

Moments

Raw moment:

$$\mu'_k = E[X^k] = \begin{cases} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^k f(x) dx & X \text{ continuous} \\ \sum_x x^k P[X = x] & X \text{ discrete} \end{cases}$$

Central moment: $\mu_k = E[(X - \mu)^k]$ Coefficient of Variation: $CV = \frac{SD(X)}{E(X)} = \frac{\sigma}{\mu}$

Skewness = $\frac{E(X - \mu)^3}{\sigma^3}$

Kurtosis = $\frac{E(X - \mu)^4}{\sigma^4}$

If $X \geq 0$,

$$E[X] = \int_0^{\infty} x f(x) dx$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} S(x) dx$$

$$E[X \wedge d] = \int_0^d x f(x) dx + dP[X > d]$$

$$= \int_0^d S(x) dx$$

$$E[(X - d)_+] = \int_d^{\infty} (x - d) f(x) dx$$

$$= \int_d^{\infty} S(x) dx$$

$$E[X] = E[X \wedge d] + E[(X - d)_+]$$

$$E[(X - d)_+] = E[X] - E[X \wedge d]$$

$$e_X(d) = E[X - d | X > d] = \frac{E[(X - d)_+]}{S(d)}$$

$$E[(d - X)_+] = d - E[X \wedge d]$$

Generating Functions

$$M_X(t) = Ee^{tX}$$

$$\frac{d^k}{dt^k} M_X(0) = E[X^k]$$

$$P_X(t) = Et^X$$

$$\frac{d^k}{dt^k} P_X(1) = E[X(X-1)\dots(X-k+1)]$$

Hazard rates, etc.

$$f(X) = \frac{d}{dx} F(x)$$

$$F(x) = P[X \leq x]$$

$$S(x) = 1 - F(x) = P[X > x]$$

$$h(x) = \frac{f(x)}{S(x)} = -\frac{d}{dx} \ln[S(x)]$$

$$H(x) = -\ln S(x) = \int_0^x h(t) dt$$

Conditional probability

$$P[A | B] = \frac{P[AB]}{P[B]}$$

$$P[AB] = P[A]P[B | A] = P[B]P[A | B]$$

$$f_{Y|X}(y | X = x) = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x, y)}{f_X(x)} = \frac{f_{X,Y}(x, y)}{\int f_{X,Y}(x, y) dy}$$

$$E[X] = E[E[X | Y]]$$

$$\text{Var}[X] = E[\text{Var}[X | Y]] + \text{Var}[E[X | Y]]$$

Let $S = X_1 + \dots + X_N$.

$$\text{Var}[S] = (EN)\text{Var}X + (EX)^2\text{Var}N$$

If N is Poisson(λ) then $\text{Var}(S) = \lambda E(X^2)$.

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

(Bernoulli trick) If $P[X = a] = 1 - P[X = b]$ then

$$\text{Var}(X) = (b - a)^2 P[X = a]P[X = b]$$

Deductibles

$$\text{Loss Elimination Ratio (LER)} = \frac{E(X \wedge d)}{EX}$$

Franchise deductible:

$$\text{Payment} = \begin{cases} 0 & X \leq d \\ X & X > d \end{cases}$$

$$E[\text{Payment}] = E[(X - d)_+] + dS(d)$$

Tail Weight X has a heavier tail than Y if one of the following hold:

- (i)
- X
- has fewer moments than
- Y

$$(ii) \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{S_X(t)}{S_Y(t)} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f_X(t)}{f_Y(t)} = \infty$$

X has a heavy tail if $h(x)$ decreases to 0, and a light tail if $h(x)$ increases.

Aggregate Distributions If X is discrete and N is an $(a, b, 0)$ distribution,

$$P[S = 0] = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} P[X = 0]^k P[N = k]$$

$$P[S = x] = \frac{\sum_{y=1}^x (a + b \cdot \frac{y}{x}) P[X = y] P[S = x - y]}{1 - aP[X = 0]}$$

If $N = \#$ of losses, and $N' = \#$ losses $> d$, then

$$E[N'] = EN[1 - F_X(d)]$$

If N is an $(a, b, 0)$ distribution, then N' is the same type of distribution.

Empirical Models

Mathematical Statistics

$$\text{Bias}_{\hat{\theta}}(\theta) = E[\hat{\theta} - \theta \mid \theta]$$

Consistency: $\hat{\theta}$ is consistent if $P[|\hat{\theta}_n - \theta| < \delta] \rightarrow 1$ for all $\delta > 0$. MLEs are consistent.

$\hat{\theta}$ is consistent if bias $\rightarrow 0$ and $\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}) \rightarrow 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MSE}_{\hat{\theta}}(\theta) &= E[(\hat{\theta} - \theta)^2 \mid \theta] \\ &= \text{Var}(\hat{\theta} \mid \theta) + [\text{bias}_{\hat{\theta}}(\theta)]^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Variance in empirical distribution} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$$

$$\text{Unbiased sample variance} = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$$

Empirical Estimators:

Empirical distribution: $F_n(t) = \frac{\# \text{ data points} \leq t}{n}$

Ogive: assume uniform distribution with groups, linearly interpolate between endpoints.

For Kaplan-Meier and Nelson-Åalen estimates, $r_j =$ size of risk set at time y_j . Includes data censored at times $\geq y_j$ and truncated at times $< y_j$. $s_j = \#$ of losses at time y_j .

$$\text{Kaplan-Meier: } \widehat{S}_n(y_j) = \prod_{i=1}^j \frac{r_i - s_i}{r_i}$$

$$\text{Nelson-Åalen: } \widehat{H}(y_j) = \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} \frac{s_i}{r_i}$$

$$\text{Empirical Variance: } \widehat{\text{Var}}[\widehat{S}_n(x)] = \frac{\widehat{S}_n \widehat{F}_n}{n}$$

$$\widehat{\text{Cov}}(\widehat{F}(x), \widehat{F}(y)) = -\frac{\widehat{F}(x)[\widehat{F}(y) - \widehat{F}(x)]}{n}, \quad x < y$$

$$\text{Greenwood's: } \widehat{\text{Var}}[S_n(y_j)] = [S_n(y_j)]^2 \sum_{i=1}^j \frac{s_i}{r_i(r_i - s_i)}$$

$$\text{Variance for N-A: } \widehat{\text{Var}}[\widehat{H}(y_j)] = \sum_{i=1}^j \frac{s_i}{r_i^2}$$

Log-transformed confidence intervals:

$$\left(\widehat{S}(t)^{1/U}, \widehat{S}(t)^U \right), \quad U = \exp \left(\frac{z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\widehat{\text{Var}}(\widehat{S}(t))}}{\widehat{S}(t) \log \widehat{S}(t)} \right)$$

$$\left(\frac{\widehat{H}(t)}{U}, \widehat{H}(t)U \right), \quad U = \exp \left(\frac{z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\widehat{\text{Var}}\widehat{H}(t)}}{\widehat{H}(t)} \right)$$

Kernel smoothing Uniform kernel, bandwidth b :

$$k_y(x) = \frac{1}{2b}, \quad x \in (y - b, y + b)$$

Triangular kernel, bandwidth b : height of triangle $= 1/b$, base goes from $y - b$ to $y + b$.

Parametric Estimation

Percentile matching – use smoothed empirical percentiles (only other time is with $p - p$ plots). i -th data point is $100\% \cdot i/(n + 1)$ percentile, linearly interpolate for other percentiles.

Method of Moments: set

$$E[X^k \mid \theta = \hat{\theta}] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^k$$

for as many values of k as you have parameters.

Maximum Likelihood Estimators

$L(\theta; x_1, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i; \theta)$ for individual data.

Use probability of being in an interval (instead of $f(x_i)$ if available and condition when appropriate. E.g., if data are truncated at d and k points are censored at u ,

$$L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^{n-k} \frac{f(x_i)}{1 - F(d)} \prod_{j=1}^k \frac{1 - F(u)}{1 - F(d)}$$

$l(\theta) = \ln L(\theta) = \text{loglikelihood function}$. Usually easier to set $l'(\theta) = 0$ than $L'(\theta) = 0$.

If range of X depends on θ , MLE is probably one of the endpoints.

Fisher's information

$$I(\theta) = -E \left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} l(\theta) \right] = E \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} l(\theta) \right)^2 \right]$$

Cramér-Rao Theorem: for any estimator $\hat{\theta}$,

$$MSE_{\hat{\theta}}(\theta) \geq \frac{1}{I(\theta)}.$$

For the MLE, $\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}) \sim \frac{1}{I(\theta)}$.

For a 2-parameter distribution,

$$I(\theta) = - \begin{pmatrix} E \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_1^2} l(\theta) & E \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_1 \partial \theta_2} l(\theta) \\ E \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_1 \partial \theta_2} l(\theta) & E \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_2^2} l(\theta) \end{pmatrix}$$

and the covariance matrix of the MLE is asymptotic to $I(\theta)^{-1}$.

Delta method

$$\text{Var}(g(\hat{\theta})) \simeq (g'(\theta))^2 \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}).$$

In 2-dimensions, $\text{Var}(g(\hat{\theta}_1, \hat{\theta}_2)) \simeq \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial \theta_1} \right)^2 \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_1) + 2 \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial \theta_1} \right) \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial \theta_2} \right) \text{Cov}(\hat{\theta}_1, \hat{\theta}_2) + \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial \theta_2} \right)^2 \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_2)$

Anderson-Darling statistic: (data truncated at d , censored at u) $F^*(x) = \frac{F(x) - F(d)}{1 - F(d)}$.

$$A^2 = -nF^*(u) + n \left[\sum_{j=0}^k [S_n(y_j)]^2 [\ln(S^*(y_j)) - \ln(S^*(y_{j+1}))] + \sum_{j=1}^k (F_n(y_j))^2 [\ln(F^*(y_{j+1})) - \ln(F^*(y_j))] \right]$$

Cox Model

$$c = e^{\beta_1 z_1 + \dots + \beta_n z_n}$$

$$H(t | z_1, \dots, z_n) = cH_0(t)$$

$$S(t | z_1, \dots, z_n) = [S_0(t)]^c$$

$$\hat{H}_0(y_j) = \sum_{i=1}^j \frac{s_i}{\sum \text{of } c^* \# \text{ at risk at time } y_i}$$

Partial likelihood: contribution for deaths at time y_i is the product over all who die at y_i of

$$\frac{c_k}{\sum c_i \text{ sum over those at risk at } y_i}$$

Hypothesis testing

Graphical methods: $p - p$ plot: plot smoothed empirical percentile on x -axis, hypothesized percentile on y -axis. $D(x)$ plot: plot $F_n(x) - F(x)$.

Chi-Square test: $\chi^2 = \sum_{j=1}^k \frac{(O_j - E_j)^2}{E_j}$. Number of

degrees of freedom is $k - 1$ if total number of observations is fixed, hypothesis doesn't depend on data, is $k - r - 1$ if total number of observations is fixed and r parameters are estimated from data, and is k if each category is independent and hypothesis does not depend on the data.

Likelihood ratio test: Null hypothesis is model A , alternative is model B . Reject null if $2(l_B - l_A)$ is greater than a χ^2 critical value with $\# \text{ dof} = \#$ "free" parameters in B - $\#$ "free" parameters in A .

Schwarz-Bayesian criterion: maximize $\ln(L) - \frac{r}{2} \ln n$, $n = \#$ of data points and r is $\#$ of parameters.

Kolmogorov-Smirnov statistic: $D = \max |F_n(x) - F(x)|$. Max occurs just before or after a data point, critical value goes to 0 as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Classical Credibility

Full Credibility

Want $\Pr [|\bar{X} - \mu| \leq k\mu] \geq P$
 Number of claims needed:

$$n_c = \left(\frac{\Phi^{-1} \left(\frac{1+P}{2} \right)}{k} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\sigma_F^2}{\mu_F} + CV_S^2 \right)$$

Note that $\frac{\sigma_F^2}{\mu_F} = 1$ for a Poisson, and remove appropriate piece if only interested in frequency or severity.

Partial Credibility With n claims, $n < n_c$, then $Z = \sqrt{n/n_c}$.

$$P_C = (1 - Z)M + Z\bar{X} = M + Z(\bar{X} - M)$$

Greatest Accuracy Credibility

Bayesian

$\pi(\theta)$ = prior density
 $f(x | \theta)$ = conditional density
 $f(x, \theta) = \pi(\theta)f(x | \theta)$ = joint density
 $f(x) = \int f(x, \theta)d\theta$ = unconditional density
 $\pi_{\theta|x}(\theta | x) = \frac{f(x, \theta)}{f(x)}$ = posterior density
 $f(y | x) = \int f(y | \theta)\pi_{\theta|x}(\theta | x)d\theta$ = predictive
 Bayesian credibility premium = $E[Y | X]$
 Posterior mean minimizes MSE
 Posterior median minimizes $E|\hat{\theta} - \theta|$

Poisson-Gamma pair:

If $N \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ and $\lambda \sim \Gamma(\alpha, \theta)$ then $N \sim \text{Negative Binomial} (r = \alpha, \beta = \theta)$.

With k claims in n exposures, posterior parameters are $\alpha' = \alpha + k$ and $(1/\theta') = (1/\theta) + n$.

Binomial-Beta: Have m exposures, k claims, $q = \Pr[\text{claim}]$. If $\pi(q) = \beta(a, b)$, then posterior parameters are $a' = a + k$, $b' = b + m - k$.

Bühlmann

$$\begin{aligned} \mu &= E[X] = E[E[X | \theta]] \\ v &= EPV = E[\text{Var}[X | \theta]] \\ a &= VHM = \text{Var}[E[X | \theta]] \\ k &= v/a \\ Z &= \frac{n}{n+k} \\ P_C &= (1 - Z)\mu + Z\bar{X} \end{aligned}$$

n = number of exposures for Bühlmann-Straub.

Bühlmann credibility = least-squares fit of

Bayesian.

Non-Parametric Methods

For uniform exposures,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mu} &= \bar{X} \\ \hat{v} &= \frac{1}{r} \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^n (x_{ij} - \bar{x}_i)^2 \\ \hat{a} &= \frac{1}{r-1} \sum_{i=1}^r (\bar{x}_i - \bar{x})^2 - \frac{\hat{v}}{n} \end{aligned}$$

If we have n_i years of data for group i , with m_{ij} exposures for group i in year j (and m_i for all of group i), then

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{v} &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^r \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} m_{ij} (X_{ij} - \bar{X}_i)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^r (n_i - 1)} \\ \hat{a} &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^r m_i (\bar{X}_i - \bar{X})^2 - \hat{v}(r-1)}{m - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^r m_i^2} \end{aligned}$$

Semi-Parametric Models If the number of claims per person is $\text{Poisson}(\lambda)$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mu} &= \bar{X} \\ \hat{v} &= \bar{X} \\ \hat{a} &= \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 - \hat{v} \end{aligned}$$

With grouped data, this formula for \hat{a} doesn't make sense so use the previous formula.

Ruin Theory: $\phi(u) = P[U_t > 0 \text{ for all } t | U_0 = u]$ is the continuous, infinite time horizon survival probability. $\tilde{\phi}(u)$ is the discrete, infinite time horizon survival probability $\tilde{\psi}(u, \tau) = 1 - \tilde{\phi}(u, \tau)$ is the discrete time, finite time horizon ruin probability.

Stocks and Options

Lognormal stock model

$$\frac{S_t}{S_0} \sim LN \left(t \left[\alpha - \delta - \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \right], \sigma^2 t \right)$$

Poisson jumps: Jumps are $LN(\alpha_J - \sigma_J^2/2, \sigma_J^2)$
 Annual (compounded) rate of return: $\alpha = \hat{\alpha} + k\alpha_J$
 where k is expected number of jumps and $\hat{\alpha}$ is the rate of return before taking into account jumps.

Black-Scholes Use r =risk free rate of return instead of α when pricing options.

$$E[(S_t - K)_+] = S_0 e^{t(\alpha - \delta)} \Phi(d_1) - K \Phi(d_2)$$

$$E[(K - S_t)_+] = K \Phi(-d_2) - S_0 e^{t(\alpha - \delta)} \Phi(-d_1)$$

$$E[S_t | S_t > K] = E(S_t) \frac{\Phi(d_1)}{\Phi(d_2)}$$

$$E[S_t | S_t < K] = E(S_t) \frac{\Phi(-d_1)}{\Phi(-d_2)}$$

$$\text{PV of a call} = S_0 e^{-\delta T} \Phi(d_1) - K e^{-rT} \Phi(d_2)$$

$$\text{PV of a put} = K e^{-rT} \Phi(-d_2) - S_0 e^{-\delta T} \Phi(-d_1)$$

$$\Phi(d_2) = P[S_t > K]$$

$$= \Phi \left(\frac{\ln(S_0) - \ln(K) + t(\alpha - \delta - (1/2)\sigma^2)}{\sigma \sqrt{t}} \right)$$

$$\Phi(d_1) = \Phi \left(\frac{\ln(S_0) - \ln(K) + t(\alpha - \delta + (1/2)\sigma^2)}{\sigma \sqrt{t}} \right)$$

Risk Measures

$$VaR_\alpha = Q_\alpha = \min\{Q : F_L(Q) \geq \alpha\}$$

$$CTE_\alpha = TVaR$$

$$= \begin{cases} E[L | L > Q_\alpha] & \text{if } P[L = Q_\alpha] = 0 \\ \frac{(F_L(Q_\alpha) - \alpha)Q_\alpha + E[L; L > Q_\alpha]}{1 - \alpha} & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Distortion measure: $\mathcal{H}(X) = \int_0^\infty g(S(x)) dx$

where $g(0) = 0$, $g(1) = 1$ and $g(x) \leq g(y)$ if $x \leq y$.

Proportional Hazards: $g(S(x)) = [S(x)]^{1/\kappa}$, $\kappa \geq 1$

Wang's Transform: $g(S(x)) = \Phi[\Phi^{-1}(S(x)) + \kappa]$

WT of Lognormal(μ, σ^2) is expected value of a LN($\mu + \kappa\sigma, \sigma^2$)

Simulation

Inversion: $X_i = F^{-1}(U_i)$

Antithetic Variates: include $1 - U_i$

Stratified Sampling: $V_i = \frac{U_i}{n} + \frac{i-1}{n}$

Control Variate: \bar{Y} =naive simulation of Y ,

\bar{X} =naive simulation of X , X known.

$$Y^* = \bar{Y} + \beta(X - \bar{X})$$

(unless specified, $\beta = 1$)

Key Distributions For $\alpha \geq 1$ an integer,

	Exponential	Gamma	Pareto	Uniform(a, b)
$f(x)$	$\frac{1}{\theta} e^{-x/\theta}$	$\frac{x^{\alpha-1}}{\theta^\alpha (\alpha-1)!} e^{-x/\theta}$	$\frac{\alpha \theta^\alpha}{(\theta+x)^{\alpha+1}}$	$\frac{1}{b-a}$
$F(x)$	$1 - e^{-x/\theta}$	$1 - \sum_{i=0}^{\alpha-1} \frac{(x/\theta)^i}{i!} e^{-x/\theta}$	$1 - \left(\frac{\theta}{x+\theta}\right)^\alpha$	$\frac{x-a}{b-a}$
$E[X]$	θ	$\alpha\theta$	$\frac{\theta}{\alpha-1}$	$\frac{a+b}{2}$
$\text{Var}(X)$	θ^2	$\alpha\theta^2$	$\frac{\theta^2 \alpha}{(\alpha-1)^2 (\alpha-2)}$	$\frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$
$E[X \wedge x]$	$\theta(1 - e^{-x/\theta})$	messy	See tables	
$e_X(d)$	θ	messy	$\frac{\theta+d}{\alpha-1}$	$\frac{d+b}{2}$