

Lecture 6

HW 2, Question 2

- There are a boxes, and slips of paper with the numbers $1, \dots, a$. The slips of paper are randomly added to the boxes.
- Each player $i = 1, \dots, a$ is going to try to find their slip of paper (the one with their number)
- Each player randomly selects $a/2$ boxes to open
- What is the probability that *all* players find their slip of paper when opening the boxes?

Tips on where to start

- There are a boxes, and slips of paper with the numbers $1, \dots, a$. The slips of paper are randomly added to the boxes.
1) make a vector called boxes (a entries, one for each box)
2) boxes \leftarrow sample(1:a, a, replace = FALSE)
- Each player $i = 1, \dots, a$ is going to try to find their slip of paper (the one with their number)
for (i in 1:a) {
(tr try to find slip of paper)
- Each player randomly selects $a/2$ boxes to open
} sample (boxes, $\frac{a}{2}$, replace = F)
- What is the probability that *all* players find their slip of paper when opening the boxes?
Another for loop: (a random the whole process)
for (j in 1:nSim) {
(here we play the game)

}

Function arguments

How could I change this function to allow the noise term to come from a different distribution?

```
1 assess_coverage <- function(n, nsim, beta0, beta1){
2   results <- rep(NA, nsim)
3
4   for(i in 1:nsim){
5     x <- runif(n, min=0, max=1)
6     noise <- rchisq(n, 1)
7     y <- beta0 + beta1*x + noise
8
9     lm_mod <- lm(y ~ x)
10    ci <- confint(lm_mod, "x", level = 0.95)
11
12    results[i] <- ci[1] < beta1 & ci[2] > beta1
13  }
14  return(mean(results))
15 }
```

need to
change

χ^2_1

Function arguments

We can also pass functions as arguments!

parameter for
function to
generate
noise
term

```
1 assess_coverage <- function(n, nsim, beta0, beta1, noise_dist){
2   results <- rep(NA, nsim)
3
4   for(i in 1:nsim){
5     x <- runif(n, min=0, max=1)
6     noise <- noise_dist(n)
7     y <- beta0 + beta1*x + noise
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```

use noise_dist argument to
generate noise

```
1 assess_coverage(n = 100, nsim = 1000, beta0 = 0.5, beta1 = 1,
2                 noise_dist = rexp)
```

[1] 0.944

just pass the name of
the function
to use

simulate noise from
exponential distribution

Function arguments

What must be true about the `noise_dist` function here?

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only passing one argument
to the `noise_dist` function
(sample size)

So: whatever I use as
`noise_dist` needs
to work with just
the sample size!

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```
1 assess_coverage(n = 100, nsim = 1000, beta0 = 0.5, beta1 = 1,
2                 noise_dist = rchisq)
```

Error in noise_dist(n): argument "df" is missing, with no default

when I call `assess_coverage(..., noise_dist = rchisq)` :

`rchisq(n)` ← this doesn't work, b/c we never specified `df`

Function defaults

```
1 ?rexp
```

Description

Density, distribution function, quantile function and random generation for the exponential distribution with rate `rate` (i.e., mean $1/\text{rate}$).

Usage

```
rexp(n, rate = 1)
```

- The *default* value of `rate` is 1!

By default, R assumes
 $\text{rate} = 1$

$\text{rexp}(n)$
 \uparrow
 $\text{rexp}(n, \text{rate} = 1)$

Function defaults

```
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```

The *default* value of rate is 1!

Same results:

```
1 set.seed(93)
2 rexp(n=1)
```

```
[1] 1.188317
```

```
1 set.seed(93)
2 rexp(n=1, rate=1)
```

```
[1] 1.188317
```

Different result:

```
1 set.seed(93)
2 rexp(n=1, rate=2)
```

```
[1] 0.5941585
```

Function defaults

1 ?rchisq

Usage

```
rchisq(n, df, ncp = 0)
```

- There is no default for `df` in the `rchisq` function!

```
1 assess_coverage(n = 100, nsim = 1000, beta0 = 0.5, beta1 = 1,
2                 noise_dist = rchisq)
```

Error in noise_dist(n): argument "df" is missing, with no default

- How can we use a χ_1^2 for noise_dist?

if we do $\text{noise_dist} = \underbrace{\text{rchisq}(n, \text{df}=1)}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{no longer a function!} \\ \text{(vector of length } n\text{)}}}$

Writing a new function

```
1 set.seed(73)
2
3 chisq_1 <- function(m){
4   return(rchisq(m, df=1))
5 }
6 assess_coverage(n = 100, nsim = 1000, beta0 = 0.5, beta1 = 1,
7               noise_dist = chisq_1)
```

[1] 0.962

$n = 100$

\vdots

$\text{noise} \leftarrow \text{noise_dist}(n)$

$\hookrightarrow \text{noise} \leftarrow \text{chisq_1}(n)$

$\Rightarrow \text{noise} \leftarrow \text{chisq_1}(100)$

← takes in a single argument (sample size)

← always sampling with $df=1$

↑

now use new function as
the argument in noise_dist

$\text{noise_dist} = \text{chisq_1}$

$\text{chisq_1}(5) \leftarrow \text{returns } \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{observations} \\ \text{from } \chi^2_1 \end{array} \right. \text{ randomly chosen}$

Function scoping

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2   return(x)  
3 }  
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[1] 10

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```
Error in eval(expr, envir, enclos): object 'x' not found
```

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Function scoping

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1 g01 <- function() {  
2   x <- 10  
3   return(x)  
4 }  
5  
6 g01()
```

```
[1] 10
```

```
1 x
```

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Function scoping

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```

```
2
```

```
3 g01 <- function(){
```

```
4   return(x)
```

```
5 }
```

```
6
```

```
7 g01()
```

*x is never defined
⇒ R looks outside
(so return 10)*

and sees x = 10

```
[1] 10
```

```
1 x
```

```
[1] 10
```

- If a variable is not defined in a function, R looks outside the function (the *global environment*)

Name masking

What value will the following code return?

```
1 x <- 10
2 g01 <- function() {
3   x <- 20
4   return(x)
5 }
6
7 g01()
8 x
```

Name masking

What value will the following code return?

```
1 x <- 10
2 g01 <- function() {
3   x <- 20
4   return(x)
5 }
6
7 g01()
```

```
[1] 20
```

```
1 x
```

```
[1] 10
```

- Names defined inside a function *mask* names defined outside a function
- Variables created within a function don't exist outside

Summary

- Variables created within a function don't exist outside
- If a variable is not defined in a function, R looks outside the function
- Names defined inside a function *mask* names defined outside a function

Class activity

https://sta279-s24.github.io/class_activities/ca_lecture_6.html

