# STAT 640 Section 1 - Homework 2

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a.

First find the likelihood function and log likelihood functions:

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

Find log-likelihood function:

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

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

$$= -\frac{n}{2}\log(2\pi) - n\log\sigma - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(x_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}$$
 (3)

Since  $\mu$  is known, we take the derivative with respect to  $\sigma$ :

$$\nabla \ell(\sigma) = \frac{\partial \ell(\mu, \sigma^2)}{\partial \sigma} \tag{4}$$

$$= -\frac{n}{\sigma} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \mu)^2}{\sigma^3}$$
 (5)

Set gradient vector to 0 and solve for  $\sigma$ :

$$\nabla \ell(\sigma) = 0 \tag{6}$$

$$-\frac{n}{\sigma} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \mu)^2}{\sigma^3} = 0 \tag{7}$$

$$\hat{\sigma}_{mle} = \frac{\sqrt{\sum (x_i - \mu)^2}}{n} \tag{8}$$

b.

Using the same log-likelihood function, we take the derivative with respect to  $\mu$ :

$$\nabla \ell(\mu) = \frac{\partial \ell(\mu, \sigma^2)}{\partial \mu} \tag{9}$$

$$=\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(x_i-\mu)}{\sigma^2}\tag{10}$$

Set gradient vector to 0 and solve for  $\mu$ :

$$\nabla \ell(\mu) = 0 \tag{11}$$

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \mu)}{\sigma^2} = 0 \tag{12}$$

$$\hat{\mu}_{mle} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i}{n} = \bar{x} \tag{13}$$

c.

Since an unbiased estimator that satisfies the Cramer-Rao lower bound is automatically the best unbiased estimator,

Find the Fisher information first:

$$I(\mu) = -E\left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \log f(X_1; \mu)\right]$$

Find the second derivative:  $\theta = \mu$ 

$$\log f(X_1; \theta)] = -\frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{(X_1 - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}$$
(14)

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(X_1; \theta)] = 0 - (-1) \frac{2(X_1 - \mu)}{\sigma^2} = \frac{X_1 - \mu}{\sigma^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \log f(X_1; \theta)] = -\frac{1}{\sigma^2}$$
(15)

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \log f(X_1; \theta) = -\frac{1}{\sigma^2} \tag{16}$$

$$\therefore I(\mu) = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \tag{17}$$

The Cramer-Rao lower bound is:

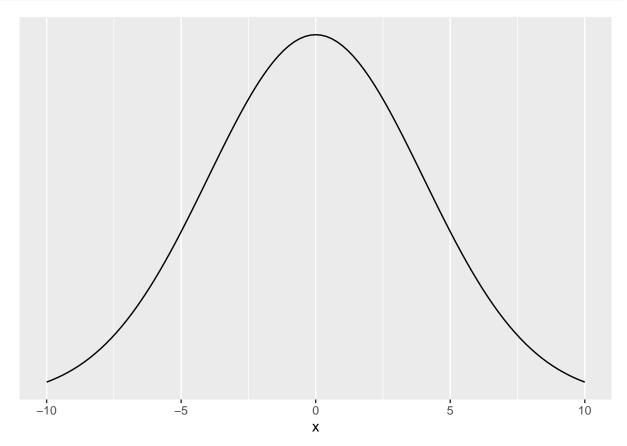
$$\frac{1}{n \cdot I(\mu)} = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$$

Since variance of  $\bar{X}$  is  $\frac{\sigma^2}{n}$ , MLE estimator of  $\mu$  is the best unbiased estimator. That is, no other unbiased estimator for  $\mu$  can have lower variance than MLE estimator.

Get expected value and variance of  $\overline{X}$ :

- expected value:  $E(\overline{X}) = E(\sum_{i=1}^{25} \frac{x_i}{n}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{25} x_i = 0$
- variance:  $\operatorname{Var}(\overline{X}) = \operatorname{Var}(\frac{1}{25} \sum_{i=1}^{25} X_i) = \frac{1}{25^2} \operatorname{Var} \sum_{i=1}^{25} (X_i) = \frac{1}{25^2} \cdot 25 \cdot 100 = 4$

```
library(ggplot2)
p1 \leftarrow ggplot(data = data.frame(x = c(-10, 10)), aes(x)) +
  stat_function(fun = dnorm, n = 101, args = list(mean = 0, sd = 4)) + ylab("") +
  scale_y_continuous(breaks = NULL)
p1
```



Since X follows a normal distribution, the variance follows chi-square distribution with n-1 degrees of freedom.

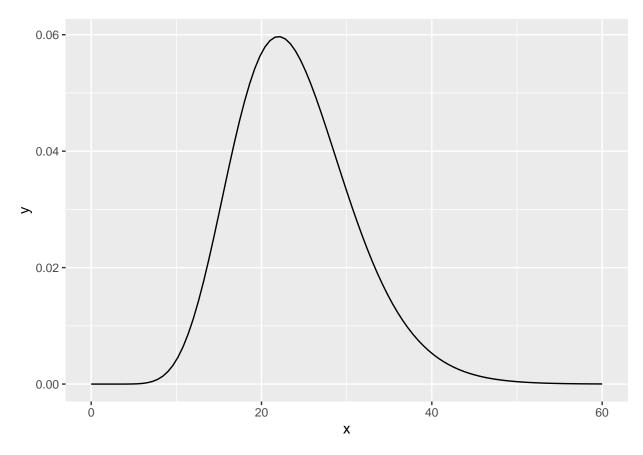
$$\hat{\sigma}^2 \sim \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \cdot \chi_{n-1}^2 \tag{18}$$

$$\sim \frac{100}{25} \cdot \chi_{24}^2 \tag{19}$$

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 (19)

$$\sim 4 \cdot \chi_{24}^2 \tag{20}$$

```
library(ggplot2)
ggplot(data.frame(x = c(0, 60)), aes(x = x)) +
     stat_function(fun = dchisq, args = list(df = 24))
```



Incorrect!

a.

Find the first theoretical population moment k = 1:

$$\mu_1 = E(X_1) = \int_0^\infty x \frac{x}{\theta^2} e^{-x^2/(2\theta^2)} dx$$

Variable substitution  $v = \frac{x^2}{2\theta^2}, dv = \frac{x}{\theta^2}dx, x = \theta\sqrt{2v}$ 

$$E(X_1) = \int_0^\infty \theta \sqrt{2v} e^{-v} dv = \theta \sqrt{2} \int_0^\infty v^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{-v} dv$$

Using the Gamma trick,  $\Gamma(x=\frac{3}{2})$ :

$$E(X_1) = \theta \sqrt{2} \Gamma(\frac{3}{2}) = \theta \sqrt{2} \Gamma(\frac{1}{2} + 1) = \theta \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \Gamma(\frac{1}{2}) = \theta \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{2}$$

Equate to the first sample moment:

$$\theta \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{2} = \overline{X} \tag{21}$$

$$\hat{\theta}_{mom} = \overline{X} \frac{\sqrt{2\pi}}{\pi} \tag{22}$$

b.

Find the likelihood function:

$$L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} f(x|\theta)$$
 (23)

$$= \prod_{i=1}^{n} \frac{x_i}{\theta^2} e^{-x_i^2/(2\theta^2)} \tag{24}$$

$$=\frac{\prod_{i=1}^{n} x_i}{\theta^{2n}} e^{\sum_{i=1}^{n} -x_i^2/2\theta^2}$$
 (25)

Find the log likelihood function:

$$\ell(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log x_i - 2n \log \theta - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{x_i^2}{2\theta^2}$$

Take derivative:

$$\nabla \ell(\theta) = -2n\frac{1}{\theta} + \frac{1}{\theta^3} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2$$

Set to 0 and solve for  $\theta$ :

$$\nabla \ell(\theta) = 0 \tag{26}$$

$$-2n\frac{1}{\theta} + \frac{1}{\theta^3} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 = 0 \tag{27}$$

$$\frac{1}{\theta^3} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 = 2n \frac{1}{\theta} \tag{28}$$

$$\frac{1}{\theta^2} = \frac{2n}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2} \tag{29}$$

$$\hat{\theta}_{mle} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} x_i^2}{2n}} \tag{30}$$

c.

Find the Fisher information of the sample. Because  $X_1, ..., X_n$  is an i.i.d sample,

$$I_n(\theta_0) \stackrel{i.i.d}{=} nE \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log(f(X, \theta)) \right]^2$$
(31)

$$= -nE\left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \log\left[\frac{x}{\theta^2} e^{-x^2/(2\theta^2)}\right]\right]$$
 (32)

$$= -nE\left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2}(\log x - \log \theta^2 - \frac{x^2}{2\theta^2})\right]$$
 (33)

$$= -nE\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(-\frac{2}{\theta} + x^2 \theta^{-3}\right)\right] \tag{34}$$

$$= -nE[\frac{2}{\theta^2} - 3\frac{x^2}{\theta^4}] \tag{35}$$

$$= -n\frac{2}{\theta^2} + n\frac{3}{\theta^4}E(x^2) \tag{36}$$

Find  $E(X^2)$ :

$$E(X^2) = \int_0^\infty x^2 \frac{x}{\theta^2} e^{-x^2/(2\theta^2)} dx$$

Variable substitution  $v = \frac{x^2}{2\theta^2}, dv = \frac{x}{\theta^2}dx, x = \theta\sqrt{2v}$ 

$$E(X^{2}) = \int_{0}^{\infty} \theta^{2} 2v e^{-v} dv = \theta^{2} 2 \int_{0}^{\infty} v e^{-v} dv$$

Using the Gamma trick,  $\Gamma(x=2)$ :

$$E(X^2) = 2\theta^2\Gamma(2) = 2\theta^2$$

Plug  $E(X^2)$  back to  $I(\theta)$ :

$$I_n(\theta_0) = -n\frac{2}{\theta^2} + n\frac{3}{\theta^4}2\theta^2 = \frac{4n}{\theta^2}$$

Therefore, the asymptotic variance of MLE:

$$\operatorname{Var} \approx \frac{1}{I_n(\theta)} \approx \frac{\theta^2}{4n}$$

#### a.

Get likelihood and log-likelihood function, and take first derivative:

$$L(\theta) = \prod f(\theta) \tag{37}$$

$$= [0.25(2+\theta)]^{1997} \cdot [0.25(1-\theta)]^{906} \cdot [0.25(1-\theta)]^{904} \cdot [0.25\theta]^{32}$$
(38)

$$= (0.5 + 0.25\theta)^{1997} \cdot (0.25 - 0.25\theta)^{906} \cdot (0.25 - 0.25\theta)^{904} \cdot (0.25\theta)^{32}$$
(39)

$$= (0.5 + 0.25\theta)^{1997} \cdot (0.25 - 0.25\theta)^{1810} \cdot (0.25\theta)^{32} \tag{40}$$

$$\ell(\theta) = 1997 \log [0.5 + 0.25\theta)] + 1810 \log[0.25 - 0.25\theta)] + 32 \log[0.25\theta] \tag{41}$$

$$\nabla \ell(\theta) = \frac{1997}{2+\theta} - \frac{1810}{1-\theta} + \frac{32}{\theta} = \frac{-3839\theta^2 - 1655\theta + 64}{(2+\theta)(1-\theta)\theta} \tag{42}$$

Set the gradient to 0:

$$\nabla \ell(\theta) = 0 \tag{43}$$

$$\frac{-3839\theta^2 - 1655\theta + 64}{(2+\theta)(1-\theta)\theta} = 0\tag{44}$$

$$-3839\theta^2 - 1655\theta + 64 = 0 \tag{45}$$

(46)

```
result <- function(a,b,c){
    if(delta(a,b,c) > 0){
        x_1 = (-b+sqrt(delta(a,b,c)))/(2*a)
        x_2 = (-b-sqrt(delta(a,b,c)))/(2*a)
        result = c(x_1,x_2)
    }
    else if(delta(a,b,c) == 0){
        x = -b/(2*a)
    }
    else {"try again."}
}
delta<-function(a,b,c){
        b^2-4*a*c
}
a <- result(-3839, -1655, 64);a</pre>
```

### ## [1] -0.4668142 0.0357123

From using quadratic formal, and keep the positive root, we get  $\hat{\theta}_{mle} \approx 0.0357$ .

Next, find the fisher information by taking second derivative of the log likelihood function:

$$\nabla^2 \ell(\theta) = -\frac{1997}{(2+\theta)^2} - \frac{1810}{(1-\theta)^2} - \frac{32}{\theta^2} \tag{47}$$

$$\nabla^{2}\ell(\theta) = -\frac{1997}{(2+\theta)^{2}} - \frac{1810}{(1-\theta)^{2}} - \frac{32}{\theta^{2}}$$

$$\operatorname{Var}(\hat{\theta}_{mle}) = \frac{1}{I_{n}(\theta)}$$
(48)

$$= -\frac{1}{E\left[-\frac{1997}{(2+\theta)^2} - \frac{1810}{(1-\theta)^2} - \frac{32}{\theta^2}\right]}$$
(49)

$$=\frac{1}{\frac{1997}{(2+\theta)^2} + \frac{1810}{(1-\theta)^2} + \frac{32}{\theta^2}}\tag{50}$$

 $var < -1/((((1997/(2+0.0357)^2) + (1810/(1-0.0357)^2) + (32/0.0357^2)))$ ;  $var < -1/(((1997/(2+0.0357)^2) + (1810/(1-0.0357)^2)) + (32/0.0357^2))$ 

## [1] 3.631547e-05

sd <- var^{1/2}; sd

## [1] 0.006026232

Plug in the estimated  $\theta$ , and we get asymptotic variance 0.00602.

### b.

With 95% confidence interval,  $\alpha = 0.05$ , and

Using the asymptotic distribution of MLEs

$$(\hat{\theta_n} - z_{1-\alpha/2}\sqrt{\frac{1}{nI(\theta_0)}}, \hat{\theta_n} + z_{1-\alpha/2}\sqrt{\frac{1}{nI(\theta_0)}})$$
 (51)

$$(0.0357 - 1.96\sqrt{3.6315 \times 10^{-5}}, 0.0357 + 1.96\sqrt{3.6315 \times 10^{-5}})$$
(52)

$$(0.0239, 0.0475) \tag{53}$$

```
0.0357 - 1.96 * 0.000036315^(1/2)

## [1] 0.02388866

0.0357 + 1.96 * 0.000036315^(1/2)

## [1] 0.04751134
```

#### c.

```
N <- 100000 # boostrap samples
thetaMLE <- 0.0357 # initial MLE estiamte
thetas <- array()

for (i in 1:N){
    data<- rmultinom(1, 3839 ,prob = c((2+thetaMLE)*.25, (1-thetaMLE)*.25, (1-thetaMLE)*.25,
    n<- sum(data) #sample size

negative_loglik<- function(x){
    p<- c( (2+x)*.25, (1-x)*.25, (1-x)*.25, x*.25 ) #likelihood
    # log_likelihood
    ell<- -1 * sum(data*log(p))
    return(ell)}

res<- optim(0.5, negative_loglik, hessian = TRUE, method = "Brent",lower=0,upper=1)
thetas[i]<- res$par
}
sd(thetas)</pre>
```

## [1] 0.005856676

### d.

```
quantile(thetas, c(0.025,0.975))
```

```
## 2.5% 97.5%
## 0.02464877 0.04760152
```