

MATH 181A Review

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1 Summary of Models

1.1 Discrete Models

- **Geometric Distribution** $X \sim \text{Geom}(p)$
 $X \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$
 $P_X(k) = p(1-p)^{k-1}$
 $\mathbb{E}[X] = \frac{1}{p}$
 $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{1-p}{p^2}$
- **Binomial Distribution** $X \sim \text{Binom}(n, p)$
 $X \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n\}$
 $P_X(k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$
 $\mathbb{E}[X] = np$
 $\text{Var}(X) = np(1-p)$
- **Poisson Distribution** $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$
 $X \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$
 $P_X(k) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}$
 $\mathbb{E}[X] = \lambda$
 $\text{Var}(X) = \lambda$
- **Negative Binomial Distribution** $X \sim \text{NegBinom}(r, p)$
 $X \in \{r, r+1, r+2, \dots\}$
 $P_X(k) = \binom{k-1}{r-1} p^r (1-p)^{k-r}$
 $\mathbb{E}[X] = \frac{r}{p}$
 $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{r(1-p)}{p^2}$
Note Same as Geometric when $r = 1$

1.2 Continuous Models

- **Uniform Distribution** $X \sim \text{Unif}(a, b)$
 $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & a \leq x \leq b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
 $\mathbb{E}[X] = \frac{a+b}{2}$
 $\text{Var}(x) = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$
- **Exponential Distribution** $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$
 $f(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
 $\mathbb{E}[X] = \frac{1}{\lambda}$
 $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$
- **Normal Distribution** $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$
 $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$
 $\mathbb{E}[X] = \mu$
 $\text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2$
- **Gamma Distribution** $X \sim \text{Gamma}(r, \lambda)$
 $f(x) = \frac{\lambda^r}{\Gamma(r)} x^{r-1} e^{-\lambda x}, x > 0, r > 0, \lambda > 0$
 $\mathbb{E}[X] = \frac{r}{\lambda}$
 $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{r}{\lambda^2}$
Note Same as Exponential when $r = 1$
Gamma Function
 $\Gamma(r) = \int_0^\infty y^{r-1} e^{-y} dy$
If $r \in \mathbb{N}$ then $\Gamma(r) = (r-1)!$

2 Method of Moments Estimators/Estimates (MME)

2.1 Identically Distributed and Independent Random Variables

Identically Distributed

$$\mathbb{E}[X_1] = \mathbb{E}[X_2] = \dots = \mathbb{E}[X_n] = \mathbb{E}[X]$$

$$\text{Var}(X_1) = \text{Var}(X_2) = \dots = \text{Var}(X_n) = \text{Var}(X)$$

Independence

$$\mathbb{E}[X_i + X_j] = \mathbb{E}[X_i] + \mathbb{E}[X_j]$$

$$\text{Var}(X_i + X_j) = \text{Var}(X_i) + \text{Var}(X_j)$$

2.2 Moments

	First Moment	Second Moment	...	ith moment
Theoretical Moments:	$\mathbb{E}[X]$	$\mathbb{E}[X^2]$...	$\mathbb{E}[X^i]$
<i>example:</i> $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$	$\mathbb{E}[X] = \mu$	$\mathbb{E}[X^2] = \sigma^2 + \mu^2$		
Sample Moments:	$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n x_j$	$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n X_j^2$...	$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n x_j^i$

Note: $\text{Var}(X) = \mathbb{E}[X^2] - \mathbb{E}[X]^2$

For MME we set theoretical moment equal to sample moment

2.3 Examples

- Let X_1, \dots, X_n be iid based on $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$. Find MME for λ
 $\mathbb{E}[X] = \frac{1}{\lambda}$
 $\frac{1}{\lambda} = \bar{X}$
 Thus, $\hat{\lambda} = \frac{1}{\bar{X}}$, assuming $\bar{X} \neq 0$
- Let y_1, \dots, y_n be a random sample from the density $f_Y(y; \theta) = \frac{2y}{\theta^2}, 0 \leq y \leq \theta$. Find MME for θ
 $\mathbb{E}[Y] = \int_0^\theta y \cdot \frac{2y}{\theta^2} dy = \frac{2}{3}\theta$
 Equating moments gives $\bar{y} = \frac{2}{3}\hat{\theta}$. Thus, $\hat{\theta} = \frac{3}{2}\bar{y}$
- Find MME for μ and σ^2 for $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ assuming both are unknown.
 Equating first moments: $\hat{\mu} = \bar{X}$
 Equating second moments: $\hat{\sigma}^2 + \hat{\mu}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum X_i^2 = \bar{X}^2$
 Since $\hat{\mu} = \bar{X}$, we get $\hat{\mu}^2 = \bar{X}^2 - \bar{X}^2$

3 Maximum Likelihood Estimators/Estimates (MLE)

3.1 Likelihood Function

A pmf or pdf where x is viewed as given and the parameter(s) is viewed as the unknown

Ex. We flip a coin 10 times and get heads 6 times

$$L(p) = f(x=6, p) = \binom{10}{6} p^6 (1-p)^4$$

$$L'(p) = \binom{10}{6} [p^6 \cdot 4(1-p)^3(-1) + (1-p)^4 \cdot 6p^5]$$

$$0 = -4p^6(1-p)^3 + 6p^5(1-p)^4 \rightarrow 10p = 6 \rightarrow \hat{p}_{MLE} = 0.6$$

Make sure to do second derivative test to show it is a max

3.2 Log Likelihood Function

Take \ln of $L(p)$ to get $\ell(p)$

We can utilize log properties such as $\ln(a \cdot b) = \ln(a) + \ln(b)$ and $\ln(\frac{a}{b}) = \ln(a) - \ln(b)$

Ex. Coin flips from above $L(p) = f(x=6, p) = \binom{10}{6} p^6 (1-p)^4$

$$\ell(p) = \ln(L(p)) = \ln\left(\binom{10}{6}\right) + 6 \ln(1-p) + 4 \ln(p)$$

$$\ell'(p) = 0 + \frac{6p^5}{p^6} + \frac{4(1-p)^3(-1)}{(1-p)^4} = \frac{6}{p} - \frac{4}{1-p}$$

$$0 = \frac{6}{p} - \frac{4}{1-p} \rightarrow \hat{p} = 0.6$$

3.3 Multiple Pieces of Data

We have iid data (x_1, \dots, x_n) from a RV $X \sim f_X(s; \theta)$

Here, $L(\theta) = f_{(X_1, \dots, X_n)}(x_1 \text{ and } x_2 \text{ and } \dots \text{ and } x_n) = f_{X_1}(x_1; \theta) \cdot f_{X_2}(x_2; \theta) \dots f_{X_n}(x_n; \theta)$

So, $L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i; \theta)$

Thus, $\ell(\theta) = \ln \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i; \theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \ln f(x_i; \theta)$

Ex. $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ and you have data x_1, \dots, x_n

$$L(\lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i; \lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{x_i}}{x_i!}$$

$$\ell(\lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^n \ln f(x_i; \lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^n \ln \left(\frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{x_i}}{x_i!} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n [-\lambda + x_i \ln \lambda - \ln(x_i!)] = \sum_{i=1}^n [-\lambda + x_i \ln \lambda - \ln(x_i!)]$$

3.4 Indicator Functions

$$\text{Let } I_{(a,b)} = I_{(a,b)}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \in (a,b) \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Ex. $X \sim \text{Unif}(0, \theta)$ where $f_X(x; \theta) = \frac{1}{\theta}$ where $0 \leq x \leq \theta$

$$L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\theta} I_{[x_i, \infty)} = \frac{1}{\theta^n} \prod_{i=1}^n I_{[x_i, \infty)} = \frac{1}{\theta^n} \cdot I_{[\max x_i, \infty)}(\theta)$$

because of the $\frac{1}{\theta^n}$ term, $L(\theta)$ is maximal when θ is as small as possible. The indicator function forces $\max x_i \leq \theta < \infty$ (unless we want $L = 0$), so $\hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \max x_i$.

3.5 Multiple Parameters

$L(\theta_1, \theta_2) = \text{some expression}$

$\ell(\theta_1, \theta_2) = \ln(\text{expression})$

Set $\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \theta_1}$ and $\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \theta_2}$ to 0.

Ex. Find the MLEs for r and λ in the Gamma distribution using the sample x_1, \dots, x_n

$$X \sim \text{Gamma}(r, \lambda) \quad f_X(x; r, \lambda) = \frac{\lambda^r}{\Gamma(r)} x^{r-1} e^{-\lambda x} \text{ for } x > 0$$

$$L(r, \lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\lambda^r}{\Gamma(r)} x_i^{r-1} e^{-\lambda x_i}$$

$$\ell(r, \lambda) = \sum_{i=1}^n [r \ln \lambda \ln \Gamma(r) + (r-1) \ln x_i - \lambda x_i] = nr \ln \lambda - n \ln \Gamma(r) + (r-1) \sum \ln x_i - \lambda \sum x_i$$

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \lambda} = \frac{nr}{\lambda} + 0 + 0 - \sum x_i \rightarrow 0 = \frac{n\hat{r}}{\hat{\lambda}} - \sum x_i \text{ so } \hat{\lambda} = \frac{n\hat{r}}{\sum x_i} = \frac{\hat{r}}{\bar{x}}$$

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial r} = n \ln \lambda - n \frac{\Gamma'(r)}{\Gamma(r)} + \sum \ln x_i - 0 \rightarrow 0 = n \ln \hat{\lambda} - n \frac{\Gamma'(\hat{r})}{\Gamma(\hat{r}) + \sum \ln x_i}$$

Substituting $\hat{\lambda} = \frac{\hat{r}}{\bar{x}}$ gives $0 = n \ln \left(\frac{\hat{r}}{\bar{x}} \right) - n \frac{\Gamma'(\hat{r})}{\Gamma(\hat{r})} + \sum \ln x_i$ (no closed form solution)

4 Confidence Intervals

4.1 Empirical Rule

68% of the data lies within one standard deviation of the mean

95% of the data lies within 1.96 standard deviations of the mean

99.7% of the data lies within 3 standard deviations of the mean

4.2 Normal Distribution Mean

Make a confidence interval with n samples and σ^2 is known

$$L = \bar{X} - z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$U = \bar{X} + z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$1 - \alpha$ is the confidence level

Statements about confidence interval:

incorrect: $\mu \in$ our CI

incorrect: There is a 95% chance that $\mu \in$ our CI

correct: 95% of the random CIs contain μ

correct: **If** $\mu \in$ our CI then ____ has an average between L and U

4.3 Proportions

Make a confidence interval with n samples for p

$$L = \hat{p} - z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}$$

$$U = \hat{p} + z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}$$

4.4 Working Backwards

$$z_{\alpha/2} = \frac{d}{\sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}} \rightarrow n = \frac{z_{\alpha/2}^2 \cdot p(1-p)}{d^2}$$

- If we have no knowledge of p we set $p = \frac{1}{2}$ since $p(1-p)$ is maximal when $p = \frac{1}{2}$
- Make sure to always round up when finding n

5 Order Stats

Let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n be iid from a CRV X

$x_{(i)}$ is the i th order statistic of the sample where $x_{(1)} < x_{(2)} < \dots < x_{(n)}$

PDF of the i th order statistic

$$f_{X_{(i)}} = \frac{n!}{(i-1)!(n-i)!} F(x)^{i-1} f(x) [1 - F(x)]^{n-i}$$

Ex. $X \sim \text{Unif}(1, 3)$ find pdf of $x_{(4)}$ based on iid data x_1, \dots, x_5

$$n = 5 \quad i = 4$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{x_{(4)}}(x) &= \frac{5!}{(4-1)!(5-4)!} F_X(x)^{4-1} f_X(x) [1 - F_X(x)]^{5-4} \\ &= 20 F_X(x)^3 f_X(x) [1 - F_X(x)] \\ &= 20 \left(\frac{x-1}{2}\right)^3 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left[1 - \frac{x-1}{2}\right] \\ &= 20 \left(\frac{x-1}{8}\right)^3 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{3-x}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{5}{8} (x-1)^3 (3-x) \quad 1 \leq x \leq 3 \end{aligned}$$

6 Bias

Definition: The *bias* B of an estimator, $\hat{\theta}$, is $B = \mathbb{E}[\hat{\theta}] - \theta$

Fixing Bias: If $\mathbb{E}[\hat{\theta}] = c\theta$ or $\mathbb{E}[\hat{\theta}] = c + d$ we can just use $\frac{\hat{\theta}}{c}$ of $\hat{\theta} - d$ to compensate and create an unbiased estimator

Asymptotically Unbiased: If $\hat{\theta}_n$ is an estimator for a sample size of n , We say $\hat{\theta}$ is *asymptotically unbiased* iff $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[\hat{\theta}_n] = \theta$, or equivalently $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B_n = 0$

Ex1. Suppose X and RV is modeled by $f(x; \theta) = \frac{3x^2}{\theta^3}$ where $0 \leq x \leq \theta$ and $\theta > 0$. For a sample X_1, \dots, X_n you can show that $\hat{\theta}_{MME} = \frac{4}{3} \bar{X}$. Show that $\hat{\theta}_{MME}$ is unbiased.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[X] &= \int_0^\theta x \cdot \frac{3x^2}{\theta^3} dx = \frac{3}{\theta^3} \left(\frac{1}{4} x^4\right) \Big|_0^\theta = \frac{3}{4} \theta \\ \mathbb{E}[\hat{\theta}_{MME}] &= \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{4}{3} \bar{X}\right] = \frac{4}{3} \mathbb{E}[\bar{X}] = \frac{4}{3} \mathbb{E}[X] = \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{4} \theta = \theta \end{aligned}$$

Ex2. Show that $\text{MLE} \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$ is biased for σ^2 in $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[\hat{\sigma}^2] &= \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E}[\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2] = \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E}[\sum (X_i^2 - 2X_i \bar{X} + \bar{X}^2)] = \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E}[\sum X_i^2 - 2\bar{X} \sum X_i + \sum \bar{X}^2] \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E}[\sum X_i^2 - 2\bar{X} \cdot n\bar{X} + \sum \bar{X}^2] = \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E}[\sum X_i^2 - 2n\bar{X}^2 + n\bar{X}^2] = \frac{1}{n} (\sum \mathbb{E}[X_i^2] - \mathbb{E}[n\bar{X}^2]) \\ &= \frac{n}{n} \sum \mathbb{E}[X^2] - \mathbb{E}[\bar{X}^2] = \frac{1}{n} n \mathbb{E}[X^2] - \mathbb{E}[\bar{X}^2] = \mathbb{E}[X^2] - \mathbb{E}[\bar{X}^2] = \text{Var}(X) + \mathbb{E}[X]^2 - (\text{Var}(\bar{X}) + \mathbb{E}[\bar{X}]^2) \\ &= \sigma^2 + \mu^2 - \frac{\sigma^2}{n} - \mu^2 \end{aligned}$$

7 Efficiency

For two unbiased estimators, $\hat{\theta}_1$ is **more efficient** than $\hat{\theta}_2$ if $\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_1) < \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_2)$.

The **relative efficiency** of $\hat{\theta}_1$ to $\hat{\theta}_2$ is $\text{eff}(\hat{\theta}_1, \hat{\theta}_2) = \frac{\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_2)}{\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_1)}$

Ex. Let $X \sim \text{Unif}(0, \theta)$. We can show that $\hat{\theta}_1 = 2\bar{X}$ and $\hat{\theta}_2 = \frac{n+1}{n}X_{\max}$ are unbiased estimators of θ . Find the relative efficiency of $\hat{\theta}_2$ to $\hat{\theta}_1$.

1. Find $\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_1)$

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_1) = \text{Var}(2\bar{X}) = 4\text{Var}(\bar{X}) = \frac{4\text{Var}(X)}{n} = \frac{4 \cdot \frac{(\theta-0)^2}{12}}{n} = \frac{\theta^2}{3n}$$

2. Find $\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_2)$

$$f_{x_i} = \frac{n!}{(i-1)!(n-i)!} = F_X(x)^{i-1} f_X(x) (1 - F_X(x))^{n-i}$$

$$F_X(x) = \int_0^x \frac{1}{\theta} dt = \frac{t}{\theta} \Big|_0^x = \frac{x}{\theta}$$

$$f_{X_{\max}}(x) = \frac{n!}{(n-1)!} \left(\frac{x}{\theta}\right)^{n-1} \frac{1}{\theta} = \frac{nx^{n-1}}{\theta^n}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X_{\max}^2] = \int_0^\theta x^2 \cdot \frac{nx^{n-1}}{\theta^n} dx = \frac{n\theta^2}{n+2}$$

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_2) = \text{Var}\left(\frac{n+1}{n}X_{\max}\right) = \mathbb{E}\left[\left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)^2 X_{\max}^2\right] - (\mathbb{E}\left[\frac{n+1}{n}X_{\max}\right])^2 = \frac{(n+1)^2}{n^2} \frac{n\theta^2}{n+2} - \theta^2 = \frac{\theta^2}{n(n+2)}$$

$$\text{eff}(\hat{\theta}_2, \hat{\theta}_1) = \frac{\frac{\theta^2}{3n}}{\frac{\theta^2}{n(n+2)}} = \frac{n+2}{3}$$

8 Mean Squared Error

The **mean squared error** of an estimator $\hat{\theta}$ for a parameter θ is $MSE(\hat{\theta}) = \mathbb{E}[(\hat{\theta} - \theta)^2]$.

The **relative efficiency** is $\text{eff}(\hat{\theta}_1, \hat{\theta}_2) = \frac{MSE(\hat{\theta}_2)}{MSE(\hat{\theta}_1)}$

$$MSE(\hat{\theta}) = \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}) + (\text{Bias}(\hat{\theta}))^2$$

Ex. Let $Y \sim \text{Binom}(n, p)$. Use relative efficiency to decide which is better. $\hat{p}_1 = \frac{Y}{n}$ and $\hat{p}_2 = \frac{Y+1}{n+1}$

1. Find $MSE(\hat{p}_1)$

$$MSE(\hat{p}_1) = \text{Var}\left(\frac{Y}{n}\right) + (\mathbb{E}\left[\frac{Y}{n} - p\right])^2 = \frac{1}{n^2} \cdot np(1-p) + \left(\frac{1}{n} \cdot np - p\right)^2 = \frac{p(1-p)}{n}$$

2. Find $MSE(\hat{p}_2)$

$$MSE(\hat{p}_2) = \frac{1}{(n+2)^2} \cdot np(1-p) + \left(\frac{1}{n+2} \cdot (np+1) - p\right)^2$$

When $n = 4$, $\text{eff}(\hat{p}_2, \hat{p}_1) > 1$ so \hat{p}_2 is more efficient than \hat{p}_1 despite being a biased estimator

9 Fisher Information and Cramer-Rao Lower Bound

9.1 Fisher Information

Let X be a RV modeled by a smooth density function $f_X(x; \theta)$. We define *Fisher Information* as:

$$I(\theta) = \mathbb{E}\left[\left(\frac{\partial \ln f(X; \theta)}{\partial \theta}\right)^2\right] = -\mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial^2 \ln f(X; \theta)}{\partial \theta^2}\right]$$

The Fisher Information, $I(\theta)$ gives a numerical sense for how much information we can squeeze out of a single data value, X . If the datum X will be very useful, I will be big; when the datum is not so helpful, I will be small.

Ex. Let $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ with μ unknown. Find the FI for μ .

$$\ln f(X; \mu, \sigma^2) = -\frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \ln \sigma - \frac{(X-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln f}{\partial \mu} = 0 - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \cdot 2(X-\mu)(-1) = \frac{X-\mu}{\sigma^2}$$

$$I(\mu) = \mathbb{E}_X\left[\left(\frac{X-\mu}{\sigma^2}\right)^2\right] = \frac{1}{\sigma^4} \mathbb{E}[(X-\mu)^2] = \frac{1}{\sigma^4} \sigma^2 = \frac{1}{\sigma^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \ln f}{\partial \mu^2} = \frac{-1}{\sigma^2}$$

$$I(\mu) = -\mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial^2 \ln f}{\partial \mu^2}\right] = -\mathbb{E}\left[\frac{-1}{\sigma^2}\right] = \frac{1}{\sigma^2}$$

9.2 Cramer-Rao Lower Bound

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}) \geq [nI(\theta)]^{-1}$$

An unbiased estimator is said to be **efficient** iff its variance equals the CRLB

Ex. For $X \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ we say that $I(\mu) = \frac{1}{\sigma^2}$. Find the Cramer-Rao Lower Bound

$$\text{CRLB} = [nI(\mu)]^{-1} = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$$

10 Consistency

10.1 Regular Consistency

A sequence of estimators, $\hat{\theta}_n$, is **consistent for a value** θ iff for all $\epsilon > 0$:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(|\hat{\theta}_n - \theta| < \epsilon) = 1 \text{ or equivalently } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{P}(|\hat{\theta}_n - \theta| > \epsilon) = 0$$

Ex. Determine if $\hat{\theta}_n = X_{\min}$ is consistent for θ in the shifted exponential model

$$X \sim f(x; \theta) = e^{-(x-\theta)}, x \geq \theta$$

$$F(x; \theta) = \int_{\theta}^x e^{-t+\theta} dt = -e^{-t+\theta} \Big|_{\theta}^x = 1 - e^{-x+\theta}$$

$$f_{X_{\min}} = \frac{n!}{0!(n-1)!} f_X(x) \cdot (1 - F_X(x))^{n-1} = ne^{-x+\theta} (e^{-x+\theta})^{n-1} = ne^{-nx+n\theta}$$

$$\mathbb{P}(|\hat{\theta}_n - \theta| < \epsilon) = \mathbb{P}(\theta - \epsilon < X_{\min} < \theta + \epsilon) = \int_{\theta}^{\theta+\epsilon} ne^{-nx+n\theta} = -e^{-nx+n\theta} \Big|_{\theta}^{\theta+\epsilon} = 1 - e^{-n\epsilon} \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

10.2 MSE Consistency

A sequence of estimators $\hat{\theta}_n$ is (mean) squared error consistent iff

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}[(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta)^2] = 0, \text{ or equivalently } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{MSE}(\hat{\theta}_n, \theta) = 0$$

If $\hat{\theta}_n$ is MSE consistent for θ , the $\hat{\theta}_n$ is consistent of θ

Ex. Let $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ with σ^2 know. Show that \bar{X} is consistent for μ by showing \bar{X} is MSE consistent for μ .

$$\text{MSE}(\bar{X}) = \text{Var}(\bar{X}) + \text{Bias}(\bar{X})^2 = \frac{\text{Var}(X)}{n} + (\mathbb{E}[\bar{X}] - \mu)^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{n} + (\mathbb{E}[\bar{X}] - \mu)^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{n} + 0^2 \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

Since \bar{X} is MSE-consistent for μ , it is also consistent for μ

11 Confidence Intervals MLE

$$\theta_{\text{MLE}} \approx \mathcal{N}(\theta_0, \frac{1}{nI(\theta_0)})$$

$$\frac{\theta_{\text{MLE}} - \theta_0}{1/\sqrt{nI(\theta_0)}} \approx \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \quad 1 - \alpha \approx \mathbb{P}(-z_{\alpha/2} < \frac{\theta_{\text{MLE}} - \theta_0}{1/\sqrt{nI(\theta_0)}} < z_{\alpha/2})$$

$$1 - \alpha \approx \mathbb{P}(\theta_{\text{MLE}} - z_{\alpha/2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{nI(\theta_0)}} < \theta_0 < \theta_{\text{MLE}} + z_{\alpha/2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{nI(\theta_0)}})$$

A $(1 - \alpha)100\%$ approximate CI for θ_0 is $(\theta_{\text{MLE}} - z_{\alpha/2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{nI(\theta_0)}}, \theta_{\text{MLE}} + z_{\alpha/2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{nI(\theta_0)}})$

Ex. Suppose $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ and we want an approximate 95% confidence interval based on 9 samples where $\bar{X} = \frac{16}{9}$

$$f(x; \lambda) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!} \quad \ln f(X; \lambda) = -\lambda + X \ln \lambda - \ln(X!)$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln f}{\partial \lambda} = -1 + \frac{X}{\lambda} \quad \frac{\partial^2 \ln f}{\partial \lambda^2} = -\frac{X}{\lambda^2} \quad I(\lambda) = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda^2} = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

$$\lambda_{\text{MLE}} = \bar{X}, I(\hat{\lambda}) = \frac{1}{\bar{X}}$$

$$\text{MLE CI is } \bar{X} \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{\bar{X}}{n}}$$

$$\frac{16}{9} \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{16}{9 \cdot 9}} \approx (0.907, 2.649)$$

12 Hypothesis Test

12.1 Structure

1. Define parameters and set up hypothesis (H_0 and H_1)
2. Assume H_0 find the distribution of the test statistic
3. Describe how strange your data/stat are on this distribution
4. Make choice between H_0 and H_1 , and express carefully (seems to be)

12.2 Mean

$$H_0 : \mu = 284 \quad H_1 : \mu < 284$$

$$\sigma^2 = 35^2 \quad n = 100$$

The distribution of the test stat is $\bar{X} \sim \mathcal{N}(284, \frac{35^2}{100})$

In the sample $\bar{X} = 274$

$$\text{P-Value} = \mathbb{P}(\bar{X} \leq 274) = \mathbb{P}(z \leq \frac{274-284}{35/\sqrt{100}}) \approx 0.002 \quad z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

Since $0.002 < \alpha = 0.05$ we reject H_0 in favor of H_1 . The average seems lower.

For a 2-sided test \neq the p-value is the area under both tails based on symmetry

12.3 Proportion

$$X \sim \text{Binom}(n, p)$$

Option 1: Use x on $X \sim \text{Binom}(n, p)$

$$\text{Option 2: } x \rightarrow \frac{x}{n} = \hat{p} \rightarrow \text{use } \frac{\hat{p}-p}{\sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}}$$

We can use normal approximation if one of the following are true

- $0 < np - 2\sqrt{np(1-p)} < np + 3\sqrt{np(1-p)} < n$ (Larsen & Marx)
- $np, n(1-p) \geq 10$

$$H_0 : p = \frac{1}{4} \quad H_1 : p < \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\hat{p} = \frac{60}{747} \quad n = 747 \quad z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$$

$$\text{P-Value} = \mathbb{P}(z \leq \frac{\hat{p}-p}{\sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}}) = \mathbb{P}(z \leq \frac{\frac{60}{747} - \frac{1}{4}}{\sqrt{\frac{\frac{1}{4}(\frac{3}{4})}{747}}}) = \mathbb{P}(z \leq -10.710) \approx 4.568 \times 10^{-27}$$

Since P-Value $< \alpha = 0.05$ we reject H_0 in favor of H_1

12.4 Duality

12.4.1 Two Sided

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

μ_0 is reasonable based on a HT \iff We keep $H_0 : \mu = \mu_0$ vs $H_1 : \mu \neq \mu_0$

$$\iff -z_{\alpha/2} < \text{test stat} < z_{\alpha/2} \iff -z_{\alpha/2} < \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} < z_{\alpha/2}$$

$$\iff \bar{X} - z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} < \mu_0 < \bar{X} + z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \iff \mu_0 \in \bar{X} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$$

$$\iff \mu_0 \in \text{our CI} \iff \mu_0 \text{ is reasonable based on a CI}$$

12.4.2 One Sided

$$X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

We keep $H_0 : \mu = \mu_0$ vs $H_1 : \mu > \mu_0 \iff \text{test stat} < z_{\alpha} \iff \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} < z_{\alpha}$

$$\iff \bar{X} - \mu_0 < z_{\alpha} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \iff \bar{X} - z_{\alpha} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} < \mu_0 \iff \mu_0 \in \text{CI given by } (\bar{X} - z_{\alpha} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}, \infty)$$

12.5 Error

Type 1 Error: $\mathbb{P}(\text{Reject } H_0 | H_0 \text{ is true}) = \alpha$

Type 2 Error: $\mathbb{P}(\text{Keep } H_0 | H_1 \text{ is true}) = \beta$

Ex. $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, 1.2^2)$ $H_0 : \mu = 5$ $H_1 : \mu > 5$ $n = 40$ $\alpha = 0.06$ μ is actually 5.4

$$\bar{X} \sim \mathcal{N}(5, \frac{1.2^2}{40})$$

Type One Error = $\alpha = 0.06$

$$0.06 = \mathbb{P}(z > \frac{C-5}{1.2/\sqrt{40}}) \rightarrow C \approx 5.292$$

$$\text{Type Two Error} = \mathbb{P}(\text{Keep } H_0 | H_1 \text{ is true}) = \mathbb{P}(z < \frac{C-5.4}{1.2/\sqrt{40}}) \approx 29\%$$

12.6 Power

Power allows us to find the probability that the experiment will lead us to H_1 rather than H_0 if H_1 is actually true

$$\text{Power} = \mathbb{P}(\text{reject } H_0 | H_1 \text{ is true}) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(\text{Keep } H_0 | H_1 \text{ is true}) = 1 - \beta$$

Larger n will make larger power and smaller β and as α increases, β decreases

$$\text{Ex. } X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \frac{1385^2}{n}) \quad H_0 : \mu = 7473 \quad H_1 : \mu > 7473 \quad \alpha = 0.05 \quad \beta = 0.01 \quad \mu \text{ is actually } 9656$$

Find n

Start by finding C based on the type 2 error

$$0.1 = \mathbb{P}(\bar{X} \leq C) = \mathbb{P}(\frac{\bar{X} - 9656}{1385/\sqrt{n}} \leq \frac{C - 9656}{1385/\sqrt{n}}) = \mathbb{P}(z \leq \frac{C - 9656}{1385/\sqrt{n}})$$

$$\Phi^{-1}(0.01) = \frac{C - 9656}{1385/\sqrt{n}}$$

$$C = 9656 + \Phi^{-1}(0.01)(\frac{1385}{\sqrt{n}})$$

Find C based on α

$$0.05 = \mathbb{P}(\frac{\bar{X} - 7473}{1385/\sqrt{n}} > \frac{C - 7473}{1385/\sqrt{n}})$$

$$\frac{C - 7473}{1385/\sqrt{n}} = \Phi^{-1}(0.95)$$

$$C = 7473 + \Phi^{-1}(0.95)\frac{1385}{\sqrt{n}}$$

Solve for n which gives $n \approx 3.449$ and we round up to $n \geq 4$ since $n = 4$ is the smallest sample size to guarantee our requirements.

12.7 Other Estimators

We can utilize the distribution of another estimator to calculate the critical value and perform our hypothesis test

$$\text{Ex. } h_0 : \theta = 3 \quad H_1 : \theta < 3 \quad n = 4 \quad \alpha = 0.06 \quad \theta \text{ is actually } 2.5 \quad \text{Sample stat for test is } X_{\text{MAX}}$$

$$f(x; \theta) = \frac{2x}{\theta^2}, 0 \leq x \leq \theta$$

$$F_X(x) = \int_0^x \frac{2t}{\theta^2} dt = \frac{t^2}{\theta^2} \Big|_0^x = \frac{x^2}{\theta^2}$$

$$f_{X_{\text{MAX}}}(x; \theta) = \frac{n!}{(n-1)!} F_X(x)^{n-1} f_X(x) = 4(\frac{x^2}{\theta^2})^3 \frac{2x}{\theta^2} = \frac{8x^7}{\theta^8}$$

$$0.06 = \int_0^c f_{X_{\text{MAX}}}(x; \theta = 3) dx = \int_0^c \frac{8x^7}{3^8} dx = \frac{x^8}{3^8} \Big|_0^c = (\frac{c}{3})^8 \rightarrow c \approx 2.11$$

Find type 2 error ($\theta = 2.5$)

$$\beta = \int_c^{2.5} f_{X_{\text{MAX}}}(x; \theta = 2.5) dx = \int_{2.11}^{2.5} \frac{8x^7}{2.5^8} dx \approx 0.742$$

13 chi-square, F, and t distribution

13.1 chi-square χ^2

$$Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \quad Z_1, \dots, Z_n$$

$$\chi^2 \sim \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i^2$$

The pdf for χ_n^2 is $f(u) = \frac{u^{n/2-1} e^{-u/2}}{2^{n/2} \Gamma(\frac{n}{2})}$ which is the pdf of $\text{Gamma}(r = \frac{n}{2}, \lambda = \frac{1}{2})$

Other chi-square facts

- $\chi_n^2 + \chi_m^2 = \chi_{n+m}^2$
- $\mathbb{E}[\chi_n^2] = n$
- $\text{Var}(\chi_n^2) = 2n$

Ex.

$$S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2 \quad \text{Find the distribution of } \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (\frac{X_i - \mu}{\sigma})^2 = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum (X_i - \bar{X} + \bar{X} - \mu)^2 = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2 + \frac{2}{\sigma^2} \sum (X_i - \bar{X})(\bar{X} - \mu) + \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum (\bar{X} - \mu)^2$$

$$\text{The first term is } \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} \text{ and the last term is } \frac{n(\bar{X} - \mu)^2}{\sigma^2} = (\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}})^2$$

$$\text{The middle term is } \frac{2(\bar{X} - \mu)}{\sigma^2} \sum (X_i - \bar{X}) = \frac{2(\bar{X} - \mu)}{\sigma^2} [n\bar{X} - n\bar{X}] = 0$$

Since $\frac{X_i - \mu}{\sigma} \sim Z_i$, the left hand side distribution is χ_n^2

The last term on the right side has distribution $Z^2 = \chi_1^2$

Subtracting shows that $\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$

13.2 $F_{m,n}$ distribution

Let $U = \chi_n^2$ and $V = \chi_m^2$ be independent chi-square random variables.

$$F_{m,n} = \frac{V/m}{U/n}$$

The pdf of the $F_{m,n}$ distribution is $f_{F_{m,n}} = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{m+n}{2})m^{m/2}n^{n/2}w^{(m/2)-1}}{\Gamma(\frac{m}{2})\Gamma(\frac{n}{2})(n+mw)^{(m+n)/2}}, w \geq 0$

13.3 T distribution T_n

Let $Z = \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ and $U = \chi_n^2$

$$T_n = \frac{Z}{\sqrt{\frac{U}{n}}}$$

$$T_n^2 = \frac{Z^2}{U/n} = \frac{\chi_1^2/1}{\chi_n^2/n} = F_{1,n}$$

Ex.

Show that $\frac{\bar{X}-\mu}{S/\sqrt{n}}$ is a t distribution

$$\frac{\bar{X}-\mu}{S/\sqrt{n}} = \frac{\frac{\bar{X}-\mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}}{\frac{S}{\sigma}} = \frac{Z}{\sqrt{\frac{S^2}{\sigma^2}}} = \frac{Z}{\sqrt{\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\frac{\sigma^2}{(n-1)}}}} = \frac{Z}{\sqrt{\frac{\chi_{n-1}^2}{n-1}}} = T_{n-1}$$

14 Hypothesis Test pt.2

14.1 Mean with Unknown Variance

$$\frac{\bar{X}-\mu}{S/\sqrt{n}} \sim T_{n-1}$$

Confidence Interval

$$1 - \alpha = \mathbb{P}(-t_{\alpha/2, n-1} \leq T_{n-1} \leq t_{\alpha/2, n-1}) = \mathbb{P}(-t_{\alpha/2, n-1} \leq \frac{\bar{X}-\mu}{S/\sqrt{n}} \leq t_{\alpha/2, n-1})$$

$$= \mathbb{P}(\bar{X} - t_{\alpha/2, n-1} \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \mu \leq \bar{X} + t_{\alpha/2, n-1} \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}})$$

$\bar{X} \pm t_{\alpha/2, n-1} \frac{S}{\sqrt{n}}$ is a $(1 - \alpha)\%$ CI for μ

Hypothesis Test

$$H_0: \mu = \mu_0 \quad H_1: \mu > \mu_0$$

$$\text{First compute } t = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}}$$

1. If $t > t_{\alpha, n-1}$. reject H_0 ; else keep H_0
2. If $\text{P-value} = \mathbb{P}(t < T_{n-1}) < \alpha$ reject H_0 ; else keep H_0

Need $n \geq 30$ For T Approximation

14.1.1 Variance

$$\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$$

Confidence Interval

$$1 - \alpha = \mathbb{P}(\chi_{\alpha/2, n-1}^2 \leq \chi_{n-1}^2 \leq \chi_{1-\alpha/2, n-1}^2) = \mathbb{P}(\chi_{\alpha/2, n-1}^2 \leq \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} \leq \chi_{1-\alpha/2, n-1}^2)$$

$$= \mathbb{P}(\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\chi_{1-\alpha/2, n-1}^2} \leq \sigma^2 \leq \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\chi_{\alpha/2, n-1}^2})$$

$(\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\chi_{1-\alpha/2, n-1}^2}, \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\chi_{\alpha/2, n-1}^2})$ is a $(1 - \alpha)\%$ CI for σ^2

Hypothesis Test

$$\chi^2 = \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma_0^2} \text{ and } H_0: \sigma^2 = \sigma_0^2$$

- $H_1: \sigma^2 < \sigma_0^2$ reject H_0 if $\chi^2 < \chi_{\alpha, n-1}^2$ or if $\mathbb{P}(\chi_{n-1}^2 < \chi^2) < \alpha$
- $H_1: \sigma^2 > \sigma_0^2$ reject H_0 if $\chi^2 > \chi_{1-\alpha, n-1}^2$ or if $\mathbb{P}(\chi_{n-1}^2 > \chi^2) < \alpha$
- $H_1: \sigma^2 \neq \sigma_0^2$, reject H_0 if $\chi^2 > \chi_{1-\alpha/2, n-1}^2$ or $\chi^2 < \chi_{\alpha/2, n-1}^2$ (can't use P-value approach since chi-square is asymmetric)

15 Critical Regions

15.1 Best Critical Region

Let $X \sim f(x; \theta)$ and suppose S is the set of possible values for the random sample $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$. Let $C \subseteq S$.

C is a **best critical region of size α** for testing the simple $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$ vs. $H_1 : \theta = \theta_1$ iff

- $P_0(\mathbf{X} \in C) = \alpha$
- For $A \subseteq S$ with $P_0(\mathbf{X} \in A) = \alpha$ we have $P_1(\mathbf{X} \in C) \geq P_1(\mathbf{X} \in A)$

15.2 Likelihood Ratio

$\frac{P_0(X=v)}{P_1(X=v)}$. If $LR > 1$ the data are more likely to come from H_0 and if $LR < 1$, H_1 has a higher likelihood.

15.3 Neyman-Pearson Lemma (NPL)

Fix n , let $X \sim f(x; \theta)$ and draw a sample $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$. The likelihood of \mathbf{X} is $L(\theta; x) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i; \theta)$. Let k be any fixed positive real number.

Set up $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$ and $H_1 : \theta = \theta_1$. Create a set C via the following rule:

$$\text{If } \frac{L(\theta_0; x)}{L(\theta_1; x)} < k, \text{ put } \mathbf{x} \text{ in } C; \text{ else don't}$$

The NPL claims that C will be a BCR of size $\alpha = P_0(\mathbf{X} \in C)$

Ex:

Let $X \sim f(x; \theta) = \theta x^{\theta-1}$, $0 < x < 1$ and draw a sample size of n to test $H_0 : \theta = 1$ vs. $H_1 : \theta = 3$. Show that every BCR will take the form $C = \{\mathbf{X} | c < \prod_{i=1}^n X_i\}$

$$L(\theta; x) = \prod_{i=1}^n (\theta x_i^{\theta-1}) = \theta^n (\prod x_i)^{\theta-1}$$

$$\frac{L(\theta=1)}{L(\theta=3)} = \frac{1^n (\prod x_i)^0}{3^n (\prod x_i)^2} < k$$

$$\frac{1}{k3^n} < (\prod x_i)^2, \text{ or } c = \sqrt{\frac{1}{k3^n}} < \prod x_i$$

15.4 Uniformly Most Powerful Critical Region (UMPCR)

A critical region C is a uniformly most powerful critical region of size α for testing the simple hypothesis H_0 against the composite hypothesis H_1 iff C is a BCR of size α for testing H_0 against each simple hypothesis in H_1

Ex.

Let $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$ and draw a sample size 3 for testing $H_0 : \lambda = 2$ vs. $H_1 : \lambda > 2$. Show the BCR looks like $\{\mathbf{X} | \sum X_i < c\}$ for any simple-simple comparison

$$L(\lambda; x) \prod_{i=1}^3 \lambda e^{-\lambda x_i} = \lambda^3 e^{-\lambda \sum_{i=1}^3 x_i}$$

$$\frac{L(\lambda=2)}{L(\lambda=a)} < k \longleftrightarrow \frac{2^3 e^{-2 \sum x_i}}{a^3 e^{-a \sum x_i}} = c_1 e^{(a-2) \sum x_i} < k \longleftrightarrow (a-2) \sum x_i < \ln(k/c_1) = c_2$$

Since $a-2 > 0$ we get $\sum x_i < \frac{c_2}{a-2} = c$

15.5 Generalized Likelihood Ratio (GLR) Tests

Let $X \sim f(x; \theta_1, \dots, \theta_r)$ and x_1, \dots, x_n the values of a random sample. Let $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ be the set of values for $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_r$ allowed by H_0 , and $\Omega \subseteq \mathbb{R}^r$ be those allowed by either H_0 or H_1 . The generalized likelihood ratio is defined as follows

$$\lambda = \frac{\max_{\theta \in \Omega} L(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_r; x_1, \dots, x_n)}{\max_{\theta \in \Omega} L(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_r; x_1, \dots, x_n)}$$

We can create a critical region

$$C = \{\mathbf{X} | \text{GLR} = \frac{\max_{\theta \in \Omega} L(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_r; x_1, \dots, x_n)}{\max_{\theta \in \Omega} L(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_r; x_1, \dots, x_n)} < k\}$$

16 Bayesian Statistics

16.1 Beta Distribution

$\theta \sim \text{Beta}(a, b)$ where $a, b > 0$. By definition,

$$f_{\theta}(\theta, a, b) = \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} \theta^{a-1} (1-\theta)^{b-1} \text{ where } 0 \leq \theta \leq 1$$

16.2 Posterior

$$g(\theta|x) = \frac{f_X(x|\theta) \cdot g(\theta)}{f_X(x)}$$

Ex.

$g_{\text{Beta}(5,3)}$

16 tack flips $\text{Binom}(16, \theta) \sim f(x; \theta) = \binom{16}{x} \theta^x (1-\theta)^{16-x}$

14 flips landed upwards

$$g(\theta|x=14) = \frac{f(x=14|\theta)g(\theta)}{f(x=14)} \propto f(x=14|\theta) \cdot g(\theta) \propto \binom{16}{14} \theta^{14} (1-\theta)^2 \cdot \frac{\Gamma(5+3)}{\Gamma(5)\Gamma(3)} \theta^{5-1} (1-\theta)^{3-1}$$

$\propto \theta^{18} (1-\theta)^4$ kernel of $\text{Beta}(19, 5)$, so $g(\theta|14) \sim \text{Beta}(19, 5)$

α is a proportionality symbol we can use to hide constants

16.3 Conjugate Priors

If you get the same distribution for the prior and the posterior, then there is a “conjugate prior”. In the previous example, Beta is a conjugate prior for the Binomial likelihood.

Ex.

Show that $\text{Beta}(a, b)$ is a conjugate prior to $\text{Geom}(p)$ and find how hyperparameters get updated in the posterior distribution for the data x_1, \dots, x_n .

$$X \sim \text{Geom}(p) \quad f(\mathbf{x}; p) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(1-p)^{x_i-1} = p^n (1-p)^{(\sum x_i) - n}$$

$$g(p|a, b) = \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} p^{a-1} (1-p)^{b-1}$$

$$g(p|\mathbf{x}) \propto f(\mathbf{x}; p) \cdot g(p) \propto p^n (1-p)^{(\sum x_i) - n} \cdot p^{a-1} (1-p)^{b-1}$$

$$\propto p^{n+a-1} (1-p)^{(\sum x_i) - n + b - 1} \sim \text{Beta}(a+n, b-n+\sum x_i)$$

Updating rule is $\text{Beta}(a, b) \rightarrow \text{Beta}(a+n, b-n+\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)$