

1. (Poisson Regression) The independent random variables $Y_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, represent the outcomes of a Poisson experiment where the mean μ_i is proportional to the value of x_i . That is, $Y_i \sim \text{Poisson}(\mu_i)$ and $\mu_i = \gamma x_i$. Assume that the x_i , values are known constants.

a) Find the MLE of γ

$$L(\gamma) = \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\mu_i^{y_i}}{y_i!} e^{-\mu_i} \right) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{(\gamma x_i)^{y_i} e^{-\gamma x_i}}{y_i!} = \frac{\gamma^{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i} \prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{y_i}}{\prod_{i=1}^n y_i!} e^{-\gamma \sum_{i=1}^n x_i}, \quad y_i \in 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$l(\gamma) = \ln \gamma \sum_{i=1}^n y_i + \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^{y_i} - \sum_{i=1}^n \ln y_i! - \gamma \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

$$l'(\gamma) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i}{\gamma} - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0$$

$$\hat{\gamma}_{MLE} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}$$

b) Find the mean and variance of $\hat{\gamma}_{MLE}$

For x_i are known constants. $Y_i \sim \text{Poisson}(\mu_i)$, $E[y_i] = \text{Var}[y_i] = \mu_i = \gamma x_i$,

$$E[\hat{\gamma}_{MLE}] = \frac{E[\sum_{i=1}^n y_i]}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n E[y_i]}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \gamma x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} = \gamma$$

For Y_i are independent random variables, $\text{Cov}(y_i, y_j) = 0, i \neq j$, $\text{Var}[\sum_{i=1}^n y_i] = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}[y_i]$

$$\text{Var}[\hat{\gamma}_{MLE}] = \frac{\text{Var}[\sum_{i=1}^n y_i]}{(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)^2} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}[y_i]}{(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)^2} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \gamma x_i}{(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)^2} = \frac{\gamma}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}$$

2. Consider the regression model $Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \varepsilon_i, i = 1, \dots, n$. Find the maximum likelihood estimates of the parameters if:

a) $\varepsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2 x_i^2)$, independent for $i = 1, \dots, n$.

For $E[\varepsilon_i] = 0$, $\text{Var}[\varepsilon_i] = \sigma^2 x_i^2$, x_i and ε_i are independent,

$$E[y_i] = E[\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i] + E[\varepsilon_i] = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i$$

$$\text{Var}[y_i] = \text{Var}[\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i] + \text{Var}[\varepsilon_i] = \sigma^2 x_i^2$$

$$Y_i \sim N(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i, \sigma^2 x_i^2)$$

$$f_Y(y_i) = \frac{1}{x_i \sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{\frac{-1}{2\sigma^2 x_i^2} (y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_i)^2}$$

$$L(\beta_0, \beta_1, \sigma^2) = \prod_{i=1}^n (x_i \sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2})^{-1} e^{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{-1}{2\sigma^2 x_i^2} (y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_i)^2} = (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i \right)^{-1} e^{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{-1}{2\sigma^2 x_i^2} (y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_i)^2}$$

$$l(\beta_0, \beta_1, \sigma^2) = -\frac{n}{2} \ln \sigma^2 - \frac{n}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \ln\left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i\right) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{y_i}{x_i} - \frac{\beta_0}{x_i} - \beta_1\right)^2$$

$$\text{Let } u_i = \frac{1}{x_i}, v_i = \frac{y_i}{x_i}$$

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \beta_1} = -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n 2(v_i - u_i \beta_0 - \beta_1)(-1) \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0$$

$$n\hat{\beta}_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n v_i - \hat{\beta}_0 \sum_{i=1}^n u_i \implies \hat{\beta}_1 = \bar{v} - \bar{u}\hat{\beta}_0 \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \beta_0} = -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n 2(v_i - u_i \beta_0 - \beta_1)(-u_i) \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0$$

$$\hat{\beta}_1 \sum_{i=1}^n u_i = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i v_i - \hat{\beta}_0 \sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2 \implies n\bar{u}\hat{\beta}_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n u_i v_i - \hat{\beta}_0 \sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2 \quad (2)$$

The solution of (1) and (2) is

$$\hat{\beta}_0 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i v_i - n\bar{u}\bar{v}}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2 - n\bar{u}^2} = \frac{S_{uv}}{S_{uu}}$$

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \bar{v} - \bar{u} \frac{S_{uv}}{S_{uu}}$$

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \sigma^2} = -\frac{n}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2\sigma^4} \sum_{i=1}^n (v_i - u_i \beta_0 - \beta_1)^2 \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0$$

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (v_i - u_i \beta_0 - \beta_1)^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (v_i - u_i \beta_0 - \bar{v} + \bar{u}\hat{\beta}_0)^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n (v_i - \bar{v})^2 + \beta_0^2 \sum_{i=1}^n (u_i - \bar{u})^2 - 2\beta_0 \sum_{i=1}^n (u_i - \bar{u})(v_i - \bar{v}) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \left[S_{vv} + \left(\frac{S_{uv}}{S_{uu}}\right)^2 S_{uu} - 2\frac{S_{uv}}{S_{uu}} S_{uv} \right] = \frac{1}{n} \left[S_{vv} - \frac{S_{uv}^2}{S_{uu}} \right]$$

$$\text{For } u_i = \frac{1}{x_i}, v_i = \frac{y_i}{x_i}$$

$$\hat{\beta}_0 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i v_i - n\bar{u}\bar{v}}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2 - n\bar{u}^2} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i/x_i^2) - n\overline{(1/x)}\overline{(y/x)}}{\sum_{i=1}^n (1/x_i)^2 - n\overline{(1/x)}^2}$$

$$\hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{\bar{v} \sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2 - \bar{u} \sum_{i=1}^n u_i v_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n u_i^2 - n\bar{u}^2} = \frac{\overline{(y/x)} \sum_{i=1}^n (1/x_i)^2 - \overline{(1/x)} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i/x_i^2)}{\sum_{i=1}^n (1/x_i)^2 - n\overline{(1/x)}^2}$$

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i^2/x_i^2) - n\overline{(y/x)}^2 - \frac{\left[\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i/x_i^2) - n\overline{(1/x)}\overline{(y/x)} \right]^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (1/x_i)^2 - n\overline{(1/x)}^2} \right\}$$

$$\text{b) } \varepsilon_i \sim i.i.d. f(\varepsilon; \lambda) = \frac{\lambda}{2} e^{-\lambda|\varepsilon|}.$$

$$\varepsilon_i \sim \text{Laplace}(0, \lambda), E[\varepsilon_i] = 0$$

$$\varepsilon_i = y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_i$$

$$E[y_i] = E[\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i] + E[\varepsilon_i] = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i$$

$$Y_i \sim \text{Laplace}(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i, \lambda)$$

$$f_Y(y_i) = \frac{\lambda}{2} e^{-\lambda |y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_i|}$$

$$L(\beta_0, \beta_1, \lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\lambda}{2} e^{-\lambda |y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_i|} \right) = \lambda^n 2^{-n} e^{-\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_i|}$$

$$l(\beta_0, \beta_1, \lambda) = n \ln \lambda - n \ln 2 - \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_i|$$

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \beta_0} = -\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } y_i > \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i \\ 0 & \text{if } y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i \\ 1 & \text{if } y_i < \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i \end{cases} = \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n \text{sgn}(y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_i)$$

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \beta_1} = -\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n \begin{cases} -x_i & \text{if } y_i > \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i \\ 0 & \text{if } y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i \\ x_i & \text{if } y_i < \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i \end{cases} = \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n \text{sgn}(y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_i) x_i$$

To minimize the total absolute deviations,

$$\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i = y_m \text{ (median).}$$

$1/\lambda$ is the Mean Absolute Deviation from the median.

Assume $\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n$ are ordered. Let $\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_j < 0, \varepsilon_{j+1}, \dots, \varepsilon_n > 0$,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_i| = -\sum_{i=1}^j (y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_i) + \sum_{i=j+1}^n (y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_i)$$

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \beta_0} = -j\lambda + (n-j)\lambda = (n-2j)\lambda \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0 \implies j = \frac{n}{2}, x_j = x_m \text{ (median)}$$

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \beta_1} = -\lambda \sum_{i=1}^j x_i + \lambda \sum_{i=j+1}^n x_i = \lambda (\sum_{i=j+1}^n x_i - \sum_{i=1}^j x_i) \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0 \implies x_j = \bar{x}$$

$$\begin{cases} y_m - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 x_m = 0 \\ \bar{y} - \hat{\beta}_0 - \hat{\beta}_1 \bar{x} = 0 \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} \hat{\beta}_0 = \frac{x_m \bar{y} - y_m \bar{x}}{x_m - \bar{x}} \\ \hat{\beta}_1 = \frac{y_m - \bar{y}}{x_m - \bar{x}} \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \lambda} = \frac{n}{\lambda} - \sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_i| \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0$$

$$\hat{\lambda}_{MLE} = \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x_i|} = \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n |y_i - y_m|} = \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n \left| y_i - \frac{x_m \bar{y} - y_m \bar{x}}{x_m - \bar{x}} - \frac{y_m - \bar{y}}{x_m - \bar{x}} x_i \right|}$$

3. Find the finite breakdown point and the infinite breakdown point for

a) the Mean Absolute Deviation, or $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n |X_i - \bar{X}|$.

The finite breakdown point is the smallest proportion m/n of the sample values such that $|\hat{\theta}^* - \hat{\theta}|$ can be made arbitrarily large by corrupting m data values and computing $\hat{\theta}^*$, where n is the sample size, $\hat{\theta}$ is the estimator. The limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$ is called the breakdown point.

Assume the X_1, \dots, X_n are ordered. Let $X_j < \bar{X}$, $X_{j+1} > \bar{X}$.

Replace X_n with a arbitrarily large X_n^* .

If $X_n^* > nX_n - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} X_i$, then $\bar{X}^* > X_n$

$$\begin{aligned}
|\hat{\theta}^* - \hat{\theta}| &= \left| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (-X_i + \bar{X}^*) + \frac{1}{n} (X_n^* - \bar{X}^*) - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^j (-X_i + \bar{X}) - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=j+1}^{n-1} (X_i - \bar{X}) - \frac{1}{n} (X_n - \bar{X}) \right| \\
&= \frac{1}{n} \left| \sum_{i=1}^j (\bar{X}^* - \bar{X}) + \sum_{i=j+1}^{n-1} (\bar{X}^* + \bar{X}) - 2 \sum_{i=j+1}^{n-1} X_i - (\bar{X}^* - \bar{X}) + X_n^* - X_n \right| \\
&= \frac{1}{n} \left| (n-2)\bar{X}^* + (n-2j)\bar{X} - 2 \sum_{i=j+1}^{n-1} X_i + X_n^* - X_n \right| \\
&= \frac{1}{n^2} \left| (n-2) \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} X_i + X_n^* \right) + (n-2j) \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} X_i + X_n \right) - 2n \sum_{i=j+1}^{n-1} X_i + nX_n^* - nX_n \right| \\
&= \frac{1}{n^2} \left| (2n-2j-2) \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} X_i + (2n-2)X_n^* - 2jX_n - 2n \sum_{i=j+1}^{n-1} X_i \right| \\
&= \frac{2}{n^2} \left| (n-j-1) \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} X_i + (n-1)X_n^* - jX_n - n \sum_{i=j+1}^{n-1} X_i \right| \\
&= \frac{2}{n^2} \left| n \sum_{i=1}^j X_i - j \sum_{i=1}^n X_i - \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} X_i + (n-1)X_n^* \right|
\end{aligned}$$

We just need corrupt one value in order to corrupt MAD.

The finite breakdown point = $\frac{1}{n}$

The infinite breakdown point = $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$

b) the Median Absolute Deviation, or Median $\{|X_1 - \bar{X}|, \dots, |X_n - \bar{X}|\}$.

Assume the X_1, \dots, X_n are ordered. Let $X_j < \bar{X} < X_{j+1}$

$$\{|X_1 - \bar{X}|, \dots, |X_n - \bar{X}|\} = \{-X_1 + \bar{X}, \dots, -X_j + \bar{X}, X_{j+1} - \bar{X}, \dots, X_n - \bar{X}\}$$

Rearrange the order

$$\begin{cases} \{-X_j + \bar{X}, \dots, -X_1 + \bar{X}\} & (1) \\ \{X_{j+1} - \bar{X}, \dots, X_n - \bar{X}\} & (2) \end{cases}$$

$\hat{\theta}$ might be $-X_k + \bar{X} \in (-X_j + \bar{X}, \dots, -X_1 + \bar{X})$,

or $X_k - \bar{X} \in (X_{j+1} - \bar{X}, \dots, X_n - \bar{X})$.

k depend on both of the orders (1) and (2).

Replace X_n with a arbitrarily large X_n^* , $\bar{X}^* \gg X_n$

$$\{|X_1 - \bar{X}^*|, \dots, |X_n^* - \bar{X}^*|\} = \{-X_1 + \bar{X}^*, \dots, -X_{n-1} + \bar{X}^*, X_n^* - \bar{X}^*\}$$

When n is even, $\hat{\theta}^*$ is $-X_{\frac{n}{2}} + \bar{X}^* > -X_1 + \bar{X}$ and $> X_n - \bar{X}$.

When n is odd, $\hat{\theta}^*$ is $-X_{\frac{n+1}{2}} + \bar{X}^* > -X_1 + \bar{X}$ and $> X_n - \bar{X}$.

Therefore, we just need corrupt one value in order to corrupt MAD.

The finite breakdown point = $\frac{1}{n}$

The infinite breakdown point = $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$

4. Assume that X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are i.i.d. $Uniform(a, b)$. Find the asymptotic relative efficiency of the sample median to the sample mean.

For $X \sim Unif(a, b)$, $E[X] = \frac{a+b}{2}$, $Var[X] = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$, $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$,

$E[\bar{X}] = E[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E[x_i] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{a+b}{2} = \frac{a+b}{2}$

For X_i are independent,

$Var[\bar{X}] = Var[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i] = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n Var[x_i] = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(b-a)^2}{12} = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12n}$

$$\bar{X} \sim N\left(\frac{a+b}{2}, \frac{(b-a)^2}{12n}\right)$$

For large n , the sample median $m_n \approx N(M, \frac{1}{4nf^2(M)})$, where M is the population median.

$f(x) = \frac{1}{b-a}$ is the p.d.f. of X

$E[m_n] = M$

$Var[m_n] = \frac{1}{4nf^2(M)} = \frac{(b-a)^2}{4n}$

The asymptotic relative efficiency of m_n to \bar{X}

$$= \frac{Var[\bar{X}]}{Var[m_n]} = \frac{\frac{(b-a)^2}{12n}}{\frac{(b-a)^2}{4n}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Therefore, the sample mean is asymptotic more efficiency than sample median.