

# STAT 5430

Lec 32, M , Apr 14

- No homework this week!
- Exam 2 is
  - on W, April 16, 6:15-8:15 PM, 3rd floor seminar room
- No class on that W.
- I'll post: study guide (sufficiency/completeness/tests)
  - practice exams
  - bring new 1 page (front/back) formula sheet on exam 2 material  
(I'll post one to use if you'd like)
  - can bring calculator & previous formula sheet
  - I'll provide table of distributions / STAT 542 facts on test as before

# Interval Estimation I

Inverting a Test

**Theorem:** Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  have joint pdf/pmf  $f(x|\theta)$ ,  $\theta \in \Theta \subset \mathbb{R}^p$  and let  $A(\theta_0)$  denote the acceptance region of a simple test of size  $\alpha$  for testing  $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$  vs.  $H_1 : \theta \neq \theta_0$  (for  $p = 1$ ,  $H_1 : \theta < \theta_0$  or  $\theta > \theta_0$  is allowed too). Define sets  $C_{\tilde{x}} \subset \Theta$ ,  $\tilde{x} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  as

$$C_{\tilde{x}} = \{\theta_0 : \tilde{x} \in A(\theta_0)\}$$

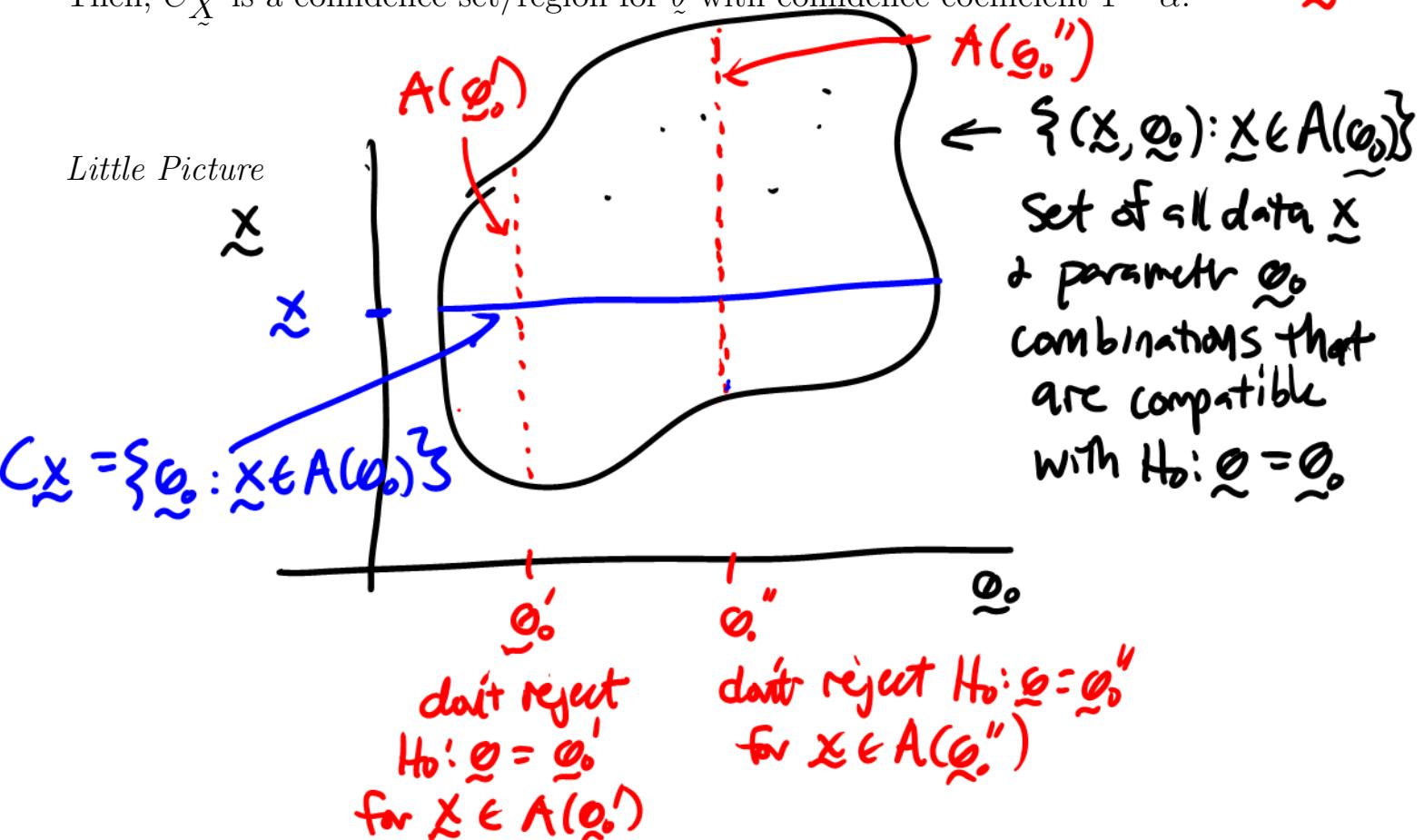
↑ given data  $\tilde{x}$

Then,  $C_{\tilde{x}}$  is a confidence set/region for  $\theta$  with confidence coefficient  $1 - \alpha$ .

recall  $\tilde{x} \in A(\theta_0)$   
 means "don't reject"  
 $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$ "

$\leftarrow \{(x, \theta_0) : \tilde{x} \in A(\theta_0)\}$   
 Set of all data  $\tilde{x}$   
 & parameter  $\theta_0$

combinations that  
 are compatible  
 with  $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$



## Interval Estimation I

Inverting a Test, cont'd

*Proof of Theorem:* Note that

1.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \min_{\tilde{\theta}_0 \in \Theta} P_{\tilde{\theta}_0}(X \in A(\tilde{\theta}_0)) &= \min_{\tilde{\theta}_0 \in \Theta} P_{\tilde{\theta}_0}(\text{"do not reject } H_0 : \tilde{\theta} = \tilde{\theta}_0\text{"}) \\
 &= \min_{\tilde{\theta}_0 \in \Theta} [1 - P_{\tilde{\theta}_0}(\text{"reject } H_0 : \tilde{\theta} = \tilde{\theta}_0\text{"})] \\
 &= \min_{\tilde{\theta}_0 \in \Theta} [1 - \alpha] \\
 &= 1 - \alpha,
 \end{aligned}$$

and

2. for any  $\tilde{\theta}_0 \in \Theta$ , any  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , it holds that

$$x \in A(\tilde{\theta}_0) \Leftrightarrow \tilde{\theta}_0 \in C_x.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \min_{\tilde{\theta}_0 \in \Theta} P_{\tilde{\theta}_0}(\tilde{\theta}_0 \in C_X) &= \min_{\tilde{\theta}_0 \in \Theta} P_{\tilde{\theta}_0}(X \in A(\tilde{\theta}_0)) \\
 &= 1 - \alpha.
 \end{aligned}$$

## Interval Estimation I

Inverting a Test: Illustration

Example: Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be iid  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ ,  $-\infty < \mu < \infty$ ,  $\sigma > 0$ . Find

1. a C.I. (confidence interval) for  $\mu$  with C.C.  $1 - \alpha$  (two-sided)
2. a 1-sided lower confidence bound for  $\mu$  with C.C.  $1 - \alpha$ , i.e.,  $(L(\bar{X}), \infty)$

Solution for 1. Consider a test function

$$\phi_{M_0}(\bar{X}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \frac{|\bar{X}_n - M_0|}{S/\sqrt{n}} > t_0 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

for testing  $H_0: \mu = M_0$  vs  $H_1: \mu \neq M_0$  (with some  $M_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ )  
where  $t_0 \equiv (1 - \frac{\alpha}{2})$  percentile of  $T_{n-1}$  distribution.

$$E_{M_0} \phi_{M_0}(\bar{X})$$

$$= P_{M_0} \left( \frac{|\bar{X}_n - M_0|}{S/\sqrt{n}} > t_0 \right)$$

$= \alpha$ , i.e.  $\phi_{M_0}(\bar{X})$  is a simple test (0 or 1) of size  $\alpha$   
for  $H_0: \mu = M_0$  vs  $H_1: \mu \neq M_0$



Note: acceptance region of  $\phi_{M_0}(\bar{X})$  is  $A(M_0) = \{ \bar{X}: \frac{|\bar{X}_n - M_0|}{S/\sqrt{n}} \leq t_0 \}$

$$\text{Hence, } C_{\bar{X}} = \{ M_0 : \bar{X} \in A(M_0) \} = \{ \bar{X} : \phi_{M_0}(\bar{X}) = 0 \}$$

depends on  
 $\bar{X}$   
and  $M_0$

$C_{\bar{X}}$  is a CI  
with C.C.  $1 - \alpha$

$$= \{ M_0 : \frac{|\bar{X}_n - M_0|}{S/\sqrt{n}} \leq t_0 \}$$

$$= \{ M_0 : -t_0 \frac{S/\sqrt{n}}{\bar{X}_n} \leq \frac{\bar{X}_n - M_0}{S/\sqrt{n}} \leq t_0 \frac{S/\sqrt{n}}{\bar{X}_n} \}$$

$$= \{ M_0 : \bar{X}_n - t_0 \frac{S/\sqrt{n}}{106} \leq M_0 \leq \bar{X}_n + t_0 \frac{S/\sqrt{n}}{106} \}$$

$$= [\bar{X}_n - t_0 \frac{S/\sqrt{n}}{106}, \bar{X}_n + t_0 \frac{S/\sqrt{n}}{106}]$$

Solution to 2. Consider the following test

for  $H_0: \mu = \mu_0$  vs  $H_1: \mu > \mu_0$  given by

$$\phi_{\mu_0}(\bar{x}) = \begin{cases} 1 & (\bar{X}_n - \mu_0) / S/\sqrt{n} > t_{n-1, 1-\alpha} \\ 0 & \text{O.W.} \end{cases}$$

where  $t_{n-1, 1-\alpha} = 1-\alpha$  percentile



Note:  $E_{\mu_0} \phi_{\mu_0}(\bar{x}) = P_{\mu_0} \left( \frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu_0}{S/\sqrt{n}} > t_{n-1, 1-\alpha} \right) = \alpha$   $\uparrow$  size

Acceptance region for  $\phi_{\mu_0}(\bar{x})$  is

$$A(\mu_0) = \{ \bar{x} : \frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu_0}{S/\sqrt{n}} \leq t_{n-1, 1-\alpha} \}$$

For given  $\bar{x}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} C_{\bar{x}} &= \{ \mu_0 : \bar{x} \in A(\mu_0) \} \\ &= \{ \mu_0 : \frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu_0}{S/\sqrt{n}} \leq t_{n-1, 1-\alpha} \} \\ &= \{ \mu_0 : \bar{X}_n - \mu_0 \leq \frac{t_{n-1, 1-\alpha}}{S/\sqrt{n}} \} \\ &= \{ \mu_0 : \bar{X}_n - \frac{t_{n-1, 1-\alpha}}{S/\sqrt{n}} \leq \mu_0 \} \\ &= \left[ \bar{X}_n - \frac{t_{n-1, 1-\alpha}}{S/\sqrt{n}}, \infty \right) \end{aligned}$$

The lower confidence interval for  $\mu$

## Interval Estimation I

### Pivotal Quantities

$\downarrow$  Vector of parameters  $\theta$

*Definition:* Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be joint pdf/pmf  $f(x|\theta)$ ,  $\theta \in \Theta \subset \mathbb{R}^p$ . Then a random variable  $Q(X, \theta)$  is called a **pivot** or **pivotal quantity** if the distribution of  $Q(X, \theta)$  under  $\theta$  does not depend on  $\theta$ .

**Note:**  $Q(X, \theta)$  is NOT a statistic (because can depend on  $\theta$ )

$$P_{\theta}(Q(X, \theta) \in A) = P(Q(X, \theta) \in A)$$

*Some examples:* (pivots, unlike statistics, can be functions of parameters  $\theta$ )

$\frac{\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2}{\bar{X}_3 - \bar{X}_4}$  ancillary statistic

1. Let  $X_1 \dots X_n$  be iid  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  random variables.

$$\bar{X}_n \sim N(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n})$$

pivot  $\left\{ \frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \sim N(0, 1) \right.$  pivot  $\left\{ \frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu}{S/\sqrt{n}} \sim T_{n-1}$  distribution

2. Let  $f_0$  be a pdf on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $X_1 \dots X_n$  be iid with random variables common pdf  $f(x|\theta)$  where

$$\theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2) \quad f(x|\theta) = \frac{1}{\theta_2} f_0\left(\frac{x - \theta_1}{\theta_2}\right), \quad x \in \mathbb{R},$$

for  $\theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2)$ ,  $\theta_1 \in \mathbb{R}$  (location parameter) and  $\theta_2 > 0$  (scale parameter).

Then,  $Q(X, \theta) = \frac{\bar{X}_n - \theta_1}{\theta_2}$   $\leftarrow$  pivot

Why? Note:  $Y_i \equiv \frac{X_i - \theta_1}{\theta_2} \sim f_0(y)$  (i.e.  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  iid  $f_0(y)$ )

and  $Q(X, \theta) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i \leftarrow$  distribution doesn't depend on  $\theta$

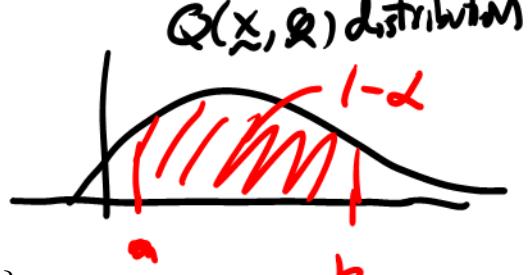
# Interval Estimation I

## Interval Estimation via Pivotal Quantities

**Remarks:**

- Let  $Q(\tilde{X}, \theta)$  be a pivotal quantity ( $\theta \in \Theta \subset \mathbb{R}^p$ ) and  $0 < \alpha < 1$ . Suppose  $-\infty \leq a \leq b \leq \infty$  are such that

$$P(a \leq Q(\tilde{X}, \theta) \leq b) = P_\theta(a \leq Q(\tilde{X}, \theta) \leq b) = 1 - \alpha.$$



Then,

$$C_{\tilde{X}} = \{\theta : \theta \in \Theta, a \leq Q(\tilde{X}, \theta) \leq b\}$$

is a **confidence region** for  $\theta$  with CC  $(1 - \alpha)$

That is,  $\min_{\theta \in \Theta} P_\theta(\theta \in C_{\tilde{X}}) = \min_{\theta \in \Theta} P_\theta(a \leq Q(\tilde{X}, \theta) \leq b) = 1 - \alpha.$

$$\underbrace{P(a \leq Q(\tilde{X}, \theta) \leq b)}_{1 - \alpha}$$

- If  $\Theta \subset \mathbb{R}$  and  $Q(\tilde{X}, \theta)$  is monotone in  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ , then the region  $C_{\tilde{X}}$  will be an interval.

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Interval Estimation via Pivotal Quantities

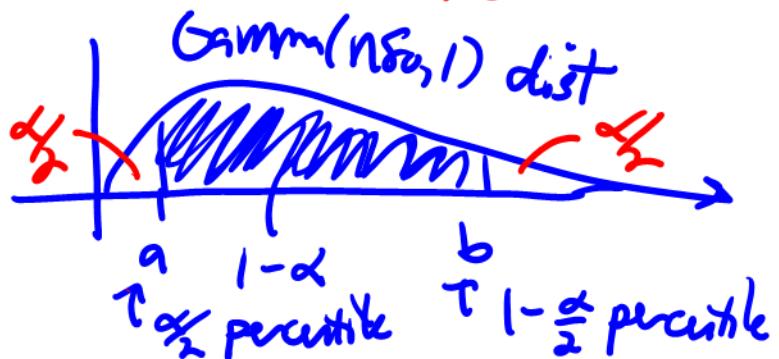
*Example:* Let  $X_1 \dots X_n$  be iid  $\text{Gamma}(\delta_0, \theta)$  where  $\theta > 0$  ( $\delta_0$  fixed/known). Using a pivotal quantity based on  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ , find a CI for  $\theta$  with C.C.  $1 - \alpha$ .

Solution:  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim \text{Gamma}(n\delta_0, \theta)$

$$Q(\underline{x}, \theta) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{\theta} \sim \text{Gamma}(n\delta_0, 1)$$

$\tau_{\text{pivot}}$  T dist. doesn't depend on  $\theta$

Find  $a$  &  $b$  such that



Confidence interval for  $\theta > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{is } \{ \theta > 0 : a \leq Q(\underline{x}, \theta) \leq b \} &= \{ \theta : a \leq \frac{\sum X_i}{\theta} \leq b \} \\ &= \{ \theta > 0 : \frac{a}{\sum X_i} \leq \theta \leq \frac{b}{\sum X_i} \} \\ &= \left[ \frac{a}{\sum X_i}, \frac{b}{\sum X_i} \right] \end{aligned}$$