

Recall: Flip coin 100 times, comes up heads 40 times. Is it fair? I.e. Is  $\theta = 1/2$ ?

A coin is a Bernoulli RV with  $P(X_i=1) = \theta$ .  
 $\hat{\theta} = \bar{X} = .4$  ← Point estimation.  $\text{Var}(X_i) = \theta(1-\theta)$

Interval estimate: CLT (de Moivre-Laplace):

$$P\left(\left|\frac{n\bar{X} - n\theta}{\sqrt{n\theta(1-\theta)}}\right| < Z_{\alpha/2}\right) \approx 1 - \alpha$$

$\uparrow$  1.96                       $\uparrow$  0.05

$$\text{Var}(\bar{X}) = \frac{\theta(1-\theta)}{n}$$

$$\text{Var}(n\bar{X}) = n^2 \left(\frac{\theta(1-\theta)}{n}\right)$$

$$P\left(\left|\frac{\bar{X} - \theta}{\sqrt{\frac{\theta(1-\theta)}{n}}}\right| < Z_{\alpha/2}\right)$$

$$\approx P\left(\bar{X} - Z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\bar{X}(1-\bar{X})}{n}} < \theta < \bar{X} + Z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\bar{X}(1-\bar{X})}{n}}\right)$$

$\frac{.4(.6)}{\sqrt{.24}} \approx .5$

approx.  $\sqrt{.95}$  confidence

$\cdot 4$                        $\cdot 1.96 \times \frac{.5}{10} = .098$

$.302 < \theta < .498$

i.e.  $\theta \neq 1/2$ .

With 99% confidence:  $Z_{0.005} = 2.57$

$\frac{.4(.6)}{\sqrt{.24}} \approx .5$



So:  $(\bar{X}_A - \theta_A) - (\bar{X}_B - \theta_B) \approx \mathcal{N}(0, \frac{\theta_A(1-\theta_A)}{n_A} + \frac{\theta_B(1-\theta_B)}{n_B})$

$((\bar{X}_A - \bar{X}_B) - (\theta_A - \theta_B))$

$\Rightarrow P\left(\frac{(\bar{X}_A - \bar{X}_B) - (\theta_A - \theta_B)}{\sqrt{\frac{\theta_A(1-\theta_A)}{n_A} + \frac{\theta_B(1-\theta_B)}{n_B}}} < z_{\alpha/2}\right) \approx 1 - \alpha$

$\theta_A \rightarrow \bar{X}_A$



$\approx P\left(|(\bar{X}_A - \bar{X}_B) - (\theta_A - \theta_B)| < z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\bar{X}_A(1-\bar{X}_A)}{n_A} + \frac{\bar{X}_B(1-\bar{X}_B)}{n_B}}\right)$

Estimating variances:  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  iid Gaussian.

Point estimator for  $\sigma^2$  is  $\hat{\sigma}^2 = S^2$ .

$S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$ ,  $\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2$  with  $n-1$  deg.

pdf:  $f_{\chi^2}(t) = \frac{1}{2^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \Gamma(\frac{n-1}{2})} \cdot e^{-t/2} \cdot t^{\frac{n-1}{2}-1} \cdot \frac{1}{t}$



if  $n-1=1$ ,  $t > 0$ ,  $t^{-1/2}$

if  $n-1=2$ ,  $t^0 = 1$ .

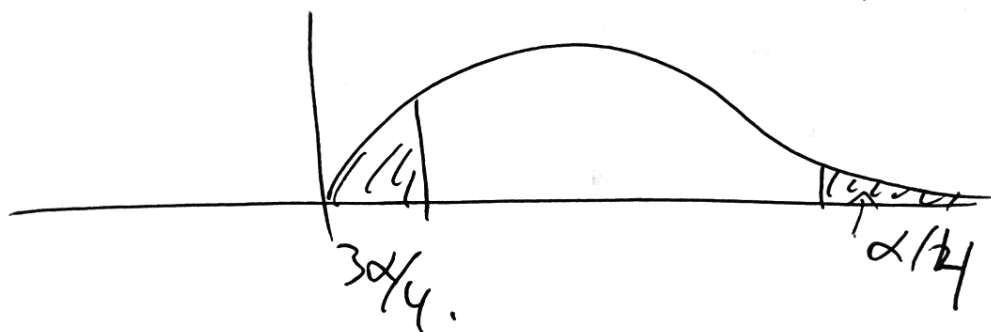
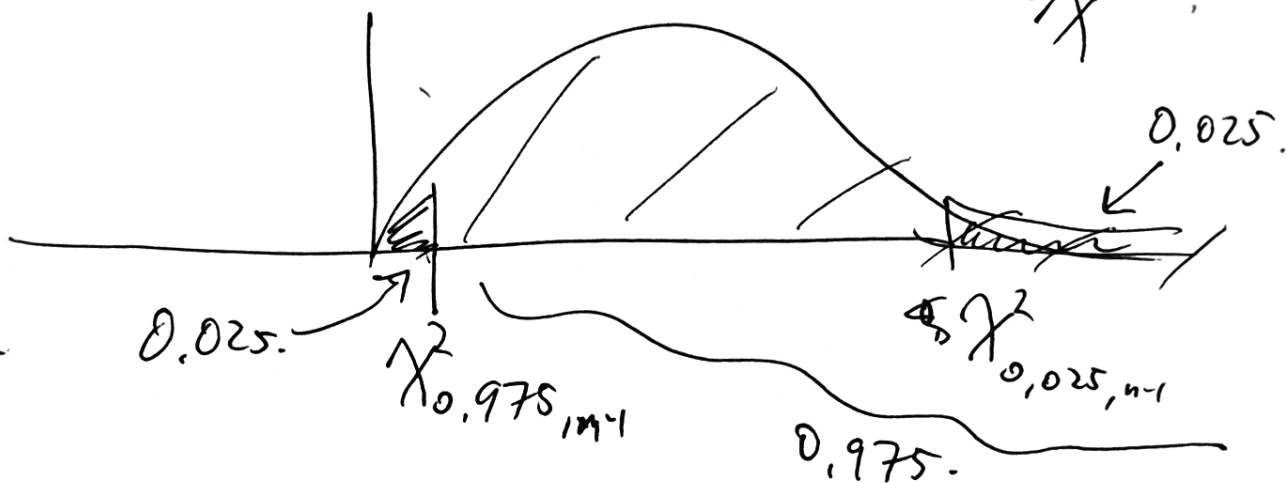
Say:  $\chi^2_{\alpha, n-1}$  (3)

$$P\left(\chi^2_{1-\frac{\alpha}{2}, n-1} < \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} < \chi^2_{\frac{\alpha}{2}, n-1}\right) = 1-\alpha.$$

Another  $(1-\alpha)100\%$  confidence interval is:

$$P\left(\chi^2_{1-\frac{3\alpha}{4}, n-1} < \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} < \chi^2_{\frac{\alpha}{4}, n-1}\right) = 1-\alpha.$$

$$P\left(\chi^2_{0.975, n-1} < \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} < \chi^2_{0.025, n-1}\right)$$



or:



A  $(1-\alpha)100\%$  confidence interval for  $\sigma^2$  is:

$$P\left(\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\chi^2_{\alpha/2, n-1}} < \sigma^2 < \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\chi^2_{1-\alpha/2, n-1}}\right) = 1-\alpha.$$

Recall: We had two estimators,  $\hat{\theta}_1, \hat{\theta}_2$ .

Efficiency of one to the other is:  $\frac{\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_1)}{\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_2)}$

How can we get an interval estimate for ratio of two variances? Need an F-distribution:

(Sir Ronald Fisher) & U & V are indep.

Def:  $F = \frac{U/n}{V/m}$ , where  $U \sim \chi^2$  with  $n$  deg,  $V \sim \chi^2$  with  $m$  deg.

Derive its pdf.  $f_F(t) = 0$  for  $t \leq 0$ .

$$P(F \leq a) = \int_{v=0}^{\infty} \int_{u=0}^{\infty} f_{\chi^2_n}(u) f_{\chi^2_m}(v) dv du$$

$\frac{u/n}{v/m} \leq a \Leftrightarrow u \leq a v \frac{n}{m}$

$$f_{\chi^2_n}(u) = \frac{1}{2^{n/2} \Gamma(\frac{n}{2})} e^{-u/2} u^{n/2-1}$$

$t = \frac{u}{v} \cdot \frac{m}{n}, \quad \frac{dt}{dt} = \frac{du}{u}$

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Bibliography

$$u = \pm v \frac{n}{m}$$

$$= \int_{v=0}^{\infty} \int_0^a \frac{1}{2^{n/2} \Gamma(\frac{n}{2})} e^{-t v \frac{n}{m} / 2} \frac{t^{n/2}}{\left(v \frac{n}{m}\right)^{n/2}} \frac{dt}{t} f_{X,m}^2(v) dv$$

$$= \int_0^a \frac{\left(\frac{n}{m}\right)^{n/2}}{2^{n/2} \Gamma(\frac{n}{2})} \int_{v=0}^{\infty} e^{-t v \frac{n}{m} / 2} v^{n/2} \frac{1}{2^{m/2} \Gamma(\frac{m}{2})} e^{-v/2} v^{\frac{m}{2}} \frac{dv}{v t} \frac{dt}{t}$$

$$e^{-v \left( \frac{1}{2} + t \cdot \frac{n}{m} \right) / 2}$$

$$= \int_0^a \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{n+m}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{n}{2}\right) \Gamma\left(\frac{m}{2}\right)} \left(\frac{n}{m}\right)^{n/2} \frac{1}{\left(1 + t \frac{n}{m}\right)} t^{n/2} \frac{dt}{t}$$

$f_{\#}(t)$