

Problem 3.1

1.

First state the general problem:

$$\hat{\theta}_{ML} = \arg \max_{\theta \in \Theta} \mathcal{L}(x|\theta) = \arg \max_{\theta \in \Theta} \ln \mathcal{L}(x|\theta)$$

Maximum likelihood function:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(x|\theta) &= \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i|\theta) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\theta} \exp\left(-\frac{x_i}{\theta}\right) \\ &= \theta^{-n} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right)\end{aligned}$$

Now log likelihood:

$$\ln \mathcal{L}(x|\theta) = -n \ln \theta - \frac{1}{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

FOC:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{L}(x|\theta)}{\partial \theta} &= -\frac{n}{\theta} + \frac{1}{\theta^2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = 0 \\ \frac{1}{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i &= n \\ \theta_{ML} &= \bar{X}_n\end{aligned}$$

SOC:

$$\begin{aligned}\ln \mathcal{L}''(x|\theta) &= \frac{n}{\theta^2} - \frac{2}{\theta^3} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \\ &= \frac{n}{\theta^2} - \frac{2n}{\theta^3} \bar{X}_n\end{aligned}$$

Means, if we check at $x = \bar{X}_n$:

$$\begin{aligned}\ln \mathcal{L}''(\bar{X}_n|\theta) &= \frac{n}{(\bar{X}_n)^2} - \frac{2n}{(\bar{X}_n)^3} \bar{X}_n \\ &= \frac{n - 2n}{\bar{X}_n^2} < 0\end{aligned}$$

2.

Unbiasedness $\mathbb{E}(\bar{X}_n) = \theta$:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(\bar{X}_n) &= \mathbb{E}\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}(X_i) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \theta \\ &= \frac{n}{n} \theta = \theta\end{aligned}$$

Variance:

$$\begin{aligned}Var(\bar{X}_n) &= \frac{1}{n^2} Var\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n Var(X_i) \quad \text{iid} \\ &= \frac{n}{n^2} \theta^2 = \frac{\theta^2}{n}\end{aligned}$$

3.

Bias variance decomposition:

$$\begin{aligned}R(\delta, \theta) &= \mathbb{E}((\delta(X) - \theta)^2) \\ &= Bias(\delta)^2 + Var(\delta)\end{aligned}$$

But as we look only at unbiased estimators our risk becomes:

$$R(\delta, \theta) = Var(\delta)$$

And because $Var(\bar{X}_n) = \frac{\theta^2}{n}$ and therefore has the lowest variance, it also has the lowest risk and is therefore admissible.

4.

First compute the bias:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}(\hat{\theta}_2) &= \mathbb{E}\left(\frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) \\
&= \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}(X_i) \\
&= \frac{n}{n+1} \theta \\
\Rightarrow \text{Bias}(\hat{\theta}_2) &= \frac{n}{n+1} \theta - \theta \\
&= -\frac{1}{n+1} \theta
\end{aligned}$$

Then compute the variance

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_2) &= \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(X_i) \\
&= \frac{n}{(n+1)^2} \theta^2
\end{aligned}$$

And finally combine in the Bias variance decomposition:

$$\begin{aligned}
R(\hat{\theta}_2, \theta) &= \text{Bias}(\hat{\theta}_2)^2 + \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_2) \\
&= \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} \theta^2 + \frac{n}{(n+1)^2} \theta^2 \\
&= \frac{(n+1)}{(n+1)^2} \theta^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{n+1} \theta^2 < \frac{1}{n} \theta^2 = R(L(\hat{\theta}_{ML}, \theta))
\end{aligned}$$

So even-though the max. likelihood est. is an admissible unbiased estimator, the estimator is not overall admissible.

Problem 3.2

1.

$$\begin{aligned}
\Theta &= (0, 1) \\
\mathcal{X} &= \{0, \dots, k\}^n \\
D &= \Theta
\end{aligned}$$

$$L = L(\theta, d) = \min \left\{ 2, \left(\frac{d - \theta}{\theta} \right)^2 \right\}$$

2.

Let $\delta_M \in D$ a decision rule, then δ_M is minimax iff:

$$\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} R(\delta, \theta) = \inf_{\delta \in D} \sup_{\theta \in \Theta} R(\delta, \theta)$$

Where R is the expected loss under parameter θ .

3.

$$L(\theta, \delta_0) = \min \left\{ 2, \left(-\frac{\theta}{\theta} \right)^2 \right\} = 1 \quad \forall \theta \in \Theta$$

If we were to choose another randomized rule, this rule would need to be positive

$$\delta(X) = c > 0.$$

In that case it would hold, that:

$$g(x, \theta) = \left(\frac{c - \theta}{\theta} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{c}{\theta} - \frac{\theta}{\theta} \right)^2 = \left(\frac{c}{\theta} - 1 \right)^2$$

In that case we can choose $\theta \rightarrow 0$ and get $g(x, \theta) \rightarrow \infty$ and therefore a loss

$$R(\theta, \delta) = L(\theta, \delta) = 2.$$

So there is no other rule, with a smaller "worst case" scenario.

Problem 3.3

a)

$$\begin{aligned} \Theta &= H_0 \cup H_1 = \mathbb{R}_+ \\ \mathcal{X} &= \mathbb{R}^n \\ D &= \{ \delta : \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \{0, 1\} \} \\ L &= 0-1 \text{ loss} \end{aligned}$$

Because σ is given, we can assume, that the parameter space is just the space of μ .

b)

Do we need to show this?

Assuming iid we can say (because any linear combination of normally distributed random variables is also normal):

$$\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim \mathcal{N} \left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \right)$$

Likewise we can say:

$$\bar{X}_n - \mu \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right)$$

And finally:

$$Z_n = \frac{(\bar{X}_n - \mu)\sqrt{n}}{\sigma} \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

Because:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(Z_n) &= \text{Var}\left(\frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sigma}(\bar{X}_n - \mu)\right) \\ &= \frac{n}{\sigma^2} \text{Var}(\bar{X}_n - \mu) \\ &= \frac{n}{\sigma^2} \text{Var}(\bar{X}_n) \\ &= \frac{n}{\sigma^2} \cdot \frac{\sigma^2}{n} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

since we know, that $\sigma^2 = 4$ we can now make the statement:

$$\begin{aligned} &P(Z_n \geq q_{0.975}) = 2.5\% \\ \iff &P(Z_n \geq 1.96) = 2.5\% \\ \iff &P\left(\frac{(\bar{X}_n - \mu)\sqrt{n}}{2} \geq 1.96\right) = 2.5\% \\ \iff &P_{H_0}\left(\frac{\bar{X}_n\sqrt{n}}{2} \geq 1.96\right) = 2.5\% \end{aligned}$$

Because this exactly equivalent to the critical region C_n of our test we have now computed the probability for a type 1 error, i.e. the significance level. This means, that the significance level of the test is equal to 2.5%.

c)

We are looking the solution to the following term:

$$P_{H_1}(t(\vec{X}) \geq 1.96) = 1 - P_{H_1}\left(\frac{\bar{X}_n\sqrt{n}}{2} < 1.96\right)$$

Meaning the test statistic realizes a value outside of the critical region under the alternative. Under the alternative the term has the distribution:

$$t(\vec{X}) \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, 1)$$

meaning that we can describe the probability of a type 2 error like so:

$$1 - \Phi \left(t(\vec{X}) - \frac{\mu\sqrt{n}}{2} \right)$$

So the power is dependent on the size of μ . The higher μ the higher the power.

d)

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(\vec{X}) &= \frac{\mathcal{L}(\vec{X}, 0)}{\sup_{\mu \in (0, \infty)} \mathcal{L}(\vec{X}, \mu)} \\ &= \frac{\left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \right]^n}{\left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \right]^n} \exp \left(\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x}_n)^2 \right) \\ &= \exp \left(2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \bar{x}_n - n \right) \end{aligned}$$

e)

Question: is the likelihood ratio montonic?

f)

We can express the risk depending on weither H_0 is true, or the alternative:

$$R(t, \mu) = \begin{cases} 2.5\% & \text{if } \mu = 0 \\ 1 - \Phi \left(t(\vec{X}) - \frac{\mu\sqrt{n}}{2} \right) & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

and yes the function is piecewise monotonic, because it jumps to 97,5% at $\mu \rightarrow 0$ and then decreases. For $\mu = 0$ it is a single value.