

① 1.

This question is regarding iid Bernoulli samples.

The likelihood function of such distribution is

$L(x_1, \dots, x_n; p) = p^{\sum(x_i)} \cdot (1-p)^{(n-\sum(x_i))}$ where n is the total number of samples and $\sum(x_i)$ is the sum of x_1, \dots, x_n .

The log-likelihood function gives

$$\log L(x_1, \dots, x_n; p) = \log(p^{\sum(x_i)} \cdot (1-p)^{(n-\sum(x_i))})$$

Using log properties, we can simplify it into

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

To find the maximum likelihood estimator, we take the derivative with respect to p and set it equal to 0

$$\frac{d}{dp} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \log p + (n - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i) \log(1-p) \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{p} - \frac{n - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{1-p} = 0$$

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) (1-p) - \left(n - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) (p) = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \cdot p = pn - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \cdot p \rightarrow \text{the } \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \cdot p \text{ cancels out}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i = pn$$

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

Now, we have to prove that PMLE is maximum, not minimum, which can be computed by doing a second derivative of the original function.

If the second derivative is negative, it means that the graph is concave up, meaning that it is maximum at that point.

$$\frac{d}{dp} \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{p} - \frac{n - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{1-p} \right)$$

$$= \frac{-\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{p^2} - \frac{n - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{(1-p)^2} < 0 \rightarrow (\text{factor } -1 \text{ from each})$$

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{p^2} + \frac{n - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{(1-p)^2} > 0 \quad (\text{change the inequality})$$

↳ Since p is between 0 and 1 by the definition of probability, all denominator value is positive.

↳ The sum of all x_i cannot be negative since each individual x_i is either 0 or 1

↳ $n - \text{sum of all } x_i$ cannot be negative since $n \geq \text{sum of all } x_i$.

Therefore, we get $\frac{\text{positive value}}{\text{positive value}} + \frac{\text{positive value}}{\text{positive value}}$, which

is always greater than 0, meaning that the PMLE is a maximum and not minimum.

① 2.

The joint probability function of Y and p

$$p(Y=y, p) = p(Y=y|p) \cdot P(p)$$

where $p(Y=y|p)$ is the likelihood function of Y given p and $P(p)$ is the prior distribution

Assuming that the prior p is beta(α, β), the PDF of

$$p(p) \text{ is } \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} p^{\alpha-1} (1-p)^{\beta-1}$$

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It is given that X_i 's are independent and have same Bernoulli(p) distribution. Therefore, the $P(Y=y|p)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= P(Y=y_1|p) \cdot P(Y=y_2|p) \cdot \dots \cdot P(Y=y_n|p) \\ &= nC_y \cdot p^y \cdot (1-p)^{n-y} \end{aligned}$$

Combining the functions, we get

$$P(Y=y, p) = nC_y \cdot p^y \cdot (1-p)^{n-y} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} \cdot p^{\alpha-1} \cdot (1-p)^{\beta-1}$$

$$= nC_y \cdot p^{(y+\alpha-1)} \cdot (1-p)^{(n-y+\beta-1)} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha) \cdot \Gamma(\beta)}$$

①3.

This question is regarding normal distribution.

The likelihood of such distribution is

$$L(x_1, \dots, x_n; N(\mu, \sigma^2)) = \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-(x_i - \mu)^2 / 2\sigma^2} \right)$$
$$= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \right)^n \cdot e^{-\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2 / 2\sigma^2} = (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-n/2} \cdot e^{-\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2 / 2\sigma^2}$$

If we take the log-likelihood function,

$$\log(L(x_1, \dots, x_n; N(\mu, \sigma^2))) = -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}$$

If we take derivative with respect to μ and set it equal to 0, we get

$$2 \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu) / 2\sigma^2 = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu) = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i - n\mu = 0$$

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

If we take derivative with respect to σ^2 and set it equal to 0, we get

$$\frac{-n}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^4} = 0$$

$$\frac{-n\sigma^2}{2\sigma^4} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^4} = 0$$

$$-n\sigma^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2 = 0$$

$$\sigma^2_{MLE} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2}{n}$$

① 4.

The first moment of Exponential (λ) is the mean, which is $\frac{1}{\lambda}$

The mean of the sample is $\frac{1}{n} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$

Since the first sample moment is the sample mean,

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

$$\lambda_{\text{MOM}} = \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}$$

① 5(a)

This question is regarding $\beta(\theta, 1)$

The likelihood function for such distribution is

$$\begin{aligned} L(x_1, \dots, x_n; \beta(\theta, 1)) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\Gamma(\theta+1)}{\Gamma(\theta)\Gamma(1)} (x_i)^{\theta-1} \cdot (1-x_i)^{1-1} \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\Gamma(\theta+1)}{\Gamma(\theta)\Gamma(1)} (x_i)^{\theta-1} \end{aligned}$$

According to wikipedia, we can denote $\Gamma(n)$ as $(n-1)!$ if n is a real positive integer.

The piazza post reply mentioned that θ can be real positive here and since the sum of two real positive integers always gives a real positive integer, $\theta+1$ is also real positive.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore &= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{(\theta)!}{(\theta-1)!0!} (x_i)^{\theta-1} \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \theta \cdot x_i^{\theta-1} \end{aligned}$$

The log-likelihood function gives

$$\begin{aligned} \log(L(x_1, \dots, x_n; \beta(\theta, 1))) &= \log\left(\prod_{i=1}^n \theta \cdot x_i^{\theta-1}\right) \\ &= \log(\theta^n) + \sum_{i=1}^n \log x_i^{\theta-1} \\ &= n \log(\theta) + \sum_{i=1}^n \log x_i^{\theta-1} \\ &= n \log(\theta) + (\theta-1) \sum_{i=1}^n \log(x_i) \end{aligned}$$

Taking derivative with respect to θ , and setting it equal to 0 gives

$$\frac{n}{\theta} + \sum_{i=1}^n \log(x_i) = 0$$

$$\theta_{MLE} = \frac{n}{-\sum_{i=1}^n \log(x_i)} \rightarrow \text{since the value of all } \log(x_i) \text{ are between 0 and 1, they sum up to a negative value. multiplying the sum to } (-1) \text{ gives a positive } \theta_{MLE}$$

① 5(B)

The first moment of $B(\theta, 1)$ is the mean, which is $\frac{\theta}{\theta+1}$ according to the hint.

The mean of the sample is $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$

Since the first sample moment is the sample mean,

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

$$\theta = (\theta+1) \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right)$$

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

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

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

$$\therefore \theta_{\text{mom}} = \frac{\left(-\frac{1}{n} \right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right)}{\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - 1 \right)}$$

② Given that there are n people at the party, each person can shake hands with $n-1$ people (each person cannot shake hands by himself/herself).

Let X_i be the random variable that represents the number of handshakes for each person i .

Since all X_i 's follow a binomial distribution with $p=1/10$, $E(X_i) = n \cdot 1/10$

The question asks to prove that every person tends to shake hands with probability of 1 in range $[0.95n/10, 1.05n/10]$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

As $n \rightarrow \infty$, the expected value is asymptotic to $n/10$ since $n-1 \approx n$.

The question gave the range as $[0.95n/10, 1.05n/10]$, which means that the range is $\frac{n}{10} \pm 0.05 \frac{n}{10}$.

↳ therefore, $\delta = 0.05$ in this question.

This means that we can subtract the probability of a person that tends to not shake hands in range $[0.95n/10, 1.05n/10]$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Let A_i be the random variable that person i does not tend to shake hands in range $[0.95n/10, 1.05n/10]$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

↳ A_i also follows the same binomial distribution as X_i , and has the same expected value of $n/10$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Therefore, we are looking for $1 - P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n)$

According to the union bound, $P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n) \leq nP(A_1)$ ↳ since all A_i 's follow the same distribution

In other words, $P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n)$ has the upper bound of $nP(A_1)$

Now, we have to prove that $n \cdot \Pr(A_1)$ goes to 0 as $n \rightarrow \infty$, meaning that $\Pr(A_1)$ goes to 0 faster than $\frac{1}{n}$.

$\hookrightarrow \Pr(A_1) \ll \frac{1}{n}$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

\hookrightarrow If the upper bound $n \cdot \Pr(A_1)$ goes to 0, $\Pr(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n)$ will also go to 0 as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

We can now apply Chernoff bound on $\Pr(A_1)$

$$\Pr(|A_1 - n/10| \geq 0.05(n/10)) \leq 2e^{-(0.05)^2/3 \cdot n/10} \\ = 2e^{-n/12000}$$

According to Chernoff bound, $\Pr(A_1)$ has the upper bound of $2e^{-n/12000}$ which goes to 0 as $n \rightarrow \infty$ faster than $\frac{1}{n}$.

In other words, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2n}{e^{n/12000}} \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ since $e^{n/12000}$ is exponential.

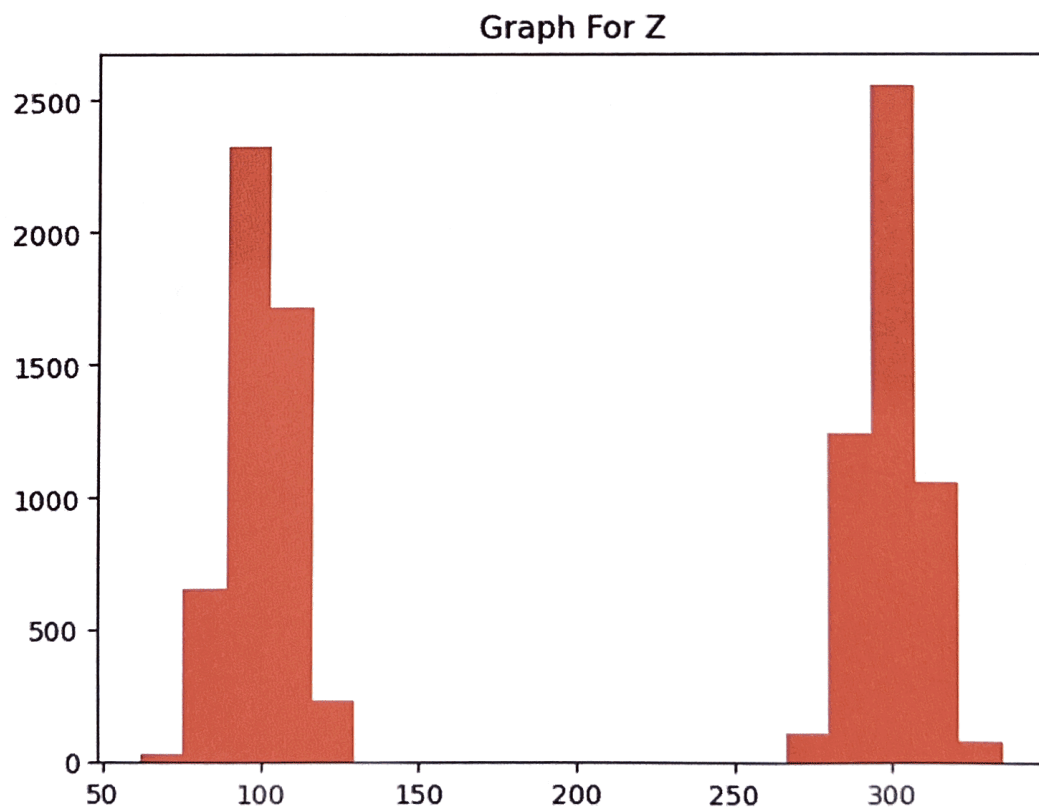
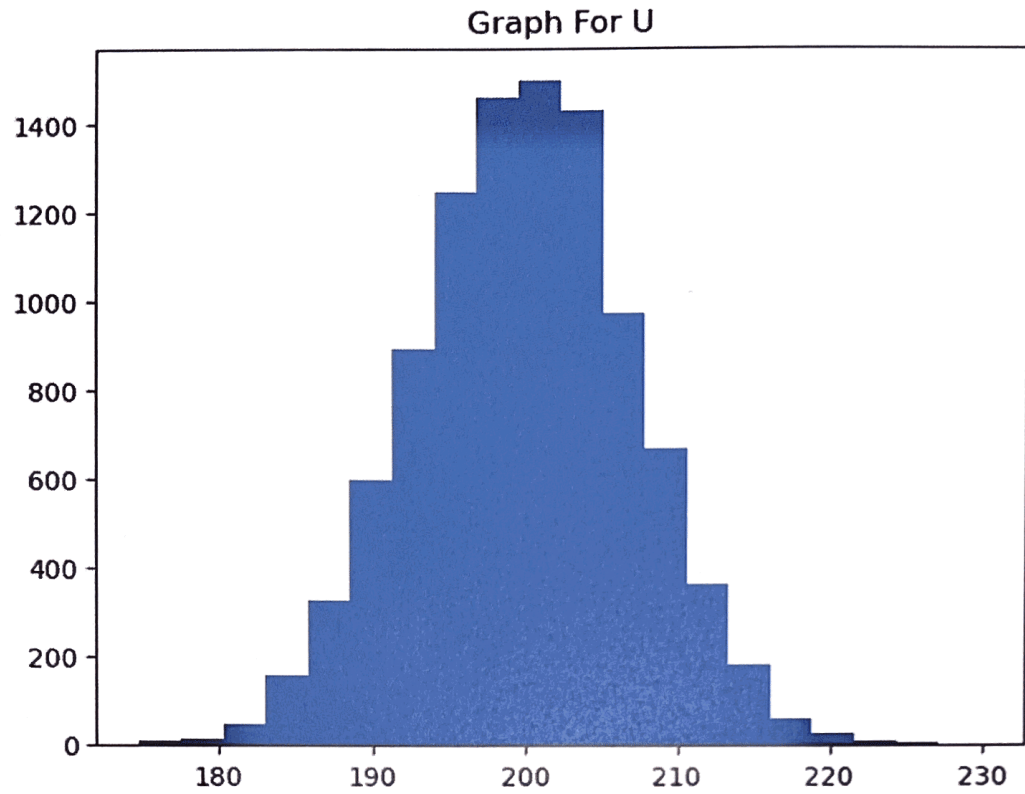
\hookrightarrow This means that $\Pr(A_1)$ also goes to 0 faster than $1/n$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Therefore, $n \Pr(A_1) = 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, which means that

$\Pr(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n)$ also goes to 0 as $n \rightarrow \infty$, since the upper bound of it goes to 0.

$\therefore 1 - \Pr(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n) = 1 - 0 = 1$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, meaning that the probability that every person at the party shook hands in the range $[0.95n/10, 1.05n/10]$ tends to be 1 as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

③ 1.



③ 2.

Expected value of U

$$U = \frac{1}{2}(X+Y)$$

$$E(U) = E\left(\frac{1}{2}(X+Y)\right)$$

$$= E\left(\frac{1}{2}X + \frac{1}{2}Y\right)$$

Since X and Y are independent,

$$E(U) = E\left(\frac{1}{2}X\right) + E\left(\frac{1}{2}Y\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}E(X) + \frac{1}{2}E(Y)$$

The expected values of X and Y are their means.

$$E(U) = \frac{1}{2}(100) + \frac{1}{2}(300)$$

$$= 200$$

The expected value of U is 200

For Z , we have to calculate expected value of Z using Mgf.

$$Z = \frac{1}{2}N(100, \sigma^2=100) + \frac{1}{2}N(300, \sigma^2=100)$$

$$\text{Let } A = N(100, \sigma^2=100)$$

$$B = N(300, \sigma^2=100)$$

$$Z = \frac{1}{2}A + \frac{1}{2}B$$

$$\phi_Z(t) = \frac{1}{2}E[e^{tA}] + \frac{1}{2}E[e^{tB}]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}\phi_A(t) + \frac{1}{2}\phi_B(t)$$

Now, we have to find each $\phi_A(t)$, $\phi_B(t)$ and A and B are normal distributions.

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_A(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tA} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_A^2}} e^{-1/2 (A-\mu_A)^2/\sigma_A^2} dA \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tA} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_A^2}} e^{-1/2 \left(\frac{A-\mu_A}{\sigma_A}\right)^2} dA\end{aligned}$$

Set variable $g = \frac{A-\mu_A}{\sigma_A} \rightarrow A = \sigma_A g + \mu_A$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{t(\sigma_A g + \mu_A)} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_A^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}g^2} dg$$

$$= e^{t\mu_A} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{t\sigma_A g} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}g^2} dg$$

$$= e^{t\mu_A} \cdot e^{\frac{1}{2}\sigma_A^2 t^2}$$

Similarly,

$$\phi_B(t) = e^{t\mu_B} \cdot e^{\frac{1}{2}\sigma_B^2 t^2}$$

Therefore,

$$\phi_Z(t) = \frac{1}{2} (e^{t\mu_A} e^{\frac{1}{2}\sigma_A^2 t^2}) + \frac{1}{2} (e^{t\mu_B} e^{\frac{1}{2}\sigma_B^2 t^2})$$

If we plug-in $\mu_A=100$, $\sigma_A^2=100$, $\mu_B=300$, $\sigma_B^2=100$, we get

$$\phi_Z(t) = \frac{1}{2} (e^{100t+50t^2}) + \frac{1}{2} e^{300t+50t^2}$$

To find the expected value, we have to do a derivative of $\phi_Z(t)$ with respect to t and set $t=0$

$$\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{2} e^{100t+50t^2} + \frac{1}{2} e^{300t+50t^2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (100 + 100t) e^{100t+50t^2} + \frac{1}{2} (300 + 100t) e^{300t+50t^2} \quad | \quad t=0$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (100) e^0 + \frac{1}{2} (300) e^0$$

$$= 200$$

The expected value of Z is 200

③ 3.

$$U = \frac{1}{2}(X + Y)$$

$$\text{Var}(U) = \text{Var}\left[\frac{1}{2}(X + Y)\right]$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \text{Var}(X + Y)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} (\text{Var}(X) + \text{Var}(Y) + \text{Cov}(X, Y))$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \sigma_x^2 = 10^2 = 100$$

$$\text{Var}(Y) = \sigma_y^2 = 10^2 = 100$$

$$\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E(XY) - E(X)E(Y)$$

$$\text{Since } X \text{ and } Y \text{ are independent, } E(XY) = E(X)E(Y)$$

$$= E(X)E(Y) - E(X)E(Y)$$

$$= 0$$

$$\text{Var}(U) = \frac{1}{4}(100 + 100 + 0)$$

$$= 50$$

The variance of U is 50

To calculate variance of Z, we can calculate it as

$$\text{Var}(Z) = E(Z^2) - E(Z)^2$$

From part 2, we found that $E(Z) = 200$.

Now, we have to find $E(Z^2)$, which is the second derivative of $\phi_Z(t)$, the Mgf function, and plugging 0 for t.

From part 2, we found that the first derivative of $\phi_Z(t)$ is

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2}(100 + 100t)e^{100t + 50t^2} + \frac{1}{2}(300 + 100t)e^{300t + 50t^2} \\ &= (50 + 50t)e^{100t + 50t^2} + (150 + 50t)e^{300t + 50t^2} \end{aligned}$$

If we take the derivative of the following, we get

$$50e^{100t+50t^2} + (50+50t)(100+100t)e^{100t+50t^2} + 50e^{300t+50t^2} + (150+50t)e^{300t+50t^2}(300+100t)$$

If we plug-in $t=0$, we get

$$50 + (50)(100) + 50 + (150)(300) = 50 + 5000 + 50 + 45000 \\ = 50100$$

Therefore, $E(Z^2) = 50100$.

$$\text{Var}(Z) = E(Z^2) - E(Z)^2$$

$$= 50100 - 200^2$$

$$= 50100 - 40000$$

$$= 10100$$

The variance of Z is 10100.