

Chapter 1. Probability Theory

Sample space S - All possible outcomes of a particular experiment.

Event A – Subset of S

Probability – $P(A)$. $P(A): S \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \cap [0,1]$

σ - algebra (Definition 1.2.1)

A collection of subsets of S , B , that fulfills

1. $\phi \in B$
2. $A \in B \Rightarrow A^c \in B$
3. $A_1, A_2, \dots \in B \Rightarrow \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \in B$

S finite or countable $\Rightarrow B$ is all subset of S

S not countable for instance. $S = (-\infty, \infty)$. B is all possible intervals of the type (a,b) , $(a, b]$, $[a, b)$, $[a,b]$. (Borel σ - algebraen)

Probability function (Definition 1.2.4)

Given S and B , a probability function is a function that satisfies

1. $P(A) \geq 0 \quad \forall A \in B$
2. $P(S) = 1$
3. $\left. \begin{array}{l} A_1, A_2, \dots \in B \\ A_i \cap A_j = \phi, \quad i \neq j \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A_i)$

Calculus of probability

1. Addition rule (1.2.9)

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$$

2. Multiplication rule

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A|B) \cdot P(B) \quad (1.3.3)$$

3. The law of total probability (1.2.11)

$S = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} C_i$, $C_i \cap C_j = \phi$, $\forall i \neq j$. Then

$$P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A \cap C_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A|C_i)P(C_i).$$

4. Bayes rule (1.3.5)

$$P(C_i|A) = \frac{P(C_i \cap A)}{P(A)} = \frac{P(A|C_i)P(C_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} P(A|C_j)P(C_j)}$$

Independence (1.3.12)

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) \cdot P(B)$$

Random variables

X random variable. $X : S \rightarrow R$ (Definition 1.4.1)

Distribution function

$$F_X(x) = P_X(X \leq x), \forall x \text{ (Definition 1.5.1)}$$

X is discrete if $F_X(x)$ is a step function

X is continuous if $F_X(x)$ is a continuous function

Probability mass function (X discrete)

$$f_X(x) = P_X(X = x) = P(\{s_j \in S : X(s_j) = x\})$$

$$F_X(a) = \sum_{x \leq a} P_X(X = x)$$

Support of X: All x for which $P_X(X = x) > 0$

Probability density function (X continuous)

$$F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(t) dt, \forall x$$

$$f_X(x) = \frac{d}{dx} F_X(x)$$

Support of X: All x for which $f_X(x) > 0$

Identical distributed variables (Definition 1.5.8)

If $P(X \in A) = P(Y \in A) \forall A \in B$ then X and Y are identical distributed

Chapter 2. Transformations and Expectations

Distributions of Functions of a Random Variable (2.1)

X is defined on \mathcal{X} og $Y = g(X)$ is defined on \mathcal{Y} .

$$P(Y \in A) = P(g(X) \in A) = P(\{x \in \mathcal{X} : g(x) \in A\}) = P(X \in g^{-1}(A))$$

$$g^{-1}(A) = \{x \in \mathcal{X} : g(x) \in A\}$$

$$g^{-1}(y) = \{x \in \mathcal{X} : g(x) = y\}$$

X discrete

$$f_Y(y) = P(Y = y) = \sum_{x \in g^{-1}(y)} P(X = x), \text{ for } y \in \mathcal{Y}.$$

X continuous

$$F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y) = P(g(X) \leq y) = P(\{x \in \mathcal{X} : g(x) \leq y\}) = \int_{\{x \in \mathcal{X} : g(x) \leq y\}} f_X(x) dx$$

Monotone transformations (

g increasing if $u > v \Rightarrow g(u) > g(v)$

g decreasing if $u > v \Rightarrow g(u) < g(v)$

g increasing or decreasing \Leftrightarrow g is monotone.

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{d}{dy} F_Y(y) = \begin{cases} f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \left| \frac{d}{dy} g^{-1}(y) \right|, y \in Y \\ 0, \text{ else} \end{cases}$$

Theorem 2.1.8

Let X have pdf $f_X(x)$, let $Y = g(X)$ and let \mathcal{X} be the sample space.

Suppose there exist a partition, A_0, A_1, \dots, A_k of \mathcal{X} such that

$P(X \in A_0) = 0$ and $f_X(x)$ is continuous on each A_i . Further suppose there exist functions $g_1(x), \dots, g_k(x)$ defined on A_1, \dots, A_k , respectively, satisfying:

- i. $g(x) = g_i(x)$, for $x \in A_i$
- ii. $g_i(x)$ is monotone on A_i
- iii. The set $Y = \{y : y = g(x_i) \text{ for some } x \in A_i\}$ is the same for each $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$,
- iv. and $g_i^{-1}(y)$ has a continuous derivative on Y , for each $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$

$$\text{Then } f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^k f_X(g_i^{-1}(y)) \left| \frac{d}{dy} g_i^{-1}(y) \right|, & y \in Y \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Expected Value (2.2)

$$\text{If } \begin{cases} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x| f_X(x) dx < \infty \\ \sum_x |x| P(X=x) < \infty \end{cases} \text{ then } E[X] = \begin{cases} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx < \infty \\ \sum_x x P(X=x) < \infty \end{cases}$$

Definition 2.2.1

$$E[g(X)] = \begin{cases} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) f_X(x) dx \\ \sum_{x \in X} g(x) P(X=x) \end{cases}$$

$$E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n g(X_i)\right] = \sum_{i=1}^n E[g(X_i)]$$

Momentgenerating function (2.3)

$$M_X(t) = E[e^{tX}] = \begin{cases} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} f_X(x) dx, & X \text{ continuous} \\ \sum_x e^{tx} P(X = x), & X \text{ discrete} \end{cases}$$

$$M_X^n(t) = E[X^n e^{tX}]$$

$$E[X^n] = M_X^{(n)}(0)$$

$$M_{aX+b}(t) = e^{bt} M_X(at)$$

$$M_X(t) = M_Y(t) \Rightarrow F_X(x) = F_Y(x)$$

$$X = e^Y \Rightarrow E[X^n] = M_Y(n)$$

Overview of some natural occurring distributions

<p>Independent trials Register: A/A^c $P(A) = p$</p>	<p>Events in disjoint timeintervals are independent $P(\text{One event in } \Delta t) = \lambda \Delta t + o(\Delta t)$ $P(\text{More than one event in } \Delta t) = o(\Delta t)$</p>
<p>X=number of times A occurs in n trials $P(X = x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}, x = 0, 1, \dots, n$</p>	<p>X=number of times A occur in $[0, t]$ $P(X = x) = \frac{(\lambda t)^x e^{-\lambda t}}{x!}, x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$</p>
<p>X=number of trials until A occurs for the first time $P(X = x) = (1-p)^{x-1} p, x = 1, 2, \dots$</p>	<p>X= time until A occurs for the first time $f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$</p>
<p>X=number of trials until A occurs for the r-th time $P(X = x) = \binom{x-1}{r-1} p^r (1-p)^{x-r}, x = r, r+1, \dots$</p>	<p>X=time until A occurs the r-th time $f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda^r}{\Gamma(r)} x^{r-1} e^{-\lambda x}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$</p>

Gamma distribution

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\beta^\alpha} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\frac{x}{\beta}}, \quad x > 0, \quad \alpha > 0, \quad \beta > 0.$$

$$X \sim \Gamma(\alpha, \beta) \Rightarrow Y = cX \sim \Gamma(\alpha, c\beta)$$

$$E[X^n] = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+n)\beta^n}{\Gamma(\alpha)}, \quad n > -\alpha$$

$$\alpha = 1 \Rightarrow X \sim \exp\left(\frac{1}{\beta}\right)$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\nu}{2}, \quad \beta = 2 \Rightarrow X \sim \chi^2(\nu)$$

$$X_i \sim \Gamma(\alpha_i, \beta), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim \Gamma\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i, \beta\right)$$

Beta distribution

$$f(x|\alpha, \beta) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1}, \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad \alpha > 0, \quad \beta > 0$$

$$E[X^n] = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + n)\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + n)\Gamma(\alpha)}, \quad n > -\alpha$$

Exponential Class of distributions

$$f(x|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = h(x)c(\boldsymbol{\theta})e^{\sum_{i=1}^k w_i(\boldsymbol{\theta})t_i(x)}$$

$$E\left(\sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\partial w_i(\boldsymbol{\theta})}{\partial \theta_j} t_i(X)\right) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} \log c(\boldsymbol{\theta})$$

$$\text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\partial w_i(\boldsymbol{\theta})}{\partial \theta_j} t_i(X)\right) = -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_j^2} \log c(\boldsymbol{\theta}) - E\left(\sum_{i=1}^k \frac{\partial^2 w_i(\boldsymbol{\theta})}{\partial^2 \theta_j} t_i(X)\right)$$

Location – Scale Families

$f(x)$ pdf. The family of pdfs: $\frac{1}{\sigma} f\left(\frac{x-u}{\sigma}\right)$,

$$\mu \in (-\infty, \infty), \sigma > 0$$

The distribution of $Y = \mu + \sigma X$

Chebyshevs

$$g(x) \geq 0, r > 0$$

$$P(g(X) \geq r) \leq \frac{Eg(X)}{r}$$

Bivariate transformations

Monotone

$$\begin{aligned} U &= g_1(X, Y) \\ V &= g_2(X, Y) \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} X = h_1(U, V) \\ Y = h_2(U, V) \end{cases}$$

$$J = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial x}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial y}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y}{\partial v} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$f_{U,V}(u, v) = f_{X,Y}(h_1(u, v), h_2(u, v)) |J|$$

Hierarchical Models and Mixture Distributions

$$X|Y \sim B(Y, p)$$

$$Y|\Lambda \sim Po(\Lambda)$$

$$\Lambda \sim \exp(\beta)$$

$$E[X] = E[E[X|Y]]$$

$$Var[X] = E[Var[X|Y]] + Var[E[X|Y]]$$

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Hölder's Inequality

$$|E[XY]| \leq E|XY| \leq \left(E|X|^p\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left(E|X|^q\right)^{\frac{1}{q}}, \quad \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$$

Jensen's Inequality

$$E[g(X)] \geq g(E[X]), \quad g(x) \text{ convex}$$

Chapter 5 Random Sample

Random sample: X_1, \dots, X_n are iid.

Statistic: $T(X_1, \dots, X_n)$

Some properties of Statistics

X_1, \dots, X_n are $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ and $S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$ are independent

$\bar{X} \sim N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right), \quad \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2(n-1)$

T-statistic: $\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\frac{S}{\sqrt{n}}}$, In general $T_p = \frac{N(0,1)}{\sqrt{\frac{\chi^2(p)}{p}}}$

$$\text{Var}[T_p] = \frac{p}{p-2}$$

$$F_{p,q} \text{ statistic} = \frac{\frac{\chi^2(p)}{p}}{\frac{\chi^2(q)}{q}}$$

$$V \sim \chi^2(q) \Leftrightarrow V \sim \Gamma\left(\frac{q}{2}, 2\right)$$

$$E(V^{-k}) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(q/2)2^{q/2}} \int_0^{\infty} v^{q/2-k-1} e^{-v/2} dv = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{q}{2} - k)}{\Gamma(\frac{q}{2})2^k},$$

$$E[F] = \frac{q}{q-2}$$

$$\text{Var}[F] = \frac{2q^2(q+p-2)}{p(q-2)^2(q-4)}$$

Convergence concepts

Convergence in probability:

$$\{X_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty} \xrightarrow{P} X \text{ if } \forall \varepsilon > 0, \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|X_n - X| \geq \varepsilon) = 0$$

Weak law of large numbers

$\{X_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$ iid, $E[X_i] = \mu$ and $\text{Var}(X_i) = \sigma^2 < \infty$. Then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|\bar{X}_n - \mu| < \varepsilon) = 1$

$\{X_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty} \xrightarrow{P} X$ then $\{h(X_i)\}_{i=1}^{\infty} \xrightarrow{P} h(X)$ if h is continuous.

Convergence in distribution

$\{X_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty} \xrightarrow{D} X$ if $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{X_n}(x) = F_X(x)$ at all x where $F_X(x)$ is continuous.

$\{X_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty} \xrightarrow{P} X \Rightarrow \{X_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty} \xrightarrow{D} X$

Central Limit Theorem

$\{X_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$ iid, $E[X_i] = \mu$ and $\text{Var}(X_i) = \sigma^2 < \infty$.

Define $X_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$. Then $\sqrt{n} \left(\frac{X_n - \mu}{\sigma} \right) \xrightarrow{D} X$ where $X \sim N(0,1)$.

Slutsky's Theorem.

$X_n \xrightarrow{D} X, Y_n \xrightarrow{P} a$, then

a) $X_n Y_n \xrightarrow{D} aX$

b) $X_n + Y_n \xrightarrow{D} X + a$

Delta method

$$\sqrt{n}(Y_n - \theta) \xrightarrow{D} N(0, \sigma^2) \Rightarrow \sqrt{n}(g(Y_n) - g(\theta)) \xrightarrow{D} N(0, \sigma^2 [g'(\theta)]^2)$$

$$g'(\theta) = 0$$

$$\sqrt{n}(Y_n - \theta) \xrightarrow{D} N(0, \sigma^2) \Rightarrow \sqrt{n}(g(Y_n) - g(\theta)) \xrightarrow{D} \frac{\sigma^2}{2} [g''(\theta)] \chi_1^2$$

Sufficient statistics

A statistic $T(\mathbf{X})$ is a sufficient statistic for θ if the conditional distribution of the sample \mathbf{X} given the value of $T(\mathbf{X})$ does not depend on θ .

A sufficient statistics for a parameter (-vector) θ is a statistic that in a certain sense, captures all the information about θ in the sample.

Theorem 6.2.2

If $p(\mathbf{x}|\theta)$ is the pdf/pmf of \mathbf{X} and $q(t|\theta)$ is the pdf/pmf of $T(\mathbf{X})$, then $T(\mathbf{X})$ is a sufficient statistics for θ if, for every \mathbf{x} in the sample space the ratio $\frac{p(\mathbf{x}|\theta)}{q(T(\mathbf{x})|\theta)}$ is a constant as a function of θ .

Theorem 6.2.6

Let $f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)$ be the joint pdf/pmf for a sample \mathbf{X} . $T(\mathbf{X})$ is a sufficient statistics for θ if and only if for all \mathbf{x} and all θ .

$$f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) = g(T(\mathbf{X}|\theta))h(\mathbf{x})$$

Minimal sufficient.

Definition 6.2.11. A sufficient statistics $T(\mathbf{X})$ is called a minimal sufficient statistics if for any other sufficient statistics $T'(\mathbf{X})$, $T(\mathbf{X})$ is a function of $T'(\mathbf{X})$.

Theorem 6.2.3

Let $f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)$ be the joint pdf/pmf for a sample \mathbf{X} . Suppose there exists a $T(\mathbf{X})$ such that for every \mathbf{x} and every \mathbf{y} , $f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)/f(\mathbf{y}|\theta)$ is a constant as a function of $\theta \Leftrightarrow T(\mathbf{X})=T(\mathbf{Y})$. Then $T(\mathbf{X})$ is a minimal sufficient statistics for θ .

Definition 6.2.21

Let $f(t|\theta)$ be a family of pdfs/pmfs for a statistic $T(\mathbf{X})$. The family is complete if

$$E_{\theta}[g(T)] = 0 \Rightarrow P_{\theta}(g(T) = 0) = 1, \text{ for all } \theta.$$

Completeness and the exponential class

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be iid. from an exponential family i.e.

$$f(x|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = h(x)c(\boldsymbol{\theta})e^{\sum_{i=1}^k w(\theta_i)t_i(x)}$$

Then $T(\mathbf{X}) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n t_1(X_i), \sum_{i=1}^n t_2(X_i), \dots, \sum_{i=1}^n t_k(X_i) \right)$ is complete as long as the parameter space contains an open set in R^n .

Minimal sufficient if $w_i(\theta), i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ are not linearly dependent

Complete if no functional relationship exists between $w_i(\theta), i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

Invariance principle:

If $\hat{\theta}$ is the MLE of θ , $\tau(\hat{\theta})$ is the MLE of $\tau(\theta)$.

Bayes estimation:

Prior: $\pi(\theta)$ Posterior: $\pi(\theta|\mathbf{x})$

$$\pi(\theta|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{f(\mathbf{x}, \theta)}{f(\mathbf{x})} = \frac{f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)\pi(\theta)}{\int f(\mathbf{x}, \theta)d\theta}$$

$$\hat{\theta}_B = E(\theta|\mathbf{x})$$

The mean square error

$$MSE = E[(W - \theta)^2] = Var[W] + (E[W] - \theta)^2$$

Score statistic

$$S(\mathbf{X}|\theta) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\mathbf{X}|\theta)$$

$$E[S(\mathbf{X}|\theta)] = 0$$

$$Var[S(\mathbf{X}|\theta)] = I_{\mathbf{x}}(\theta) = -E\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} S(\mathbf{X}|\theta)\right] = -E\left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \log f(\mathbf{X}|\theta)\right]$$

$$\text{Let } \tau(\theta) = E[W(\mathbf{X})]$$

Cramer-Rao

$$\text{Var}[W(\mathbf{X})] \geq \frac{\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \tau(\theta)\right)^2}{I_X(\theta)}$$

Cramer-Rao iid

$$\text{Var}[W(\mathbf{X})] \geq \frac{\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \tau(\theta)\right)^2}{nI_X(\theta)}$$

Equality

If and only if $S(\mathbf{X}|\theta) = a(\theta)[W(\mathbf{X}) - \tau(\theta)]$

Cramer-Rao in the multiparameter case

$$\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k)^t$$

Define the Score function $S(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_k} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}) \end{bmatrix} = \nabla \log f(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta})$

Define the Fisher information $I(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \text{Cov}[S(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\theta})]$

We have as in the univariate case that $E[S(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\theta})] = \mathbf{0}$ and

$$I(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = E[S(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\theta})S(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\theta})^T] = -E[H(\mathbf{X}|\boldsymbol{\theta})] \text{ where}$$

$$h_{ij} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\theta}).$$

If $\mathbf{W}(\mathbf{X})$ is an unbiased estimator for $\boldsymbol{\theta}$. Then $I(\boldsymbol{\theta})^{-1}$ is taken as an approximation to $\text{Cov}[\mathbf{W}(\mathbf{X})]$

Let $\tau = \tau(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ be univariate and let $\nabla \tau(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} \tau(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_k} \tau(\boldsymbol{\theta}) \end{bmatrix}$

Theorem. For an estimator $W(\mathbf{X})$ with $E[W(\mathbf{X})] = \tau$, we have under similar regularity conditions as in the univariate case that

$$\text{Var}[W(\mathbf{X})] \geq (\nabla \tau(\boldsymbol{\theta}))^T (I(\boldsymbol{\theta}))^{-1} (\nabla \tau(\boldsymbol{\theta})).$$

Sufficiency and Unbiasedness

W unbiased estimator of $\tau(\theta)$.

T a sufficient statistic $E[W|T] = \tau(\theta)$ and $Var[W|T] \leq Var[W]$, $\forall \theta$

T complete $\Rightarrow E[W|T]$ is the unique best unbiased estimator for $\tau(\theta)$

Hypothesis testing.

$$H_0 : \theta \in \Omega_0 \quad H_1 : \theta \in \Omega_0^c$$

LRT

$$\lambda(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\sup_{\Omega_0} L(\theta|\mathbf{x})}{\sup_{\theta} L(\theta|\mathbf{x})} = \frac{\sup_{\Omega_0} L(\theta|\mathbf{x})}{L(\hat{\theta}|\mathbf{x})} = \lambda^*(T(\mathbf{x}))$$

Reject if $\lambda(\mathbf{x}) \leq c$.

Power function

$$\beta(\theta) = P_{\theta}(X \in R)$$

UMP

$$\beta(\theta) \geq \beta'(\theta) \quad \forall \theta \in \Omega_0^c$$

Neyman-Pearson

$$H_0 : \theta = \theta_0 \quad H_1 : \theta = \theta_1$$

UMP level α test.

$$x \in R \text{ if } f(x|\theta_1) > kf(x|\theta_0)$$

$$x \in R^c \text{ if } f(x|\theta_1) < kf(x|\theta_0)$$

for some $k \geq 0$ and $\alpha = P_{\theta_0}(X \in R)$

Interval Estimator

$$[L(\mathbf{X}), U(\mathbf{X})]$$

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Coverage Probability

$$P(\theta \in [L(\mathbf{X}), U(\mathbf{X})])$$

Methods of Construction

Inverting a test $H_0: \theta = \theta_0$ $H_1: \theta \neq \theta_0$

$$A(\theta_0) = \{ \mathbf{x} : \mathbf{x} \in R^C \}$$

$$C(\mathbf{x}) = \{ \theta_0 : \mathbf{x} \in A(\theta_0) \}$$

Inverting LRT

$$C(\mathbf{x}) = \{ \theta_0 : \lambda(\mathbf{x}) \geq k \}$$

Pivotal Quantity

The distribution of $Q(\mathbf{X}, \theta)$ is independent of θ .

$$C(\mathbf{x}) = \{ \theta : \alpha_1 \leq F_T(t|\theta) \leq 1 - \alpha_2 \}$$

Credible sets.

$$P(\theta \in A | \mathbf{x}) = \int_A \pi(\theta | \mathbf{x}) d\theta$$

An example

$$X_1, \dots, X_n \text{ iid Poisson}(\lambda) \Rightarrow Y = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim \text{Poisson}(n\lambda)$$

$$\pi(\lambda) = \text{gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$$

$$\pi\left(\lambda \left| \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = y \right.\right) = \text{gamma}\left(\alpha + y, \frac{\beta}{n\beta + 1}\right) \text{ which gives the } 1 - \alpha$$

credibility interval

$$P\left(\frac{\beta}{2(n\beta + 1)} \chi(2(y + \alpha))_{1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}} \leq \lambda \leq \frac{\beta}{2(n\beta + 1)} \chi(2(y + \alpha))_{\frac{\alpha}{2}}\right) = 1 - \alpha$$

Which can be compared to the $1 - \alpha$ confidence interval.

$$P\left(\frac{1}{2n} \chi(2y)_{1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}} \leq \lambda \leq \frac{1}{2n} \chi(2(y + 1))_{\frac{\alpha}{2}}\right) = 1 - \alpha$$

Asymptotics

Consistent estimator

$$\hat{\theta}(X_1, \dots, X_n) \xrightarrow{P} \theta, \forall \theta.$$

Efficient estimator

$\hat{\theta}$ unbiased, $\text{Var}(\hat{\theta})$ attains its lower bound.

Asymptotic efficient estimator

$$\sqrt{n}(W_n - \tau(\theta)) \xrightarrow{D} N(0, v(\theta)), \quad v(\theta) = \frac{|\tau'(\theta)|^2}{E\left[\left(\frac{d}{d\theta} \log f(X|\theta)\right)^2\right]}$$

Asymptotic efficient and consistent MLE

X_1, \dots, X_n iid, $\hat{\theta}_n$ MLE $\Rightarrow \hat{\theta}_n \xrightarrow{P} \theta$ and

$$\sqrt{n}(\tau(\hat{\theta}_n) - \tau(\theta)) \xrightarrow{D} N(0, v(\theta))$$

Asymptotics of LRT

$$-2 \log \lambda(X_1, \dots, X_n) \xrightarrow{D} \chi(1)$$