

Homework 5 - Statistical modelling and inference

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1 Exercise 1

1.1

To show: $p(z) = \exp\{(q[z\theta - c(\theta)] + h(z, q))\}$ for the following distributions:

(a) Normal Distribution: $t \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, q^{-1})$

We start from the pdf of the Normal Distribution:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{N}(t|\mu, q) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi q^{-1}}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2q^{-1}}(t - \mu)^2\right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi q^{-1}}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2q^{-1}}(t^2 - 2\mu t + \mu^2)\right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi q^{-1}}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}qt^2 + q\left(-\frac{1}{2}\mu^2 + \mu t\right)\right\}\end{aligned}$$

Note that the normalizing constant can be expressed as $c = e^{\log c}$. Using that this terms adds to the exponent.

$$= \exp\left\{q\left(-\frac{1}{2}\mu^2 + \mu t\right) - \frac{1}{2}qt^2 + \log\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi q^{-1}}}\right)\right\}$$

Identification for Normal Distribution:

$$\begin{array}{lll} \theta & \implies & \mu \\ q & \implies & \frac{q}{2} \\ c(\theta) & \implies & \frac{1}{2}\mu^2 = \frac{1}{2}\theta^2, \text{ (see also next exercise)} \end{array}$$

(b) Bernoulli Distribution: $t \sim \text{Bern}(p)$

We start from the pdf of Bernoulli Distribution, bring it into the exponential form and simplify it:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Bern}(t|p) &= p^t(1-p)^{(1-t)} \\ &= \exp\{\log(p)t + \log(1-p)(1-t)\} \\ &= \exp\{t(\log(p) - \log(1-p)) + \log(1-p)\} \\ &= \exp\{t \log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) + \log(1-p)\} \end{aligned}$$

Identification for Bernoulli Distribution:

$$\begin{array}{lll} \theta & \implies & \log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) \\ q & \implies & 1 \\ c(\theta) & \implies & \log(1-p) = \log(1 + e^\theta), \text{ see next exercise for more details} \end{array}$$

(c) Binomial Distribution: $t \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$

We start with the pdf of the Binomial Distribution, bring it into the exponential form and simplify it:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Bin}(t|n, p) &= \binom{n}{t} p^t (1-p)^{(n-t)} \\ &= \exp\{\log\left(\binom{n}{t}\right) + t \log(p) + \log(1-p)(n-t)\} \\ &= \exp\{t \log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) + n \log(1-p) + \log\left(\binom{n}{t}\right)\} \\ &= \exp\{n \left[\frac{t}{n} \log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) + \log(1-p)\right] + \log\left(\binom{n}{t}\right)\} \end{aligned}$$

Identification for Binomial distribution:

$$\begin{array}{lll} \theta & \implies & \log\left(\frac{p}{1-p}\right) \\ q & \implies & n \\ c(\theta) & \implies & \log(1-p) = \log(1+e^\theta), \text{ see next exercise for more details} \end{array}$$

(d) Poisson Distribution: $t \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda)$

Again we start with the pdf of the Poisson distribution and bring it into the exponential form:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Pois}(t|\lambda) &= \frac{\lambda^t}{t!} \exp\{-\lambda\} \\ &= \exp\{t \log(\lambda) - \log(t!) - \lambda\} \end{aligned}$$

Identification for Poisson distribution:

$$\begin{array}{lll} \theta & \implies & \log \lambda \\ q & \implies & 1 \\ c(\theta) & \implies & \lambda = e^\theta, \text{ see next exercise for more details} \end{array}$$

1.2

To show: Canonical link functions $g(\cdot)$ for the last four distributions

(a) Normal Distribution:

From the last exercise we know $\theta = \mu$ and hence $c(\theta) = \frac{1}{2}\mu^2 = \frac{1}{2}\theta^2$. We take the derivative and invert it to obtain the result

$$\begin{aligned} c'(\theta) &= \theta \\ g(y) &= (c')^{-1}(\theta) = \theta = \mu \end{aligned}$$

(b) Bernoulli and Binomial Distribution:

We are using the assumed θ from the last exercise to compute p in order to obtain $c(\theta)$ in terms of θ

$$\begin{aligned}\theta &= \log \frac{p}{1-p} \\ e^\theta &= \frac{p}{1-p} \\ p &= \frac{e^\theta}{1+e^\theta}\end{aligned}$$

We plug that p into the equation for $c(\theta)$ and take the derivative:

$$\begin{aligned}c(\theta) &= \log(1-p) = \log\left(1 - \frac{e^\theta}{1+e^\theta}\right) = \log(1+e^\theta) \\ c'(\theta) &= \frac{e^\theta}{1+e^\theta}\end{aligned}$$

We set this equal to p to compute the inverse function to obtain $g(\cdot)$:

$$\begin{aligned}p &= \frac{e^\theta}{1+e^\theta} \\ \theta &= \log \frac{p}{1-p}\end{aligned}$$

Poisson Distribution:

Using the relation between θ and λ we can identify the derivative of $c(\theta)$ and hence the canonical link:

$$\begin{aligned}\theta &= \log \lambda \implies e^\theta = \lambda \\ c(\theta) &= \lambda = e^\theta \\ c'(\theta) &= e^\theta = \lambda \implies g(\cdot) = \theta = \log \lambda\end{aligned}$$

1.3

To show: The log-likelihood under the conical link is concave

Prerequisite information:

- $t_n | \mathbf{x}_n \sim N dEF(\theta(\mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{w}), q\gamma_n)$
- $\theta(\mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{w}) =: f(\phi(\mathbf{x}_n)\mathbf{w})$

Solution:

Under the canonical link $f(x) = x$ and hence we get:

$$\begin{aligned}\theta(\mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{w}) &= f(\phi(\mathbf{x}_n)^T \mathbf{w}) \\ &= \phi(\mathbf{x}_n)^T \mathbf{w}\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

We start from the genral formulation and take the log of it:

$$\begin{aligned}p(t_n|\mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{w}, \gamma_n, q) &= \exp\{q\gamma_n[t_n\theta(\mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{w}) - c(\theta(\mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{w}))] + h(t_n, q)\} \\ \log p(t_n|\mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{w}, \gamma_n, q) &= q\gamma_n[t_n\theta(\mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{w}) - c(\theta(\mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{w}))] + h(t_n, q)\end{aligned}$$

Pluggin in the result from (1) leads to:

$$= q\gamma_n[t_n\phi(\mathbf{x}_n)^T \mathbf{w} - c(\phi(\mathbf{x}_n)^T \mathbf{w})] + h(t_n, q)$$

In the next steps we take the derivatives with respect to \mathbf{w}

$$\nabla p(t_n|\mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{w}, \gamma_n, q) = q\gamma_n[t_n\phi(\mathbf{x}_n) - \nabla c(\phi(\mathbf{x}_n)^T \mathbf{w})]$$

Second derivative:

$$\nabla \nabla p(t_n|\mathbf{x}_n, \mathbf{w}, \gamma_n, q) = -(\gamma_n q \nabla \nabla c(\phi(\mathbf{x}_n)^T \mathbf{w}))\tag{2}$$

From (2) we notice the last factor is a variance term implying that it is positive or zero. Furthermore q and γ_n are also positive or zero. Multiplying all three factors by minus one makes the whole term negative, which implies concavity

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2.1

To show: $-2 \log p(\mathbf{t}|\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{w}_{MLE}, q_{MLE}) = N \log \mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{e} + const$

Prerequisite information:

- $q_{MLE} = (\frac{1}{N} \mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{e})^{-1}$
- $\mathbf{e} = (\mathbf{t} - \Phi \mathbf{w}_{MLE})$

Solution:

We start from the expanded log likelihood function with the MLE parameters:

$$= -N \log q_{MLE} + q_{MLE} (\mathbf{t} - \Phi \mathbf{w}_{MLE})^T (\mathbf{t} - \Phi \mathbf{w}_{MLE}) + const$$

We replace q_{MLE} by the mentioned definition:

$$= -N \log \left(\frac{1}{N} \mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{e} \right)^{-1} + \left(\frac{1}{N} \mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{e} \right)^{-1} (\mathbf{t} - \Phi \mathbf{w}_{MLE})^T (\mathbf{t} - \Phi \mathbf{w}_{MLE}) + const$$

We replace also the expression in the parenthesis with the mentioned definition and simplify it

$$\begin{aligned} &= -N \log \left(\frac{1}{N} \mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{e} \right) + N (\mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{e})^{-1} (\mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{e}) + const \\ &= N \log (\mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{e}) - \log N + N + const \end{aligned}$$

Since the last two terms neither depend on \mathbf{w} nor \mathbf{q} we assign them the constant to obtain the final result:

$$= N \log (\mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{e}) + const$$

2.2

To show: For the null model: $w_{0,MLE} = \bar{t}$

Solution:

We start with the equation for the MLE estimator \mathbf{w} :

$$\mathbf{w}_{MLE} = (\Phi^T \Phi)^{-1} \Phi^T \mathbf{t}$$

Under the null model Φ is a column vector containing ones ($\Phi_0 = \mathbf{1}$). We have a look on the two parts of the equation separately:

$$(\Phi_0^T \Phi_0)^{-1} = \frac{1}{1_1^2 + 1_2^2 + \dots + 1_n^2} = \frac{1}{N}$$

$$(\Phi_0^T \mathbf{t}) = t_1 + t_2 + \dots + t_n = \sum_{i=1}^N t_i$$

Combining results we see that the estimator for the null model is equal to the sample mean:

$$w_0 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N t_i$$

2.3

To show: $D_0 - D_1 = -N \log(1 - R^2)$

Prerequisite information

- In general: $q_{MLE}^{-1} = \text{var}(t|x) = \frac{1}{N} \mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{e}$
- For the null model we have the variance of t: $q_0^{-1} = \text{var}(t) = \frac{1}{N} \mathbf{e}_0^T \mathbf{e}_0$
- Definition of R-Squared: $R^2 = 1 - \frac{\text{var}(t|x)}{\text{var}(t)} = 1 - \frac{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (t_i - \hat{t}_i)^2}{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (t_i - \bar{t})^2} = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (t_i - \hat{t}_i)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^N (t_i - \bar{t})^2}$

Solution

From exercise 2.1 we know D_1 :

$$D_1 = N \log(\mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{e}) + \text{const}$$

For D_0 we define new particular residuals \mathbf{e}_0 :

$$\begin{aligned} D_0 &= N \log(\mathbf{t} - \Phi_0 w_0)^T (\mathbf{t} - \Phi_0 w_0) + \text{const} \\ &= N \log(\mathbf{t} - \bar{\mathbf{t}})^T (\mathbf{t} - \bar{\mathbf{t}}) + \text{const} \\ &= N \log(\mathbf{e}_0^T \mathbf{e}_0) + \text{const} \end{aligned}$$

We notice $\mathbf{e}_0^T \mathbf{e}_0$ is the unnormalized variance term of t:

$$\mathbf{e}_0^T \mathbf{e}_0 = (\mathbf{t} - \bar{\mathbf{t}})^T (\mathbf{t} - \bar{\mathbf{t}}) = \sum_{i=1}^N (t_i - \bar{t})^2$$

Combining results we get:

$$\begin{aligned} D_0 - D_1 &= N \log \mathbf{e}_0^T \mathbf{e}_0 + \text{const} - (N \log \mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{e} + \text{const}) \\ &= N \log \mathbf{e}_0^T \mathbf{e}_0 - N \log \mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{e} \end{aligned}$$

By factorizing -N and merging the log terms we get:

$$\begin{aligned} &= -N(\log \mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{e} - \log \mathbf{e}_0^T \mathbf{e}_0) \\ &= -N(\log((\mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{e})(\mathbf{e}_0^T \mathbf{e}_0)^{-1})) \end{aligned}$$

Note that this describes the variation of the residuals divided by the variation of t. We introduce one last manipulation to obtain the final result stated at the beginning:

$$\begin{aligned} &= -N \log(1 - (1 - (\mathbf{e}^T \mathbf{e})(\mathbf{e}_0^T \mathbf{e}_0)^{-1})) \\ &= -N \log(1 - (1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (t_i - \hat{t}_i)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^N (t_i - \bar{t})^2})) \\ &= -N \log(1 - R^2) \end{aligned}$$