

Q1. Let  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  be random sample of size  $n$  from Normal with  $\theta_1 = \text{mean}$  & variance  $= \theta_2$ . Find MLE

Sol: Let mean  $= \mu$  and variance  $= \sigma^2$

Probability density function

$$f(x_i | \theta_1, \theta_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\theta_2} \sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left[ -\frac{(x_i - \theta_1)^2}{2\theta_2} \right]$$

For  $-\infty < \theta_1 < \infty$  &  $0 < \theta_2 < \infty$ , we get

$$L(\theta_1, \theta_2) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i | \theta_1, \theta_2) = \theta_2^{-n/2} (2\pi)^{-n/2} \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{2\theta_2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta_1)^2 \right]$$

Taking log,

$$\log L(\theta_1, \theta_2) = -\frac{n}{2} \log \theta_2 - \frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{\sum (x_i - \theta_1)^2}{2\theta_2}$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{\partial \log L(\theta_1, \theta_2)}{\partial \theta_1} = \frac{-2 \sum (x_i - \theta_1)(-1)}{2\theta_2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum x_i - n\theta_1 = 0$$

$$\therefore \hat{\theta}_1 = \frac{\sum x_i}{n} = \bar{x}$$

$$\text{Now } \frac{\partial \log L(\theta_1, \theta_2)}{\partial \theta_2} = \frac{-n}{2\theta_2} + \frac{\sum (x_i - \theta_1)^2}{2\theta_2^2} = 0$$

$$\hat{\theta}_2 = \frac{\sum (x_i - \hat{\theta}_1)^2}{n} = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n} = \hat{\sigma}^2$$

$\therefore$  maximum likelihood estimators

$$\theta_1 = \frac{\sum x_i}{n} = \bar{x} = \text{mean}$$

$$\theta_2 = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n} = \sigma^2 = \text{variance}$$

Q: Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots$  be a random sample from  $B(m, \theta)$  where  $\theta \in (0, 1)$   
 Compute  $\theta$  using MLE

Probability mass func. of binomial = (PMF)

Let  $y$  be the number of successes resulting from  $m$  independent trials with unknown success prob.  $\theta$

$$\therefore \text{PMF} = {}^m C_y \theta^y (1-\theta)^{m-y}$$

Taking log, we get  $\log {}^m C_y + y \log \theta + (m-y) \log (1-\theta)$

$$\text{now } \frac{\partial (\log {}^m C_y)}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial (y \log \theta)}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial ((m-y) \log (1-\theta))}{\partial \theta} = 0$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{y}{\theta} - \frac{m-y}{1-\theta} = 0$$

$$y - y\theta - m\theta + y\theta = 0$$

$$y = m\theta$$

$$\hat{\theta} = \frac{y}{m}$$

$\therefore$  The maximum likelihood estimator

$$\hat{\theta} = \frac{y}{m}$$