

Q1

To find maximum likelihood estimates of the parameters θ_1 (mean) and θ_2 (variance) for a normal distribution, we will use likelihood function and then maximize it.

Ans

Given that x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n is a random sample from a normal distribution with mean θ_1 and variance θ_2 , the likelihood function is:

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

Taking log on both sides:

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

To find MLE, we will differentiate the log-likelihood with respect to θ_1 and θ_2 , set derivative equal to zero.

(i) For θ_1 :

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

Setting this equal to zero:

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

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

Free θ_2 :

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

Setting this equal to zero:

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

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

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

So, MLE for θ_2 is the sample variance

Q2 To find MLE of θ for
 Let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n be a random
 sample from $B(m, \theta)$ distri, where
 $\theta \in \Theta = (0, 1)$ is unknown and 'm'
 is known +ve integer. Compute
 value of θ using MLE.

Ans The likelihood for this scenario is:

$$\Rightarrow L(\theta | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(x_i = x_i | \theta)$$

Since x_i follows a Bernoulli dist.
 $P(x_i = x_i | \theta)$

$$= \theta^{x_i} (1 - \theta)^{m - x_i} \text{ for each } i$$

\Rightarrow Taking log on both sides:

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

Now differentiate w.r.t θ and set to
 zero.

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

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