

1. Suppose X_1, \dots, X_n is a sample from $U(0, \theta)$. The maximum likelihood estimate of θ is $X_{(n)}$, the maximum of the sample. Since $X_{(n)} < \theta$ with probability 1, we might use $\frac{n+c}{n}X_{(n)}$ to be an estimator of θ for some positive number c . (a) What is the asymptotic distribution of $\frac{n+c}{n}X_{(n)}$? What value of c should be used if we measure the accuracy of the estimate by (b) squared error loss? (c) absolute error loss?
2. Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a sample from the geometric distribution with pdf, $P(X = x) = (1 - \theta)\theta^x$ for $x = 0, 1, \dots$, where $0 < \theta < 1$ is a success probability. Let $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ denote the total number of successes, and $T_n = \sum_{i=1}^n I(X_i > 0)$ denote the number of trials that had at least one success. (a) Find the joint asymptotic distribution of (S_n, T_n) . (b) Find the joint asymptotic distribution of (U_n, V_n) , where $U_n = S_n/T_n$ and $V_n = n - T_n$.
3. Let X_1, X_2, \dots , be i.i.d. double exponential random variables with density,

$$f(x) = \exp(-|x|/\tau)/(2\tau),$$

where τ is a positive parameter that represents the mean deviation, i.e. $\tau = E|X|$. Let $\bar{X}_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i/n$ and $\bar{Y}_n = \sum_{i=1}^n |X_i|/n$. (a) Find the joint asymptotic distribution of \bar{X}_n and \bar{Y}_n . (b) Find the asymptotic distribution of $(\bar{Y}_n - \tau)/\bar{X}_n$.

4. Let X_1, X_2, \dots , be i.i.d. random variables with mean 0 and variance 1. Let $Y_i = a_i X_i$, $1 \leq a_i \leq 2$ for all i . Find the asymptotic distribution of \bar{Y}_n by the Lindeberg-Feller Theorem.
5. X_1, X_2, \dots , be i.i.d. sequence of Bernoulli random variables with probability p of success. Then

$$\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - p) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{L}} N(0, p(1-p))$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Suppose we want to estimate the variance $\sigma^2 = p(1-p)$. The maximum likelihood estimate is $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \bar{X}_n(1 - \bar{X}_n)$. (a) Find the asymptotic distribution of $\hat{\sigma}^2$ if $p \neq 1/2$. (b) Find the asymptotic distribution of $\hat{\sigma}^2$ if $p = 1/2$.

6. If Y_1, Y_2, \dots , are i.i.d random variables with mean μ and variance σ^2 , and $X_i = Y_i Y_{i+1}$, what is the asymptotic distribution of \bar{X}_n ?

7. (a) One measure of the homogeneity of a multinomial population with k cells and probabilities, $p = (p_1, \dots, p_k)$, is the sum of the squares of the probabilities, $S(p) = \sum_{i=1}^k p_i^2$. Given a sample of size n from this population (with replacement), we may estimate $S(p)$ by $S(\hat{p})$, where $\hat{p} = (\hat{p}_1, \dots, \hat{p}_k)$, and \hat{p}_i is the proportion of the observations that fall in cell i . What is the asymptotic distribution of $S(\hat{p})$? (b) Let

$$H(p) = - \sum_{i=1}^k p_i \log p_i$$

is Shannon entropy. What is the asymptotic distribution of $H(\hat{p})$?

8. Suppose X_1, X_2, \dots , are i.i.d. unobservable (latent) random variables with an unknown distribution having finite mean μ and variance σ_x^2 . The observations are $Y_t = \beta_0 X_t + \beta_1 X_{t+1} + \dots + \beta_m X_{t+m}$ for $t = 1, 2, \dots$, where the β_i are constants. Such a process Y_1, Y_2, \dots , is said to be a moving average process of order m . Find the asymptotic distribution of \bar{Y}_n .
9. Suppose $z_j = j$ and $a_j = 1/\sqrt{j}$ for all $j = 1, 2, \dots$. Find the asymptotic distribution of $S_N = \sum_{i=1}^N z_j a(R_j)$, where (R_1, \dots, R_N) is a random permutation of $(1, \dots, N)$ with each permutation having probability $1/n!$.