

Math 6070-1, Spring 2014; Partial Solutions to Assignment #6

2. Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a population with a continuous strictly increasing CDF F , and define \hat{F}_n to be the empirical CDF. Suppose F is continuously differentiable with derivative f , which is of course the PDF of the X_j 's. Define

$$\bar{D}_n := \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [\hat{F}_n(x) - F(x)]^2 f(x) dx$$

- (a) Prove that \bar{D}_n is finite, as well as distribution free.

Solution. Since $\hat{F}_n(x) + F(x) \leq 2$, it follows that

$$\bar{D}_n \leq 4 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = 4.$$

This shows that \bar{D}_n is finite. To show that \bar{D}_n is distribution free we change variables with $y = F(x)$. Since $dy = f(x) dx$,

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{D}_n &= \int_0^1 [\hat{F}_n(F^{-1}(y)) - y]^2 dy \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [\hat{F}_n(F^{-1}(y)) - F_{\text{unif}}(y)]^2 f_{\text{unif}}(y) dy, \end{aligned}$$

where F_{unif} denotes the $\text{Unif}(0, 1)$ cdf and $f_{\text{unif}} := F'_{\text{unif}}$ the corresponding pdf. Finally, recall that $\hat{F}_n(F^{-1}(y))$ is the empirical cdf of $F(X_1), \dots, F(X_n)$, which are i.i.d. $\text{Unif}(0, 1)$'s. This proves that \bar{D}_n is distribution free.

- (b) In the case that the X_i 's are $\text{Unif}(0, 1)$, express \bar{D}_n explicitly in terms of the order statistics $X_{1:n}, \dots, X_{n:n}$.

Solution. Let $X_{0:n} := 0$ and $X_{n+1:n} := 1$ in order to see that, in

this particular case,

$$\begin{aligned}
\bar{D}_n &= \int_0^1 \left[\hat{F}_n(x) - x \right]^2 dx \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} \int_{X_{j-1:n}}^{X_{j:n}} \left[\frac{j-1}{n} - x \right]^2 dx \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} \int_{X_{j-1:n} - (j-1)/n}^{X_{j:n} - (j-1)/n} z^2 dz \\
&= \frac{1}{3} \sum_{j=1}^{n+1} \left\{ \left(X_{j:n} - \frac{j-1}{n} \right)^3 - \left(X_{j-1:n} - \frac{j-1}{n} \right)^3 \right\}.
\end{aligned}$$

(c) Prove that $\bar{D}_n \xrightarrow{P} 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ in two different ways:

i. Do this by appealing to the Glivenko–Cantelli theorem.

Solution. Clearly, $\bar{D}_n \leq D_n^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = D_n^2$, which goes to zero, as $n \rightarrow \infty$, in probability thanks to the Glivenko–Cantelli theorem.

ii. Do this by first computing the *mean* of \bar{D}_n .

Solution. By the distribution-free property, we need to only consider the $\text{Unif}(0, 1)$ case.

In that case, $E\hat{F}_n(x) = x$ and $\text{Var}(\hat{F}_n(x)) = x(1-x)/n$ for $0 \leq x \leq 1$. It is easy to see from calculus that $g(x) = x(1-x)$ attains its maximum at $x = 1/2$ and $g(1/2) = 1/4$. Therefore,

$$E(\bar{D}_n) = \int_0^1 \text{Var}(\hat{F}_n(x)) dx \leq \frac{1}{4n} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Since $\bar{D}_n \geq 0$, this and the Markov inequality together show that $\bar{D}_n \xrightarrow{P} 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

3. Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a CDF F and Y_1, \dots, Y_n an independent random sample from a CDF G . We wish to test $H_0 : F = G$ versus the two-sided alternative, $H_1 : F \neq G$. Let \hat{F}_n and \hat{G}_n denote the respective empirical CDFs of the X_i 's and the Y_j 's.

(a) Describe a condition on F and/or G under which

$$\Delta_n := \max_x |\hat{F}_n(x) - \hat{G}_n(x)|$$

is distribution free; you need to justify your assertions.

Solution. Let us assume that F^{-1} exists. Under H_0 , so does $G^{-1} [= F^{-1}]$. Now

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta_n &= \max_{0 < y < 1} \left| \hat{F}_n(F^{-1}(y)) - \hat{G}_n(F^{-1}(y)) \right| \\
&= \max_{0 < y < 1} \left| \hat{F}_n(F^{-1}(y)) - \hat{G}_n(G^{-1}(y)) \right|,
\end{aligned}$$

the last line holding under H_0 . We always have $\hat{F}_n(F^{-1}(y)) =$ empirical cdf of i.i.d. $\text{Unif}(0, 1)$ random variables, $F(X_1), \dots, F(X_n)$; and $\hat{G}_n(G^{-1}(x)) =$ empirical cdf of i.i.d. $\text{Unif}(0, 1)$ random variables, $G(Y_1), \dots, G(Y_n)$. Therefore, *under* H_0 , the distribution of Δ_n is the same as the distribution of $\max_{0 < y < 1} |\hat{U}_n(y) - \hat{V}_n(y)|$, where \hat{U}_n and \hat{V}_n are the empirical cdfs of two independent samples from $\text{Unif}(0, 1)$. This shows that Δ_n is distribution free under H_0 .