

Statistics 581
Problem Set 5
Wellner; 10/22/2008

Reading: Ferguson, ACLST, Chapters 13 and 14, pages 87 - 100;
Wellner Notes, Chapter 2, sections 4 - 6.

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Reminder: Midterm exam, Monday, November 3, 2008.

1. Verify the following claim made in our treatment of the asymptotic distribution of the sample correlation coefficient: if

$$(X, Y) \sim N_2 \left(\underline{0}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho \\ \rho & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right),$$

then

$$\begin{pmatrix} E(X^2Y^2) - \rho^2 & E(X^3Y) - \rho & E(XY^3) - \rho \\ E(X^3Y) - \rho & E(X^4) - 1 & E(X^2Y^2) - 1 \\ E(XY^3) - \rho & E(X^2Y^2) - 1 & E(Y^4) - 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 + \rho^2 & 2\rho & 2\rho \\ 2\rho & 2 & 2\rho^2 \\ 2\rho & 2\rho^2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Hint: Compute conditionally and use Theorem 1.3.5, page 14, Chapter 1.

2. For a random variable X taking values in $(0, \infty)$ define the *entropy* H of X by $H(X) \equiv E(X \log X) - E(X) \log(E(X))$.
 - (a) Show that $H(X) \geq 0$.
 - (b) Compute $H(X)$ and $H(X)/E(X)$ for $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$.
 - (c) Suppose that X, X_1, \dots, X_n are i.i.d. Propose an estimator of $H(X)$ and give conditions under which your estimator, say \hat{H}_n , satisfies $\hat{H}_n \rightarrow_p H(X)$.
 - (d) Give conditions under which the estimator you proposed in (c) satisfies $\sqrt{n}(\hat{H}_n - H(X)) \rightarrow_d N(0, V^2)$ and find V^2 .
3. (a) Write out a proof of (10) on page 16 of the Chapter 2 notes.
(b) Write out a proof of the corresponding fact concerning the general empirical process $\mathbb{G}_n: \mathbb{G}_n \rightarrow_{f.d.} \mathbb{G}$ where \mathbb{G}_n and \mathbb{G} are as defined on page 21 of the chapter 2 notes; i.e. for any $f_1, \dots, f_k \in L_2(P)$, $(\mathbb{G}_n(f_1), \dots, \mathbb{G}_n(f_k)) \rightarrow_d (\mathbb{G}(f_1), \dots, \mathbb{G}(f_k))$.
4. Ferguson, ACILST, problem 6, page 93.
5. Suppose that X_1, \dots, X_n are i.i.d. random vectors with values in R^k with $E(X_1) = \mu$ and $E(X_1^T X_1) < \infty$ so that $\Sigma = E(X_1 - \mu)(X_1 - \mu)^T$ is well-defined. Thus

$$Z_n \equiv \sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu) \rightarrow_d Z \sim N_k(0, \Sigma).$$

Suppose that $g: R^k \rightarrow R$ is a function, and suppose that $\nabla g = \dot{g}$ exists at μ . Then the delta-method (or g' theorem) tells us that

$$(1) \quad \sqrt{n}(g(\bar{X}_n) - g(\mu)) \rightarrow_d \nabla g(\mu)^T Z \sim N(0, \nabla g(\mu)^T \Sigma \nabla g(\mu)).$$

(a) Show that we can strengthen (1) as follows: Suppose that $\nabla g = \dot{g}$ is continuous at μ . Then $\sqrt{n}(g(\bar{X}_n) - g(\mu))$ is asymptotically linear at μ :

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{n}(g(\bar{X}_n) - g(\mu)) &= \nabla g(\mu)^T \sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu) + o_p(1) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \psi(X_i) + o_p(1)\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\psi(x) = \nabla g(\mu)^T (x - \mu)$$

which is called the *influence function* of $g(\bar{X}_n)$ as an estimator of $g(\mu)$, has mean $E\psi(X_i) = 0$ and $Var(\psi(X_i)) = \nabla g(\mu)^T \Sigma \nabla g(\mu)$.

(b) Does the result of (a) apply to the situation considered in problem 1(b) of problem set #3? If so, what is the resulting influence function?

(c) Does the result of (a) apply to the situation in Problem 4 above? If so, what is the resulting influence function?

6. Suppose that $X_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p_i)$, $i = 1, \dots, n$ are independent. Show that if

$$(2) \quad \sum_{i=1}^n p_i(1 - p_i) \rightarrow \infty,$$

then

$$\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \bar{p}_n)}{\sqrt{n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n p_i(1 - p_i)}} \rightarrow_d N(0, 1).$$

Give one example $\{p_i\}_{i \geq 1}$ for which (2) holds and another example for which it fails.

7. **Optional bonus problem 1:** Suppose that X_1, \dots, X_n are i.i.d. with continuous distribution function F . Let F_0 be a fixed, specified (continuous) distribution function. Suppose we want to test $H : F = F_0$ versus $K : F \neq F_0$. Consider the *Cramér - von Mises statistic* given by

$$C_n^2 \equiv \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} n(\mathbb{F}_n(x) - F_0(x))^2 dF_0(x).$$

(a) Show that when the null hypothesis H is true

$$C_n^2 \xrightarrow{d} \int_0^1 n(\mathbb{G}_n(t) - t)^2 dt,$$

where \mathbb{G}_n is the empirical d.f. of n i.i.d. $\text{Uniform}(0, 1)$ rv's.

(b) Show that when the null hypothesis H is true,

$$C_n^2 \rightarrow_d \int_0^1 \mathbb{U}(t)^2 dt$$

where \mathbb{U} is a standard Brownian bridge process.

[Hint: Use the fact that $\mathbb{U}_n \Rightarrow \mathbb{U}$ in $(D[0, 1], \|\cdot\|_\infty)$ and the continuous mapping

theorem.]

(c) Suppose that the null hypothesis fails. Thus $F \neq F_0$. Show that in this case

$$n^{-1}C_n^2 \rightarrow_{a.s.} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (F(x) - F_0(x))^2 dF_0(x) > 0,$$

and hence the test based on C_n^2 is consistent for all $F \neq F_0$.

8. **Optional bonus problem 2:** This is a continuation of the previous problem, and should be thought of in analogy with our development for the Pearson chi-square statistic.

(a) Suppose that $F = F_n$ satisfies $\sqrt{n}(F_n(x) - F_0(x)) \rightarrow g(x)$ in $L_2(F_0)$; i.e.

$$\int [\sqrt{n}(F_n(x) - F_0(x)) - g(x)]^2 dF_0(x) \rightarrow 0.$$

Describe the limiting distribution of C_n^2 under the local alternatives F_n in terms of a Brownian bridge process \mathbb{U} and g .

(b) Let c^2 denote the constant on the right side in Problem 5(c) above. In the set-up of that problem, show that when $F \neq F_0$ it follows that

$$\sqrt{n}(n^{-1}C_n^2 - c^2) \rightarrow_d N(0, V^2)$$

and find V^2 .

[Hint: Use $\sqrt{n}(\mathbb{F}_n - F) =_d \mathbb{U}_n(F)$, $\mathbb{U}_n \Rightarrow \mathbb{U}$, and the continuous mapping theorem.]