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HOMEWORK 5

Question 1 Rice 8.52 (b)-(d)

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be i.i.d. random variables with the density function

$$f(x | \theta) = (\theta + 1)x^\theta, 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

1. Find the mle of θ .

$$\begin{aligned} L(\theta) &= f(x_1 | \theta) \cdots f(x_n | \theta) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n (\theta + 1)x_i^\theta \\ &= (\theta + 1)^n \prod_{i=1}^n x_i^\theta \end{aligned}$$

Taking the log of $L(\theta)$

$$\log L(\theta) = n \log(\theta + 1) + \theta \sum_{i=1}^n \log(x_i).$$

Then

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} = \frac{n}{\theta + 1} + \sum_{i=1}^n \log(x_i).$$

Setting the above equal to 0

$$\hat{\theta} = -n \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n \log(x_i)} - 1$$

I will verify this is a maximum in the next part of the question

2. Find the asymptotic variance of the mle.

Recall

$$\frac{1}{\tau^2(\theta)} = -E\left[\frac{d^2}{d\theta^2} f(x_i | \theta)\right]$$

Where we can substitute $f(x_i | \theta)$ with likelihood function, $L(\theta)$.

Also, showing $\hat{\theta}$ is maximized.

$$\frac{d^2}{d\theta^2} L(\theta) = -\frac{n}{(\theta + 1)^2}$$

Plugging this back into the formula for asymptotic variance, given above

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\tau^2} &= -E\left[-\frac{n}{(\theta + 1)^2}\right] \\ &= \frac{n}{(\theta + 1)^2} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\tau^2(\theta) = \frac{(\hat{\theta} + 1)^2}{n}$$

3. Find a sufficient statistic for θ .

Recall

$$L(\theta) = (\theta + 1)^n \prod_{i=1}^n x_i^\theta$$

Since $0 \leq x \leq 1$, the above can be factorized to

$$g(t, \theta) = (\theta + 1)^n t^\theta$$

Where $t = \prod_{i=1}^n x_i$ is sufficient statistic for θ .

Question 3 Rice 8.60 (a)-(e)

Let X_1, \dots, X_i be an i.i.d. sample from an exponential distribution with the density function

$$f(x | \tau) = \frac{1}{\tau} e^{-x/\tau}, 0 \leq x < \infty$$

1. Find the mle of τ .

The likelihood function

$$\begin{aligned} L(\tau) &= f(x_1 | \tau) \cdots f(x_i | \tau) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\tau} e^{-x_i/\tau} \\ &= \frac{1}{\tau^n} \prod_{i=1}^n e^{-x_i/\tau} \end{aligned}$$

Taking the log

$$\log L(\tau) = -n \log(\tau) - \frac{1}{\tau} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i.$$

Differentiating

$$\frac{d}{d\tau} \log L(\tau) = -\frac{n}{\tau} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{\tau^2}.$$

Setting the above equal to 0

$$\hat{\tau} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = \bar{X}$$

Furthermore, verify this is a maximum by checking the sign of the second derivative.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d^2}{d\tau^2}L(\tau) &= \frac{n}{\tau^2} - \frac{2\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{t^3} \\ &= \frac{1}{\hat{\tau}^2} \left(n - \frac{2\bar{X}n}{\hat{\tau}} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\hat{\tau}^2} (n - 2n) \\ &= -\frac{n}{\hat{\tau}^2}\end{aligned}$$

Which is clearly negative.

2. What is the exact sample distribution of the mle?

LET

$$S = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$$

and find the mgf of S to be

$$\left(\frac{1/\tau}{1 - 1/\tau} \right)^n$$

combined with the reproductive property of distributions, the result is $S \sim \Gamma(n, \frac{1}{\tau})$. It remains to find the pdf of $\bar{X} = \frac{S}{n}$.

FOLLOWING Stigler's notes, (1.35), let $s = g(x) = nx$.

$$\begin{aligned}f_{\bar{X}} &= f_X(g(x)) \cdot |g'(x)| \\ &= \frac{s^{n-1}}{\tau^n \Gamma(n)} e^{-s/\tau} \cdot n \\ &= \frac{n^n x^{n-1}}{\tau^n \Gamma(n)} e^{-\frac{nx}{\tau}}, x > 0\end{aligned}$$

Which is the pdf of $\Gamma(n, \frac{n}{\tau})$ distribution.

3. Use the central limit theorem to find a normal approximation to the sample distribution.

SINCE X_i are i.i.d. with $E(X_i) = \tau$ and $\text{Var}(X_i) = \tau^2$, $X \sim N(\tau, \frac{\tau^2}{n})$ when n is large as a direct result of the CLT.

4. Show that the mle is unbiased, and find it's exact variance.

$$\begin{aligned}
 B(\hat{\tau}) &= E(\hat{\tau}) - \tau \\
 &= E(\bar{X}) - \tau \\
 &= \tau - \tau \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Var}(\hat{\tau}) &= \text{Var}(\bar{X}) \\
 &= \text{Var}\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(X_i) \\
 &= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \tau^2 \\
 &= \frac{\tau^2}{n}
 \end{aligned}$$

5. Is there any other unbiased estimate with smaller variance?

ONCE MORE, recall

$$I(\tau) = -E\left[\frac{d^2}{d\tau^2} \log L(\tau)\right]$$

Above we found

$$\frac{d^2}{d\tau^2} \log L(\tau) = \frac{1}{\tau^2}(n - 2n).$$

So

$$I(\tau) = \frac{n}{\tau^2}$$

Cramer-Rao states that

$$\text{Var}(T) \geq \frac{1}{I(\tau)}$$

where $T = t(X_1, \dots, X_n)$.

Since I've found $\text{Var}(\bar{X}) = \frac{\tau^2}{n}$, \bar{X} attains the Cramer-Rao lower-bound and therefore is the smallest unbiased estimator.

I omit the n in the denominator since I defined $I(\tau)$ using likelihood function, and not $f(X_1 | \tau)$.

Question 3 Rice 8.68

Let X_1, \dots, X_i be an i.i.d. sample from a Poisson distribution with mean λ , and let $T = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$.

1. Show that the distribution of X_1, \dots, X_i given T is independent of λ , and conclude that T is sufficient for λ .

In the last homework, I found the distribution of sum of i.i.d. Poisson and can generalize it to $T = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim \text{Poi}(n\lambda)$.

In the last homework, it was shown for λ_1 and λ_2 , in this case X_i all have the same λ parameter

Next, find

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_1, \dots, x_i \mid T = t) &= \frac{\Pr(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_i = x_i)}{\Pr(T = t)} \\ &= \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^{x_i}}{x_i!}}{e^{-n\lambda} \frac{(n\lambda)^t}{t!}} \\ &= \frac{t!}{n^t} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i!} \end{aligned}$$

Which is not dependent on λ and therefore a sufficient statistic.

2. Show that X_1 is not sufficient.

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_1, \dots, x_n \mid X_1 = x_1) &= \frac{\Pr(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_i = x_i)}{\Pr(X_1 = x_1)} \\ &= \prod_{i=2}^n e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^{x_i}}{x_i!} \\ &= e^{-(n-1)\lambda} \cdot \lambda^{\sum_{i=2}^n x_i} \prod_{i=2}^n \frac{1}{x_i!} \end{aligned}$$

Which is dependent on λ .

3. Use Theorem A of Section 8.8.1 to show that T is sufficient. Identify the functions g and h of that theorem.

WANT TO SHOW we can factorize

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_i \mid \lambda) = g[T(x_1, \dots, x_n), \lambda] h(x_1, \dots, x_i).$$

$$\begin{aligned}
f(x_1, \dots, x_i \mid \lambda) &= \prod_{i=1}^n e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^{x_i}}{x_i!} \\
&= e^{-n\lambda} \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\lambda^{x_i}}{x_i!} \\
&= e^{-n\lambda} \lambda^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i!}
\end{aligned}$$

Let $t = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ and $h(x) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i!}$. Then we see that $f(x_1, \dots, x_i \mid \lambda)$ can be written as the factorization of

$$e^{-n\lambda} \lambda^t \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i!} = g(T(x_1, \dots, x_n), \lambda) h(x_1, \dots, x_i)$$

Where

$$g(t, \lambda) = e^{-n\lambda} \lambda^t$$

and

$$h(x_1, \dots, x_i) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i!}.$$

Question 4 Rice 8.70

Use the factorization theorem to find a sufficient statistic for the exponential distribution.

THE EXPONENTIAL distribution with parameter λ is

$$f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$$

Suppose X_1, \dots, X_n are i.i.d. random variables from such a distribution. Then

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n \mid \lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda e^{-\lambda x_i}$$

Which can be rewritten

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n \mid \lambda) = \lambda^n e^{-\lambda(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)}$$

Where $f(x \mid \lambda)$ depends only on x_1, \dots, x_i through the sufficient statistic $t = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ and $f(x \mid \lambda)$ is of the form

$$g\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i, \lambda\right) h(x)$$

Where $h(x) = 1$ and

$$g(t, \lambda) = \lambda^n e^{-\lambda(nt)}$$

Question 5

Suppose we face a pattern recognition problem, where the data consist of a single set of pixels X (where there are 16 possible pixel patterns), and there are two possible pattern θ , "o" and "6". The model is that X has the probability function $p(x | \theta)$ depending on θ , given by the following table. Find the best test for "o" versus "6" for which the chance of making the error of "6" when the pattern is "o" is no greater than 0.10. What is the power of this test?

Pixel number (X_i)																
$p(x \theta)$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
θ : "o"	0	0	.02	.03	.02	.03	.02	.02	.08	.12	.02	.22	.02	.23	.02	.15
θ : "6"	0	.03	.01	.13	.08	.12	0	0	.02	.20	.01	.17	.04	.11	0	.08