

EdX and its Members use cookies and other tracking technologies for performance, analytics, and marketing purposes. By using this website, you accept this use. Learn more about these technologies in the [Privacy Policy](#).



[Lecture 4: Parametric Estimation](#)

[Course](#) > [Unit 2 Foundation of Inference](#) > [and Confidence Intervals](#)

> 11. Using Slutsky Theorem: Plug-in

Audit Access Expires Dec 24, 2019

You lose all access to this course, including your progress, on Dec 24, 2019.

Upgrade by Nov 4, 2019 to get unlimited access to the course as long as it exists on the site. [Upgrade now](#)

11. Using Slutsky Theorem: Plug-in Confidence Interval by Plug-in

But this one's simpler.

And if you're going to take n goes to infinity, you might as well use all the tools that you know about this.

Now, of course, if n is not infinite, if n is for any finite n , you're sort of accumulating the amount of approximations that you're making.

So you're relying twice on asymptotics.

And if you don't want to do this,

you might want to stick to [? iSolve. ?]

Solution 3: plug-in

▶ Recall that by the LLN $\hat{p} = \bar{R}_n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{\text{P.s.s.}} p$

▶ So by Slutsky, we also have

$$\sqrt{n} \frac{\bar{R}_n - p}{\sqrt{\hat{p}(1 - \hat{p})}} \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(d)} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

▶ This leads to a new confidence interval:

$$I_{\text{plug-in}} = \left[\bar{R}_n - \frac{q_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\hat{p}(1 - \hat{p})}}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{R}_n + \frac{q_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\hat{p}(1 - \hat{p})}}{\sqrt{n}} \right]$$

such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(I_{\text{plug-in}} \ni p) = 1 - \alpha.$$

End of transcript Skip to the start

**Video**[Download video file](#)**Transcripts**[Download SubRip \(.srt\) file](#)[Download Text \(.txt\) file](#)

Convergences of different quantities

3/3 points (graded)

As in lecture, recall that $R_1, \dots, R_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Ber}(p)$ for some unknown parameter p , and we estimate p using the estimator $\hat{p} = \bar{R}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n R_i$.

As in the methods before, our starting point is the following result of the central limit theorem:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{P} \left(\left| \sqrt{n} \frac{\bar{R}_n - p}{\sqrt{p(1-p)}} \right| < q_{\alpha/2} \right) = 1 - \alpha.$$

Choose the correct convergence statement for each quantity below:

(Choose all that apply for each column.)

Note: In the third and fourth choices below, "is approximated by (in distribution)", means that the CDFs are close; i.e.

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_n(x) - G_n(x) \rightarrow 0$, where F_n is the CDF of the RV in the question and G_n is the CDF of the normal distribution with mean p and the written variance, e.g. $\mathcal{N}(p, \frac{p(1-p)}{n})$.

\bar{R}_n :

$\sqrt{n}(\bar{R}_n - p)$:

$\sqrt{n} \frac{\bar{R}_n - p}{\sqrt{p(1-p)}} :$

<input type="checkbox"/> $\xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(d)} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$	<input type="checkbox"/> $\xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(d)} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> $\xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(d)} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$
<input type="checkbox"/> $\xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(d)} \mathcal{N}(0, p(1-p))$	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> $\xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(d)} \mathcal{N}(0, p(1-p))$	<input type="checkbox"/> $\xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(d)} \mathcal{N}(0, p(1-p))$
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is approximated by (in distribution) $\mathcal{N}(p, \frac{p(1-p)}{n})$	<input type="checkbox"/> is approximated by (in distribution) $\mathcal{N}(p, \frac{p(1-p)}{n})$	<input type="checkbox"/> is approximated by (in distribution) $\mathcal{N}(p, \frac{p(1-p)}{n})$
<input type="checkbox"/> is approximated by (in distribution) $\mathcal{N}(p, \frac{p(1-p)}{\sqrt{n}})$	<input type="checkbox"/> is approximated by (in distribution) $\mathcal{N}(p, \frac{p(1-p)}{\sqrt{n}})$	<input type="checkbox"/> is approximated by (in distribution) $\mathcal{N}(p, \frac{p(1-p)}{\sqrt{n}})$
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> $\xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(P)} p$	<input type="checkbox"/> $\xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(P)} p$	<input type="checkbox"/> $\xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(P)} p$
<input type="checkbox"/> $\xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(P)} 1$	<input type="checkbox"/> $\xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(P)} 1$	<input type="checkbox"/> $\xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(P)} 1$
<input type="checkbox"/> $\xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(P)} \sqrt{p(1-p)}$	<input type="checkbox"/> $\xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(P)} \sqrt{p(1-p)}$	<input type="checkbox"/> $\xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(P)} \sqrt{p(1-p)}$
✓	✓	✓

Solution:

- $\bar{R}_n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(P)} \mathbb{E}[\bar{R}_n] = p$ by the (weak) law of large number.
 - $\bar{R}_n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(d)} \mathcal{N}(\mathbb{E}[\bar{R}_n], \text{Var}(\bar{R}_n)) = \mathcal{N}(p, \frac{p(1-p)}{n})$ by the CLT.

2.

$\sqrt{n}(\bar{R}_n - p) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(d)} \mathcal{N}\left(\mathbb{E}\left[\sqrt{n}(\bar{R}_n - p)\right], n\text{Var}(\bar{R}_n)\right) = \mathcal{N}(0, p(1-p))$ by the CLT. Note that with an asymptotic variance that does not depend on n , $\sqrt{n}(\bar{R}_n - p)$ does not converge in probability to a constant.

3. $\sqrt{n} \frac{\bar{R}_n - p}{\sqrt{p(1-p)}} \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(d)} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ by the CLT. This is a recaling of the convergence statement immediately above.

Submit

You have used 1 of 3 attempts

i Answers are displayed within the problem

Convergences of different quantities (continued)

3/3 points (graded)

This is a continuation of the previous problem. Choose all that apply for each column below.

$$\sqrt{\bar{R}_n(1 - \bar{R}_n)} : \quad \frac{\sqrt{\bar{R}_n(1 - \bar{R}_n)}}{\sqrt{p(1-p)}} : \quad \left(\sqrt{n} \frac{\bar{R}_n - p}{\sqrt{p(1-p)}} \right) \left(\frac{\sqrt{p(1-p)}}{\sqrt{\bar{R}_n(1 - \bar{R}_n)}} \right) :$$

<input type="checkbox"/> $\xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(d)} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$	<input type="checkbox"/> $\xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(d)} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> $\xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(d)} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$
<input type="checkbox"/> $\xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(d)} \mathcal{N}(0, p(1-p))$	<input type="checkbox"/> $\xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(d)} \mathcal{N}(0, p(1-p))$	<input type="checkbox"/> $\xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(d)} \mathcal{N}(0, p(1-p))$
<input type="checkbox"/> is approximated by (in distribution) $\mathcal{N}(p, \frac{p(1-p)}{n})$	<input type="checkbox"/> is approximated by (in distribution) $\mathcal{N}(p, \frac{p(1-p)}{n})$	<input type="checkbox"/> is approximated by (in distribution) $\mathcal{N}(p, \frac{p(1-p)}{n})$
<input type="checkbox"/> is approximated by (in distribution) $\mathcal{N}(p, \frac{p(1-p)}{\sqrt{n}})$	<input type="checkbox"/> is approximated by (in distribution) $\mathcal{N}(p, \frac{p(1-p)}{\sqrt{n}})$	<input type="checkbox"/> is approximated by (in distribution) $\mathcal{N}(p, \frac{p(1-p)}{\sqrt{n}})$
<input type="checkbox"/> $\xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(P)} p$	<input type="checkbox"/> $\xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(P)} p$	<input type="checkbox"/> $\xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(P)} p$
<input type="checkbox"/> $\xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(P)} 1$	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> $\xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(P)} 1$	<input type="checkbox"/> $\xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(P)} 1$
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> $\xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(P)} \sqrt{p(1-p)}$	<input type="checkbox"/> $\xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(P)} \sqrt{p(1-p)}$	<input type="checkbox"/> $\xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(P)} \sqrt{p(1-p)}$

✓
✓
✓

Solution:

1. $\sqrt{\bar{R}_n (1 - \bar{R}_n)} \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{P} \sqrt{p(1-p)}$ by the continuous mapping theorem.

2. $\frac{\sqrt{\bar{R}_n (1 - \bar{R}_n)}}{\sqrt{p(1-p)}} \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{P} 1$ since constant multiple of sequences that converge in probability still converge in probability.

3.

$$\left(\sqrt{n} \frac{\bar{R}_n - p}{\sqrt{p(1-p)}} \right) \left(\frac{\sqrt{p(1-p)}}{\sqrt{\bar{R}_n(1-\bar{R}_n)}} \right) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(d)} \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \text{ by Slutsky.}$$

Submit

You have used 1 of 3 attempts

i Answers are displayed within the problem

Discussion

Hide Discussion

Topic: Unit 2 Foundation of Inference: Lecture 4: Parametric Estimation and Confidence Intervals / 11. Using Slutsky Theorem: Plug-in

Add a Post

Show all posts ▼

by recent activity ▼

🗨 Convergence in probability.

4

? More clarification on "is approximated by (in distribution)", means that the CDFs are close"
What does it actually mean? Does it have something to do with convergence in distribution?

3

Learn About Verified Certificates

© All Rights Reserved