

# Predictive Assignment

## Parameter Estimation

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Ques 1: Let  $(X_1, X_2, \dots)$  be a random sample of size  $n$  taken from a Normal Population with parameters: mean =  $\theta_1$  and variance =  $\theta_2$ . Find the Maximum Likelihood Estimates of these two parameters.

Sol: Probability Density Function (PDF) of Normal Distribution:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2}$$

ATQ:  $\mu = \theta_1$   
 $\sigma^2 = \theta_2$

$$\therefore f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\theta_2}\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\theta_1}{\sqrt{\theta_2}}\right)^2}$$

→ Given:  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are random sample values from the Normal Distribution hence, the likelihood function is:

$$L = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\theta_2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x_i-\theta_1}{\sqrt{\theta_2}}\right)^2}$$

→ Taking Log on both sides (Natural Logarithm)

$$\ln(L) = \ln\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\theta_2}}\right)^n \prod_{i=1}^n e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x_i-\theta_1}{\sqrt{\theta_2}}\right)^2}$$

$$\ln(L) = -\frac{n}{2} \ln(2\pi\theta_2) + \left(\frac{-1}{2\theta_2}\right) \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta_1)^2 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

→ Differentiating the above equation (1) with respect to  $\theta_1$ :

$$\frac{1}{L} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta_1} = \frac{-1}{2\theta_2} \sum_{i=1}^n 2(x_i - \theta_1)(-1)$$

$$\frac{1}{L} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta_1} = \frac{1}{2\theta_2} \sum_{i=1}^n 2(x_i - \theta_1)$$

→ Equating  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta_1} = 0$

$$L \cdot \frac{1}{2\theta_2} \sum_{i=1}^n 2(x_i - \theta_1) = 0$$

Equating to 0, will give us the estimator that is obtained using Maximum Likelihood Estimation.

Either  $L = 0$

$L = 0$  can't

be possible

$$\text{or } \frac{1}{2\theta_2} \sum_{i=1}^n 2(x_i - \theta_1) = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2\theta_2} \sum_{i=1}^n 2(x_i - \theta_1) = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n 2x_i = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \theta_1$$

$$n\theta_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

$$\theta_1 = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) / n$$

$$\boxed{\theta_1 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i}$$

$\theta_1 = \text{Sample Mean}$



» Differentiating equation (1) wrt  $\theta_2$ :

$$\frac{1}{L} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta_2} = \frac{-n}{2} \frac{2\pi}{2\pi\theta_2} + \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta_1)^2 \frac{1}{(2\theta_2^2)}$$

» Equating to 0:

$$\frac{1}{L} \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta_2} \Rightarrow L \text{ can't be } 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{-n}{2} \frac{2\pi}{2\pi\theta_2} + \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta_1)^2 \frac{1}{(2\theta_2^2)} = 0$$

$$\frac{-n}{2\theta_2} + \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta_1)^2 \frac{1}{2\theta_2^2} = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta_1)^2 = n\theta_2$$

$$\boxed{\theta_2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta_1)^2}$$

$\theta_2 = \text{Sample Variance}$

Ques 2: Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from  $B(m, \theta)$  distribution, where  $\theta \in \Theta = (0, 1)$  is unknown and 'm' is a known positive integer. Compute value of  $\theta$  using the M.L.E.

Sol: Probability Mass Function (PMF) of Binomial Distribution:

$$P(X=K) = {}^m C_K \theta^K (1-\theta)^{m-K}$$

$$\boxed{P(X=x) = {}^n C_x p^x q (1-p)^{n-x}}$$

» ATQ: Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  be random sample from  $B(m, \theta)$  distribution for a  $x_i$ , it represents number of successes in  $i^{\text{th}}$  trial.

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

→ Taking Natural log on both sides:

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

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

→ Differentiating w.r.t  $\theta$ :

$$\frac{1}{L} \frac{dL}{d\theta} = \frac{1}{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - \frac{1}{1-\theta} \sum_{i=1}^n (m-x_i)$$

→ Equating to 0:

$$\frac{dL}{d\theta} = 0$$

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

L can't be zero

$$\therefore \frac{1}{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = \frac{1}{1-\theta} \sum_{i=1}^n (m-x_i)$$

$$(1-\theta) \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = \theta \sum_{i=1}^n (m-x_i)$$

$$\theta = \frac{\sum x_i}{nm} \text{ where } i \text{ goes from } 1 \text{ to } n$$

$$\theta = \frac{1}{m} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum x_i \right)$$

$$\theta = \text{sample mean} / m$$