

W8: Wednesday

ch 5.3
5.6, 5.7, 5.8

Last time we saw that

$$CI_{95\%} \text{ for } \mu: \left[\bar{X} - \frac{\sigma^2}{\sqrt{n}} z_{0.025}, \bar{X} + \frac{\sigma^2}{\sqrt{n}} z_{1-0.025} \right]$$

centering

radius:

std error of
centering estimator

EX: CI for binomial p .

$$X_1, \dots, X_n \sim \text{Poin}(n, p)$$

MLE estimator of p is

$$\hat{p} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

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Bernoulli random
variables.
 $p(1-p)$

By CLT we know that

$$\hat{p} \rightarrow N(?, ??)$$

$$? = E\hat{p} = E\bar{X} = p.$$

$$\text{var } \hat{p} = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{var } X_i = \frac{\text{var } X_1}{n} = \frac{p(1-p)}{n}.$$

$$\hat{p} \rightarrow N, \quad N \sim N\left(p, \frac{p(1-p)}{n}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\hat{p} - p}{\sqrt{p(1-p)/n}} \rightarrow Z, \quad Z \sim N(0, 1).$$

→ Fix level α
then.

$$P\left(-z_{1-\alpha/2} \leq \frac{\hat{p} - p}{\sqrt{p(1-p)/n}} \leq z_{1-\alpha/2}\right) = 1-\alpha.$$

Isolate p in the middle

Not so easy now as to isolate p we have to solve quadratic inequality:

$$\frac{\hat{p} - p}{\sqrt{p(1-p)/n}} \leq z_{1-\alpha/2}$$

$$\hat{p} - p \leq z_{1-\alpha/2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}$$

$$? (\hat{p} - p)^2 \leq z_{1-\alpha/2}^2 \cdot \frac{p(1-p)}{n} = \frac{p - p^2}{n} \cdot z_{1-\alpha/2}^2$$



quite messy.

Noted it is justifiable to replace p by $\hat{p}$ in the denominator:

$$P\left(-z_{1-\alpha/2} \leq \frac{\hat{p} - p}{\sqrt{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})/n}} \leq z_{1-\alpha/2}\right) = 1-\alpha.$$

Because $\hat{p} \rightarrow p$ and

$$\hat{p}(1-\hat{p}) \rightarrow p(1-p).$$

these two numbers are close

→ Cl_{1-\alpha} for p is:

$$\left[\hat{p} - \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}} \cdot z_{1-\alpha/2}, \hat{p} + \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}} \cdot z_{1-\alpha/2} \right]$$

Radius of the CI for p for a 95%-interval
is $\frac{2}{1.96} \times \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}$

→ How do you choose a sample size to get
a $(1-\alpha)$ CI to have radius = ε
(to be reasonably sure of knowing p to be
within ε either way).

$$\varepsilon = \underbrace{2}_{1-\alpha} \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}$$

$$\varepsilon^2 \approx 4 \cdot \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}} \Rightarrow n = \frac{4 \cdot p(1-p)}{\varepsilon^2}$$

$$\text{If } \varepsilon = 10\% \text{ and } p = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow n = \frac{1}{\varepsilon^2} = 100$$

Note that CI for p gets shorter when p
is near 0 or 1. (but then CLT approximation
is less reliable).

$$X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

μ -unknown
 σ -unknown

Ch. 7.4

$$\left| \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{S_n / \sqrt{n}} = t_{n-1} \right|$$

t-distribution
with $(n-1)$ df.
- continuous
- symmetric.

$$P\left(-t_{n-1, \alpha/2} < \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{S_n / \sqrt{n}} < t_{n-1, \alpha/2}\right) = 1 - \alpha.$$

(in the same way as when σ was known)

$$S_n^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 \quad \text{— unbiased estimator of } \sigma^2$$

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$X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$. μ -unknown
 σ -unknown.

$$\left| \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} = \chi_{n-1}^2 \right|$$

$$\Rightarrow P\left(\chi_{\frac{\alpha}{2}, n-1}^2 \leq \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} \leq \chi_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}, n-1}^2\right) = 1 - \alpha.$$

$$CI_{\sigma^2} = \left[\frac{(n-1)S_n^2}{\chi_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}, n-1}^2}, \frac{(n-1)S_n^2}{\chi_{\frac{\alpha}{2}, n-1}^2} \right]$$