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## 13. Testing Implicit Hypotheses II

### Testing Implicit Hypotheses III: Slutsky's Theorem

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As above, we have that

$$\sqrt{n} \left( \hat{\theta}_n - \theta^* \right) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(d)} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \Sigma(\theta^*)), \quad \Sigma(\theta^*) \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}.$$

and

$$\sqrt{n} \left( g(\hat{\theta}_n) - g(\theta^*) \right) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(d)} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \Gamma(\theta^*)), \quad \Gamma(\theta^*) \in \mathbb{R}^{k \times k}.$$

In particular,  $\hat{\theta}_n$  is a consistent estimator for  $\theta^*$ .

Assume that  $\Gamma(\theta)^x$  is a continuous function of  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^d$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Which of the following is a consistent estimator for  $\Gamma(\theta^*)^{-1/2}$ ?

☐  $\Gamma(\theta^*)$

☐  $\Gamma(\hat{\theta}_n)$

☐  $\Gamma(\hat{\theta}_n^{-1/2})$

☒  $\Gamma(\hat{\theta}_n)^{-1/2}$



Applying Slutsky's theorem and the result of the previous problem, to what distribution does the random vector

$$\sqrt{n}\Gamma(\hat{\theta}_n)^{-1/2}(g(\hat{\theta}_n) - g(\theta^*))$$

converge to as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ?

☒  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, I_k)$

☐  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, I_d)$

☐  $\chi_d^2$

☐  $\chi_k^2$



**Solution:**

Since  $\hat{\theta}_n$  is a consistent estimator for  $\theta^*$ , by continuity of  $\theta \mapsto \Gamma(\theta)^{-1/2}$ , this implies that  $\Gamma(\hat{\theta}_n)^{-1/2}$  is a consistent estimator for  $\Gamma(\theta)^{-1/2}$ .

By the result of the previous problem,

$$\sqrt{n}\Gamma(\theta^*)^{-1/2} \left( g(\hat{\theta}_n) - g(\theta^*) \right) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(d)} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, I_k).$$

So by Slutsky's theorem,

$$\sqrt{n}\Gamma(\hat{\theta}_n)^{-1/2} \left( g(\hat{\theta}_n) - g(\theta^*) \right) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(d)} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, I_k).$$

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## Testing Implicit Hypotheses IV: Performing the Test

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We would like to hypothesis test between the following null and alternative:

$$H_0 : g(\theta^*) = 0$$

$$H_1 : g(\theta^*) \neq 0.$$

where  $\theta^* \in \mathbb{R}^d$ .

To do so, we consider the test statistic

$$T_n := \left| \sqrt{n} \Gamma(\hat{\theta}_n)^{-1/2} (g(\hat{\theta}_n)) \right|_2^2 = n g(\hat{\theta}_n)^T \Gamma(\hat{\theta}_n)^{-1} g(\hat{\theta}_n)$$

and design the test

$$\psi = \mathbf{1}(T_n > C)$$

where  $C$  is a threshold to be determined.

Under the null hypothesis, to what distribution does the test-statistic  $T_n$  converge?

☐  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, I_k)$

☐  $\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, I_d)$

☐  $\chi_d^2$

☒  $\chi_k^2$



Supposing that  $d = 6$  and  $k = 3$ , what value of  $C$  should be chosen so that  $\psi$  is a test of asymptotic level 5%?

(You should consult a table, e.g. <https://people.richland.edu/james/lecture/m170/tbl-chi.html>) or use software, e.g. R.)

7.815

✓ Answer: 7.815

**Solution:**

Under the null-hypothesis, we have that  $g(\theta^*) = 0$ , so by the previous problem,

$$\sqrt{n}\Gamma(\hat{\theta}_n)^{-1/2}g(\hat{\theta}_n) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(d)} \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, I_k).$$

By definition,  $|\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, I_k)|_2^2 \sim \chi_k^2$ , so we have by continuity that

$$\left| \sqrt{n}\Gamma(\hat{\theta}_n)^{-1/2}g(\hat{\theta}_n) \right|_2^2 = ng(\hat{\theta}_n)^T \Gamma(\hat{\theta}_n)^{-1}g(\hat{\theta}_n) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(d)} \chi_k^2.$$

Indeed, the test statistic  $T_n$  converges to  $\chi_k^2$  in distribution.

When  $k = 3$ , then  $T_n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(d)} \chi_3^2$ . The test  $\psi = \mathbf{1}(T_n > C)$  will have asymptotic level 5% precisely when  $C$  is the 5%-quantile  $q_{0.05}$  of  $\chi_3^2$ . Consulting a table, we have that  $q_{0.05} = 7.815$ .

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