

STA 442/2101 f2013 Quiz 3

1. (4 points) One form of the delta method says that if $\sqrt{n}(T_n - \mu) \xrightarrow{d} T$, then $\sqrt{n}(g(T_n) - g(\mu)) \xrightarrow{d} g'(\mu)T$. Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a normal distribution with mean $\mu \neq 0$ and variance μ^2 . What is the limiting distribution of $Y_n = \sqrt{n}(\log(\bar{X}_n) - \log(\mu))$? That's the natural log, of course. Show your work.

Central Limit Theorem says

$$\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu) \xrightarrow{d} T \sim N(0, \mu^2), \text{ so}$$

$$\sqrt{n}(\log(\bar{X}_n) - \log(\mu)) \xrightarrow{d} g'(\mu)T$$

$$= \frac{1}{\mu} T \sim N(0, 1)$$

So the limiting distribution of Y_n is standard normal.

2. (5 points) The standard multiple regression model is $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$, where \mathbf{X} is an $n \times p$ matrix of known constants with linearly independent columns, $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ is a $p \times 1$ vector of unknown constants, and $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}$ is multivariate normal with mean zero and covariance matrix $\sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n$, where $\sigma^2 > 0$ is an unknown constant. The maximum likelihood estimator (MLE) of $\boldsymbol{\beta}$ is $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{Y}$. What is the distribution of $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$? Show the calculations. You may use $V(\mathbf{AZ}) = \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_Z\mathbf{A}'$ without proof. **End your answer with** "So the distribution of $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$ is ..."

$$\mathbf{Y} \sim N_n(\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n), \text{ and}$$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{Y}, \text{ so}$$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} \sim N_p(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta}, \mathbf{A}\sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n \mathbf{A}')$$

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} = \boldsymbol{\beta}, \text{ and}$$

$$\mathbf{A}\sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n \mathbf{A}' = (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}$$

$$= \sigma^2 (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \quad \text{Because } (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1} \text{ is symmetric}$$

$$= \sigma^2 (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}$$

So the distribution of $\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}$ is $N_p(\boldsymbol{\beta}, \sigma^2 (\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1})$

(No marks off for not mentioning symmetry of $(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}$ explicitly, but some things off for leaving it as $(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X})^{-1}$.)