

1. Maximum likelihood Estimation (MLE) for Normal Distribution Parameters

→ Given a random sample $(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_n)$ from a Normal Distribution with mean μ and variance σ^2 , the likelihood function $L(\mu, \sigma^2)$ is given by:

$$L(\mu, \sigma^2) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

Taking the natural log, we get the log likelihood function:

$$L(\mu, \sigma^2) = -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{n}{2} \log(\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2$$

Now, to find the maximum likelihood estimators, we differentiate the log likelihood function with respect to μ and σ^2 , set the derivatives equal to zero, and solve for μ and σ^2 .

$$\frac{dL}{d\mu} = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu) = 0$$

$$\frac{dL}{d\sigma^2} = -\frac{n}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2(\sigma^2)^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2 = 0$$

Solving these equations will give us the MLE's for μ and σ^2 .

for μ :

$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

for σ^2 :

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\mu})^2$$

So, the maximum likelihood estimators for parameters are:

$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\mu})^2$$

2. Maximum likelihood estimator for ' θ '.

The Probability mass funcⁿ (PMF) of a binomial distribution is given by :

$$f(x; m, \theta) = {}^m C_x \theta^x (1-\theta)^{m-x}$$

likelihood funcⁿ is the product of these probabilities for the given sample:

$$L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n ({}^m C_{x_i}) \theta^{x_i} (1-\theta)^{m-x_i}$$

taking the natural log, we get the log likelihood funcⁿ:

$$L(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n [\log({}^m C_{x_i}) + x_i \log(\theta) + (m-x_i) \log(1-\theta)]$$

To find the maximum likelihood estimator for ' θ ', we differentiate the log likelihood funcⁿ w.r.t ' θ ', set it equal to 0, and solve for ' θ '.

$$\frac{dL}{d\theta} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{x_i}{\theta} - \frac{m-x_i}{1-\theta} \right] = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{x_i}{\theta} - \frac{m-x_i}{1-\theta} \right] = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{x_i - \theta m}{\theta(1-\theta)} \right] = 0$$

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{\theta} - \frac{nm}{\theta} = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i = nm\theta$$

$$\hat{\theta} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{nm}$$

So, the maximum likelihood estimator for ' θ ' is

$$\hat{\theta} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{nm}$$