

Solution 1

$$P(x|\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^d \theta^{x_i} (1-\theta)^{1-x_i}$$

To find the maximum likelihood estimate for θ we need to take partial derivative of the distribution for θ and set it to zero. But first we will take log of the distribution because it is easier to work with and max likelihood would not be effected by it.

$$\log(P(x|\theta)) = \ell(\theta) = \log \theta \sum_{i=1}^d x_i + \log(1-\theta) \sum_{i=1}^d (1-x_i)$$

$$\frac{\partial \ell(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^d x_i}{\theta} - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^d (1-x_i)}{1-\theta} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^d x_i}{\theta} - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^d (1-x_i)}{1-\theta} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sum_{i=1}^d x_i}{\theta} = \frac{d - \sum_{i=1}^d x_i}{1-\theta} \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^d x_i - \sum_{i=1}^d \theta x_i = \theta d - \sum_{i=1}^d \theta x_i \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{1}{d} \sum_{i=1}^d x_i$$

Solution 2

Computer Exercise

a) Univariate Normal Distribution is

$$P(X|\mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{(X-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

Log Likelihood of univariate normal distribution

$$\log(P(X|\mu, \sigma^2)) = \frac{-N}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - \mu)^2$$

Partial derivation with respect to μ

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \left(\frac{-N}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - \mu)^2 \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \left(\frac{-N}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) \right) + \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \left(\frac{-1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - \mu)^2 \right)$$

$$= 0 + \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \left(\frac{-1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - \mu)^2 \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \left(\frac{-1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - \mu)^2 \right) = \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \left(\frac{-1}{2\sigma^2} (x_n - \mu)^2 \right) = \sum_{n=1}^N \left(0 + \left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} (x_n - \mu)^2 \right) \\
&= -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{n=1}^N \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} (x_n - \mu)^2 \right) = -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{n=1}^N 2(x_n - \mu) \cdot -1 = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - \mu)
\end{aligned}$$

Now we can find the MLE of μ by setting this derivation to zero

$$0 = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - \mu) = \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - \mu) = \sum_{n=1}^N x_n - \sum_{n=1}^N \mu = \sum_{n=1}^N x_n - N\mu$$

$$\mu = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N x_n \quad \text{Maximum likelyhood estimator for } \mu$$

b)