

Statistical Inference

Lecture 2: Transformations and Expectations

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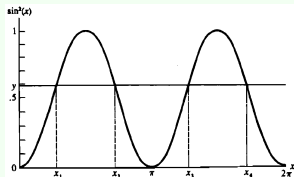
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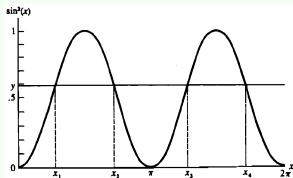
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where x_1 and x_2 are the two solutions to $\sin^2(x) = y$ for $0 < x < \pi$.

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Proof.

[a.] $\{x \in \mathcal{X} | g(x) \leq y\} = \{x \in \mathcal{X} | x \leq g^{-1}(y)\}$ since If g is increasing. Furthermore, we have

$$F_Y(y) = \int_{x \in \mathcal{X} : x \leq g^{-1}(y)} f_X(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{g^{-1}(y)} f_X(x) dx = F_X(g^{-1}(y)).$$

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For $y > 0$, $y = -\log x$ implies $x = e^{-y}$, therefore,

$$F_Y(y) = 1 - F_X(g^{-1}(y)) = 1 - F_X(e^{-y}) = 1 - e^{-y}.$$

Of course, $F_Y(y) = 0$ for $y \leq 0$.

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By the chain rule,

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Applying the above theorem, for $y \in (0, \infty)$, we get

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- The **deviation** of X at $\omega \in \Omega$ is $X(\omega) - E(X)$, the difference between the value of X and the mean of X .
- If $E|g(X)| = \infty$, we say that $E(g(X))$ does not exist.

Example I

Exponential mean

Question: Suppose X has an exponential (λ) distribution,

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\lambda} e^{-x/\lambda}, 0 \leq x < +\infty, \lambda > 0.$$

Suppose $Y = g(X) = X^2$.

Solution:

The $E(X)$ is given by

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{\lambda} x e^{-x/\lambda} dx = -x e^{-x/\lambda} \Big|_0^{\infty} + \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x/\lambda} dx \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-x/\lambda} dx = \lambda. \end{aligned}$$

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Binomial mean

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$$P(X = x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1 - p)^{n-x}, x = 0, 1, \dots, n.$$

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$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \sum_{x=0}^n x \cdot P(X = x) = \sum_{x=1}^n x \cdot \binom{n}{x} p^x (1 - p)^{n-x} \\ &= \sum_{x=1}^n n \cdot \binom{n-1}{x-1} p^x q^{n-x} = np \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{j} p^j q^{n-1-j} \\ &= np(p + q)^{n-1} = np \end{aligned}$$

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We have known that $P(X = k) = q^{k-1}p$. Hence, we have

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Expected value of Geometric r.v.s

Theorem

The expected number of successes when a r.v. X follows a Geometric distribution is $\frac{1}{p}$, where p is the probability of success on each trial.

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Cauchy mean

A classic example of a r.v. whose expected value does not exist is a Cauchy r.v., that is, one with pdf

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{1+x^2}, -\infty < x < \infty.$$

It is straightforward to check that $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_X(x) dx = 1$, but $E|X| = \infty$. For any positive number M ,

$$\begin{aligned} E|X| &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{|x|}{\pi} \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx = \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{x}{1+x^2} dx \\ &= \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^M \frac{x}{1+x^2} dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} \log(1+M^2) = \infty \end{aligned}$$

and $E(X)$ does not exist.

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Let X be a r.v. and let a, b and c be constants. Then for any functions $g_1(x)$ and $g_2(x)$ whose expectations exist,

- a. $E(ag_1(X) + bg_2(X) + c) = aE(g_1(X)) + bE(g_2(X)) + c$;
- b. If $g_1(x) \geq 0$ for all x , then $E(g_1(X)) \geq 0$;
- c. If $g_1(x) \geq g_2(x)$ for all x , then $E(g_1(X)) \geq E(g_2(X))$;
- d. If $a \leq g_1(x) \leq b$ for all x , then $a \leq E(g_1(X)) \leq b$;

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Let X_i be # heads in the i -th Bernoulli trial, and X be the number of successes in n mutually independent Bernoulli trials. Hence we have $X = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$, and $E(X_i) = p$.

$$E(X) = E\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n E(X_i) = np.$$



Uniform exponential relationship

Suppose $X \sim f_X(x) = 1$ if $0 \leq x \leq 1$ and 0 otherwise, the uniform $(0, 1)$ distribution. Let $Y = g(X) = -\log X$.

$$E(g(X)) = E(-\log X) = \int_0^1 -\log x dx = x - x \log x \Big|_0^1 = 1.$$

We also have $Y = -\log X$ has cdf $1 - e^{-y}$, and pdf $f_Y(y) = \frac{d}{dy}(1 - e^{-y}) = e^{-y}$, $0 < y < \infty$, which is a special case of the exponential pdf with $\lambda = 1$. Thus, $E(Y) = 1$.

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Variance

The variance of a r.v. X is its second central moment,

$$\text{Var}(X) = E(X - \mu)^2.$$

The positive square root of $\text{Var}(X)$ is the standard deviation of X .

- $\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2$;
- The variance gives a measure of the degree of spread of a distribution around its mean.

Exponential variance

Let X have the *exponential*(λ) distribution. We can now calculate the variance by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= E(X - \lambda)^2 = \int_0^{\infty} (x - \lambda)^2 \frac{1}{\lambda} e^{-x/\lambda} dx \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} (x^2 - 2x\lambda + \lambda^2) \frac{1}{\lambda} e^{-x/\lambda} dx \end{aligned}$$

To complete the integration, we can integrate each of the terms separately, using integration by parts on the terms involving x and x^2 .

Upon doing this, we find that

$$\text{Var}(X) = \lambda^2.$$

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Nonlinearity of variance

Theorem

If X is a r.v. on Ω , and if a and b are real numbers, then

$$V(aX + b) = a^2 V(X).$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} V(aX + b) &= E((aX + b)^2) - (E(aX + b))^2 \\ &= E((a^2 X^2 + 2abX + b^2)) - (a^2(E(X))^2 + 2abE(X) + b^2) \\ &= a^2 E(X^2) + 2abE(X) + b^2 - a^2(E(X))^2 - 2abE(X) - b^2 \\ &= a^2 E(X^2) - a^2(E(X))^2 = a^2 V(X). \end{aligned}$$



Bienaymé's formula

Theorem

Question: If X and Y are two independent r.v.s on a sample space Ω , then $V(X + Y) = V(X) + V(Y)$. Furthermore, if X_i , $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, with n a positive integer, are pairwise independent r.v.s on Ω , then

$$V\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n V(X_i).$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} V(X + Y) &= E((X + Y)^2) - [E(X + Y)]^2 \\ &= E(X^2 + 2XY + Y^2) - ([E(X)]^2 + 2E(X)E(Y) + [E(Y)]^2) \\ &= E(X^2) + 2E(XY) + E(Y^2) - [E(X)]^2 - 2E(X)E(Y) - [E(Y)]^2 \\ &= E(X^2) + 2E(X)E(Y) + E(Y^2) - [E(X)]^2 - 2E(X)E(Y) - [E(Y)]^2 \\ &= V(X) + V(Y) \end{aligned}$$

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$$E(X_i^2) = 1^2p + 0^2(1-p) = p;$$

$$V(X_i) = E(X_i^2) - (E(X_i))^2 = p - p^2 = p(1-p);$$

$$V(X) = \sum_{i=1}^n V(X_i) = np(1-p).$$

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That is, the variance of the mean decreases when n increases. It is a good property of variance.

Expectation of independent r.v.s

Theorem

If X and Y are independent r.v.s on a sample space Ω , then

$$E(XY) = E(X)E(Y).$$

Proof: To prove this formula, we use the key observation that event $XY = r$ is the disjoint union of events $X = r_1$ and $Y = r_2$ over all $r_1 \in X(\Omega)$ and $r_2 \in Y(\Omega)$ with $r = r_1 r_2$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} E(XY) &= \sum_{r \in XY(\Omega)} r \cdot P(XY = r) = \sum_{r_1 \in X(\Omega), r_2 \in Y(\Omega)} r_1 r_2 \cdot P(X = r_1 \wedge Y = r_2) \\ &= \sum_{r_1 \in X(\Omega)} \sum_{r_2 \in Y(\Omega)} (r_1 \cdot P(X = r_1))(r_2 \cdot P(Y = r_2)) \\ &= \sum_{r_1 \in X(\Omega)} (r_1 \cdot P(X = r_1) \sum_{r_2 \in Y(\Omega)} (r_2 \cdot P(Y = r_2))) = \sum_{r_1 \in X(\Omega)} (r_1 \cdot P(X = r_1) E(Y)) \\ &= E(Y) \sum_{r_1 \in X(\Omega)} r_1 \cdot P(X = r_1) = E(X)E(Y). \end{aligned}$$

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Definition

Let X be a r.v. with cdf $F_X(x)$. The moment generating function of X (or F_X), denoted by $M_X(t)$, is

$$M_X(t) = E(e^{tX}).$$

- The expectation exists for t in some neighborhood of 0 if there is an $h > 0$, such that $E(e^{tX})$ for all $t \in (-h, h)$.
- The moment generating function does not exist if the expectation does not exist.
- The moment generating function can be computed as
 - X is continuous, $M_X(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{tx} f_X(x) dx$;
 - X is discrete, $M_X(t) = \sum_x e^{tx} P(X = x)$.

Theorem

If X has moment generating function $M_X(t)$, then

$$E(X^n) = M_X^{(n)}(0),$$

where we define

$$M_X^{(n)}(0) = \frac{d^n}{dt^n} M_X(t) \Big|_{t=0}.$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} M_X(t) &= \frac{d}{dt} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} e^{tx} f_X(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d}{dt} (e^{tx}) f_X(x) dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (xe^{tx}) f_X(x) dx = E(Xe^{tX}). \end{aligned}$$

Proof Cont'd

Proof.

Thus,

$$\frac{d}{dt}M_X(t)|_{t=0} = E(Xe^{tX})|_{t=0} = EX.$$

Proceeding in an analogous manner, we can establish that

$$\frac{d^n}{dt^n}M_X(t)|_{t=0} = E(X^n e^{tX})|_{t=0} = EX^n.$$



That is, the n -th moment is equal to the n -th derivative of $M_X(t)$ evaluated at $t = 0$.

Gamma moment generating function

The Gamma pdf is

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

The moment generating function is given by

$$\begin{aligned} M_X(t) &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\beta^\alpha} \int_0^\infty e^{tx} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x/\beta} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\beta^\alpha} \int_0^\infty x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x/(\frac{\beta}{1-\beta t})} dx \end{aligned}$$

Note that $\int_0^\infty f_X(x) dx = 1$, hence $\int_0^\infty x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x/\beta} dx = \Gamma(\alpha)\beta^\alpha$.

Gamma moment generating function Cont'd

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

$$\begin{aligned} M_X(t) &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\beta^\alpha} \Gamma(\alpha) \left(\frac{\beta}{1-\beta t}\right)^\alpha \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{1-\beta t}\right)^\alpha. \end{aligned}$$

The mean of the Gamma distribution is given by

$$E(X) = \frac{d}{dt} M_X(t) \Big|_{t=0} = \frac{\alpha\beta}{(1-\beta t)^{\alpha+1}} \Big|_{t=0} = \alpha\beta.$$

Moment generating functions VS. distributions

Theorem

Let $F_X(x)$ and $F_Y(y)$ be two cdfs all of whose moments exist

- If X and Y have bounded support, then $F_X(u) = F_Y(u)$ for all u if and only if $E(X^r) = E(Y^r)$ for all integers $r = 0, 1, 2, \dots$
- If the moment generating functions exist and $M_X(t) = M_Y(t)$ for all t in some neighborhood of 0, then $F_X(u) = F_Y(u)$ for all u .

Convergence of moment generating functions

Suppose $\{X_i, i = 1, 2, \dots\}$ is a sequence of r.v., each with mgf $M_{X_i}(t)$. Furthermore, suppose that, for all t in a neighborhood of 0,

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} M_{X_i}(t) = M_X(t),$$

where $M_X(t)$ is an mgf. Then there is a unique cdf $F_X(x)$ whose moments are determined by $M_X(t)$ and, for all x where $F_X(x)$ is continuous, we have

$$\lim_{i \rightarrow \infty} F_{X_i}(x) = F_X(x).$$

That is, convergence, for $|t| < h$, of mgfs to an mgf implies convergence of cdfs.

Property of moment generating functions

For any constants a and b , the mgf of the r.v. $aX + b$ is given by

$$M_{aX+b}(t) = e^{bt} M_X(at).$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} M_{aX+b}(t) &= E(e_{(aX+b)t}) \\ &= E(e_{(aX)t} e^{bt}) \\ &= e^{bt} E(e_{(at)X}) \\ &= e^{bt} M_X(at). \end{aligned}$$



Leibnitz's Rule

If $f(x, \theta)$, $a(\theta)$ and $b(\theta)$ are differentiable w.r.t. θ , then

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} \int_{a(\theta)}^{b(\theta)} f(x, \theta) dx = f(b(\theta), \theta) \frac{db(\theta)}{d\theta} - f(a(\theta), \theta) \frac{da(\theta)}{d\theta} + \int_{a(\theta)}^{b(\theta)} \frac{\partial f(x, \theta)}{\partial \theta} dx.$$

Notice that if $a(\theta)$ and $b(\theta)$ are constant, we have a special case of Leibnitz's Rule:

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} \int_a^b f(x, \theta) dx = \int_a^b \frac{\partial f(x, \theta)}{\partial \theta} dx.$$

- If we have the integral of a differentiable function over a finite range, differentiation of the integral poses no problem;
- If the range of integration is infinite, problem can arise.

Interchanging differentiation and integration

Recall that if $f(x, \theta)$ is differentiable, then

$$\frac{\partial f(x, \theta)}{\partial \theta} = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x, \theta + \delta) - f(x, \theta)}{\delta},$$

So we have

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{\partial f(x, \theta)}{\partial \theta} dx = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{f(x, \theta + \delta) - f(x, \theta)}{\delta} \right] dx,$$

while

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x, \theta) dx = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left[\frac{f(x, \theta + \delta) - f(x, \theta)}{\delta} \right] dx.$$

Corollary of Lebesgue's Dominated Convergence Theorem

Suppose the function $h(x, y)$ is continuous at y_0 for each x , and there exists a function $g(x)$ satisfying

- $|h(x, y)| \leq g(x)$ for all x and y ;
- $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} g(x) dx < \infty$.

Then,

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow y_0} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} h(x, y) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \lim_{y \rightarrow y_0} h(x, y) dx.$$

The key condition in this theorem is the existence of a dominating function $g(x)$, with a finite integral.

Corollary

Suppose the function $f(x, \theta)$ is continuous at θ_0 , that is,

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x, \theta_0 + \delta) - f(x, \theta_0)}{\delta} = \left. \frac{\partial f(x, \theta)}{\partial \theta} \right|_{\theta = \theta_0}$$

exists for every x , and there exists a function $g(x, \theta_0)$ and a constant $\delta_0 > 0$ such that

- $\left| \frac{f(x, \theta_0 + \delta) - f(x, \theta_0)}{\delta} \right| \leq g(x, \theta_0)$ for all x and $|\delta| \leq \delta_0$;
- $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} g(x, \theta_0) dx < \infty$.

Then,

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f(x, \theta) dx \Big|_{\theta = \theta_0} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \left[\left. \frac{\partial f(x, \theta)}{\partial \theta} \right|_{\theta = \theta_0} \right] dx.$$

The distinction between θ and θ_0 is not stressed when $f(x, \theta)$ is differentiable at all θ .

Example

Let X have the *exponential*(λ) pdf given by $f(x) = \frac{1}{\lambda}e^{-x/\lambda}$, $0 < x < \infty$, and suppose we want to calculate

$$\frac{d}{d\lambda}E(X^n) = \frac{d}{d\lambda} \int_0^\infty x^n \frac{1}{\lambda} e^{-x/\lambda} dx$$

for integer $n > 0$.

If we could move the differentiation inside the integral, we would have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d\lambda}E(X^n) &= \int_0^\infty \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} x^n \frac{1}{\lambda} e^{-x/\lambda} dx \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{x^n}{\lambda^2} \left(\frac{x}{\lambda}\right) e^{-x/\lambda} dx = \frac{1}{\lambda^2} E(X^{n+1}) - \frac{1}{\lambda} E(X^n). \end{aligned}$$

$$E(X^{n+1}) = \lambda E(X^n) + \lambda^2 \frac{d}{d\lambda} E(X^n).$$

Justifying the interchange

We bound the derivative of $x^n \frac{1}{\lambda} e^{-x/\lambda}$. Now

$$\left| \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \left(\frac{x^n e^{-x/\lambda}}{\lambda} \right) \right| = \frac{x^n e^{-x/\lambda}}{\lambda^2} \left| \frac{x}{\lambda} - 1 \right| \leq \frac{x^n e^{-x/\lambda}}{\lambda^2} \left(\frac{x}{\lambda} + 1 \right) \cdot \left(\frac{x}{\lambda} > 0 \right)$$

For $0 < \delta_0 < \lambda$ and $|\lambda' - \lambda| \leq \delta_0$, we take

$$\left| \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \left(\frac{x^n e^{-x/\lambda}}{\lambda} \right) \right|_{\lambda=\lambda'} \leq \frac{x^n e^{-x/(\lambda+\delta_0)}}{(\lambda - \delta_0)^2} \left(\frac{x}{\lambda - \delta_0} + 1 \right) = g(x, \lambda).$$

Since the exponential distribution has all of its moments, i.e., $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} g(x, \lambda) < \infty$ as long as $\lambda - \delta_0 > 0$.

Thus, the example gives us a recursion relation for the moment of exponential distribution.

Interchanging differentiation and summation

Suppose that the series $\sum_{x=0}^{\infty} h(\theta, x)$ converges for all θ in an interval (a, b) of real numbers and

- $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} h(\theta, x)$ is continuous in θ for each x ;
- $\sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} h(\theta, x)$ converges uniformly on every closed bounded subinterval of (a, b) .

Then,

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} h(\theta, x) = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} h(\theta, x).$$

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Example

Let X be a geometric distribution $P(X = x) = \theta(1 - \theta)^x, x = 0, 1, \dots, 0 < \theta < 1$. We have that $\sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \theta(1 - \theta)^x = 1$, and

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{d\theta} \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \theta(1 - \theta)^x &= \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{d}{d\theta} \theta(1 - \theta)^x \\&= \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} [(1 - \theta)^x - \theta x(1 - \theta)^{x-1}] \\&= \frac{1}{\theta} \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \theta(1 - \theta)^x - \frac{1}{1 - \theta} \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x\theta(1 - \theta)^x \\&= \frac{1}{\theta} - \frac{1}{1 - \theta} E(X) = 0.\end{aligned}$$

That is $E(X) = \frac{1-\theta}{\theta}$.

Justifying the interchange

Let $h(\theta, x) = \theta(1 - \theta)^x$. Then $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} h(\theta, x) = (1 - \theta)^x - \theta x(1 - \theta)^{x-1}$, and verify that $\sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} h(\theta, x)$ converges uniformly. Calculate $S_n(\theta)$ by

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n(\theta) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{x=0}^n [(1 - \theta)^x - \theta x(1 - \theta)^{x-1}] \right) \\&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1 - (1 - \theta)^{n+1}}{\theta} - \theta \sum_{x=0}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (1 - \theta)^x \right) \\&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1 - (1 - \theta)^{n+1}}{\theta} - \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \sum_{x=0}^n (1 - \theta)^x \right) \\&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1 - (1 - \theta)^{n+1}}{\theta} - \theta \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \frac{1 - (1 - \theta)^{n+1}}{\theta} \right) \\&= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n + 1)(1 - \theta)^n = 0.\end{aligned}$$

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