

Problem Set 4

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Problem 1.

1. We have the log-likelihood function:

$$\ell_n(p) = \log\left(\prod_{i=1}^n p^{X_i} (1-p)^{1-X_i}\right) = \log(p) \sum_{i=1}^n X_i + \log(1-p) \sum_{i=1}^n (1-X_i)$$

Hence,

$$\frac{\partial \ell_n(p)}{\partial p} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{p} - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (1-X_i)}{1-p}$$

Set this equals to 0, we get: $p = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$.

We have:

$$I(\theta) = \mathbb{E}\left[\left(\frac{\partial \ell_n(p)}{\partial p}\right)^2\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\left(\frac{X}{p} - \frac{1-X}{1-p}\right)^2\right] = \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{X^2}{p^2}\right] - 2\mathbb{E}\left[\frac{X-X^2}{p(1-p)}\right] + \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{X^2-2X+1}{(1-p)^2}\right]$$

From Bernoulli distribution, we know: $\mathbb{E}[X] = p$ and $\mathbb{E}[X^2] = p$. Plugging those thing to equation above, we get:

$$I(\theta) = \frac{p}{p^2} - 2\frac{0-0}{p(1-p)} + \frac{p-2p+1}{(1-p)^2} = \frac{1}{p(1-p)}$$

2. We have the log-likelihood function:

$$\ell_n(\lambda) = \log\left(\prod_{i=1}^n e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^{X_i}}{X_i!}\right) = -n\lambda - \sum_{i=1}^n \log(X_i!) + \log(\lambda) \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

Hence,

$$\frac{\partial \ell_n(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda} = -n + \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

Set this equals to 0, we get: $\lambda = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$.

We have: $\frac{\partial^2 \ell_n(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda^2} = \frac{\partial(-1+\frac{X}{\lambda})}{\partial \lambda} = -\frac{X}{\lambda^2}$. Hence, $I(\lambda) = -\mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial^2 \ell_n(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda^2}\right] = -\mathbb{E}\left[-\frac{X}{\lambda^2}\right] = \frac{1}{\lambda}$

3. We have the log-likelihood function:

$$\ell_n(\lambda) = \log(\lambda^n e^{-\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n X_i}) = n\log(\lambda) - \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

Hence,

$$\frac{\partial \ell_n(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda} = \frac{n}{\lambda} - \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

Set this equals to 0, we get: $\lambda = \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}$.

We have: $\frac{\partial^2 \ell_n(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda^2} = \frac{\partial(\frac{1}{\lambda}-X)}{\partial \lambda} = -\frac{1}{\lambda^2}$. Hence, $I(\lambda) = -\mathbb{E}\left[\frac{\partial^2 \ell_n(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda^2}\right] = -\mathbb{E}\left[-\frac{1}{\lambda^2}\right] = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$

4. We have this result from problem 2 in Problem 3:

$$\begin{cases} \mu = \bar{X}_n \\ \sigma^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X}_n)^2}{n} \end{cases}$$

Recall from problem 2 in Problem 3:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial \ell_n(\mu, \sigma^2)}{\partial \mu} = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} (X - \mu) \\ \frac{\partial \ell_n(\mu, \sigma^2)}{\partial \sigma^2} = \frac{-1}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{(x - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^4} \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 \ell_n(\mu, \sigma^2)}{\partial \mu^2} = \frac{-1}{\sigma^2} \\ \frac{\partial^2 \ell_n(\mu, \sigma^2)}{\partial \mu \partial \sigma^2} = \frac{\partial^2 \ell_n(\mu, \sigma^2)}{\partial \sigma^2 \partial \mu} = \frac{-2(X - \mu)}{\sigma^3} \\ \frac{\partial^2 \ell_n(\mu, \sigma^2)}{\partial \sigma^2 \partial \sigma^2} = \frac{1}{2\sigma^4} - \frac{(X - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^6} \end{cases}$$

Hence,

$$I(\mu, \sigma^2) = \mathbb{E} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \ell_n(\mu, \sigma^2)}{\partial \mu^2} & \frac{\partial \ell_n(\mu, \sigma^2)}{\partial \mu \partial \sigma^2} \\ \frac{\partial \ell_n(\mu, \sigma^2)}{\partial \sigma^2 \partial \mu} & \frac{\partial \ell_n(\mu, \sigma^2)}{\partial \sigma^2 \partial \sigma^2} \end{bmatrix} = -\mathbb{E} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sigma^2} & \frac{-2(X - \mu)}{\sigma^3} \\ \frac{-2(X - \mu)}{\sigma^3} & \frac{1}{2\sigma^4} - \frac{(X - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^6} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sigma^2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2\sigma^4} \end{bmatrix}$$

5. We have the log-likelihood function:

$$\ell_n(\lambda) = \log\left(\prod_{i=1}^n \lambda e^{-\lambda(X_i - a)} \mathbb{1}_{x \geq a}\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n = n \log(\lambda) - \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - a) + \sum_{i=1}^n \log(\mathbb{1}_{X_i \geq a})$$

Hence,

$$\frac{\partial \ell_n(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda} = \frac{n}{\lambda} - \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - a)$$

Set this equals to 0, we get: $\lambda = \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - a)}$.

We have: $\frac{\partial^2 \ell_n(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda^2} = \frac{\partial (\frac{1}{\lambda} - (X - a))}{\partial \lambda} = \frac{-1}{\lambda^2}$. Hence, $I(\lambda) = -\mathbb{E}[\frac{\partial^2 \ell_n(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda^2}] = -\mathbb{E}[\frac{-1}{\lambda^2}] = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$

6. We have the log-likelihood function:

$$\ell_n(\mu, \sigma^2) = \log\left(\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{X_i \sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (\log(X_i) - \mu)^2}\right) = -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{n}{2} \log(\sigma^2) - \sum_{i=1}^n \log(X_i) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\log(X_i) - \mu)^2$$

Hence,

$$\frac{\partial \ell_n(\mu, \sigma^2)}{\partial \mu} = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \log(X_i) - n\mu \right)$$

Set this equals to 0, we get: $\mu = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log(X_i)$.

On the other hand,

$$\frac{\partial \ell_n(\mu, \sigma^2)}{\partial \sigma^2} = \frac{-n}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (\log(X_i) - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^4}$$

Set this equals to 0, we get: $\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\log(X_i) - \mu)^2$.

We have:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{\partial \ell_n(\mu, \sigma^2)}{\partial \mu} = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} (\log(X) - \mu) \\ \frac{\partial \ell_n(\mu, \sigma^2)}{\partial \sigma^2} = \frac{-1}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{(\log(x) - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^4} \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{\partial^2 \ell_n(\mu, \sigma^2)}{\partial \mu^2} = \frac{-1}{\sigma^2} \\ \frac{\partial^2 \ell_n(\mu, \sigma^2)}{\partial \mu \partial \sigma^2} = \frac{\partial^2 \ell_n(\mu, \sigma^2)}{\partial \sigma^2 \partial \mu} = \frac{-2(\log(X) - \mu)}{\sigma^3} \\ \frac{\partial^2 \ell_n(\mu, \sigma^2)}{\partial \sigma^2 \partial \sigma^2} = \frac{1}{2\sigma^4} - \frac{(\log(X) - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^6} \end{cases}$$

Hence,

$$I(\mu, \sigma^2) = \mathbb{E} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \ell_n(\mu, \sigma^2)}{\partial \mu^2} & \frac{\partial \ell_n(\mu, \sigma^2)}{\partial \mu \partial \sigma^2} \\ \frac{\partial \ell_n(\mu, \sigma^2)}{\partial \sigma^2 \partial \mu} & \frac{\partial \ell_n(\mu, \sigma^2)}{\partial \sigma^2 \partial \sigma^2} \end{bmatrix} = -\mathbb{E} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{\sigma^2} & \frac{-2(\log(X) - \mu)}{\sigma^3} \\ \frac{-2(\log(X) - \mu)}{\sigma^3} & \frac{1}{2\sigma^4} - \frac{(\log(X) - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^6} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sigma^2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2\sigma^4} \end{bmatrix}$$

The last equation comes from the fact that $\ln(X) \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ because of the following reason:
Let $y = \log(x)$

$$f_y(y) = f_x(e^y)e^y = \frac{e^y}{e^y\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}}e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(\log(e^y)-\mu)^2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}}e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(y-\mu)^2}$$

Hence, $y \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2) \implies \mathbb{E}[y] = \mathbb{E}[\log(x)] = \mu \implies \mathbb{E}[\log(x) - \mu] = 0$. There is an another better approach for the first part of this question (maximum likelihood). Let $y = \log(x)$, we have $y \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ (which was proved a few lines above). Now, We come up with question 4.

Problem 2.