

# Confidence intervals

# Announcements

- + HW 4 released, due next Friday ← Note for Christian:  
modify this slightly
- + Exam 1 released next Friday
  - + Take home, 1 week to complete
  - + Open note (anything from this course)
  - + Closed internet
  - + Closed other people
- + Reminder: department seminar on Monday, 12pm - 1pm (Dr. Mine Cetinkaya-Rundel)
  - + Can sign up to meet with the speaker 11 - 11:30

## Wald vs. likelihood ratio tests

- Both can test one or more parameters
- Convention: use Wald for single parameters, LRT
  - for multiple typically  $Z = \frac{\hat{\beta}_i - \beta_i^0}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}_i)}} \sim N(0, 1)$  instead of  $W = Z^2 \sim \chi^2_1$
- Wald tests do not require fitting a reduced model
- Wald tests are good for linear combinations of  $\beta$ s
- LRT does not require inverting (potentially large) matrices
- In logistic regression, LRT performs better when  $\hat{\beta}_i \approx 0$  or 1 for some observations

$$95\% \text{ CI} : 1.192 \pm 1.96 (0.243) = (0.716, 1.668)$$

## Confidence intervals

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97.5 quantile of  $N(0, 1)$

$$\log\left(\frac{p_i}{1 - p_i}\right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Sex_i + \beta_2 Age_i + \beta_3 SecondClass_i +$$

$\sqrt{\text{cov}(\text{model})}$

$$\beta_4 FirstClass_i + \beta_5 Sex_i \cdot Age_i$$

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## Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	z value	Pr(> z )
## (Intercept)	0.408232	0.330916	1.234	0.217337
## Sexmale	-1.163444	0.437622	-2.659	0.007848 **
## Age	-0.007186	0.011684	-0.615	0.538522
## Pclass2	1.191858	0.243233	4.900	9.58e-07 ***
## Pclass1	2.697561	0.295822	9.119	< 2e-16 ***
## Sexmale:Age	-0.049851	0.014782	-3.373	0.000745 ***

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diagonal entries of  $\hat{\Sigma}^{-1}(\hat{\beta})$

How do I create a 95% confidence interval for  $\beta_3$ ?

This statement is not true:

$$P(\beta_3 \in (0.716, 1.668)) = 0.95$$

This statement is true:

$$P(\hat{\beta}_3 \in (\hat{\beta}_3 - 1.96 \text{SE}(\hat{\beta}_3), \hat{\beta}_3 + 1.96 \text{SE}(\hat{\beta}_3))) = 0.95$$

## Wald confidence intervals

Goal: want a "reasonable range" for unknown  $\beta_i$

Method:  $\hat{\beta} \approx N(\beta, \Sigma^{-1}(\beta)) \Rightarrow \hat{\beta}_i \approx N(\beta_i, \underbrace{\Sigma^{-1}(\beta)_{ii}}_{i^{\text{th}} \text{ diagonal entry } \Sigma^{-1}(\beta)})$

$1 - \alpha$   
Confidence interval:  $\hat{\beta}_i \pm z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \sqrt{\Sigma^{-1}(\hat{\beta})_{ii}}$   
 $1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}$        $SE(\hat{\beta}_i)$   
quantile  
of  $N(0,1)$

Ex: 95% CI  $\Rightarrow \alpha = 0.05 \Rightarrow 1 - \frac{\alpha}{2} = 0.975$

$$z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} = 1.96 \Rightarrow \hat{\beta}_i \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\Sigma^{-1}(\hat{\beta})_{ii}}$$

## CI's vs. Hypothesis tests

Let  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$  be a parameter of interest, and suppose

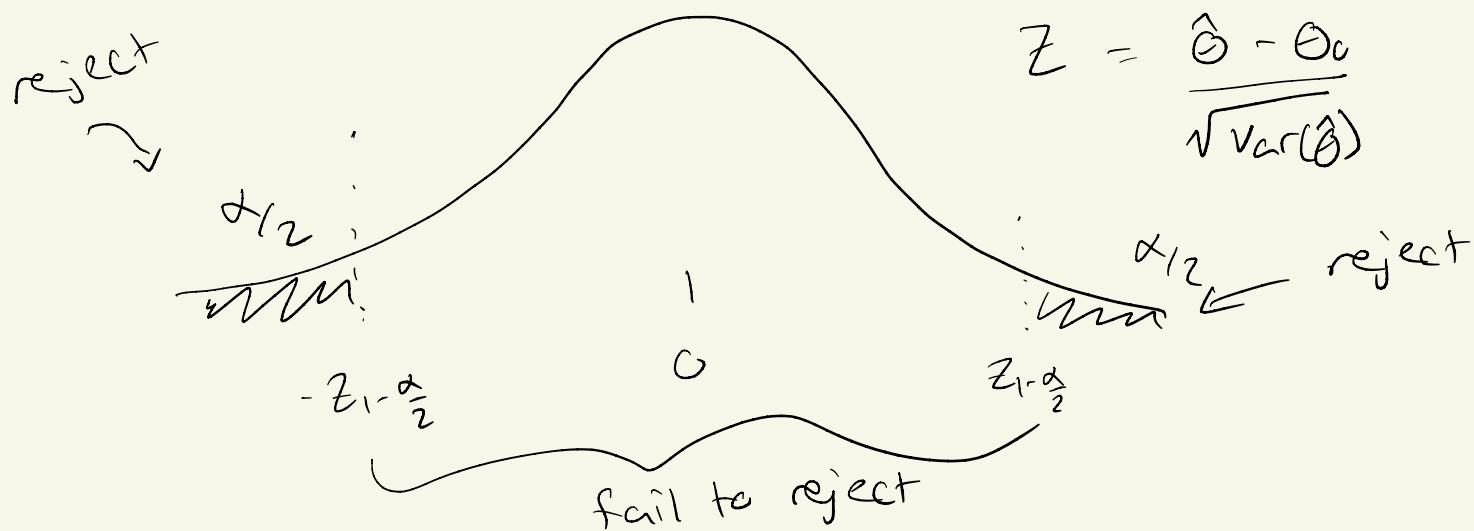
$\hat{\theta}$  is an estimate, where  $\hat{\theta} \approx N(\theta, \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}))$

Consider testing  $H_0: \theta = \theta_0$  vs.  $H_A: \theta \neq \theta_0$

wald test statistic:  $W = \frac{(\hat{\theta} - \theta_0)^2}{\text{Var}(\hat{\theta})} \sim \chi^2_1$

$Z = \frac{\hat{\theta} - \theta_0}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(\hat{\theta})}} \sim N(0, 1)$

- 1) Want a "reasonable range" of values for  $\theta$
  - 2) Rejecting  $H_0 \Rightarrow \theta = \theta_0$  is "unreasonable"
  - 3) so,  $CI = \{\theta_0 : \text{fail to reject } H_0: \theta = \theta_0\}$
- Suppose we want type I error  $= \alpha$ , what is the rejection region?
- $$Z < -z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \quad \text{or} \quad Z > z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}$$



fail to reject when

$$-Z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} < \frac{\hat{\theta} - \theta_0}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(\hat{\theta})}} < Z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\theta} - Z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \sqrt{\text{Var}(\hat{\theta})} < \theta_0 < \hat{\theta} + Z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \sqrt{\text{Var}(\hat{\theta})}$$

$$\Rightarrow CI = \left[ \hat{\theta} - Z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \sqrt{\text{Var}(\hat{\theta})}, \hat{\theta} + Z_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}} \sqrt{\text{Var}(\hat{\theta})} \right]$$

Technique: Inverting the test

# Confidence intervals for linear combinations

# Class activity

[https://sta712-f22.github.io/class\\_activities/ca\\_lecture\\_15.html](https://sta712-f22.github.io/class_activities/ca_lecture_15.html)