

A few exercises from [CB]

Example 2.2.6 (minimizing distance)

Example 2.3.13 (Poisson approximation)

Section 2.4 (about exchange of differentiation  
and integration)

Exercise 2.17 about the median  $m$

$$P(X \leq m) \geq \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad P(X \geq m) \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

Exercise 2.18 (also about the median)

Exercise 2.28 (about skewness and kurtosis)

Thm 3.6.1 (related to Markov inequality)

Thm 2.1.8 (function of a r.v.  $X$ , make a  
summary of the result)

About common distributions :

make a 1 page (maximum) summary about one of  
them, with an example of application.

Use [CB], [FEHP], or internet (Wikipedia)

# Inequalities

# Appendix 3

see [CB], sec. 4.7

Lemma (Markov inequality) If  $X \geq 0$ , then

$$P(X > t) \leq \frac{E(X)}{t} \quad \forall t > 0.$$

$\Rightarrow$  if  $\mu := E(X)$  and  $\sigma := \text{Var}(X)$ ,  $P\left(\frac{(X-\mu)^2}{\sigma^2} \geq t^2\right) \leq \frac{1}{t^2}$ .  
(Chebyshev inequality)

Lemma (key of many inequalities)

If  $a, b \geq 0$  and  $p, q > 1$  satisfy  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$

then  $\frac{1}{p} a^p + \frac{1}{q} b^q \geq ab$

$\nearrow$  this is a generalization of  $\frac{1}{2} a^2 + \frac{1}{2} b^2 \geq ab$   
 $\Leftrightarrow 2ab \leq a^2 + b^2$  (obtained from  $(a-b)^2 \geq 0$ ).

Thm (Hölder's inequality)

Let  $X, Y$  be 2 random variables, and  $p, q > 1$  satisfying  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ . Then

$$|E(XY)| \leq E(|XY|) \leq (E(|X|^p))^{1/p} (E(|Y|^q))^{1/q} \quad *$$

When  $p=q=2$ , one gets the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality:

$$|E(XY)| \leq E(|XY|) \leq (E(|X|^2))^{1/2} (E(|Y|^2))^{1/2},$$

From  $*$  one can also deduce the Lyapounov's inequality:

$$(E(|X|^r))^{1/r} \leq (E(|X|^s))^{1/s}$$

for  $1 < r < s < \infty$ .

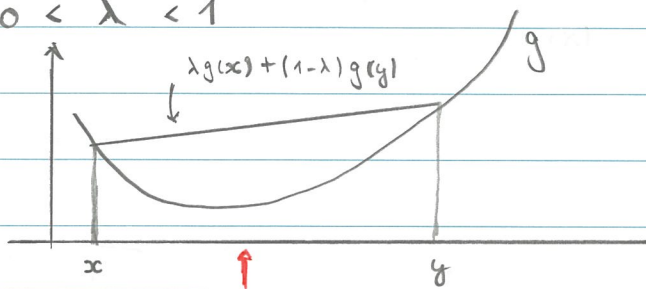
Thm (Minkowski's inequality)

Let  $X, Y$  be random variables, and  $1 \leq p < \infty$ .

Then

$$(E(|X+Y|^p))^{1/p} \leq (E(|X|^p))^{1/p} + (E(|Y|^p))^{1/p}.$$

Recall that a function  $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is convex if  $g(\lambda x + (1-\lambda)y) \leq \lambda g(x) + (1-\lambda)g(y) \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $0 < \lambda < 1$



\* any point between  $x$  and  $y$

Thm (Jensen's inequality)

Let  $X$  be a random variable, and  $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , Borel measurable and convex. Then

$$E(g(X)) \geq g(E(X)).$$

One directly deduces:  $E(X^2) \geq (E(X))^2$   
and  $E(1/X) \geq 1/E(X)$ .

If  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}_+$ , one sets  
arithmetic mean:  $a_A := \frac{1}{n}(a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n)$

geometric mean:  $a_G := (a_1 a_2 \dots a_n)^{1/n}$

harmonic mean:  $a_H = n \left( \frac{1}{a_1} + \frac{1}{a_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_n} \right)^{-1}$

and one has  $a_H \leq a_G \leq a_A$ .



# Convergence

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Let  $(X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  be a sequence of random variables. There exist several types of convergence of this sequence to a random variable  $X_\infty$ .

Def:  $(X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges to  $X_\infty$  in probability if  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, \quad P(|X_n - X_\infty| \geq \varepsilon) \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$ .

Def:  $(X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges to  $X_\infty$  almost surely if  $P(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n = X_\infty) = 1$   
 $\Leftrightarrow P(\{s \in S \mid \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n(s) = X_\infty(s)\}) = 1$ .

Example: Let  $(X_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  be iid with  $E(X_i) = \mu$  and  $\text{Var}(X_i) = \sigma^2$ . Set  $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ .

Weak law of large number:  $\bar{X}_n \rightarrow \mu$  in probability

Strong law of large number:  $\bar{X}_n \rightarrow \mu$  almost surely

discrete random variable taking only the value  $\mu$ .

Remarks:

1) If  $X_n \rightarrow X_\infty$  in probability and  $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous, then  $g(X_n) \rightarrow g(X_\infty)$  in probability.

2) Almost sure convergence  $\Rightarrow$  convergence in probability.

Def :  $(X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  converges in distribution to  $X_\infty$   
 if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{X_n}(x) = F_{X_\infty}(x)$  at all  
 $x \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $F_{X_\infty}$  continuous at  $x$ .

$\nearrow$  cdf = cumulative distribution function

Remark: Convergence in probability  $\Rightarrow$  convergence in  
 distribution  $\Leftarrow$  if  $X_\infty$  is a constant  
 random variable.

Central limit theorem :

Let  $(X_i)_{i \in \mathbb{N}}$  be iid with  $E(X_i) = \mu$  and  
 $\text{Var}(X_i) = \sigma^2 \in (0, \infty)$ . Set  $\bar{X}_n := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ ,  
 and  $Z_n := \sqrt{n} \frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu}{\sigma}$ . Then  
 $F_{Z_n}(x) \xrightarrow{\sigma_{n \rightarrow \infty}} \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-y^2/2} dy$ ,

that is  $Z_n$  converges in distribution to the  
 random variable having the standard normal  
 distribution.

Lemma (Slutsky's theorem)

Let  $X_n \rightarrow X_\infty$  in distribution, and  $Y_n \rightarrow a$   
 in probability, with  $a$  a constant r.v. Then

1)  $X_n Y_n \rightarrow a X_\infty$  in distribution

2)  $X_n + Y_n \rightarrow X_\infty + a$  in distribution.

## A few exercises

- Study and summarized the hierarchical models, as presented in Section 4.4 and in its examples.
- Study Examples 4.2.2 and 4.2.4 about conditional pdf or pmf.
- Study the proof of Thm 4.5.7 about the correlation  $\rho_{X,Y}$  of  $X$  and  $Y$ .
- Study the proof of Thm 5.2.6 about sample mean, variance and standard deviation.
- Study the proof of Thm 5.3.1 about a family of normal distribution.
- Study the student's  $t$  distribution as presented in Section 5.3.2.

## Appendix 5

- Example 6.2.17 on ancillary statistic  
+ Example 6.2.15.
- Exercises 6.2 or 6.3 on sufficient statistics.
- Example 7.2.7 on log-likelihood.
- Example 7.2.9 on maximum with differentiation.
- Study example 7.2.13 on large variability.
- Exercise 7.22 with Example 7.2.16.



Aim: testing hypothesis about mean of a normal random sample with unknown variance.

Let  $X = (X_1, \dots, X_N)$  with  $X_j \sim n(\mu, \sigma^2)$  ↙ ↘ unknown

be the random sample, and let  $H_0: \mu = \mu_0$

for a given  $\mu_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ . On the other hand,  $\sigma^2 > 0$

is arbitrary. Set  $\Theta := (\mu, \sigma^2)$ .

Recall that  $L(\Theta | \underline{x}) = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2}\right)^{N/2} \exp\left(-\sum_{j=1}^N (x_j - \mu)^2 / 2\sigma^2\right)$ .

The maximum of  $\Theta \mapsto L(\Theta | \underline{x})$  is realized

for  $\mu = \bar{x}$  and  $\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N (x_j - \bar{x})^2$ ,

see Example 7.2.11 in [CB]. By the same

argument one gets that if  $\mu = \mu_0$ , the maximum

of  $\sigma^2 \mapsto L(\mu_0, \sigma^2 | \underline{x})$  is realized for

$\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_j (x_j - \mu_0)^2$ . These results are obtained

by looking at the critical points of  $\Theta \mapsto L(\Theta | \underline{x})$ .



Then, set  $\sigma_0^2 := \frac{1}{N} \sum_j (x_j - \mu_0)^2$  and  $\sigma^2 := \frac{1}{N} \sum_j (x_j - \bar{x})^2$ .

$$\lambda(\underline{x}) := \frac{\sup_{\sigma^2 > \sigma_0^2} L(\mu_0, \sigma^2 | \underline{x})}{\sup_{\mu, \sigma^2} L(\mu, \sigma^2 | \underline{x})}$$

$$= \frac{(2\pi\sigma_0^2)^{-N/2} \exp\left(-\sum_j (x_j - \mu_0)^2 / 2\sigma_0^2\right)}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{-N/2} \exp\left(-\sum_j (x_j - \bar{x})^2 / 2\sigma^2\right)}$$

$$= \left(\frac{\sigma^2}{\sigma_0^2}\right)^{N/2} \frac{e^{-N/2}}{e^{-N/2}}$$

$$= \left(\frac{\sigma^2}{\sigma_0^2}\right)^{N/2}$$

$$= \left(\frac{\sum_j (x_j - \bar{x})^2}{\sum_j (x_j - \mu_0)^2}\right)^{N/2} \cdot$$

not known but fixed



Thus, one would reject  $H_0$  if  $\lambda(\underline{x}) \leq c$  for a given  $c \in (0, 1)$ . But let us go one more

step. Observe that  $\sum_j (x_j - \mu_0)^2 = \sum_j (x_j - \bar{x})^2 + N(\bar{x} - \mu_0)^2$ .

$$\text{Then } \lambda(\underline{x}) \leq c \iff \left(\frac{\sum_j (x_j - \bar{x})^2}{\sum_j (x_j - \mu_0)^2}\right)^{N/2} \leq c$$

$$\iff \frac{\sum_j (x_j - \bar{x})^2}{\sum_j (x_j - \bar{x})^2 + N(\bar{x} - \mu_0)^2} \leq c^{2/N}$$

$$\iff \frac{1}{1 + \frac{N(\bar{x} - \mu_0)^2}{\sum_j (x_j - \bar{x})^2}} \leq c^{2/N}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{N(\bar{x} - \mu_0)^2}{\sum_j (x_j - \bar{x})^2} \gg \frac{1}{c^{2/N}} - 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{(\sqrt{N}(\bar{x} - \mu_0))^2}{\frac{1}{N-1} \sum_j (x_j - \bar{x})^2} \gg (N-1)(c^{-2/N} - 1)$$

sample mean  
sample variance  $s^2$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{|\bar{x} - \mu_0|}{s/\sqrt{N}} \gg \underbrace{\left( (N-1)(c^{-2/N} - 1) \right)^{1/2}}_{=: c'}$$

follow a student t-distribution with parameter  $N-1$ .

Then,  $H_0$  would be rejected if  $\frac{|\bar{x} - \mu_0|}{s/\sqrt{N}} \gg c'$ .

Conclusion: The likelihood ratio test is equivalent to a t-test (in this setting).

Some useful exercises:

Example 7.2.11 + 7.2.12

Example 8.2.3

Thm 8.2.4 about sufficient statistics

Exercise 8.3

Example 8.2.9

Summary Chap. IV and V

Framework:  $\underline{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$  a random sample,  
with  $X_j \sim f(\cdot | \theta)$ ,  $f_{\underline{X}}(\cdot | \theta)$  is the  
joint pmf or pdf.

IV: Point estimation :

Aim: infer an estimator (= expression) for  $\theta$  based  
on  $\underline{X}$ , or an estimate (= value) for  $\theta$  based  
on  $\underline{x}$  (= values obtained for  $\underline{X}$  after the experiment).

Estimators or estimates are statistics  $W(\underline{X})$  or  $W(\underline{x})$ .

Different methods (for finding  $W(\underline{X})$  or  $W(\underline{x})$ ):

- Method of moments
- Maximum likelihood estimator (MLE)
- Bayes estimator

↗ there are other methods ...





Evaluate the test (which tests  $H_0: \theta \in \Theta_0$ ):

		Decision: ← based on experiments and the test	
		Accept $H_0$	Reject $H_0$
Truth:	$H_0$	OK	Type I error
	$H_1$	Type II error	OK

We would like to minimize Type I and Type II errors.

→ Power function  $\beta$  (for estimating Type I error)

→ Minimize  $\beta$  on  $\Theta_0$  and maximize  $\beta$  on  $\Theta_0^c$ .

→ Size  $\alpha$ -test and level  $\alpha$ -test.

→ Uniformly most powerful (UMP) level  $\alpha$ -test

A more continuous evaluation: p-value.

Additional work:

- p-value and conditioning p 399 of [CBT]  
+ Example 8.3.30

- Section 8.3.5 on loss function optimality

About robustness (from page 481 – 482 of [CB] )

... any statistical procedure should possess the following desirable features:

- (1) It should have a reasonably good (optimal or nearly optimal) efficiency at the assumed model.
- (2) It should be robust in the sense that small deviations from the model assumptions should impair the performance only slightly....
- (3) Somewhat larger deviations from the model should not cause a catastrophe.

### Additional exercises

- look at the proof of Thm 10.1.12
- review the content of Appendix 3
- study Example 10.2.1
- study the notion of breakdown value,  
of Definition 10.2.2
- study Examples 10.2.3 and 10.2.4  
on median and mean.