

Ques-1 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.

Ans mean $= \theta_1$, variance $= \theta_2$

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

$$-\infty < \theta_1 < \infty \quad \text{and} \quad 0 < \theta_2 < \infty$$

Likelihood function:

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

and therefore the log of the likelihood function:

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

now, upon taking the derivative of log likelihood with respect to θ_1 , and setting to 0, we see that a few things cancel each other out, leaving us with:

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

multiplying through by θ_2 , and distributing the summation, we get

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

now solving for $\hat{\theta}_1$, MLE of θ_1 is:

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

now, for θ_2 :

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

multiplying by $2\theta_2^2$ -

$$= \left[\frac{-n}{2\theta_2} + \frac{\sum (x_i - \theta_1)^2}{2\theta_2^2} \right] \times 2\theta_2^2$$

we get: $-n\theta_2 + \sum (x_i - \theta_1)^2 = 0$

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

Ques 2: Let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n be a random sample from $B(m, \theta)$ distribution, where $\theta \in \Theta = (0, 1)$ is unknown and 'm' is a known positive integer. compute value of θ using the MLE.

$$\text{pdf of Binomial} = {}^m C_x \theta^x (1-\theta)^{m-x}$$

Let $(\theta | x_1, \dots, x_n) = \text{Joint pdf } (x_1, \dots, x_n | \theta)$

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

Taking \ln both sides:

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

differentiating with respect to θ :

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

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

$$\left[\theta = \frac{\bar{x}}{m} \right]$$

where \bar{x} = mean of sample.