. for  $\sigma^2$ :  $4(1 \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{100}} \hat{\sigma}^2_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}) \approx (2.891, 5.109)$

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3. Suppose that  $X$  is a discrete random variable with  $P(X = 1) = \theta$  and  $P(X = 0) = 1 - \theta$ , where  $\theta \in (0, 1)$  is unknown. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_{10}$  be iid copies of  $X$ .

(a) Find the MLE  $\hat{\theta}$  and its asymptotic distribution.

(b) Given 10 observations: (1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0). Construct an approximate 90% confidence interval for  $\theta$  by  $\hat{\theta}$ .

(a) The pmf of  $X$ :  $f(x|\theta) = \theta^x(1-\theta)^{1-x}$ ,  $x = 0, 1$ .

Log likelihood:  $\ell(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^{10} \log f(X_i|\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^{10} (X_i \log \theta + (1-X_i) \log(1-\theta)) = 10(\bar{X} \log \theta + (1-\bar{X}) \log(1-\theta))$

where  $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} X_i$ .

$\frac{d}{d\theta} \ell(\theta) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\bar{X}}{\theta} - \frac{1-\bar{X}}{1-\theta} = 0 \Rightarrow$  The MLE  $\hat{\theta} = \bar{X}$ .

$I(\theta) = E(\frac{d^2}{d\theta^2} \log f(X|\theta)) = E(\frac{d}{d\theta} (\frac{X}{\theta} - \frac{1-X}{1-\theta})) = E(\frac{X}{\theta^2} + \frac{1-X}{(1-\theta)^2})$

$= \frac{E(X)}{\theta^2} + \frac{1-E(X)}{(1-\theta)^2} = \frac{\theta}{\theta^2} + \frac{1-\theta}{(1-\theta)^2} = \frac{1}{\theta(1-\theta)}$

$\Rightarrow \sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta} - \theta) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \frac{1}{\theta(1-\theta)}) = N(0, \theta(1-\theta))$

(b) An approximate 90% C.I. for  $\theta$  is  $(\hat{\theta} = 0.4, n=10)$

$\hat{\theta} \pm \sqrt{\frac{\hat{\theta}(1-\hat{\theta})}{n}} \cdot \hat{\sigma}_{0.95} \approx (0.145, 0.655)$

4. Suppose that  $Y_1, \dots, Y_{10} \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ , where  $\lambda > 0$  is unknown.

(a) Find the MLE  $\hat{\lambda}$  and its asymptotic distribution.

(b) Given 10 observations: (1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 3, 0, 0, 1, 0). Construct an approximate 90% confidence interval for  $\lambda$  by (b).

(a) The pmf for  $Y_i$ :  $f(y|\lambda) = \frac{\lambda^y}{y!} e^{-\lambda}$ ,  $y = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Log likelihood:  $\ell(\lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^{10} \log f(Y_i|\lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^{10} (-\log(Y_i!) + Y_i \log \lambda - \lambda)$

$\frac{d}{d\lambda} \ell(\lambda) = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{10} (\frac{Y_i}{\lambda} - 1) = 0 \Rightarrow$  The MLE  $\hat{\lambda} = \bar{Y} = \frac{1}{10} \sum_{i=1}^{10} Y_i$ .

$I(\lambda) = E(\frac{d^2}{d\lambda^2} \log f(Y|\lambda)) = E(\frac{d}{d\lambda} (\frac{Y}{\lambda} - 1)) = \frac{E(Y)}{\lambda^2} = \frac{1}{\lambda}$

$\Rightarrow \sqrt{n}(\hat{\lambda} - \lambda) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \frac{1}{I(\lambda)}) = N(0, \lambda)$

(b) Using the observation,  $\hat{\lambda} = \frac{7}{10} = 0.7$ , and  $n=10$ .

An approximate 90% C.I. for  $\lambda$  is

$\hat{\lambda} \pm \sqrt{\frac{\hat{\lambda}}{n}} \cdot \hat{\sigma}_{0.95} \approx (0.265, 1.135)$

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