

## Maximum Likelihood Estimation

Q1 Let  $(x_1, x_2, \dots)$  be a random sample of size  $n$  taken from a Normal Population with parameters: mean  $= \theta_1$  and variance  $= \theta_2$ . Find the Maximum Likelihood Estimates of these two parameters.

Sol:- For Normal Distribution

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\theta_2}} e^{-\frac{(x_1 - \theta_1)^2}{2\theta_2}}$$

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

Taking logarithm of the likelihood function:

$$\log L(\theta_1, \theta_2 | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \log \left( \frac{e^{-\frac{\sum (x_i - \theta_1)^2}{2\theta_2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi\theta_2}} \right)$$

$$\log L(\theta_1, \theta_2 | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \log \left( e^{-\frac{\sum (x_i - \theta_1)^2}{2\theta_2}} \right) - \log (2\pi\theta_2)^{1/2}$$

$$\log L(\theta_1, \theta_2 | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = -\frac{\sum (x_i - \theta_1)^2}{2\theta_2} - \frac{n}{2} \log 2\pi\theta_2$$

Differentiating with respect to  $\theta_1$  and equating to 0

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

$$\sum (x_i - \theta_1) = 0$$

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

$$\theta_1 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

$$\theta_1 = \bar{x} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

differentiating with respect to  $\theta_2$  and equate to 0

$$\frac{\partial L(\theta_1, \theta_2)}{\partial \theta_2} = \frac{\sum (x_i - \theta_2)^2}{2\theta_2^3} - \frac{n}{2\theta_2} = 0$$

$$\frac{\sum (x_i - \theta_2)^2}{2\theta_2^3} = \frac{n}{2\theta_2}$$

$$\theta_2 = \frac{\sum (x_i - \theta_2)^2}{n}$$

from eq<sup>n</sup> ①,  $\theta_1 = \bar{x}$

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

Therefore,

$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{\sum x_i}{n} = \bar{X}$$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{X})^2}{n}$$

Q2 Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from  $B(m, \theta)$  distribution, where  $\theta \in (0, 1)$  is unknown and 'm' is a known positive integer. Compute value of  $\theta$  using Maximum Likelihood Estimation.

Sol For Binomial Distribution

$$P(X=x) = \frac{n!}{x! (n-x)!} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$$

Likelihood function

$$L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \binom{m}{x_i} \theta^{x_i} (1-\theta)^{m-x_i}$$

taking log of likelihood function

$$\log L(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \log \binom{m}{x_i} + \log \theta^{x_i} + \log (1-\theta)^{m-x_i} \right]$$

$$\log L(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \log \binom{m}{x_i} + x_i \log \theta + (m-x_i) \log (1-\theta) \right]$$

differentiating with respect to  $\theta$  and equating to 0

$$\frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \theta} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ 0 + \frac{x_i}{\theta} + \frac{(m-x_i)(-1)}{(1-\theta)} \right] = 0$$

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

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

$$\frac{\sum x_i}{\theta} - \frac{mn}{(1-\theta)} + \frac{\sum x_i}{1-\theta} = 0$$

$$\sum x_i \left[ \frac{1}{\theta} + \frac{1}{1-\theta} \right] = \frac{mn}{(1-\theta)}$$



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$$\sum x_i \left[ \frac{1-\theta+\theta}{\theta(1-\theta)} \right] = \frac{mn}{(1-\theta)}$$

$$\frac{\sum x_i}{\theta} = mn$$

$$\theta = \frac{\sum x_i}{mn}$$

$$\theta = \frac{\bar{x}}{m}$$