

Lectures 13: Jackknife II.

(Jackknife/Bootstrap loose ends)

Jackknife sampling from Lecture 13

Jackknife samples

Definition

The **Jackknife samples** are computed by leaving out one observation x_i from $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ at a time:

$$\mathbf{x}_{(i)} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_n)$$

- The dimension of the jackknife sample $\mathbf{x}_{(i)}$ is $m = n - 1$
- n different Jackknife samples : $\{\mathbf{x}_{(i)}\}_{i=1 \dots n}$.
- No sampling method needed to compute the n jackknife samples.

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Jackknife replications

Definition

The i th **jackknife replication** $\hat{\theta}_{(i)}$ of the statistic $\hat{\theta} = s(\mathbf{x})$ is:

$$\hat{\theta}_{(i)} = s(\mathbf{x}_{(i)}), \quad \forall i = 1, \dots, n$$

Jackknife replication of the mean

$$\begin{aligned} s(\mathbf{x}_{(i)}) &= \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{j \neq i} x_j \\ &= \frac{(n\bar{x} - x_i)}{n-1} \\ &= \bar{x}_{(i)} \end{aligned}$$

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Jackknife estimation of the standard error

- 1 Compute the n jackknife subsamples $\mathbf{x}_{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{(n)}$ from \mathbf{x} .
- 2 Evaluate the n jackknife replications $\hat{\theta}_{(i)} = s(\mathbf{x}_{(i)})$.
- 3 The **jackknife estimate of the standard error** is defined by:

$$\hat{se}_{jack} = \left[\frac{n-1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\theta}_{(\cdot)} - \hat{\theta}_{(i)})^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

where $\hat{\theta}_{(\cdot)} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\theta}_{(i)}$.

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Jackknife estimation of the standard error

- The factor $\frac{n-1}{n}$ is much larger than $\frac{1}{B-1}$ used in bootstrap.
- Intuitively this inflation factor is needed because jackknife deviation $(\hat{\theta}_{(i)} - \hat{\theta}_{(\cdot)})^2$ tend to be smaller than the bootstrap $(\hat{\theta}^*(b) - \hat{\theta}^*(\cdot))^2$ (the jackknife sample is more similar to the original data \mathbf{x} than the bootstrap).
- In fact, the factor $\frac{n-1}{n}$ is derived by considering the special case $\hat{\theta} = \bar{x}$ (somewhat arbitrary convention).

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Jackknife estimation of the standard error of the mean

For $\hat{\theta} = \bar{x}$, it is easy to show that:

$$\begin{cases} \bar{x}_{(i)} = \frac{n\bar{x} - x_i}{n-1} \\ \bar{x}(\cdot) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \bar{x}_{(i)} = \bar{x} \end{cases}$$

Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{se}_{jack} &= \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(x_i - \bar{x})^2}{(n-1)n} \right\}^{1/2} \\ &= \frac{\bar{\sigma}}{\sqrt{n}} \end{aligned}$$

where $\bar{\sigma}$ is the unbiased variance.

The Bootstrap algorithm for Estimating standard errors

- 1 Select B independent bootstrap samples $\mathbf{x}^{*(1)}, \mathbf{x}^{*(2)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{*(B)}$ drawn from \mathbf{x}
- 2 Evaluate the bootstrap replications:

$$\hat{\theta}^*(b) = s(\mathbf{x}^{*(b)}), \quad \forall b \in \{1, \dots, B\}$$

- 3 Estimate the standard error $se_F(\hat{\theta})$ by the standard deviation of the B replications:

$$\hat{se}_B = \left[\frac{\sum_{b=1}^B [\hat{\theta}^*(b) - \hat{\theta}^*(\cdot)]^2}{B-1} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

where $\hat{\theta}^*(\cdot) = \frac{\sum_{b=1}^B \hat{\theta}^*(b)}{B}$

Bootstrap estimate of bias

- 1 B independent bootstrap samples $\mathbf{x}^{*(1)}, \mathbf{x}^{*(2)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{*(B)}$ drawn from \mathbf{x}
- 2 Evaluate the bootstrap replications:

$$\hat{\theta}^*(b) = s(\mathbf{x}^{*(b)}), \quad \forall b \in \{1, \dots, B\}$$

- 3 Approximate the bootstrap expectation :

$$\hat{\theta}^*(\cdot) = \frac{1}{B} \sum_{b=1}^B \hat{\theta}^*(b) = \frac{1}{B} \sum_{b=1}^B s(\mathbf{x}^{*(b)})$$

- 4 the bootstrap estimate of bias based on B replications is:

$$\widehat{\text{Bias}}_B = \hat{\theta}^*(\cdot) - \hat{\theta}$$

Bootstrap estimate of the standard Error

Example A

From the distribution $F: F(x) = 0.2 \mathcal{N}(\mu=1, \sigma=2) + 0.8 \mathcal{N}(\mu=6, \sigma=1)$. We draw the sample $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_{100})$:

$$\mathbf{x} = \left\{ \begin{array}{ccccc} 7.0411 & 4.8397 & 5.3156 & 6.7719 & 7.0616 \\ 5.2546 & 7.3937 & 4.3376 & 4.4010 & 5.1724 \\ 7.4199 & 5.3677 & 6.7028 & 6.2003 & 7.5707 \\ 4.1230 & 3.8914 & 5.2323 & 5.5942 & 7.1479 \\ 3.6790 & 0.3509 & 1.4197 & 1.7585 & 2.4476 \\ -3.8635 & 2.5731 & -0.7367 & 0.5627 & 1.6379 \\ -0.1864 & 2.7004 & 2.1487 & 2.3513 & 1.4833 \\ -1.0138 & 4.9794 & 0.1518 & 2.8683 & 1.6269 \\ 6.9523 & 5.3073 & 4.7191 & 5.4374 & 4.6108 \\ 6.5975 & 6.3495 & 7.2762 & 5.9453 & 4.6993 \\ 6.1559 & 5.8950 & 5.7591 & 5.2173 & 4.9980 \\ 4.5010 & 4.7860 & 5.4382 & 4.8893 & 7.2940 \\ 5.5741 & 5.5139 & 5.8869 & 7.2756 & 5.8449 \\ 6.6439 & 4.5224 & 5.5028 & 4.5672 & 5.8718 \\ 6.0919 & 7.1912 & 6.4181 & 7.2248 & 8.4153 \\ 7.3199 & 5.1305 & 6.8719 & 5.2686 & 5.8055 \\ 5.3602 & 6.4120 & 6.0721 & 5.2740 & 7.2329 \\ 7.0912 & 7.0766 & 5.9750 & 6.6091 & 7.2135 \\ 4.9585 & 5.9042 & 5.9273 & 6.5762 & 5.3702 \\ 4.7654 & 6.4668 & 6.1983 & 4.3450 & 5.3261 \end{array} \right\}$$

We have $\mu_F = 5$ and $\bar{x} = 4.9970$.

Bootstrap estimate of the standard Error

Example A

- 1 $B = 1000$ bootstrap samples $\{\mathbf{x}^{*(b)}\}$
- 2 $B = 1000$ replications $\{\bar{x}^*(b)\}$
- 3 Bootstrap estimate of the standard error:

$$\hat{se}_{B=1000} = \left[\frac{\sum_{b=1}^{1000} [\bar{x}^*(b) - \bar{x}^*(\cdot)]^2}{1000 - 1} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = 0.2212$$

where $\bar{x}^*(\cdot) = 5.0007$. This is to compare with $\hat{se}(\bar{x}) = \frac{\hat{\sigma}}{\sqrt{n}} = 0.22$.

bootstrap review and bias from Lecture 12

Distribution of $\hat{\theta}$

When enough bootstrap resamples have been generated, not only the standard error but any aspect of the distribution of the estimator $\hat{\theta} = t(\hat{F})$ could be estimated. One can draw a histogram of the distribution of $\hat{\theta}$ by using the observed $\hat{\theta}^*(b)$, $b = 1, \dots, B$.

Example A

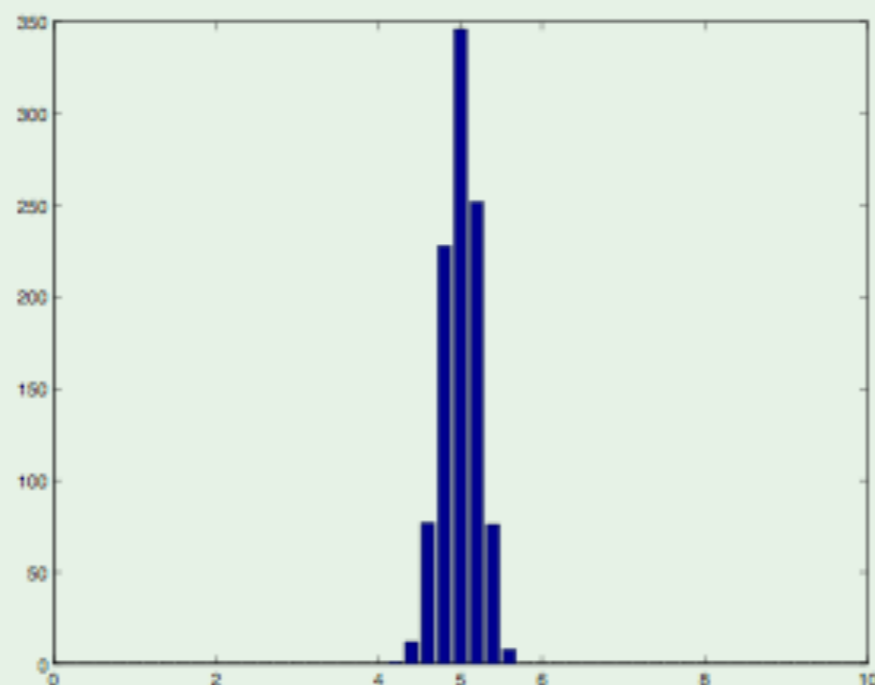


Figure: Histogram of the replications $\{\bar{x}^*(b)\}_{b=1 \dots B}$.

Bootstrap estimate of the standard error

Definition

The ideal bootstrap estimate $se_{\hat{F}}(\theta^*)$ is defined as:

$$\lim_{B \rightarrow \infty} \hat{se}_B = se_{\hat{F}}(\theta^*)$$

$se_{\hat{F}}(\theta^*)$ is called a **non-parametric bootstrap estimate of the standard error**.

Bootstrap estimate of the standard Error

How many B in practice ?

you may want to limit the computation time. In practice, you get a good estimation of the standard error for B in between 50 and 200.

Example A

B	10	20	50	100	500	1000	10000
\hat{se}_B	0.1386	0.2188	0.2245	0.2142	0.2248	0.2212	0.2187

Table: Bootstrap standard error w.r.t. the number B of bootstrap samples.

Bootstrap estimate of bias

Definition

The **bootstrap estimate of bias** is defined to be the estimate:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Bias}_{\hat{F}}(\hat{\theta}) &= \mathbb{E}_{\hat{F}}[s(\mathbf{x}^*)] - t(\hat{F}) \\ &= \theta^*(\cdot) - \hat{\theta} \end{aligned}$$

Example A

B	10	20	50	100	500	1000	10000
$\mathbb{E}_{\hat{F}}(\bar{x}^*)$	5.0587	4.9551	5.0244	4.9883	4.9945	5.0035	4.9996
$\widehat{\text{Bias}}$	0.0617	-0.0419	0.0274	-0.0087	-0.0025	0.0064	0.0025

Table: $\widehat{\text{Bias}}$ of \bar{x}^* ($\bar{x} = 4.997$ and $\mu_F = 5$).

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Comparison of Jackknife and Bootstrap on an example

Example A: $\hat{\theta} = \bar{x}$

$F(x) = 0.2 \mathcal{N}(\mu=1, \sigma=2) + 0.8 \mathcal{N}(\mu=6, \sigma=1) \rightsquigarrow \mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_{100})$.

- Bootstrap standard error and bias w.r.t. the number B of bootstrap samples:

B	10	20	50	100	500	1000	10000
\widehat{se}_B	0.1386	0.2188	0.2245	0.2142	0.2248	0.2212	0.2187
\widehat{Bias}_B	0.0617	-0.0419	0.0274	-0.0087	-0.0025	0.0064	0.0025

- Jackknife: $\widehat{se}_{jack} = 0.2207$ and $\widehat{Bias}_{jack} = 0$
- Using textbook formulas: $se_{\hat{f}} = \frac{\hat{\sigma}}{\sqrt{n}} = 0.2196$ ($\frac{\bar{\sigma}}{\sqrt{n}} = 0.2207$).

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Jackknife estimation of the bias

- 1 Compute the n jackknife subsamples $\mathbf{x}_{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{(n)}$ from \mathbf{x} .
- 2 Evaluate the n jackknife replications $\hat{\theta}_{(i)} = s(\mathbf{x}_{(i)})$.
- 3 The **jackknife estimation of the bias** is defined as:

$$\widehat{\text{Bias}}_{jack} = (n - 1)(\hat{\theta}_{(\cdot)} - \hat{\theta})$$

where $\hat{\theta}_{(\cdot)} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\theta}_{(i)}$.

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Jackknife estimation of the bias

- Note the inflation factor $(n - 1)$ (compared to the bootstrap bias estimate).
- $\hat{\theta} = \bar{x}$ is unbiased so the correspondence is done considering the plug-in estimate of the variance $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n}$.
- The jackknife estimate of the bias for the plug-in estimate of the variance is then:

$$\widehat{\text{Bias}}_{jack} = \frac{-\hat{\sigma}^2}{n}$$

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Histogram of the replications

Example A

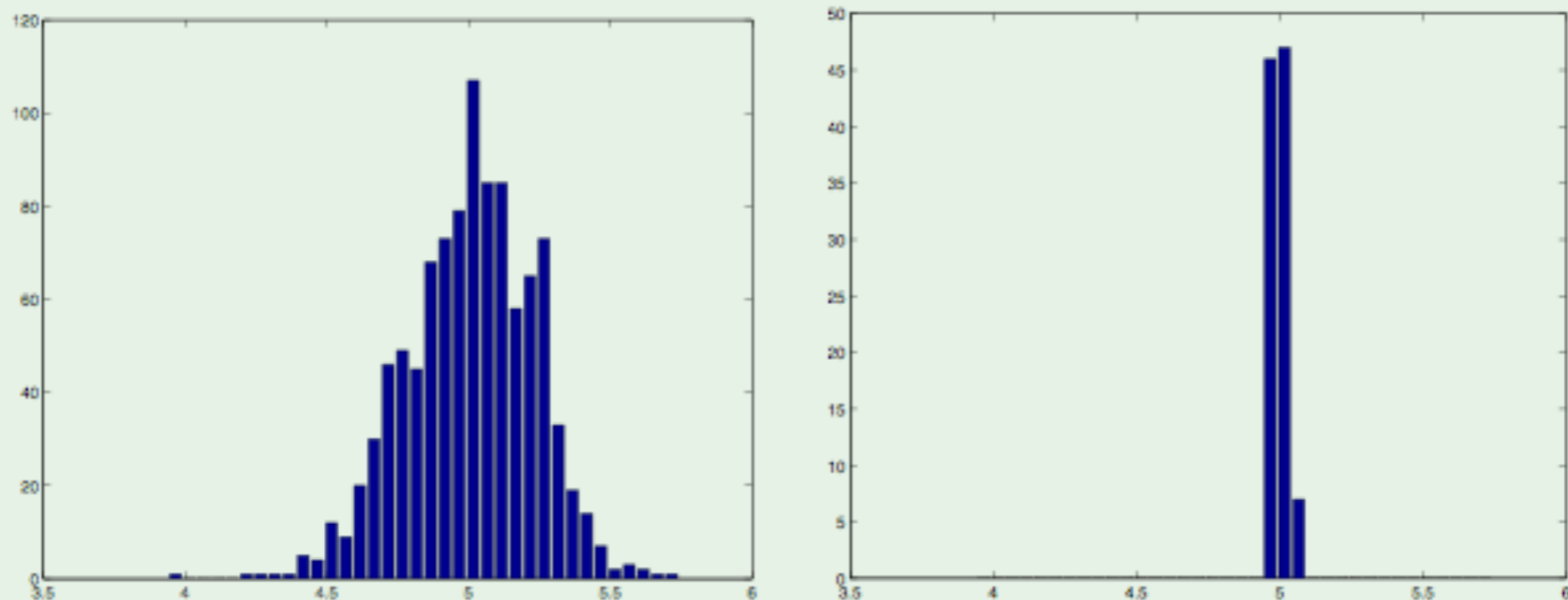


Figure: Histograms of the bootstrap replications $\{\hat{\theta}^*(b)\}_{b \in \{1, \dots, B=1000\}}$ (left), and the jackknife replications $\{\hat{\theta}_{(i)}\}_{i \in \{1, \dots, n=100\}}$ (right).

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Histogram of the replications

Example A

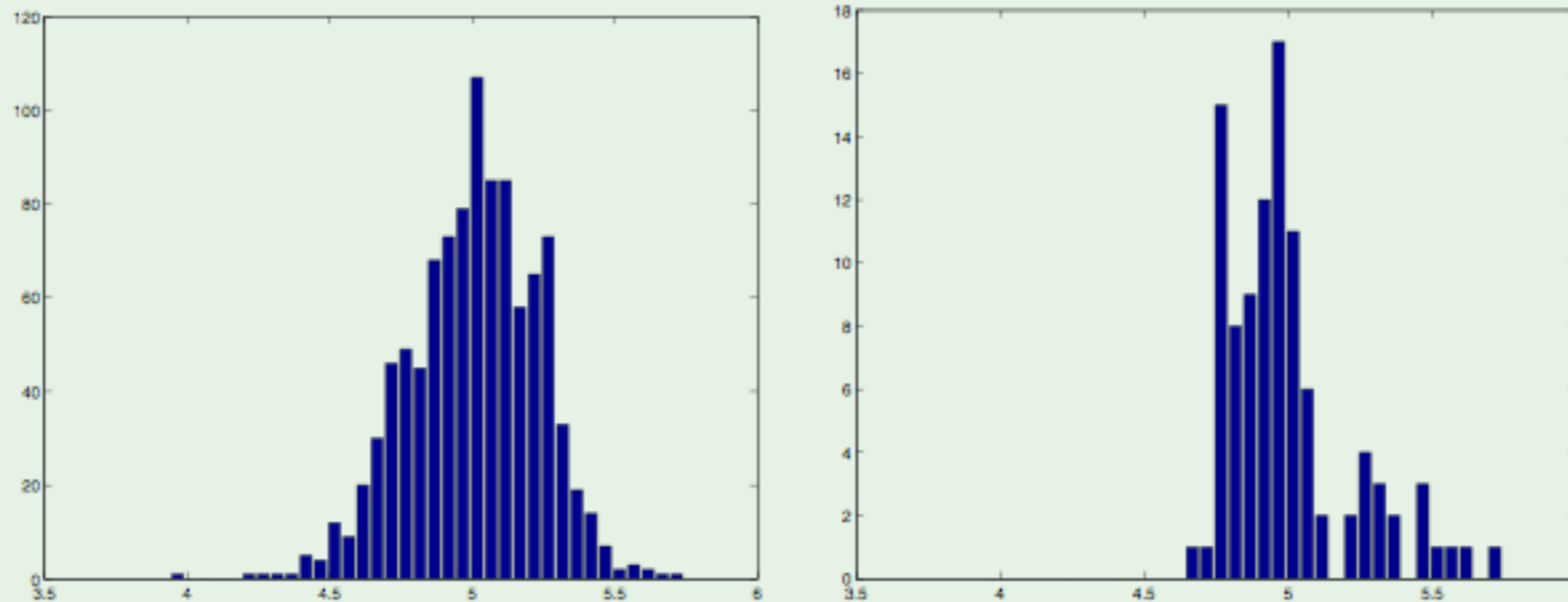


Figure: Histograms of the bootstrap replications $\{\hat{\theta}^*(b)\}_{b \in \{1, \dots, B=1000\}}$ (left), and the inflated jackknife replications $\{\sqrt{n-1}(\hat{\theta}_{(i)} - \hat{\theta}_{(\cdot)}) + \hat{\theta}_{(\cdot)}\}_{i \in \{1, \dots, n=100\}}$ (right).

Jackknife sampling

Delete-d Jackknife samples

Definition

The **delete-d Jackknife** subsamples are computed by leaving out d observations from \mathbf{x} at a time.

- The dimension of the subsample is $n - d$.
- The number of possible subsamples now rises $\binom{n}{d} = \frac{n!}{d!(n-d)!}$.
- Choice: $\sqrt{n} < d < n - 1$

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Delete-d jackknife

- 1 Compute all $\binom{n}{d}$ d-jackknife subsamples $\mathbf{x}_{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{(n)}$ from \mathbf{x} .
- 2 Evaluate the jackknife replications $\hat{\theta}_{(i)} = s(\mathbf{x}_{(i)})$.
- 3 Estimation of the standard error (when $n = r \cdot d$):

$$\hat{\text{se}}_{d\text{-jack}} = \left\{ \frac{r}{\binom{n}{d}} \sum_i (\hat{\theta}_{(i)} - \hat{\theta}(\cdot))^2 \right\}^{1/2}$$

$$\text{where } \hat{\theta}(\cdot) = \frac{\sum_i \hat{\theta}_{(i)}}{\binom{n}{d}}.$$

Relationship between jackknife and bootstrap

- When n is small, it is easier (faster) to compute the n jackknife replications.
- However the jackknife uses less information (less samples) than the bootstrap.
- In fact, the jackknife is an approximation to the bootstrap!

Relationship between jackknife and bootstrap

- Considering a linear statistic :

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\theta} &= s(\mathbf{x}) = \mu + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha(x_i) \\ &= \mu + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i\end{aligned}$$

Mean $\hat{\theta} = \bar{x}$

The mean is linear $\mu = 0$ and $\alpha(x_i) = \alpha_i = x_i, \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$.

- There is no loss of information in using the jackknife to compute the standard error (compared to the bootstrap) for a linear statistic. Indeed the knowledge of the n jackknife replications $\{\hat{\theta}_{(i)}\}$, gives the value of $\hat{\theta}$ for any bootstrap data set.
- For non-linear statistics, the jackknife makes a linear approximation to the bootstrap for the standard error.

Relationship between jackknife and bootstrap

- Considering a quadratic statistic

$$\hat{\theta} = s(\mathbf{x}) = \mu + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha(x_i) + \frac{1}{n^2} \beta(x_i, x_j)$$

Variance $\hat{\theta} = \hat{\sigma}^2$

$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2$ is a quadratic statistic.

- Again the knowledge of the n jackknife replications $\{s(\hat{\theta}_{(i)})\}$, gives the value of $\hat{\theta}$ for any bootstrap data set. The jackknife and bootstrap estimates of the bias agree for quadratic statistics.

Relationship between jackknife and bootstrap

The Law school example: $\hat{\theta} = \widehat{\text{corr}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$.

The correlation is a non linear statistic.

- From $B=3200$ bootstrap replications, $\hat{se}_{B=3200} = 0.132$.
- From $n = 15$ jackknife replications, $\hat{se}_{jack} = 0.1425$.
- Textbook formula: $se_{\hat{f}} = (1 - \widehat{\text{corr}}^2) / \sqrt{n - 3} = 0.1147$

Jackknife sampling

Summary

- Bias and standard error estimates have been introduced using jackknife replications.
- The Jackknife standard error estimate is a linear approximation of the bootstrap standard error.
- The Jackknife bias estimate is a quadratic approximation of the bootstrap bias.
- Using smaller subsamples (delete-d jackknife) can improve for non-smooth statistics such as the median.

Jackknife sampling Matlab code

```
%% Jackknife Resampling
%

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%%
% Similar to the bootstrap is the jackknife, which uses resampling to
% estimate the bias of a sample statistic. Sometimes it is also used to
% estimate standard error of the sample statistic. The jackknife is
% implemented by the Statistics and Machine Learning Toolbox(TM) function
% |jackknife|.

%%
% The jackknife resamples systematically, rather than at random as the
% bootstrap does. For a sample with |n| points, the jackknife computes
% sample statistics on |n| separate samples of size |n|-1. Each sample is
% the original data with a single observation omitted.

%%
% In the bootstrap example, you measured the uncertainty in estimating the
% correlation coefficient. You can use the jackknife to estimate the bias,
% which is the tendency of the sample correlation to over-estimate or
% under-estimate the true, unknown correlation. First compute the sample
% correlation on the data.
load lawdata
rho_hat = corr(lsat,gpa)

%%
% Next compute the correlations for jackknife samples, and compute their
% mean.
rng default; % For reproducibility
jackrho = jackknife(@corr,lsat,gpa);
meanrho = mean(jackrho)

%%
% Now compute an estimate of the bias.
n = length(lsat);
biasrho = (n-1) * (meanrho-rho_hat)

%%
% The sample correlation probably underestimates the true correlation by
% about this amount.
```