

STA200C HW3

1. Casella 10.1

First calculate some moments for this distribution.

$$EX = \theta/3, \quad EX^2 = 1/3, \quad \text{Var}X = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{\theta^2}{9}$$

So $3\bar{X}_n$ is an unbiased estimator of θ with variance

$$\text{Var}(3\bar{X}_n) = 9(\text{Var}X)/n = (3 - \theta^2)/n \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

So by Casella Theorem 10.1.3, $3\bar{X}_n$ is a consistent estimator of θ .

2. Casella 10.3

(a) The log likelihood is

$$-\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi\theta) - \frac{1}{2} \sum (x_i - \theta)/\theta$$

Differentiate and set equal to zero, and a little algebra will show that the MLE is the root of $\theta^2 + \theta - W = 0$. The roots of this equation are $(1 \pm \sqrt{1 + 4W})/2$, and the MLE is the root with the plus sign, as it has to be nonnegative.

(b) The second derivative of the log likelihood is $(-2 \sum x_i^2 + n\theta)/(2\theta^3)$, yielding an expected Fisher information of

$$I(\theta) = -E_{\theta} \frac{-2 \sum X_i^2 + n\theta}{2\theta^3} = \frac{2n\theta + n}{2\theta^2}$$

and by Casella Theorem 10.1.12 the variance of the MLE is $1/I(\theta)$.

3. Casella 10.4

(a) Write

$$\frac{\sum X_i Y_i}{\sum X_i^2} = \frac{\sum X_i (X_i + \epsilon_i)}{\sum X_i^2} = 1 + \frac{\sum X_i \epsilon_i}{\sum X_i^2}.$$

From normality and independence

$$EX_i \epsilon_i = 0, \quad \text{Var}X_i \epsilon_i = \sigma^2(\mu^2 + \tau^2), \quad EX_i^2 = \mu^2 + \tau^2, \quad \text{Var}X_i^2 = 2\tau^2(2\mu^2 + \tau^2),$$

and $\text{Var}(X_i, X_i \epsilon_i)$. Applying the formulas of Casella Example 5.5.27, the asymptotic mean and variance are

$$E\left(\frac{\sum X_i Y_i}{\sum X_i^2}\right) \approx 1 \text{ and } \text{Var}\left(\frac{\sum X_i Y_i}{\sum X_i^2}\right) \approx \frac{n\sigma^2(\mu^2 + \tau^2)}{[n(\mu^2 + \tau^2)]^2} = \frac{\sigma^2}{n(\mu^2 + \tau^2)}$$

(b)

$$\frac{\sum Y_i}{\sum X_i} = \beta + \frac{\sum \epsilon_i}{\sum X_i}$$

with approximate mean β and variance $\sigma^2/(n\mu^2)$.

(c)

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum \frac{Y_i}{X_i} = \beta + \frac{1}{n} \sum \frac{\epsilon_i}{X_i}$$

with approximate mean β and variance $\sigma^2/(n\mu^2)$.

4. Casella 10.5 Errata: “ approaches 0” should be “ approaches 0 as $n \rightarrow \infty$ ”.

(a) The integral of ET_n^2 is unbounded near zero. We have

$$ET^2 > \sqrt{\frac{n}{2\pi\sigma^2}} \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^2} e^{-(x-\mu)^2/2\sigma^2} dx > \sqrt{\frac{n}{2\pi\sigma^2}} K \int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^2} dx = \infty$$

where $K = \max_{0 \leq x \leq 1} e^{-(x-\mu)^2/2\sigma^2}$.

(b) If we delete the interval $(-\delta, \delta)$, then the integrand is bounded, that is, over the range of integration $1/x^2 < 1/\delta^2$.

(c) Assume $\mu > 0$. A similar argument works for $\mu < 0$. Then

$$P(-\delta < X < \delta) = P[\sqrt{n}(-\delta - \mu) < \sqrt{n}(X - \mu) < \sqrt{n}(\delta - \mu)] < P[Z < \sqrt{n}(\delta - \mu)]$$

where $Z \sim N(0, 1)$. For $\delta < \mu$, the probability goes to 0 as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

5. Casella 10.10

(a) Let $\hat{p} := \sum_{i=1}^n X_i/n$. According to Example 10.1.14 in Casella 2001,

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{p} - p) \rightarrow n(0, p(1 - p)) \quad \text{in distribution.}$$

Let $g(p) = p(1 - p)$ and thus $g'(p) = 1 - 2p$ exists and is not 0 when $p \neq \frac{1}{2}$. We then apply the Theorem 5.5.24 (Delta Method) in Casella 2001 and get

$$\sqrt{n}[g(X_n) - g(p)] \rightarrow n(0, p(1 - p)[1 - 2p]^2).$$

And from Example 10.1.14 we know that

$$E_p \left(\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial p} \log f(X|p) \right)^2 \right) = \frac{1}{p(1 - p)}$$

Thus we actually have

$$p(1 - p)[1 - 2p]^2 = \frac{[g'(p)]^2}{E_p \left(\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial p} \log f(X|p) \right)^2 \right)}.$$

(b) Similarly, applying Theorem 5.5.26 (Second-order Delta Method), $g''(p) = -2$,

$$n[g(Y_n) - g(p)] \rightarrow p(1-p) \frac{-2}{2} \chi_1^2 \quad \text{in distribution.}$$

(c) We need to compute the higher moment of binomial variable, since $\hat{p} = Y/n$ where Y is binomial distribution. The table of higher moment can be found in <https://mathworld.wolfram.com/BinomialDistribution.html>. Or you can search “moments of binomial distribution” in Wolfram Alpha <https://www.wolframalpha.com/input/?i=moments+of+binomial+distribution>.

$$\begin{aligned} E(\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})) &= \frac{n-1}{n} p(1-p) \\ &= p(1-p) - \frac{p(1-p)}{n} \\ E(\hat{p}^2(1-\hat{p})^2) &= (p-1)^2 p^2 \\ &\quad + \frac{p(1-p)(6p^2-6p+1)}{n^3} \\ &\quad - \frac{p(1-p)(11p^2-11p+2)}{n^2} \\ &\quad + \frac{p(1-p)(6p^2-6p+1)}{n} \\ \text{Var}(\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})) &= E(\hat{p}^2(1-\hat{p})^2) - (E(\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})))^2 \\ &= (1-p)p \left(\frac{1-6p+6p^2}{n^3} - 2 \frac{1-5p+5p^2}{n^2} + \frac{(1-2p)^2}{n} \right) \end{aligned}$$

If $p \neq \frac{1}{2}$, it is $O(1/n)$. If $p = \frac{1}{2}$, it is $O(1/n^2)$.

Yes, the reason of the failure of the approximation is clearer, if we have this expression.

6. Casella 10.25

By transforming $y = x - \theta$,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi(x - \theta) f(x - \theta) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi(y) f(y) dy$$

Since ψ is an odd function, $\psi(y) = -\psi(-y)$, and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi(y) f(y) dy &= \int_{-\infty}^0 \psi(y) f(y) dy + \int_0^{\infty} \psi(y) f(y) dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^0 -\psi(-y) f(y) dy + \int_0^{\infty} \psi(y) f(y) dy \\ &= - \int_{-\infty}^0 \psi(y) f(y) dy + \int_0^{\infty} \psi(y) f(y) dy = 0, \end{aligned}$$

where in the last line we made the transformation $y \rightarrow -y$ and used the fact the f is symmetric, so $f(y) = f(-y)$. From the discussion preceding Example 10.2.6 in Casella, $\hat{\theta}_M$ is asymptotically normal with mean equal to the true θ .

7. Casella 10.34

(a) Let $\hat{p} := \sum_{i=1}^n X_i/n$.

$$-2 \log \lambda(\mathbf{x}) := -2(n\hat{p} \log p_0 + n(1 - \hat{p}) \log(1 - p_0) - n\hat{p} \log \hat{p} - n(1 - \hat{p}) \log(1 - \hat{p}))$$

(b) See figure 1 and listing 1.

Listing 1: Simulations

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sim_engine = function(n, p0) {
  xs = rbinom(n, 1, p0)
  -2*(
    sum(log(dbinom(xs, 1, p0)))
    -sum(log(dbinom(xs, 1, mean(xs))))
  )
}

n = 25 # data size
p0 = 0.3 # p0
N = 10000 # no. of simulation

x_samples = replicate(N, sim_engine(n, p0))
hist(x_samples, freq = F, breaks = 50,
      xlab = "-2log_λ", main = "Simulations")
x_d = seq(0, max(x_samples), length = 100)
y_d = dchisq(xfit, df = 1)
lines(xfit, yfit)
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8. Casella 10.35

(a) Since σ/\sqrt{n} is the estimated standard deviation of \bar{X} in this case, the statistic is a Wald statistic.

(b) The MLE of σ^2 is $\hat{\sigma}_\mu^2 = \sum_i (x_i - \mu)^2/n$. The information number is

$$-\frac{d^2}{d(\sigma^2)^2} \left(-\frac{n}{2} \log \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\hat{\sigma}_\mu^2}{\sigma^2} \right) \bigg|_{\sigma^2 = \hat{\sigma}_\mu^2} = \frac{n}{2\hat{\sigma}_\mu^2}$$

Using the Delta method, the variance of $\hat{\sigma}_\mu = \sqrt{\hat{\sigma}_\mu^2}$ is $\hat{\sigma}_\mu^2/8n$ and a Wald statistic is

$$\frac{\hat{\sigma}_\mu - \sigma_0}{\sqrt{\hat{\sigma}_\mu^2/8n}}.$$

Simulations

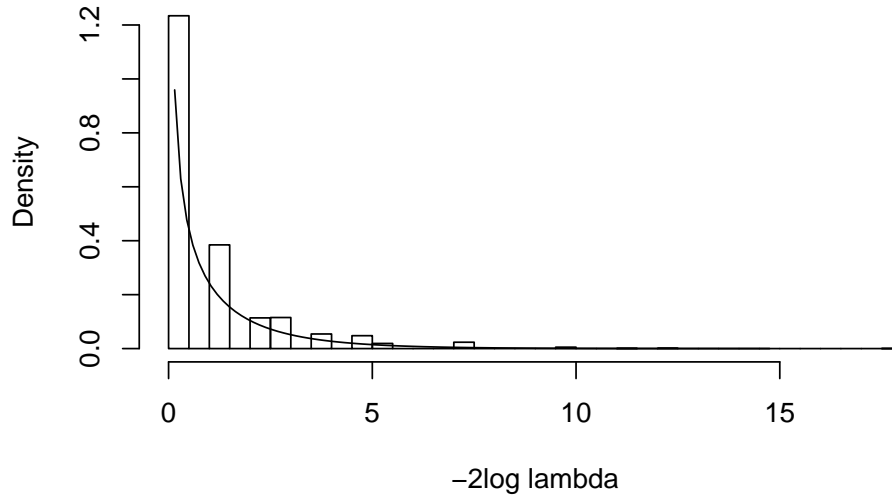


Figure 1: Simulations

9. Casella 10.37

(a) The log likelihood is

$$\log L = -\frac{n}{2} \log \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_i (x_i - \mu)^2 / \sigma^2$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d\mu} &= \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_i (x_i - \mu) = \frac{n}{\sigma^2} (\bar{x} - \mu) \\ \frac{d^2}{d\mu^2} &= -\frac{n}{\sigma^2}, \end{aligned}$$

so the test statistic for the score test is

$$\frac{\frac{n}{\sigma^2} (\bar{x} - \mu)}{\sqrt{\sigma^2/n}} = \sqrt{n} \frac{\bar{x} - \mu}{\sigma}.$$

(b) We test the equivalent hypothesis $H_0 : \sigma^2 = \sigma_0^2$. The likelihood is the same as Casella Exercise 10.35(b), with first derivative

$$-\frac{d}{d\sigma^2} = \frac{n(\hat{\sigma}_\mu^2 - \sigma)}{2\sigma^4}$$

and expected information number

$$\mathbb{E} \left(\frac{n(2\hat{\sigma}_\mu^2 - \sigma^2)}{2\sigma^6} \right) = \left(\frac{n(2\sigma^2 - \sigma^2)}{2\sigma^6} \right) = \frac{n}{2\sigma^4}.$$

The score test statistic is

$$\frac{n}{2} \frac{\hat{\sigma}_\mu^2 - \sigma_0^2}{\sigma_0^2}.$$