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SCS09

Parameter Estimation

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1. Let (X_1, X_2, \dots) be random sample of size n taken from normal population with parameter mean $= \theta_1$ & variance $= \theta_2$. Find the maximum likelihood estimates of these 2 parameters.

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

x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n sample of size n

$$L = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = f(x_1) \cdot f(x_2) \cdot \dots \cdot f(x_n) \\ = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x_1-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x_2-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \right) \cdot \dots$$

Taking \ln on both sides.

$$\ln(L) = -\frac{n}{2} \ln(2\pi\sigma^2) + \sum_{i=1}^n \left(-\frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right)$$

Taking derivative w.r.t μ .

$$\frac{\partial \ln(L)}{\partial \mu} = 0 + \sum_{i=1}^n -\left(\frac{2(x_i - \mu)}{2\sigma^2} \right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n\bar{x} - n\mu = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{x} = \mu$$

Hence, $\theta_1 = \bar{x}$ i.e. sample mean

$$\ln(L) = -\frac{n}{2} \ln(2\pi\sigma^2) + \sum_{i=1}^n \left(-\frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right)$$

Taking derivative w.r.t σ^2

$$\frac{\partial \ln(L)}{\partial \sigma^2} = -\frac{n}{2\sigma^2} + \sum_{i=1}^n -\frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{2(\sigma^2)^2} = 0 \\ -\frac{n}{2\sigma^2} + \sum_{i=1}^n -\frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^4} = 0$$

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

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

$$\text{Hence } \theta_2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2$$

2. Let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n be random sample from $B(m, \theta)$ distribution where $\theta \in \Theta = (0, 1)$ is unknown & 'm' is +ve integer. compute value of θ using MLE Binomial distribution,

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

Taking log on both sides

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

$$\text{diff. w.r.t. } \theta$$

$$\frac{d \log(L)}{d \theta} = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{\theta} \sum x_i - \frac{n^2}{1-\theta} + \frac{1}{1-\theta} \sum x_i = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{\theta(\theta)} \sum x_i = \frac{n^2}{1-\theta}$$

$$\frac{\sum x_i}{\theta} = n^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\theta = \frac{\sum x_i}{n^2}}$$