

Objective:

- ① Build a model
- ② Estimate the model parameters
- ③ Evaluate whether one method of estimation is better than the other.
- ④ Testing of hypothesis.
- ⑤ Uncertainty characterization / Interval estimation.

chapters 5-10, Casella & Berger.

Random sample:

X_1, \dots, X_n ~~are~~ together is known to be a random sample if they are identically distributed and mutually independent.

Suppose X_1, \dots, X_n ~~are~~ is a random sample and each X_i has a density $f(x|\theta)$,

We mathematically write

$$X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} f(x|\theta)$$

If $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} f(x|\theta)$, the joint density of X_1, \dots, X_n , given by

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n | \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i | \theta)$$

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Ex: x_1, \dots, x_n $\overset{iid}{\sim}$ $\text{Exp}(\lambda)$

then,

$$P(x_1 \leq a, x_2 \leq a, \dots, x_n \leq a)$$

$$= P(x_1 \leq a) P(x_2 \leq a) \dots P(x_n \leq a)$$

$$= [1 - e^{-\lambda a}] [1 - e^{-\lambda a}] \dots [1 - e^{-\lambda a}]$$

$$= [1 - e^{-\lambda a}]^n$$

Result: If x_1, \dots, x_n is a random sample, then $g(x_1), \dots, g(x_n)$ is also a random sample, for any function g .

Results: $x_1, \dots, x_n \overset{iid}{\sim}$ $\text{Pois}(\lambda)$, what is the $P(x_1 + \dots + x_n = a)$? , a is a positive integer.

~~Let's~~ Let's say $n=2$, ~~Ex~~

$$P(x_1 + x_2 = a) = P(\underbrace{x_1 = 0, \bigcup_{l=0}^a \{x_1 = l, x_2 = a - l\}}_{\text{?}})$$

$$= \sum_{l=0}^a P(x_1 = l, x_2 = a - l)$$

$$= \sum_{l=0}^a P(x_1 = l) P(x_2 = a - l)$$

$$= \sum_{l=0}^a \left\{ \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^l}{l!} \right\} \left\{ \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{a-l}}{(a-l)!} \right\}$$

$$= e^{-2\lambda} \lambda^a \sum_{l=0}^a \frac{1}{l! (a-l)!}$$

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$$= \frac{e^{-2\lambda} \lambda^a}{a!} \sum_{l=0}^a \frac{a!}{l! (a-l)!}$$

$$= \frac{e^{-2\lambda} \lambda^a}{a!} \sum_{l=0}^a \binom{a}{l}$$

$$= \frac{e^{-2\lambda} \lambda^a}{a!} 2^a = \frac{e^{-2\lambda} (2\lambda)^a}{a!}$$

$$X_1 + X_2 \sim \text{Pois}(2\lambda)$$

$$X_1, X_2 \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Pois}(\lambda) \Rightarrow X_1 + X_2 \sim \text{Pois}(2\lambda)$$

$$X_1 + \dots + X_n \sim \text{Pois}(n\lambda)$$

$$P(X_1 + \dots + X_n = a) = \frac{e^{-n\lambda} (n\lambda)^a}{a!}$$

Some important definitions:

$$E[X^k] = \int x^k f(x|\theta) dx, \text{ for any } k.$$

$$E[X_i X_j] = \iint x_i x_j f(x_i|\theta) f(x_j|\theta) dx_i dx_j$$

$$\text{Cov}(X_i, X_j) = E[X_i X_j] - E[X_i] E[X_j]$$

"0" when X_1, \dots, X_n is a random sample.

The reverse is true only for normal.

Generally, the reverse statement is not true.

Moment Generating Function:

Goal: Calculate $E[X^k]$ for all k integer.

Moment generating function for a random variable X is defined as

$$E[e^{tx}] = \int e^{tx} f(x|\theta) dx = M_X(t)$$

where $f(x|\theta)$ is the density of X .

This is a function of t and it is generally denoted by $M_X(t)$.

Suppose $M_X(t)$ exists in the nbd. of 0.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} M_X(t) &= \frac{d}{dt} E[e^{tx}] = E\left[\frac{d}{dt} e^{tx}\right] \\ &= E[X e^{tx}] \end{aligned}$$

$$\left. \frac{d}{dt} M_X(t) \right|_{t=0} = E[X]$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \left. \frac{d^k}{dt^k} M_X(t) \right|_{t=0} = E[X^k]$$

Example: $X \sim N(0, 1)$ $E[X] = 0$, $E[X^{2k+1}] = 0$
for any k integer.

$$\begin{aligned}
E[e^{tx}] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} \frac{e^{-x^2/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} dx \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}[x^2 - 2tx]} dx \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}[x^2 - 2tx + t^2 - t^2]\right\} dx \\
&= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(x-t)^2\right\} \exp\left\{\frac{t^2}{2}\right\} dx \\
&= \exp\left\{\frac{t^2}{2}\right\} \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}(x-t)^2\right\} dx}_{=1} \\
&= \exp\left\{\frac{t^2}{2}\right\}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \exp\left\{\frac{t^2}{2}\right\} \Big|_{t=0} = t \exp\left\{\frac{t^2}{2}\right\} \Big|_{t=0} = 0$$

In general check: $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

$$M_X(t) = E[e^{tx}] = \exp\left\{t\mu + \frac{1}{2}t^2\sigma^2\right\}$$

Result:

$X \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x/\beta}, \quad x > 0$$

$$E[e^{tx}] = M_x(t) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{\beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x/\beta} e^{tx} dx$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{\beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} \exp\left\{-x \left(\frac{1}{\beta} - t\right)\right\} dx$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{\beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} \exp\left\{-\frac{x}{\left\{\frac{1}{\beta} - t\right\}}\right\} dx$$

This integral is finite if $\frac{1}{\beta} - t > 0$

$$\Rightarrow t < \frac{1}{\beta}$$

$$\text{If } t < \frac{1}{\beta}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\beta^\alpha \left(\frac{1}{\beta} - t\right)^\alpha} \underbrace{\int_0^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{\beta} - t\right)^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} \exp\left\{-\frac{x}{\left\{\frac{1}{\beta} - t\right\}}\right\} dx}_{= 1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(1 - \beta t)^\alpha}$$

Change of variable theorem

$X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} f(x|\theta)$

Find the joint density of

$U_1 = \Psi_1(X_1, \dots, X_n), U_2 = \Psi_2(X_1, \dots, X_n), \dots,$

$U_n = \Psi_n(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ such that

$(X_1, \dots, X_n) \longrightarrow (U_1, \dots, U_n)$ this mapping

is one-to-one.

If $f_u(u_1, \dots, u_n)$ is the joint density of

u_1, \dots, u_n then

$$f_u(u_1, \dots, u_n) = \left[\prod_{i=1}^n f(H_i(u_1, \dots, u_n) | \theta) \right] \left| \det \left(\left(\frac{\partial H_i(u_1, \dots, u_n)}{\partial u_j} \right)_{i,j=1}^n \right) \right|$$

where,

$$X_i = H_i(u_1, \dots, u_n)$$

Example: $u_1, u_2 \stackrel{iid}{\sim} U(0,1)$

$$X_1 = \sqrt{-2 \log(u_1)} \cos(2\pi u_2),$$

$$X_2 = \sqrt{-2 \log(u_1)} \sin(2\pi u_2).$$

$$\Psi_1(u_1, u_2) = \sqrt{-2 \log(u_1)} \cos(2\pi u_2)$$

$$\Psi_2(u_1, u_2) = \sqrt{-2 \log(u_1)} \sin(2\pi u_2)$$

$$u_i = H_i(x_1, x_2)$$

$$x_1 = \sqrt{-2 \log(u_1)} \cos(2\pi u_2)$$

$$x_2 = \sqrt{-2 \log(u_1)} \sin(2\pi u_2)$$

$$x_1^2 + x_2^2 = -2 \log u_1 \Rightarrow u_1 = \exp\left\{-\frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2}{2}\right\}$$

Also,

$$\tan(2\pi u_2) = \frac{x_2}{x_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow u_2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x_2}{x_1}\right)$$

$$H_1(x_1, x_2) = \exp\left\{-\frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2}{2}\right\}$$

$$H_2(x_1, x_2) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{x_2}{x_1}\right)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial H_1(x_1, x_2)}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial H_1(x_1, x_2)}{\partial x_2} \\ \frac{\partial H_2(x_1, x_2)}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial H_2(x_1, x_2)}{\partial x_2} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} -x_1 \exp\left\{-\frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2}{2}\right\} & -x_2 \exp\left\{-\frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2}{2}\right\} \\ \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{x_2^2}{x_1^2}\right)} \left(-\frac{x_2}{x_1^2}\right) & \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{x_2^2}{x_1^2}\right)} \left(\frac{1}{x_1}\right) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \det(J) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{x_2^m}{x_1^m}\right)} \exp\left\{-\frac{x_1^m + x_2^m}{2}\right\} (-x_1) \cdot \frac{1}{x_1} \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{x_2^m}{x_1^m}\right)} \exp\left\{-\frac{x_1^m + x_2^m}{2}\right\} \frac{x_2^m}{x_1^m} \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{x_2^m}{x_1^m}\right)} \exp\left\{-\frac{x_1^m + x_2^m}{2}\right\} \left(1 + \frac{x_2^m}{x_1^m}\right) \\
 &= -\frac{1}{2\pi} \exp\left\{-\frac{x_1^m + x_2^m}{2}\right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$|\det(J)| = \frac{1}{2\pi} \exp\left\{-\frac{x_1^m + x_2^m}{2}\right\}$$

$$f(u_1, u_2) = 1 \quad \text{if} \quad 0 < u_1 < 1, \quad 0 < u_2 < 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \underline{f}_X(x_1, x_2) &= \frac{1}{2\pi} \exp\left\{-\frac{x_1^m + x_2^m}{2}\right\}, \quad \begin{matrix} -\infty < x_1 < \infty \\ -\infty < x_2 < \infty \end{matrix}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$f(x_1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left\{-\frac{x_1^m}{2}\right\}$$

$$f(x_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left\{-\frac{x_2^m}{2}\right\}$$

$$x_1, x_2 \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, 1)$$

Some important results on random sample

- ① X_1, \dots, X_n is a random sample with X_1 having the moment generating function (MGF) $M(t)$. What is the MGF of ~~the joint distribution~~ ~~(X_1, \dots, X_n)~~ .
- $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$?
- check: MGF is $[M(t/n)]^n$

- ② X and Y are independent random variables with pdf $f_X(x)$ and $f_Y(y)$ respectively. Then the p.d.f of $Z = X + Y$ is
- $$f_Z(z) = \int f_X(w) f_Y(z-w) dw$$

Prf:

$$\begin{aligned} P(Z \leq z) &= P(X + Y \leq z) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(w + Y \leq z) f_X(w) dw = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(Y \leq z - w) f_X(w) dw \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{z-w} f_Y(y) f_X(w) dy dw \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^z f_Y(y-w) f_X(w) dy dw \end{aligned}$$

take derivative w.r.t. z on both sides.

$$\textcircled{3} X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2)$$

$$\frac{\sum x_i^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_n^2$$

$$\textcircled{4} X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\mu, \sigma^2), \text{ let } \bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i,$$

$$S^2 = \frac{1}{(n-1)} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2, \text{ Then}$$

(a) \bar{X} and S^2 are independent

(b) $\bar{X} \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2/n)$

(c) $(n-1) \frac{S^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$

pf: Define an orthogonal matrix A s.t.

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} & \dots & \dots & \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \\ a_{21} & \dots & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

For A to be an orthogonal matrix $A'A = AA' = I$

$$\textcircled{1} (a_{i1}, \dots, a_{in}) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}, \dots, \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} = 0$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} = 0 \text{ for all } i = 2, \dots, n.$$

Let $\begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ \vdots \\ z_n \end{pmatrix}$ be such that

$$\begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ \vdots \\ z_n \end{pmatrix} = A \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$z_1^2 + \dots + z_n^2 = x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2 \quad \dots \quad (1)$$

$$z_1 = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}, \dots, \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = \sqrt{n} \bar{x} \quad \dots \quad (2)$$

~~(1)~~ (1) & (2) together imply

$$\begin{aligned} z_2^2 + \dots + z_n^2 &= x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2 - n \bar{x}^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 = (n-1) s^2 \quad \dots \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

\bar{x} is a function of z_1

$(n-1)s^2$ is a function of z_2, \dots, z_n .

$\Rightarrow \bar{x}$ & s^2 are independent

$\bar{x} = \frac{z_1}{\sqrt{n}}$ & we know $z_1 \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

$\Rightarrow \bar{x} \sim N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right)$.

and $\frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma^2} = \frac{z_2^2 + \dots + z_n^2}{\sigma^2}$

claim! $z_2, \dots, z_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2)$

Recap:

- ① Definition of a random sample
- ② Some properties of a random sample
- ③ Change of variable theorem

Result: $x_1, \dots, x_n \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

- ① $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \sim N(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n})$
- ② \bar{x} and $s^2 = \frac{1}{(n-1)} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2$ are independent
- ③ $\frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$

Pf:-
$$\begin{pmatrix} z_1 \\ \vdots \\ z_n \end{pmatrix} = A \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{pmatrix}$$

A is an orthogonal matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} & \dots & \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \\ a_{21} & \dots & a_{2n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

A orthogonal $\Rightarrow A'A = I$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik}^2 = 1 \quad \forall i \quad \& \quad \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} a_{jk} = 0 \quad \forall i \neq j$$

$\Rightarrow z_1$ is independent of any other z_k

$\Rightarrow z_1$ is independent of (z_2, \dots, z_n)

$\Rightarrow \bar{X}$ is independent of $(n-1)S^2$

③ To show $\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$

$$(n-1)S^2 = \sum_{i=2}^n z_i^2$$

$$z_i = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} x_k \quad \forall i=2, \dots, n$$

$$E[z_i] = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} E[x_k] = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} \mu = 0$$

$$\text{and } \text{Var}(z_i) = \text{Var}\left(\sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} x_k\right) \\ = \sigma^2 \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik}^2 = \sigma^2$$

z_i is a linear combination of Normal distributions $\Rightarrow z_i$ is also a Normal distribution

$$\Rightarrow z_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

$$\text{Also, } \text{Cov}(z_i, z_j) = \text{Cov}\left(\sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} x_k, \sum_{k=1}^n a_{jk} x_k\right)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} a_{jk} \text{Var}(x_k)$$

$$= \sigma^2 \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} a_{jk} = 0 \quad \text{As } A \text{ is orthogonal}$$

$\Rightarrow z_i$'s are independent for $i=2, \dots, n$

and each $Z_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2) \quad \forall i=2, \dots, n$

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \frac{Z_2^2 + \dots + Z_n^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$$

By ①, $(n-1)S^2 = Z_2^2 + \dots + Z_n^2$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2.$$

Result: $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

When σ^2 is known $\textcircled{1}$ What is the distribution of $\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu)}{\sigma} \sim N(0, 1)$ by part a) of the last result.

$X_1, \dots, X_n \quad H_0: \mu = 0 \quad \text{vs.} \quad H_1: \mu \neq 0$

$X_i =$ rainfall in the i th week

You are told rainfall follows a Normal distribution

You are told that the std. deviation of the rainfall is 10 mm. based on some prior study.

Qn: Do the data support the hypothesis that the average rainfall is 45 mm. per week?

$\left| \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - 45)}{10} \right| > 1.96$ then we reject the hypothesis that the average rainfall is 45 mm.

Qm: You are not told that the standard deviation is 10 mm.

$$\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - 45)}{\sqrt{s^2}} \quad \text{where} \quad s^2 = \frac{1}{(n-1)} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - 45)}{\sqrt{\frac{s^2}{n}}} \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$\frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{s^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \frac{\chi_{n-1}^2}{n-1}$$

$$= \frac{u}{\sqrt{\frac{v}{n-1}}} \quad \text{where} \quad u \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$v \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$$

and u & v are independent because of the result we have proved in the beginning of the class.

(*) Start with the joint distribution of (u, v) and find the distribution of

$\frac{u}{\sqrt{\frac{v}{n-1}}}$ using the change of variable theorem.

$$f(t) = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{(n-1)\pi}} \left(1 + \frac{t^2}{n-1}\right)^{-n/2}, \quad -\infty < t < \infty$$

This density is known as the ~~the~~ student's t -density with degree of freedom $(n-1)$.

A general student's t -density with degree of freedom p , denoted by t_p , has the density

$$f(t) = \frac{\Gamma\left(\frac{p+1}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{p}{2}\right)} \frac{1}{\sqrt{p\pi}} \left(1 + \frac{t^2}{p}\right)^{-\frac{(p+1)}{2}}, \quad -\infty < t < \infty$$

F-distribution:

$U \sim \chi_p^2$ and $V \sim \chi_q^2$ and U, V are independent then $\frac{U/p}{V/q}$ follows a density known as the $F_{p,q}$ density.

Two sample: $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2) \rightarrow$ sample 1
and $Y_1, \dots, Y_m \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2) \rightarrow$ sample 2
Also sample 1 is independent of sample 2,

then, $\frac{(n-1) s_1^2}{\sigma_1^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$

$$s_1^2 = \frac{1}{(n-1)} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2$$

Similarly $\frac{(m-1) s_2^2}{\sigma_2^2} \sim \chi_{m-1}^2$

$$s_2^2 = \frac{1}{(m-1)} \sum_{j=1}^m (y_j - \bar{y})^2$$

$$\frac{s_1^2 / \sigma_1^2}{s_2^2 / \sigma_2^2} = \frac{\frac{\chi_{n-1}^2}{n-1}}{\frac{\chi_{m-1}^2}{m-1}}$$

Also s_1^2 and s_2^2 are independent as the two samples are independent.

$\frac{s_1^2 / \sigma_1^2}{s_2^2 / \sigma_2^2} \sim F_{n-1, m-1}$

This result is used to test whether $\sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2$.

Properties of F distribution

(a) $X \sim F_{p, q}$ then $\frac{1}{X} \sim F_{q, p}$

(b) $X \sim t_q$ then $X^2 \sim F_{1, q}$

(c) $X \sim F_{p, q}$ then $\frac{(\frac{p}{q}) X}{1 + (\frac{p}{q}) X} \sim \text{Beta}(\frac{p}{2}, \frac{q}{2})$