

χ^2 , F , t and Degrees of Freedom



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$\chi^2(N)$

- If $Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_N \sim N(0, 1)$ are iid, then

$$\sum Z_i^2 \sim \chi^2(N)$$

- Obvious application: $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

$$\left(\frac{X_1 - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^2 + \dots + \left(\frac{X_N - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^2 \sim \chi^2(N)$$

Non-independent summands

- Consider $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$
- Compute $\left(\frac{X_1 - \bar{X}}{\sigma}\right), \left(\frac{X_2 - \bar{X}}{\sigma}\right), \dots, \left(\frac{X_N - \bar{X}}{\sigma}\right)$
- $\left(\frac{X_i - \bar{X}}{\sigma}\right) \sim N(0, 1)$ but the variables are not indep.
 - Because if we know $\left(\frac{X_1 - \bar{X}}{\sigma}\right), \left(\frac{X_2 - \bar{X}}{\sigma}\right), \dots, \left(\frac{X_{N-1} - \bar{X}}{\sigma}\right)$, we can compute $\left(\frac{X_N - \bar{X}}{\sigma}\right)$ (**Problem: how?**)
- Degrees of Freedom (one view): the number of independent variables in the sum
 - $\left(\frac{X_1 - \bar{X}}{\sigma}\right)^2 + \dots + \left(\frac{X_N - \bar{X}}{\sigma}\right)^2 \sim \chi^2(N - 1)$

Degrees of Freedom

- Degrees of Freedom: another view
(# of variables)-(# of constraints)
 - Variables: $\left(\frac{X_1-\bar{X}}{\sigma}\right), \left(\frac{X_2-\bar{X}}{\sigma}\right), \dots, \left(\frac{X_N-\bar{X}}{\sigma}\right)$
 - Constraint: $\sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{X_i-\bar{X}}{\sigma}\right)$
- **Problem:** $W \sim \chi^2(k)$. What's $E(W)$?

Degrees of Freedom

- $E \left(\sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{X_i - \bar{X}}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right) = (N - 1)$

- $E \left(\sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{X_i - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right) = N$

- Makes sense: $|X_i - \bar{X}|$ is smaller than $|X_i - \mu|$

Residuals

- The sum of the squared standardized residuals is distributed with a χ^2 distribution
- Standardized residuals when we estimate the mean using the sample mean:

$$r_1 = \left(\frac{X_1 - \bar{X}}{\sigma} \right), r_2 = \left(\frac{X_2 - \bar{X}}{\sigma} \right), \dots, r_N = \left(\frac{X_N - \bar{X}}{\sigma} \right)$$

- $\sum_{i=1}^N r_i^2 \sim \chi^2(N - 1)$

ANOVA and χ^2

- SST (Total Sum of Squares)

$$\sum_{ij} (X_{ij} - \bar{X})^2 : \frac{\sum_{ij} (X_{ij} - \bar{X})^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2(Npoints - 1)$$

- Constraint: $\sum_{ij} (X_{ij} - \bar{X}) = 0$

- RSS/SSE (Residual Sum of Squares/Error Sum of Squares)

$$\sum_{ij} (X_{ij} - \bar{X}_i)^2 : \frac{\sum_{ij} (X_{ij} - \bar{X}_i)^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2(Npoints - Ngroups)$$

- Constraint: $\sum_j (X_{ij} - \bar{X}_i) = 0$ for every i

- SSG/SSR (Group Sum of Squares/Regression Sum of Squares)

$$\sum_i N_i (\bar{X}_i - \bar{X})^2 = \sum_{ij} (X_{ij} - \bar{X})^2$$

ANOVA and χ^2

- $SST = SSE + SSG$ (exercise/book)
- $\frac{SST}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2(Npoints - 1)$, $\frac{SSR}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2(Npoints - Ngroups)$
- So $\frac{SSG}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2(Ngroups - 1)$

F distribution and ANOVA

- If $W_1 \sim \chi^2(k_1)$ and $W_2 \sim \chi^2(k_2)$, then

$$F = \frac{W_1/k_1}{W_2/k_2} \sim F(k_1, k_2)$$

- This lets us get away with not actually knowing σ :

$$F = \frac{\frac{SSG}{\sigma^2(Ngroups - 1)}}{\frac{SSE}{\sigma^2(Npoints - Ngroups)}}$$

$$F \sim F(Ngroups - 1, Npoints - Ngroups)$$

t Distribution

- If $Z \sim N(0,1)$ and $W \sim \chi^2(k)$ and they're indep.,

$$T = \frac{Z}{\sqrt{W/k}} \sim t(k)$$

- $\frac{(N-1)s_X^2}{\sigma^2} = \sum \left(\frac{(X_i - \bar{X})}{\sigma} \right)^2 \sim \chi^2(N-1)$

- So that $\frac{(X_i - \mu)/\sigma}{\sqrt{s_X^2/\sigma^2}} = \frac{X_i - \mu}{s_X} \sim t(N-1)$