

Problem Set 3

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Problem 1.

1. We have :

$$\begin{aligned}\ell_n &= \sum_{i=1}^n (\log \theta + \theta \log \tau - (\theta + 1) \log X_i) \mathbf{1}(X_i \geq \tau) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \ell_n}{\partial \theta} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{\theta} + \log \tau - \log X_i \right) \mathbf{1}(X_i \geq \tau) = 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow \theta &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{1}(X_i \geq \tau))}{\sum_{i=1}^n (\log X_i - \log \tau) \mathbf{1}(X_i \geq \tau)}\end{aligned}$$

3.

$$\begin{aligned}\ell_n &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{2} \log \theta + (\sqrt{\theta} - 1) \log X_i \right) \mathbf{1}(0 \leq X_i \leq 1) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \ell_n}{\partial \theta} &= \left(\frac{1}{2\theta} + \frac{\log X_i}{2\sqrt{\theta}} \right) \mathbf{1}(0 \leq X_i \leq 1) = 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow \theta &= \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n 1}{\sum_{i=1}^n \log X_i} \right)^2\end{aligned}$$

4.

$$\begin{aligned}\ell_n &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\log X_i - 2 \log \theta - \frac{X_i^2}{2\theta^2} \right) \mathbf{1}(X_i \geq 0) \\ \Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial \ell_n}{\partial \theta} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(-\frac{2}{\theta} + \frac{X_i^2}{\theta^3} \right) \mathbf{1}(X_i \geq 0) = 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow \theta &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i) \mathbf{1}(X_i \geq 0)}{\sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt{2} \mathbf{1}(X_i \geq 0)}\end{aligned}$$

5.

$$\begin{aligned}\ell_n &= \sum_{i=1}^n (\log \theta + \log \tau + (\tau - 1) \log X_i - \theta X_i^\tau) \mathbf{1}(X_i \geq 0) \\ \Leftrightarrow \frac{\partial \ell_n}{\partial \theta} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{\theta} - X_i^\tau \right) \mathbf{1}(X_i \geq 0) \\ \Leftrightarrow \theta &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}(X_i \geq 0)}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i^\tau) \mathbf{1}(X_i \geq 0)}\end{aligned}$$

Problem 2. We have :

$$\mathcal{L}(\mu, \sigma) = \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (X_i - \mu)^2\right) \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\ell_n &= \log \mathcal{L}(\mu, \sigma) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(-\log \sigma - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (X_i - \mu)^2 \right) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(-\log \sigma - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (X_i - \bar{X}_n + \bar{X}_n - \mu)^2 \right) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(-\log \sigma - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left((X_i - \bar{X})^2 + 2(X_i - \bar{X})(\bar{X} - \mu) + (\bar{X} - \mu)^2 \right) \right) \\
&= -n \log \sigma - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 + 2(\bar{X} - \mu) \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X}) + n(\bar{X} - \mu)^2 \right)
\end{aligned}$$

Because $\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X}) = 0$, we get :

$$\begin{aligned}
\ell_n &= -n \log \sigma - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2}{2\sigma^2} - \frac{n(\bar{X} - \mu)}{2\sigma^2} \\
\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{\partial \ell_n}{\partial \mu} = \frac{n(\bar{X} - \mu)}{\sigma^2} = 0 \\ \frac{\partial \ell_n}{\partial \sigma} = \frac{-n}{\sigma} + \frac{1}{\sigma^3} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 + n(\bar{X} - \mu)^2 \right) = 0 \end{cases} \\
&\Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \mu = \bar{X}_n \\ \sigma^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X}_n)^2}{n} \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

Prove this this is consistent:

To do this, we need to prove bias $\rightarrow 0$ and $se \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

• Prove μ_{MLE} is consistent: $\mathbb{E}[\bar{X}_n] = \mathbb{E}[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[X_i] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mu = \mu$. Hence, $bias(\mu_{MLE}) = \mathbb{E}[\mu_{MLE}] - \mu = \mathbb{E}[\bar{X}_n] - \mu = 0$. (1)

$\mathbb{V}[\bar{X}_n] = \mathbb{V}[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i] = \frac{1}{n^2} \mathbb{V}[\sum_{i=1}^n X_i] = \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Hence, $se(\mu_{MLE}) = se(\bar{X}_n) = \sqrt{\mathbb{V}[\bar{X}_n]} \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. (2)

Using (1) and (2), we conclude that μ_{MLE} is consistent.

• Prove σ_{MLE}^2 is consistent:

We have $\mathbb{E}[\sigma_{MLE}^2] = \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(X_i - \bar{X}_n)^2}{n}\right] \Rightarrow n\mathbb{E}[\sigma_{MLE}^2] = \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X}_n)^2\right]$

$$\begin{aligned}
n\mathbb{E}[\sigma_{MLE}^2] &= \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X}_n)^2\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i=1}^n ((X_i - \mu) + (\mu - \bar{X}_n))^2\right] \\
&= \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2 + \sum_{i=1}^n (\mu - \bar{X}_n)^2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)(\mu - \bar{X}_n)\right] \\
&= \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2 + n(\mu - \bar{X}_n)^2 + 2(\mu - \bar{X}_n) \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)\right] \\
&= \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2 + n(\mu - \bar{X}_n)^2 + 2(\mu - \bar{X}_n)n(\bar{X}_n - \mu)\right] \\
&= \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2 - n(\mu - \bar{X}_n)^2\right] = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[(X_i - \mu)^2] - n\mathbb{E}[(\mu - \bar{X}_n)^2] \\
&= n\sigma^2 - n\mathbb{V}[\bar{X}_n] = n\sigma^2 - n\frac{\sigma^2}{n} = n\sigma^2 - \sigma^2 = (n-1)\sigma^2
\end{aligned}$$

So, $\mathbb{E}[\sigma_{MLE}^2] = \frac{n-1}{n}\sigma^2 \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. (3)

We have: $\frac{n\sigma_{MLE}^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$. Hence $\mathbb{V}[\frac{n\sigma_{MLE}^2}{\sigma^2}] = \mathbb{V}[\chi_{n-1}^2] = 2(n-1)$, which equivalents to $\mathbb{V}[\sigma_{MLE}^2] = \frac{2(n-1)\sigma^4}{n^2}$. This actually tends to 0 as n tends to infinity. (4)

Using (3) and (4), we conclude that σ_{MLE}^2 is consistent.

Problem 3.

1. We have: $KL(N(a, \sigma^2), N(b, \sigma^2)) = \mathbb{E}[N(x|a, \sigma^2)] - \mathbb{E}[N(x|b, \sigma^2)] = a - b$.
2. We have: $KL(Ber(a), Ber(b)) = \mathbb{E}[Ber(x|a)] - \mathbb{E}[Ber(x|b)] = a - b$.

Problem 4.

1. We have: $TV(Uni(0, s), Uni(0, t)) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^s |\frac{1}{s} - \frac{1}{t}| dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_s^t |-\frac{1}{t}| dx = \frac{t-s}{t}$.
2. We have: $TV(Ber(p), Ber(q)) = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=0}^1 |Ber(i|p) - Ber(i|q)| = \frac{1}{2} (|p - q| + |1 - p - (1 - q)|) = |p - q|$.
3. From previous question, we get: $TV(Ber(\bar{X}_n), Ber(p)) = |\bar{X}_n - p|$. On the other hand, we know \bar{X}_n converges to p in probability because $\mathbb{P}[|\bar{X}_n - p| > \epsilon] \rightarrow 0$ (Law of large number). Hence, $Ber(\bar{X}_n)$ and $Ber(p)$ converges to zero in probability.
4. I wonder what Dirac distribution is??