

Q1

To find maximum likelihood estimates of the parameters  $\theta_1$  (mean) and  $\theta_2$  (variance) for a normal distribution, we will use likelihood function and then maximize it.

Ans

Given that  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  is a random sample from a normal distribution with mean  $\theta_1$  and variance  $\theta_2$ , the likelihood function is:

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

Taking log on both sides:

$$\ln L(\theta_1, \theta_2 | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

$$= -\frac{n}{2} \ln(2\pi\theta_2) + \frac{1}{2\theta_2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta_1)^2$$

To find MLE, we will differentiate the log-likelihood with respect to  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$ , set derivative equal to zero.

(i) For  $\theta_1$ :

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} \ln L(\theta_1, \theta_2 | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \frac{1}{\theta_2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta_1)$$

Setting this equal to zero:

$$\frac{1}{\theta_2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\theta}_1) = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\theta}_1) = 0$$

$$\therefore \hat{\theta}_1 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

From  $\hat{\theta}_2$ :

$$\frac{\partial \ln L(\theta_1, \theta_2 | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)}{\partial \theta_2} = -\frac{n}{2\hat{\theta}_2} + \frac{1}{2\hat{\theta}_2^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\theta}_1)^2$$

Setting this equal to zero:

$$-\frac{n}{2\hat{\theta}_2} + \frac{1}{2\hat{\theta}_2^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\theta}_1)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n}{2\hat{\theta}_2^2} = \frac{1}{2\hat{\theta}_2^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\theta}_1)^2$$

$$\therefore \hat{\theta}_2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\theta}_1)^2$$

So, MLE for  $\theta_2$  is the sample variance

Q2

To find MLE of  $\theta$  for

Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  be a random sample from  $B(m, \theta)$  distri, where  $\theta \in \Theta = (0, 1)$  is unknown and 'm' is known +ve integer. Compute value of  $\theta$  using MLE.

Ans

The likelihood for this scenario is:

$$\Rightarrow L(\theta | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(x_i = x_i | \theta)$$

Since  $x_i$  follows a Bernoulli dist.

$$P(x_i = x_i | \theta)$$

$$= \theta^{x_i} (1-\theta)^{m-x_i} \text{ for each } i$$

$\Rightarrow$  Taking log on both sides:

$$\begin{aligned} \ln L(\theta | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(\theta^{x_i} (1-\theta)^{m-x_i}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i \ln \theta + (m-x_i) \ln(1-\theta)) \end{aligned}$$

Now differentiate w.r.t  $\theta$  and set to zero.

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} (\ln L(\theta | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)) = 0$$

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