

02/04/2020 Lecture 3

$$\hat{\theta}_{MLE} := \underset{\theta \in \Theta}{\operatorname{argmax}} \{ \ell(\theta; x) \}$$

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pt. estimate  
"estimate"  
X

In an advance class, you'll prove

$$\hat{\theta}_{MLE} \stackrel{d}{\approx} N(\theta, \underbrace{SE[\hat{\theta}_{MLE}]}_{\substack{\text{a function} \\ \text{of } \theta \\ \text{impossible to know}}}) \stackrel{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{2nd approx.}}}{\approx} N(\hat{\theta}_{MLE}, \underbrace{\hat{SE}[\hat{\theta}_{MLE}]}_{\substack{\text{estimator} \\ \uparrow \\ SE[\hat{\theta}_{MLE}]|_{\theta=\hat{\theta}_{MLE}} \\ \uparrow \\ \text{estimate}}}})$$

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r.v.  
"estimator"  
X

MLE's allow for 3 goal of inference

- ① Pt. estimator  $\hat{\theta}_{MLE}$
- ② Confidence sets  $CI_{\theta, 1-\alpha} := [\hat{\theta}_{MLE} \pm z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} \hat{SE}[\hat{\theta}_{MLE}]]$
- ③ Testing  $H_0: \theta = \theta_0$   
 $H_a: \theta \neq \theta_0$   
some theory
 $RR_{\alpha} := [ \theta_0 \pm z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} SE[\hat{\theta}_{MLE}] ]_{\theta=\theta_0}$

## Trouble in Paradise Examples

①  $\mathcal{F} = \text{iid Bernoulli}$   $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{Bern}(\theta)$

$$x = \langle 0, 0, 0 \rangle$$

$$\hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \bar{x} = 0$$

$$CI_{\theta, 1-\alpha} = \left[ \bar{x} \pm z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{\bar{x}(1-\bar{x})}{n}} \right] = \{0\}$$

$RR_{\alpha} = \{\theta_0\}$  all test are rejected.

② What if you know

$\theta \in [0.1, 0.2]$  Is there any way to make use of this info?

No

③ Let's interpret the confidence interval

$$CI_{\theta, 95\%} = [0.37, 0.43]$$

what is the interpretation?

$\Rightarrow P(\theta \in CI_{\theta, 95\%}) = 95\%$  Wrong, but it's what you want to say.

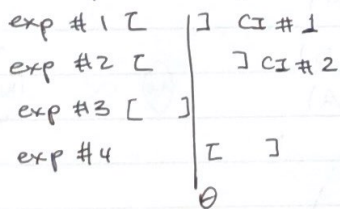
Our assumption was  $\theta$  is a fixed value (parameter)

$$P(0.392 \in [0.37, 0.43]) = 1$$

$$P(0.36 \in [0.37, 0.43]) = 0$$

## Valid Interpretation

① If I repeat the experiment many times,  $\approx 95\%$  of the CI's will include  $\theta$



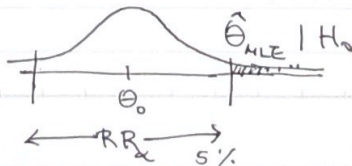
② Before you do the experiment...

$$P(\theta \in CI_{\theta, 1-\alpha}) = 1 - \alpha$$

④ In a hypothesis test you either reject  $H_0$  or retain  $H_0$

$\hat{\theta}_{MLE} \in RR_{\alpha} \Rightarrow \text{Retain } H_0$

$\hat{\theta}_{MLE} \notin RR_{\alpha} \Rightarrow \text{Reject } H_0$



smaller p value  
stronger the  
rejection.

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"p-value" is defined as -

$$p := P(\text{seeing } \hat{\theta}_{MLE} \text{ 'or more extreme' } | H_0 \text{ true})$$

$\neq P(H_0 | X) \leftarrow \text{prob. my theory is true (what you want).}$

⑤  $\mathcal{F} = \text{iid Bernoulli } (\Theta = (0, 1))$  ← support of Bernoulli

$$X = (0, 1, 0)$$

$$\hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \bar{x} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$CI_{0.95} = \left[ \frac{1}{3} \pm 2 \sqrt{\frac{\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{2}{3}}{3}} \right] = [-0.20, 0.87]$$

we know that  $\theta \neq 0$ ! This is a bad confidence set because it's the param space  $\Theta$

why did this happen?

$n$  is small ... therefore  $\hat{\theta}_{MLE} \not\sim N(, ) \Rightarrow$  give over.

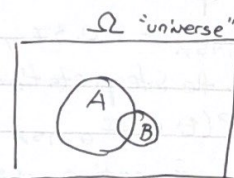
A: smoking

B: lung cancer

Assume:  $P(A) = 0.2$

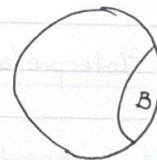
$P(B) = 0.06$

$P(A, B) = 0.036$



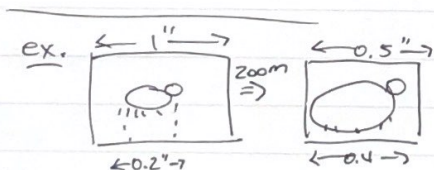
$P(\text{lung cancer} | \text{smoking})$  a "conditional probability"  
 $= P(B|A)$

$A = \Omega' \subset \Omega$



"multiple"  $\downarrow$  "zoom"  $\uparrow$

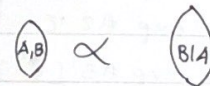
$$P(B|A) \propto P(A, B) = \frac{P(A, B)}{P(A)}$$



$$\text{zoom factor} = \frac{1''}{0.5''} = 2.$$

definition of cond. prob.

$$= \frac{P(A, B)}{P(A)}$$



$$P(A, B) = P(B|A) P(A)$$

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(A, B)}{P(B)} \Rightarrow P(A, B) = P(A|B) P(B).$$

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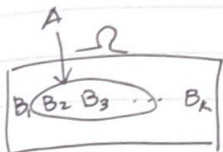
= Bayes Rule



## Addition Rule

$$A = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap B^c)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(A) = P(A, B) + P(A, B^c)$$



I can prove this...

$$A = (A \cap B_1) \cup (A \cap B_2) \cup \dots \cup (A \cap B_k)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(A) = \sum_{k=1}^k P(A, B_k)$$

s.t.  $B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \dots \cup B_k = \Omega$  collectively exclusive.

but  $B_i \cap B_j = \emptyset$  mutually exclusive

$$\Rightarrow P(B_i | A) = \frac{P(A | B_i) P(B_i)}{\sum_{k=1}^k P(A, B_k)}$$

$$P(B_i | A) = \frac{P(A | B_i) P(B_i)}{\sum_{k=1}^k P(A | B_k) P(B_k)} \quad \text{"Bayes Theorem"}$$

Table gives  
the  $P(x, y)$   
i.e. the joint  
mass function

Imagine 2 r.v.s  $X, Y$ .

$$\text{Supp}[X] = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

$$\text{Supp}[Y] = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

Marginal Probability

$$P(Y=5) = P(Y=5, X=1) + P(Y=5, X=2) +$$

$$P(Y=5, X=3) + P(Y=5, X=4)$$

$$= \sum_{x \in \text{Supp}[X]} P(Y=5, X=x)$$

$$\sum P(Y=5)$$

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the margin of the table.

$$P(X=2 | Y=5) = \frac{P(X=2, Y=5)}{P(Y=5)}$$

$$P(X=x | Y=y) = \frac{P(X=x, Y=y)}{P(Y=y)}$$

$$P(X|Y) = \frac{P(X, y)}{P(y)} \xleftarrow{\text{JMF}} = \frac{P(y|x) P(x)}{P(x)} \xleftarrow{\text{PMF}}$$

↑  
conditional  
mass  
function. CMF

Can I write the following?

$$P(\theta|x) = \frac{P(x|\theta) P(\theta)}{P(x)}$$

currently  $\theta$  is a constant,  
i.e. a degenerate r.v.

$$\theta \sim \{\theta \text{ w.p. } 1\}$$

$$\theta|x \sim \{\theta \text{ w.p. } 1\}$$

thus the formula is not simple.

$$P(x) = \sum_{\theta \in \Theta} P(x|\theta_0) P(\theta_0)$$

$$\int_{\Theta} P(x|\theta_0) P(\theta_0) d\theta_0$$

denominator is a problem.

$P(x)$  without knowing  $\theta$  this is unassumable without knowing  $\theta$ .

$$\tilde{P} = \{P(x; \theta); \theta \in \Theta\}$$