

Q1.

To find Maximum Likelihood Estimators of the parameters  $\theta_1$  (mean) and  $\theta_2$  (variance) for a normal distribution, we will use likelihood function and then maximize it.

Given that  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m$  is a random sample from a normal distribution with mean  $\theta_1$  and variance  $\theta_2$ , the likelihood function is:

$$L(\theta_1, \theta_2 | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) = \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\theta_2}} e^{-\frac{(x_i - \theta_1)^2}{2\theta_2}}$$

Taking log on both sides:

$$\ln L(\theta_1, \theta_2 | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) = -\frac{n}{2} \ln(2\pi\theta_2) - \frac{1}{2\theta_2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta_1)^2$$

To find MLE, we'll differentiate the log-likelihood with respect to  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$ , set derivative equal to zero.

i) For  $\theta_1$ :

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} \ln L(\theta_1, \theta_2 | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) = \frac{1}{\theta_2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta_1)$$

Setting this equal to zero:

$$\frac{1}{\theta_2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\theta}_1) = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\theta}_1) = 0$$

$$\therefore \hat{\theta}_1 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

So, the MLE for  $\theta_1$  is the sample mean.

(ii) For  $\theta_2$ :

$$\frac{\partial \ln L(\theta_1, \theta_2 | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)}{\partial \theta_2} = -n + \frac{1}{2\hat{\theta}_2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\theta}_1)^2$$

Setting this equal to zero:

$$-n + \frac{1}{2\hat{\theta}_2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\theta}_1)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n}{2\hat{\theta}_2} - \frac{1}{2\hat{\theta}_2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\theta}_1)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\theta}_2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\theta}_1)^2$$

So, MLE for  $\theta_2$  is the sample variance.

Q2

To find the MLE of  $\theta$  for a random sample  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m$  from a Bernoulli distribution with parameter  $\theta$  and a known  $m$ . The likelihood for this scenario is:

$$L(\theta|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) = \prod_{i=1}^m P(X_i=x_i|\theta)$$

Since  $X_i$  follows a Bernoulli distribution,  $P(X_i=x_i|\theta) = \theta^{x_i}(1-\theta)^{m-x_i}$  for each  $i$ .

Taking the log on both sides:

$$\begin{aligned} \ln L(\theta|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m) &= \sum_{i=1}^m \ln(\theta^{x_i}(1-\theta)^{m-x_i}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^m (x_i \ln \theta + (m-x_i) \ln(1-\theta)) \end{aligned}$$

Now differentiate with respect to  $\theta$  and set to zero

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} (\ln L(\theta|x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m)) = 0$$

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

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \frac{x_i}{\theta} = m \cdot \bar{x} - \sum_{i=1}^m \frac{x_i}{1-\theta}$$

$$\therefore \hat{\theta} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m x_i}{m \cdot \bar{x}}$$

So, max likelihood estimate for  $\theta$  is:

$$\hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m x_i}{m \cdot \bar{x}}$$