

## MAST90105: Lab and Workshop 8

## 1 Lab

In this lab, you will learn how to use R to find a minimum of function and to generate random variables from a given CDF which does not have its inverse in closed form.

1. Function `nlm()` in R can be used to find a minimum of a nonlinear function.
  - a. Define a function  $f(x_1, x_2) = \exp(x_1^2 + x_2^2) - 2(\exp(x_1) + \exp(x_2))$  in R and use `nlm()` to find the minimum of this function.
  - b. As you have learned, to generate a random variable  $Z$  from a continuous distribution with given CDF  $F_Z(z)$ , one can follow these steps:
    - i. Generate  $U \sim U(0, 1)$
    - ii. Compute  $Z = F_Z^{-1}(U)$

The quantile function  $F_Z^{-1}(q)$  might not be available in closed form and can be computed numerically. For a strictly increasing CDF  $F_Z(z)$  there exists a unique solution to the equation:  $F_Z(z_q) = q$ . It implies the function  $G_Z(z) = (F_Z(z) - q)^2$  attains its minimum (which is zero) at  $z = z_q$ . The point  $z_q$  at which this minimum is attained can be found using `nlm()` function in R, and one can follow these steps to generate a random variable  $Z$  in this case:

- i. Generate  $U \sim U(0, 1)$
- ii. Compute  $Z = \operatorname{argmin}_z (F_Z(z) - U)^2$

Use this approach to generate a sample of size  $N = 1000$  from a continuous random variable with the PDF:

$$f_Z(z) = \begin{cases} 0.5 + z^2 + z^5, & 0 < z < 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Draw a histogram of the generated data.

2. A similar approach can be used to generate a random pair  $(X, Y)$  from a continuous bivariate distribution with given joint CDF  $F_{X,Y}(x, y)$ . Define

$$F_{Y|X}(y|x) = \Pr(Y \leq y | X = x) = \frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial x} F_{X,Y}(x, y)}{f_X(x)},$$

where  $F_X(x)$  and  $f_X(x)$  are the marginal CDF and PDF of  $X$ , respectively. Assuming  $F_X(x)$  and  $F_{Y|X}(y|x)$  are strictly increasing and continuously differentiable functions of  $x$  and  $y$ , respectively, one can follow these steps to generate a random pair  $(X, Y)$ :

- a. Generate independent  $U_X \sim U(0, 1)$  and  $U_Y \sim U(0, 1)$
- b. Compute  $X = F_X^{-1}(U_X)$

$$\ell(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\pi^{x_i} e^{-\pi}}{x_i!} = e^{-n\pi} \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\pi^{x_i}}{x_i!} \quad e(\ell(\theta)) = -n\pi + \sum \ln(\pi^{x_i}/x_i!) \\ = -n\pi + \sum (\ln \pi^{x_i} - \ln x_i!) = -n\pi + \sum (x_i \ln \pi - \ln x_i!)$$

$$= -n\lambda + \sum (x_i \ln \lambda - \ln x_i!)$$

$$e'(\lambda) = -1 + \frac{\sum x_i}{\lambda} = 0$$

$$\lambda = \bar{x}$$

$$f(x; \theta) = \frac{1}{2} \exp(-|x - \theta|) = \frac{1}{2} e^{-|x - \theta|} = \prod \frac{1}{2} e^{-|x_i - \theta|} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n e^{-\sum |x_i - \theta|}$$

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

$$f(x; \theta) = (1/2) \exp(-|x - \theta|), -\infty < x < \infty, 0 < \theta < \infty$$

This involves minimizing  $\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - \theta|$ , which is difficult. Try  $n = 5$  and a sample 6.1, -1.1, 3.2, 0.7, 1.7. Then deduce the MLE.

$$\ell(\theta) = n \ln \frac{1}{2} + (-\sum |x_i - \theta|)$$

$$= -n \ln 2 - \sum |x_i - \theta|$$

$$\ell'(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{signum}(x_i - \theta)$$

$$|x| \begin{cases} x, & x > 0 \\ -x, & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$|x_i - \theta| \begin{cases} |x_i - \theta| & x_i - \theta > 0 \\ -(x_i - \theta) & x_i - \theta < 0 \\ 0 & x_i - \theta = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} -1 & x_i - \theta > 0 \\ 1 & x_i - \theta < 0 \\ 0 & x_i - \theta = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$= -\text{signum}(x_i - \theta)$$

$$\ell'(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{signum}(x_i - \theta) = 0$$

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$$\text{signum} \begin{cases} 1 & x > 0 \\ -1 & x < 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} x_1 & x_1 - \theta & - \\ x_2 & x_2 - \theta & - \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ x_n & x_n - \theta & + \end{array}$$

$\hat{\theta} = \text{median of the data}$

- c. Compute  $Y = F_{Y|X}^{-1}(U_Y|X)$

The inverse CDFs  $F_X^{-1}$  and  $F_{Y|X}^{-1}$  can be computed numerically using `nlm()` function if they are not available in closed form.

- a. **Bonus:** Show that the joint CDF of  $(X, Y)$  generated using the algorithm above is  $F_{X,Y}$ .
- b. Use this algorithm to generate a sample of size  $N = 1000$  from a continuous bivariate random variable  $(X, Y)$  with the joint PDF:

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = \begin{cases} x + y, & 0 < x, y < 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Draw a scatter plot of the generated data.

## 2 Workshop

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{x_i}}{x_i!} \right] = \text{---}$$

1. a. A random sample  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  of size  $n$  is taken from a Poisson distribution with mean  $\lambda > 0$ .
- i. Show the maximum likelihood estimator of  $\lambda$  is  $\hat{\lambda} = \bar{X}$ .
- ii. Suppose with  $n = 40$  we observe 5 zeros, 7 ones, 12 twos, 9 threes, 5 fours, 1 five, and 1 six. What is the maximum likelihood estimate of  $\lambda$ .
- b. Find the maximum likelihood estimator,  $\hat{\theta}$ , if  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  is a random sample from the following probability density function:

$$f(x; \theta) = (1/2) \exp(-|x - \theta|), -\infty < x < \infty, 0 < \theta < \infty$$

*This involves minimizing  $\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - \theta|$ , which is difficult. Try  $n = 5$  and a sample 6.1, -1.1, 3.2, 0.7, 1.7. Then deduce the MLE.*

2. Let  $f(x; \theta) = \theta x^{\theta-1}$ ,  $0 < x < 1$ ,  $\theta \in \Omega = \{\theta : 0 < \theta < \infty\}$  and let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  denote a random sample from this distribution. Note that

$$\frac{1}{2} x^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\int_0^1 x \theta x^{\theta-1} dx = \frac{\theta}{\theta+1}$$

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \theta x_i^{\theta-1} = \theta^n \prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{\theta-1}$$

- a. Sketch the p.d.f. of  $X$  for  $\theta = 1/2$  and  $\theta = 2$ .
- b. Show that  $\hat{\theta} = -n / \ln(\prod_{i=1}^n X_i)$  is the maximum likelihood estimator of  $\theta$ .
- c. For each of the following three sets of observations from this distribution compute the maximum likelihood estimates and the methods of moments estimates.

$X$	$Y$	$Z$
0.0256	0.9960	0.4698
0.3051	0.3125	0.3675
0.0278	0.4374	0.5991
0.8971	0.7464	0.9513
0.0739	0.8278	0.6049
0.3191	0.9518	0.9917
0.7379	0.9924	0.1551
0.3671	0.7112	0.0710
0.9763	0.2228	0.2110
0.0102	0.8609	0.2154

( $\sum_{i=1}^n \ln(x_i) = -18.2063$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n \ln(y_i) = -4.5246$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n \ln(z_i) = -10.42968$ ,  
 $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i = 3.7401$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n y_i = 7.0592$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n z_i = 4.6368$ .)

3. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from the exponential distribution whose p.d.f. is  $f(x; \theta) = (1/\theta) \exp(-x/\theta)$ ,  $0 < x < \infty$ ,  $0 < \theta < \infty$ .

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\theta} \exp(-x_i/\theta)$$

- a. Show that  $\bar{X}$  is an unbiased estimator of  $\theta$ .
- b. Show that the variance of  $\bar{X}$  is  $\theta^2/n$ . What is a good estimate of  $\theta$  if a random sample of size 5 yielded the values 3.5, 8.1, 0.9, 4.4 and 0.5?
4. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from a distribution having finite variance  $\sigma^2$ . Show that

$$S^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(X_i - \bar{X})^2}{n-1}$$

is an unbiased estimator of  $\sigma^2$ . HINT: Write

$$S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 - n\bar{X}^2 \right)$$

and compute  $E(S^2)$ .

$$E(S^2) =$$

5. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample of size  $n$  from the distribution with p.d.f.  $f(x; \theta) = (1/\theta)x^{(1-\theta)/\theta}$ ,  $0 < x < 1$ .

- a. Show the mean of  $X$  is  $E(X) = 1/(1 + \theta)$ .  
 b. Show the maximum likelihood estimator of  $\theta$  is

$$\hat{\theta} = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \ln X_i = E\left(-\frac{1}{n} \sum \ln X_i\right) = -\frac{1}{n} E\left(\sum \ln X_i\right)$$

- c. Is the MLE unbiased? (You can do this using integration by parts combined with rules about expectation of the sample mean.)  
 d. Show the method of moments estimator of  $\theta$  is

$$\tilde{\theta} = \frac{1 - \bar{X}}{\bar{X}}.$$

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$X_i \sim \text{Poisson}(\eta)$  where  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

$$L(\eta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{e^{-\eta} \eta^{x_i}}{x_i!} = \frac{e^{-n\eta} \eta^{\sum x_i}}{\prod_{i=1}^n x_i!}$$

$$\ln L(\eta) = \ln \left( \frac{e^{-n\eta} \eta^{\sum x_i}}{\prod_{i=1}^n x_i!} \right)$$

$$= \ln e^{-n\eta} + \ln \eta^{\sum x_i} - \ln \prod_{i=1}^n x_i!$$

$$= -n\eta + \sum x_i \ln \eta - \ln \prod_{i=1}^n x_i!$$

$$-n + \frac{\sum x_i}{\eta} - 0 = 0$$

$$\eta = \bar{x} = \frac{\sum x_i}{n}$$

ANS:

The MLE is  $\hat{\eta} = \bar{x}$ .

$$f(x; \theta) = (1/2) \exp(-|x - \theta|), -\infty < x < \infty, 0 < \theta < \infty$$

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2} \exp(-|x_i - \theta|)$$

$$l(\theta) = \frac{1}{2} n \exp(-\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - \theta|)$$

$$\ln l(\theta) = \ln \frac{1}{2} n + \ln e^{-\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - \theta|} = -n \ln 2 - \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - \theta|$$

$$X_i \sim U(0, \theta) \quad f(x_i; \theta) = \frac{1}{\theta} \quad \text{joint PDF} \rightarrow f(x_i; \theta) = \frac{1}{\theta} \mathbb{I}(0 < x_i \leq \theta)$$

$$\ln l(\theta) = \ln \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\theta} = \ln \frac{1}{\theta^n} = -n \ln \theta$$

~~$$l'(\theta) = -\frac{n}{\theta} = 0$$~~

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$$\hat{\theta} = \max(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$

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b. Show the maximum likelihood estimator of  $\theta$  is

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$$\frac{1+\theta}{\theta}$$

c. Is the MLE unbiased? (You can do this using integration by parts combined with rules about expectation of the sample mean.)

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$$E(X) = \int_0^1 x f(x) dx = \int_0^1 \frac{x}{\theta} x^{\frac{1-\theta}{\theta}} dx = \frac{1}{\theta} \int_0^1 x^{\frac{1}{\theta} + 1} dx = \frac{1}{\theta} \int_0^1 x^{\frac{1}{\theta} + 1} dx = \frac{1}{\theta} \left[ \frac{x^{\frac{1}{\theta} + 2}}{\frac{1}{\theta} + 2} \right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{\theta} \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\theta} + 2} = \frac{1}{1 + \theta}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 + \theta}$$

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\theta} x_i^{\frac{1-\theta}{\theta}} = \theta^{-n} \left( \prod_{i=1}^n x_i \right)^{\frac{1-\theta}{\theta}} = \theta^{-n} \left( \prod_{i=1}^n x_i \right)^{\frac{1-\theta}{\theta}} = -1/n \ln \theta + \frac{1-\theta}{\theta} \ln \left( \prod_{i=1}^n x_i \right) = -1/n \ln \theta + \frac{1-\theta}{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^n \ln x_i$$

$$\ln'(\theta) = -\frac{n}{\theta} - \frac{1}{\theta^2} \sum \ln x_i \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{\theta^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(x_i) = \frac{n}{\theta}$$

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

$$\theta = \frac{-\sum_{i=1}^n \ln(x_i)}{n} \checkmark \quad \hat{\theta} =$$

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$$E \left[ \frac{1}{n-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 - n\bar{X}^2 \right) \right] = b^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{n-1} E \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 - n\bar{X}^2 \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{n-1} E \left( \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 \right) - \frac{n}{n-1} E(\bar{X}^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n E(X_i^2) - n E(\bar{X}^2) \right) \rightarrow \text{Var}(\bar{X}) + E(\bar{X})^2$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n ( \underbrace{\text{Var}(X_i)}_{b^2} + \underbrace{E(X_i)^2}_{M^2} ) - \frac{b^2}{n} M^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{n-1} \left\{ n(b^2 + M^2) - n \left( \frac{b^2}{n} + M^2 \right) \right\}$$

$$= b^2$$

(~~记得~~)  $l(\theta) = -\frac{n}{\theta} - \frac{1}{\theta^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \log x_i$  (按学5题) 记得别写错了。

$$l'(\theta) = \frac{n}{\theta^2} + \frac{2}{\theta^3} \sum_{i=1}^n \log(x_i)$$

把  $\hat{\theta} = \frac{-\sum \log(x_i)}{n}$  代入看  $l''(\hat{\theta})$  是否  $< 0$

$$\log x_i < 0 \text{ when } 0 < x_i < 1$$

$l''(\hat{\theta})$  is negative  $\therefore \hat{\theta}$  is MLE

$e^{-(x_i - \eta)}$   $x_i \geq 0$  get MLE for  $\eta$ .

$$= e^{-(x_i - \eta)} \mathbb{1}_{(x_i \geq \eta)}$$

$$\hat{\eta} = \min(x_1, \dots, x_n)$$