

1 Algebra

Absolute Value Inequalities:

$$|f(x)| < a \Rightarrow -a < f(x) < a$$

$$|f(x)| > a \Rightarrow f(x) > a \text{ or } f(x) < -a$$

2 Matrixalgebra

3 Calculus

Differentiation under the integral sign

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\int_{a(x)}^{b(x)} f(x, t) dt \right) = f(x, b(x))b'(x) -$$

$$f(x, a(x))a'(x) + \int_{a(x)}^{b(x)} f_x(x, t) dt.$$

Concavity in 1 dimension

If $g : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is twice differentiable in the interval I :

concave:

if and only if $g''(x) \leq 0$ for all $x \in I$

strictly concave:

if $g''(x) < 0$ for all $x \in I$

convex:

if and only if $g''(x) \geq 0$ for all $x \in I$

strictly convex if:

$g''(x) > 0$ for all $x \in I$

Multivariate Calculus

The Gradient ∇ of a twice differntiable function f is defined as:

$$\nabla f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$$

$$\theta = \begin{pmatrix} \theta_1 \\ \theta_2 \\ \vdots \\ \theta_d \end{pmatrix} \mapsto \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta_1} \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta_2} \\ \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta_d} \end{pmatrix}_{|\theta}$$

Hessian

The Hessian of f is a symmetric matrix of second partial derivatives of f

$$\mathbf{H}h(\theta) = \nabla^2 h(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial \theta_1 \partial \theta_1}(\theta) & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial \theta_1 \partial \theta_d}(\theta) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial \theta_d \partial \theta_1}(\theta) & \cdots & \frac{\partial^2 h}{\partial \theta_d \partial \theta_d}(\theta) \end{pmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$$

A symmetric (real-valued) $d \times d$ matrix \mathbf{A} is:

Positive semi-definite:

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \geq 0 \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d.$$

Positive definite:

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} > 0 \text{ for all non-zero vectors } \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d$$

negative semi-definite (resp. negative definite):

$$\mathbf{x}^T \mathbf{A} \mathbf{x} \text{ is negative for all } \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^d - \{0\}.$$

Positive (or negative) definiteness implies positive (or negative) semi-definiteness.

If the Hessian is positive definite then f attains a local minimum at a (convex).

If the Hessian is negative definite at a , then f attains a local maximum at a (concave).

If the Hessian has both positive and negative eigenvalues then a is a saddle point for f .

Lagrange Multiplier

4 Important probability distributions

Bernoulli

Parameter $p \in [0, 1]$, discrete

$$p_x(k) = \begin{cases} p, & \text{if } k = 1 \\ (1 - p), & \text{if } k = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = p$$

$$Var(X) = p(1 - p)$$

Binomial

Parameters p and n , discrete. Describes the number of successes in n independent Bernoulli trials.

$$p_x(k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n-k}, k = 1, \dots, n$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = np$$

$$Var(X) = np(1 - p)$$

Multinomial

Parameters $n > 0$ and p_1, \dots, p_r .

$$p_x(x) = \frac{n!}{x_1! \dots x_n!} p_1^{x_1} \dots p_r^{x_r}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X_i] = n * p_i$$

$$Var(X_i) = np_i(1 - p_i)$$

Poisson

Parameter λ . discrete, approximates the binomial PMF when n is large, p is small, and $\lambda = np$.

$$\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{x}}(k) = \exp(-\lambda) \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \text{ for } k = 0, 1, \dots,$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \lambda$$

$$Var(X) = \lambda$$

Exponential

Parameter λ , continuous

$$f_x(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda \exp(-\lambda x), & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$F_x(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - \exp(-\lambda x), & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

$$Var(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

Multivariate Gaussians

Univariate:

Parameters μ and $\sigma^2 > 0$, continuous

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \mu$$

$$Var(X) = \sigma^2$$

Invariant under affine transformation:

$$aX + b \sim N(X + b, a^2 \sigma^2)$$

Symmetry:

$$\text{If } X \sim N(0, \sigma^2), \text{ then } -X \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

$$\mathbb{P}(|X| > x) = 2\mathbb{P}(X > x)$$

Standardization:

$$Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma} \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$\mathbf{P}(X \leq t) = \mathbf{P}\left(Z \leq \frac{t - \mu}{\sigma}\right)$$

Moments:

Multivariate Gaussians

Uniform

Parameters a and b , continuous.

$$\mathbf{f}_{\mathbf{x}}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a}, & \text{if } a < x < b \\ 0, & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \frac{a+b}{2}$$

$$Var(X) = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$$

Maximum of n iid uniform r.v.

Minimum of n iid uniform r.v.

Cauchy

continuous, parameter m ,

$$f_m(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{1 + (x - m)^2}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \text{not defined!}$$

$$Var(X) = \text{not defined!}$$

$$\text{med}(X) = P(X > M) = P(X < M)$$

$$= 1/2 = \int_{1/2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + (x - m)^2} dx$$

5 Random Vectors

A random vector $\mathbf{X} = (X^{(1)}, \dots, X^{(d)})^T$ of dimension $d \times 1$ is a vector-valued function from a probability space ω to \mathbb{R}^d :

$$\mathbf{X} : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$$

$$\omega \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} X^{(1)}(\omega) \\ X^{(2)}(\omega) \\ \vdots \\ X^{(d)}(\omega) \end{pmatrix}$$

where each $X^{(k)}$, is a (scalar) random variable on Ω .

PDF of \mathbf{X} : joint distribution of its components $X^{(1)}, \dots, X^{(d)}$.

CDF of \mathbf{X} :

$$\mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow [0, 1]$$

$$\mathbf{x} \mapsto \mathbf{P}(X^{(1)} \leq x^{(1)}, \dots, X^{(d)} \leq x^{(d)}).$$

The sequence $\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2, \dots$ converges in probability to \mathbf{X} if and only if each component of the sequence $X_1^{(k)}, X_2^{(k)}, \dots$ converges in probability to $X^{(k)}$.

6 Expectation

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x \cdot f_X(x) dx$$

$$\mathbb{E}[g(X)] = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} g(x) \cdot f_X(x) dx$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X|Y = y] = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} x \cdot f_{X|Y}(x|y) dx$$

Integration limits only have to be over the support of the pdf. Discrete r.v. same as continuous but with sums and pmfs.

Total expectation theorem:

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_Y(y) \cdot \mathbb{E}[X|Y = y] dy$$

Expectation of constant a :

$$\mathbb{E}[a] = a$$

Product of **independent** r.vs X and Y :

$$\mathbb{E}[X \cdot Y] = \mathbb{E}[X] \cdot \mathbb{E}[Y]$$

Product of **dependent** r.vs X and Y :

$$\mathbb{E}[X \cdot Y] \neq \mathbb{E}[X] \cdot \mathbb{E}[Y]$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X \cdot Y] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[Y \cdot X|Y]] = \mathbb{E}[Y \cdot \mathbb{E}[X|Y]]$$

Linearity of Expectation where a and c are given scalars:

$$\mathbb{E}[aX + cY] = a\mathbb{E}[X] + c\mathbb{E}[Y]$$

If Variance of X is known:

$$\mathbb{E}[X^2] = \text{var}(X) + \mathbb{E}[X]^2$$

The expectation of a random vector is the elementwise expectation. Let \mathbf{X} be a

random vector of dimension $d \times 1$.

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{X}] = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{E}[X^{(1)}] \\ \vdots \\ \mathbb{E}[X^{(d)}] \end{pmatrix}.$$

7 Variance

Variance is the squared distance from the mean.

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

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

Variance of a product with constant a :

$$Var(aX) = a^2 Var(X)$$

Variance of sum of two **dependent** r.v.:

$$Var(X + Y) = Var(X) + Var(Y) + 2Cov(X, Y)$$

Variance of sum of two **independent** r.v.:

$$Var(X + Y) = Var(X) + Var(Y)$$

8 Covariance

The Covariance is a measure of how much the values of each of two correlated random variables determine each other

$$Cov(X, Y) = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)]$$

$$Cov(X, Y) = \mathbb{E}[XY] - \mathbb{E}[X]\mathbb{E}[Y]$$

$$Cov(X, Y) = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)]$$

Possible notations:

$$Cov(X, Y) = \sigma(X, Y) = \sigma_{(X, Y)}$$

Covariance is commutative:

$$Cov(X, Y) = Cov(Y, X)$$

Covariance with of r.v. with itself is variance:

$$Cov(X, X) = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu_X)^2] = Var(X)$$

Useful properties:

$$Cov(aX + h, bY + c) = abCov(X, Y)$$

$$Cov(X, X + Y) = Var(X) + cov(X, Y)$$

$$Cov(aX + bY, Z) = aCov(X, Z) + bCov(Y, Z)$$

If $Cov(X, Y) = 0$, we say that X and Y are uncorrelated. If X and Y are independent, their Covariance is zero. The converse is not always true. It is only true if X and

Y form a gaussian vector, ie. any linear combination $\alpha X + \beta Y$ is gaussian for all $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ without $\{0, 0\}$.

9 Covariance Matrix

Let X be a random vector of dimension $d \times 1$ with expectation μ_X .

Matrix outer products!

$$\Sigma = \mathbb{E}[(X - \mu_X)(X - \mu_X)^T]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[XX^T] - \mathbb{E}[X]\mathbb{E}[X]^T$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[XX^T] - \mu_X \mu_X^T$$

10 Law of large Numbers and Central Limit theorem univariate

Let $X_1, ..., X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} P_\mu$, where $E(X_i) = \mu$ and $Var(X_i) = \sigma^2$ for all $i = 1, 2, ..., n$ and $\overline{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$.

Law of large numbers:

$$\overline{X}_n \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{P, a.s.} \mu.$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n g(X_i) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{P, a.s.} \mathbb{E}[g(X)]$$

Central Limit Theorem:

$$\sqrt{(n)} \frac{\overline{X}_n - \mu}{\sqrt{(\sigma^2)}} \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(d)} N(0, 1)$$

$$\sqrt{(n)} (\overline{X}_n - \mu) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(d)} N(0, \sigma^2)$$

Variance of the Mean:

$$Var(\overline{X}_n) = \frac{(\sigma^2}{n})^2 Var(X_1 + X_2, ..., X_n) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}.$$

Expectation of the mean:

$$E[\overline{X}_n] = \frac{1}{n} E[X_1 + X_2, ..., X_n] = \mu.$$

11 Law of large Numbers and Central Limit theorem multivariate

12 Quantiles of a Distribution

Let α in $(0, 1)$. The quantile of order $1 - \alpha$ of a random variable X is the number q_α such that:

$$q_\alpha = \mathbb{P}(X \leq q_\alpha) = 1 - \alpha$$

$$\mathbb{P}(X \geq q_\alpha) = \alpha$$

$$F_X(q_\alpha) = 1 - \alpha$$

$$F_X^{-1}(1 - \alpha) = q_\alpha$$

$$\text{If } X \sim N(0, 1):$$

$$\mathbb{P}(|X| > q_\alpha) = \alpha$$

13 Statistical models

14 Estimators

15 Confidence intervals

Onesided

Twosided

Delta Method

$$\sqrt{n}(g(\widehat{m}_1) - g(m_1(\theta))) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(d)}$$

$$\mathcal{N}(0, g'(m_1(\theta))^2 \sigma^2)$$

16 Hypothesis tests

Onesided

Twosided

P-Value

17 Distance between distributions

Total variation

The total variation distance TV between the propability measures P and Q with a sample space E is defined as:

$$TV(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q}) = \max_{A \subseteq E} |\mathbf{P}(A) - \mathbf{Q}(A)|,$$

Calculation with f and g :

$$TV(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q}) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{x \in E} |f(x) - g(x)|, & \text{discr} \\ \frac{1}{2} \int_{x \in E} |f(x) - g(x)| dx, & \text{cont} \end{cases}$$

Symmetry:

$$d(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q}) = d(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{P})$$

nonnegative:

$$d(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q}) \geq 0$$

definite:

$$d(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q}) = 0 \iff \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{Q}$$

triangle inequality:

$$d(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{V}) \leq d(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q}) + d(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{V})$$

If the support of \mathbf{P} and \mathbf{Q} is disjoint:

$$d(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{V}) = 1$$

TV between continuous and discrete r.v:

$$d(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{V}) = 1$$

KL divergence

the KL divergence (also known as relative entropy) KL between the propability measures P and Q with the common sample space E and pmf/pdf functions f and g is defined as:

$$KL(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q}) = \begin{cases} \sum_{x \in E} p(x) \ln \left(\frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \right), & \text{discr} \\ \int_{x \in E} p(x) \ln \left(\frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \right) dx, & \text{cont} \end{cases}$$

Not a distance!

Sum over support of P !

Asymetric in general:

$$KL(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q}) \neq KL(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{P})$$

Nonnegative:

$$KL(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q}) \geq 0$$

Definite:

$$\text{if } \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{Q} \text{ then } KL(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q}) = 0$$

Does not satisfy triangle inequality in general:

$$KL(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{V}) \not\leq KL(\mathbf{P}, \mathbf{Q}) + KL(\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{V})$$

Estimator of KL divergence:

$$KL(\mathbf{P}_{\theta^*}, \mathbf{P}_\theta) = \mathbb{E}_{\theta^*} \left[\ln \left(\frac{p_{\theta^*}(X)}{p_\theta(X)} \right) \right],$$

$$\widehat{KL}(\mathbf{P}_{\theta^*}, \mathbf{P}_\theta) = const - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log(p_\theta(X_i))$$

18 Likelihood

Let $(E, \{P_\theta\}_{\theta \in \Theta})$ denote a discrete or continuous statistical model. Let p_θ denote the pmf or pdf of P_θ . Let $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} P_{\theta^*}$ where the parameter θ^* is unknown. Then the likelihood is the function

$$L_n : E^n \times \Theta$$

$$L_n(x_1, \dots, x_n, \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n P_\theta[X_i = x_i]$$

Loglikelihood:

$$\ell_n(\theta) = \ln(L(x_1, \dots, x_n, \theta)) =$$

$$= \ln(\prod_{i=1}^n f_\theta(x_i)) =$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(f_\theta(x_i))$$

Bernoulli

Likelihood 1 trial:

$$L_1(p) = p^x (1 - p)^{1-x}$$

Loglikelihood 1 trial:

$$\ell_1(p) = x \log(p) + (1 - x) \log(1 - p)$$

Likelihood n trials:

$$L_n(x_1, \dots, x_n, p) =$$

$$= p^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} (1 - p)^{n - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i}$$

Loglikelihood n trials:

$$\ell_n(p) =$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \ln(p) + \left(n - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) \ln(1 - p)$$

Binomial

Likelihood:

$$L_n(x_1, \dots, x_n, p, n) =$$

$$= n C_x p^x (1 - p)^{n-x} = p^{x_i} (1 - p)^{1-x_i}$$

Loglikelihood:

$$\ell_n(p, n) =$$

$$= \ln(n C_x) + x \ln(p) + (n - x) \ln(1 - p)$$

C is a constant from n choose k, disappears after differentiating.

Multinomial

Parameters $n > 0$ and p_1, \dots, p_r . Sample space = $E = 1, 2, 3, \dots, j$

Likelihood:

$$p_x(x) = \prod_{j=1}^n p_j^{T_j}, \text{ where } T^j = \mathbb{1}(X_i = j)$$

is the count how often an outcome is seen in trials.

Loglikelihood:

$$\ell_n = \sum_{j=2}^n T_j \ln(p_j)$$

Poisson

Likelihood:

$$L_n(x_1, \dots, x_n, \lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\lambda^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}}{\prod_{i=1}^n x_i!} e^{n\lambda}$$

Loglikelihood:

$$\ell_n(\lambda) =$$

$$= -n\lambda + \log(\lambda) (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i) - \log(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i!)$$

Gaussian

Likelihood:

$$L(x_1 \dots x_n; \mu, \sigma^2) =$$

$$= \frac{1}{(\sigma \sqrt{2\pi})^n} \exp \left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2 \right)$$

Loglikelihood:

$$\ell_n(\mu, \sigma^2) =$$

$$= -n \log(\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2$$

Exponential

Likelihood:

$$L(x_1 \dots x_n; \lambda) = \lambda^n \exp \left(-\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right)$$

Loglikelihood:

Uniform

Likelihood:

$$L(x_1 \dots x_n; b) = \frac{1(\max_i(x_i \leq b))}{b^n}$$

Loglikelihood:

Maximum likelihood estimation

Cookbook: take the log of the likelihood function. Take the partial derivative of the loglikelihood function with respect to the parameter. Set the partial derivative to zero and solve for the parameter.

If an indicator function on the pdf/pmf does not depend on the parameter, it can be ignored. If it depends on the parameter it can't be ignored because there is a discontinuity in the loglikelihood function. The maximum/minimum of the X_i is then the maximum likelihood estimator. Maximum likelihood estimator:

Let $\{E, (\mathbf{P}_\theta)_{\theta \in \Theta}\}$ be a statistical model associated with a sample of i.i.d. random variables X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n . Assume that there exists $\theta^* \in \Theta$ such that $X_i \sim \mathbf{P}_{\theta^*}$.

The maximum likelihood estimator is the (unique) θ that minimizes $\widehat{KL}(\mathbf{P}_{\theta^*}, \mathbf{P}_\theta)$ over the parameter space. (The minimizer of the KL divergence is unique due to it being strictly convex in the space of distributions once is fixed.)

$$\widehat{\theta}_n^{MLE} =$$

$$\operatorname{argmin}_{\theta \in \Theta} \widehat{KL}_n(\mathbf{P}_{\theta^*}, \mathbf{P}_\theta) =$$

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{\theta \in \Theta} \sum_{i=1}^n \ln p_\theta(X_i) =$$

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{\theta \in \Theta} \ln \left(\prod_{i=1}^n p_\theta(X_i) \right)$$

Gaussian Maximum-loglikelihood estimators:

MLE estimator for $\sigma^2 = \tau$:

$$\hat{\tau}_n^{MLE} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2$$

MLE estimators:

$$\hat{\mu}_n^{MLE} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i)$$

18.1 Fisher Information

The Fisher information, captures the negative of the expected curvature of the loglikelihood function.

Let $(\mathbb{R}, \{P_\theta\}_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}})$ denote a continuous statistical model. Let $f_\theta(x)$ denote the pdf (probability density function) of the continuous distribution \mathbf{P}_θ . Assume that $f_\theta(x)$ is twice-differentiable as a function of the parameter θ .

Formula for the calculation of Fisher Information of X :

$$\mathcal{I}(\theta) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{\partial f_\theta(x)}{\partial \theta} \right)^2}{f_\theta(x)} dx$$

Models with one parameter (ie. Bernulli):

$$\mathcal{I}(\theta) = \operatorname{Var}(\ell'(\theta))$$

$$\mathcal{I}(\theta) = -\mathbf{E}(\ell''(\theta))$$

Models with multiple parameters (ie. Gaussians):

$$\mathcal{I}(\theta) = -\mathbf{E}[\mathbf{H}\ell(\theta)]$$

Cookbook:

Better to use 2nd derivative.

- Find loglikelihood

- Take second derivative (=Hessian if multivariate)

- Message second derivative or Hessian to use with $-\mathbf{E}(\ell''(\theta))$ or $-\mathbf{E}[\mathbf{H}\ell(\theta)]$

Asymptotic normality of the maximum likelihood estimator

Under certain conditions (see slides) the MLE is asymptotically normal. This applies even if the MLE is not the sample average.

The asymptotic variance of the MLE is the inverse of the fisher information.

$$\sqrt{(n)} (\widehat{\theta}_n^{MLE} - \theta^*) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(d)} N_d(0, \mathcal{I}(\theta^*)^{-1})$$

19 Method of Moments

Let $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \mathbf{P}_{\theta^*}$ associated with model $(\mathbb{E}, \{\mathbf{P}_{\theta}\}_{\theta \in \Theta})$, with $\mathbb{E} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ and $\Theta \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, for some $d \geq 1$

Population moments:

$$m_k(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_{\theta}[X_1^k], 1 \leq k \leq d$$

Empirical moments:

$$\widehat{m}_k(\theta) = \overline{X_n^k} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^k$$

Convergence of empirical moments:

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{m}_k &\xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{P, a.s.} m_k \\ (\widehat{m}_1, \dots, \widehat{m}_d) &\xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{P, a.s.} (m_1, \dots, m_d) \end{aligned}$$

MOM Estimator M is a map from the parameters of a model to the moments of its distribution. This map is invertible, (ie. it results into a system of equations that can be solved for the true parameter vector θ^*). Find the moments (as many as parameters), set up system of equations, solve for parameters, use empirical moments to estimate.

$$\psi : \Theta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$$

$$\theta \mapsto (m_1(\theta), m_2(\theta), \dots, m_d(\theta))$$

$$M^{-1}(m_1(\theta^*), m_2(\theta^*), \dots, m_d(\theta^*))$$

The MOM estimator uses the empirical moments:

$$M^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i, \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2, \dots, \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^d\right)$$

Assuming M^{-1} is continuously differentiable at $M(0)$, the asymptotical variance of the MOM estimator is:

$$\sqrt{n}(\widehat{\theta_n^{MM}} - \theta) \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{(d)} N(0, \Gamma)$$

where,

$$\Gamma(\theta) = \left[\frac{\partial M^{-1}}{\partial \theta}(M(\theta)) \right]^T \Sigma(\theta) \left[\frac{\partial M^{-1}}{\partial \theta}(M(\theta)) \right]$$

$$\Gamma(\theta) = \nabla_{\theta}(M^{-1})^T \Sigma \nabla_{\theta}(M^{-1})$$

Σ_{θ} is the covariance matrix of the random vector of the moments $(X_1^1, X_1^2, \dots, X_1^d)$.

20 M-estimation

Generalization of maximum likelihood estimation. No statistical model needs to be assumed to perform M-estimation.

Median

$$h_{\delta}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2}{2} & \text{if } |x| < \delta \\ \delta(|x| - \delta/2) & \text{if } |x| > \delta \end{cases} \quad .$$

the derivative of Huber's loss is the clip function :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{clip}_{\delta}(x) &:= \frac{d}{dx} h_{\delta}(x) = \\ &\begin{cases} \delta & \text{if } x > \delta \\ x & \text{if } -\delta \leq x \leq \delta \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$