

Basic inequality

For any $y_1, \dots, y_n$, and any $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu)^2 - (\bar{y} - \mu)^2}$$

Proof

Let X be a discrete r.v with frequency probabilities

x	$y_1 - \mu$	$y_2 - \mu$	$\dots$	$y_n - \mu$
$p(X=x)$	$\frac{1}{n}$	$\frac{1}{n}$	$\dots$	$\frac{1}{n}$

Note that μ is not
the mean of X

Then

$$E[X] = (y_1 - \mu) \frac{1}{n} + (y_2 - \mu) \frac{1}{n} + \dots + (y_n - \mu) \frac{1}{n} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu) = \bar{y} - \mu$$

$$E[X^2] = (y_1 - \mu)^2 \frac{1}{n} + (y_2 - \mu)^2 \frac{1}{n} + \dots + (y_n - \mu)^2 \frac{1}{n} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[(X - E[X])^2] &= (y_1 - \mu - (\bar{y} - \mu))^2 \frac{1}{n} + \dots + (y_n - \mu - (\bar{y} - \mu))^2 \frac{1}{n} \\ &= (y_1 - \bar{y})^2 \frac{1}{n} + \dots + (y_n - \bar{y})^2 \frac{1}{n} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Since } \text{Var}(X) = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu)^2 - (\bar{y} - \mu)^2$$

Basic estimation problems

We want to study a population, having an unknown population mean μ and an unknown population variance σ^2 . To estimate μ and σ^2 , we take a random sample

$$Y_1, \dots, Y_n,$$

(1) We estimate the population mean, using

$$\text{the sample mean } \bar{Y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i$$

(2) If we know the population mean μ , we estimate the population variance, using $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \mu)^2$

(3) If we do not know the population mean μ , we estimate the population variance, using the sample variance

$$S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2$$

To be able to do inferences, we need to know the distribution of $\bar{Y}$, $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \mu)^2$ and $S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2$

If $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$ are i.i.d.v.'s from a $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ distribution, we can find the distribution of $\bar{Y}$, $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \mu)^2$ and S^2

Multiplying the basic inequality by $\frac{1}{\sigma^2}$, we get

$$\frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{j=1}^n (Y_j - \bar{Y})^2 = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{j=1}^n (Y_j - \mu)^2 - \frac{n(\bar{Y} - \mu)^2}{\sigma^2}$$

$$\text{or } \sum_{j=1}^n \left(\frac{Y_j - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{j=1}^n (Y_j - \bar{Y})^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{Y} - \mu)}{\sigma} \right)^2$$

We will prove that

$$(1) \sum_{j=1}^n \left(\frac{Y_j - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \stackrel{d}{\sim} \chi^2(n)$$

$$(2) \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{j=1}^n (Y_j - \bar{Y})^2 \stackrel{d}{\sim} \chi^2(n-1)$$

$$(3) \left(\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{Y} - \mu)}{\sigma} \right)^2 \stackrel{d}{\sim} \chi^2(1)$$

$$\text{or } \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n (Y_j - \mu)^2 \stackrel{d}{\sim} \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \chi^2(n)$$

$$s^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^n (Y_j - \bar{Y})^2 \stackrel{d}{\sim} \frac{\sigma^2}{n-1} \chi^2(n-1)$$

$$\bar{Y} \stackrel{d}{\sim} N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right)$$

Lemma

Let Y_1 and let Y_2 be two independent r.v's.

Let $Y_1 \stackrel{d}{\sim} \chi^2(\nu_1)$ and $Y_1 + Y_2 \stackrel{d}{\sim} \chi^2(\nu_1 + \nu_2)$

Then, $Y_2 \sim \chi^2(\nu_1 + \nu_2)$

Proof Since Y_1 and Y_2 are independent r.v's

$$E[e^{t(Y_1 + Y_2)}] = E[e^{tY_1}] E[e^{tY_2}]$$

$$\text{So, } E[e^{tY_2}] = \frac{E[e^{t(Y_1 + Y_2)}]}{E[e^{tY_1}]}$$

$$\text{If } Y_1 \stackrel{d}{\sim} \chi^2(\nu_1), E[e^{tY_1}] = (1-2t)^{-\frac{\nu_1}{2}}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } E[e^{t(Y_1 + Y_2)}] = (1-2t)^{-\frac{(\nu_1 + \nu_2)}{2}}$$

$$\text{So, } E[e^{tY_2}] = \frac{(1-2t)^{-\frac{(\nu_1 + \nu_2)}{2}}}{(1-2t)^{-\frac{\nu_1}{2}}} = (1-2t)^{-\frac{\nu_2}{2}}$$

which is the mgf of a $\chi^2(\nu_2)$

Hence, $Y_2 \stackrel{d}{\sim} \chi^2(\nu_2)$

Theorem

Let $y_1, \dots, y_n$ be a random sample from a normal distribution with mean μ and variance σ^2 . Then

(1) $\bar{y}$ and s^2 are independent r.v.'s

(2) $\frac{n-1}{\sigma^2} s^2 \stackrel{d}{\sim} \chi^2(n-1)$

Proof Since $\bar{y}$ and $y_i - \bar{y}$ are linear combinations of independent normal r.v.'s.

$\bar{y}$ and $y_i - \bar{y}$ are independent $\iff \text{Cov}(\bar{y}, y_i - \bar{y}) = 0$

Now

$$\text{Cov}(\bar{y}, y_i - \bar{y}) = \text{Cov}(\bar{y}, y_i) - \text{Cov}(\bar{y}, \bar{y})$$

$$\text{Since } \text{Cov}(\bar{y}, y_i) = \text{Cov}(\bar{y}, y_1) \quad \text{Cov}(\bar{y}, y_i) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n \text{Cov}(\bar{y}, y_j)$$

$$= \text{Cov}(\bar{y}, \bar{y}), \text{ So, } \text{Cov}(\bar{y}, y_i - \bar{y}) = 0.$$

Since, for each $i=1, \dots, n$, $\bar{y}$ and $y_i - \bar{y}$ are independent r.v.'s.

$\bar{y}$ and $s^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2$ are independent r.v.'s.

$$\text{Now, we use the Lemma } \sum_{j=1}^n \left(\frac{y_j - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \stackrel{d}{\sim} \chi^2(n) = \sum_{j=1}^n (y_j - \bar{y})^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{y} - \mu)}{\sigma} \right)^2 \stackrel{d}{\sim} \chi^2(1)$$

and $\frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2$ and $\left(\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{y} - \mu)}{\sigma} \right)^2$ are independent r.v.'s.