

From a previous class, let the DGP be iid Gumbel(θ , 1). The data is: $\langle 2.15, 1.91, 3.66, 4.85, 3.03, 1.03, 3.58 \rangle$ and $n = 7$. We derived the MLE and $I(\theta)$ as follows:

$$\hat{\theta}^{MLE} = \ln\left(\frac{4}{\sum e^{-x_i}}\right), \quad \hat{\theta}^{MLE} = 2.26$$

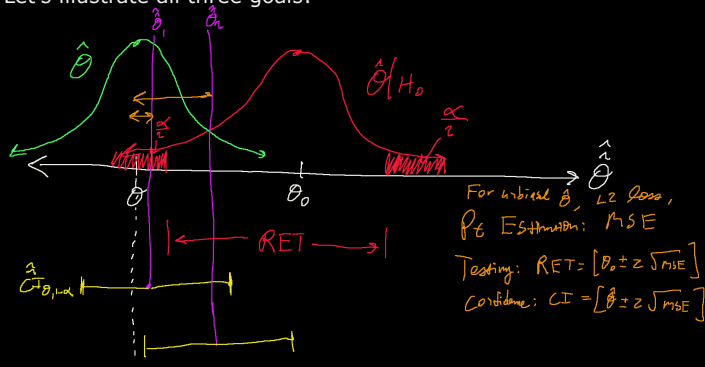
$$I(\theta)^{-1} = 1, \quad I(\hat{\theta}^{MLE})^{-1} = 1$$

$$\hat{CI}_{\theta, 95\%} \approx \left[2.26 \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{1}{7}} \right] = [1.52, 3.00]$$

Let the DGP be unknown iid mean θ . The data is: $\langle 2.15, 1.91, 3.66, 4.85, 3.03, 1.03, 3.58 \rangle$ and $n = 7$. Find a 95% CI for θ .

$$CI_{\theta, 95\%} = \left[\bar{x} \pm 1.96 \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} \right] = \left[2.89 \pm 1.96 \frac{1.28}{\sqrt{7}} \right] = [1.94, 3.84]$$

Let's illustrate all three goals:



Note: The first experiment's CI "covered" θ but the second experiment's CI did "not cover" θ . Question: when you create a CI, do you know if it covered? NO! You don't know θ .

$$P(\theta \in \hat{CI}_{\theta, 1-\alpha}) \neq 1-\alpha$$

since this probability is zero or one (either it's not inside or it is inside). Thus, any individual CI is technically meaningless. This philosophical problem has been discussed for a very long time. The Bayesian approach offers another strategy.

The problem with point estimation is you get a θ and you don't know if that specific θ is close to θ or not!

The problem with testing is that you have no idea if your decision is an error (if you reject, it could be a type I error; if you retain, it could be a type II error).

Yes these problems exist. But this is the best we got! It's better than making up stuff.

In the AF study, $\hat{\theta}_1 = 27/81 = 0.333$, $\hat{\theta}_2 = 12/79 = 0.152$

$\phi := \underbrace{Odds\ Against(\theta)}_{g(\theta)} = \frac{1-\theta}{\theta}$. Odds against is a 1:1 function with θ and thus is an equivalent way of thinking about probability.

Can we provide an estimate for odds against?

$$\hat{\phi}_1 = \frac{1-\hat{\theta}_1}{\hat{\theta}_1} = \frac{1-0.333}{0.333} = 2$$

"odds against getting AF in the control group are 2:1".

If you are thinking about the iid Bern DGP with ϕ as the parameter and not θ as the parameter, maybe you want a means to run valid hypothesis tests and build CI's?

We will now learn the "delta method" p240-243 of C&B.

Let $\hat{\phi} = g(\hat{\theta})$ where
 * $\hat{\theta}$ is asymptotically normal
 * g is a differentiable function with no critical points
 Then,

$$\frac{g(\hat{\theta}) - g(\theta)}{|g'(\theta)| SE[\hat{\theta}]} \xrightarrow{d} N(0,1) \Rightarrow \frac{g(\hat{\theta}) - g(\theta)}{|g'(\theta)| SE[\hat{\theta}]} \sim N(0,1)$$

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$$\frac{g(\hat{\theta}) - g(\theta)}{|g'(\hat{\theta})| \hat{SE}[\hat{\theta}]} \xrightarrow{d} N(0,1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underset{\hat{g}(\theta)}{CI_{\phi, 1-\alpha}} \approx \left[g(\hat{\theta}) \pm z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} |g'(\hat{\theta})| \hat{SE}[\hat{\theta}] \right]$$

Proof of the delta method thm:

$$g(\hat{\theta}) \approx g(\theta) + (\hat{\theta} - \theta) g'(\theta)$$

this is the first order Taylor series approx.

$$\Rightarrow g(\hat{\theta}) - g(\theta) \approx (\hat{\theta} - \theta) g'(\theta)$$

$$\frac{g(\hat{\theta}) - g(\theta)}{|g'(\theta)| SE[\hat{\theta}]} \approx \frac{(\hat{\theta} - \theta) \cancel{g'(\theta)}}{|\cancel{g'(\theta)}| SE[\hat{\theta}]} = \frac{\hat{\theta} - \theta}{SE[\hat{\theta}]} \xrightarrow{d} N(0,1)$$

In our example, $|g'(\theta)| = \left| \frac{d}{d\theta} \left[\frac{1-\theta}{\theta} \right] \right| = \left| -\theta^{-2} \right| = \frac{1}{\theta^2}$

$$CI_{\phi, 95\%} = \left[\underbrace{\frac{1-\hat{\theta}}{\hat{\theta}}}_{\hat{\phi}} \pm 1.96 \cdot \underbrace{\frac{1}{\hat{\theta}^2}}_{|g'(\hat{\theta})|} \underbrace{\sqrt{\frac{\hat{\theta}(1-\hat{\theta})}{n}}}_{SE[\hat{\theta}]} \right]$$

$$= \left[2 \pm 1.96 \frac{1}{0.333^2} \sqrt{\frac{0.333 \cdot 0.667}{81}} \right] = [1.07, 2.93]$$