

Lec 2
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$$\Rightarrow X \sim D_{\text{eq}}(C) := \{ C \text{ w.p. } 1, \text{ Sup}[X] = \{C\} \}$$

also be a vector



In the real world you see $X = \langle 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0 \rangle$
Then, you pick / a curly f (ex. a parametric model)
But you don't know the θ 's! So you have to
guess theta. This guessing is "inference".
There are typically three goals of "statistical
inference".

- (1) Point estimation. Give me your best guess
of theta (one value).
- (2) confidence sets, Give me a range of likely
theta's.
- (3) Theory testing. Evaluate a theory about the value
of theta.

* Assume curly f = Bernoulli. Once you make an
assumption of the parametric model, you
can compute the JMF or JDF:

Compute \downarrow

$$P(X; \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^6 P(X_i; \theta)$$

left w/
 \downarrow
 $1-\theta$

$$P(\langle 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0 \rangle; \theta) = (\theta^0 (1-\theta)^{1-\theta}) (\theta^0 (1-\theta)^{1-0})$$

$$(\theta^1 (1-\theta)^{1-1}) \dots = \theta^2 (1-\theta)^4$$

left w/
theta $\swarrow \rightarrow$

Plug in

the last answer you
found

$$\text{if } \theta = 0.5 \rightarrow p(x; \theta) = 0.5^2(1-0.5)^4 = 0.0156$$

$$\text{if } \theta = 0.25 \rightarrow p(x; \theta) = 0.25^2(1-0.25)^4 = 0.0198$$

$\Rightarrow \theta = 0.25$ seem "more likely" than $\theta = 0.5$.

$$L(\theta; x) = p(x; \theta) \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{probability of the data} \\ \text{with theta known} \end{array}$$

likelihood function, probability

of theta given x known or the

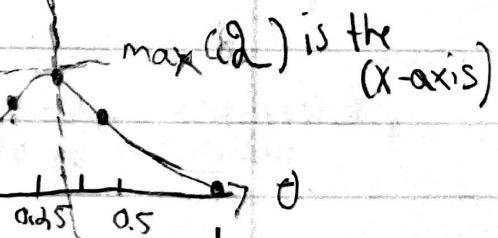
likelihood of "seeing" the parameter
at a certain value

Parameter and
 $\text{Supp}[x]$ NOT the same
thing

$$\int L(\theta; x) d\theta = \text{no rule}$$

$$\sum_{\text{Supp}[x]} p(x; \theta) = 1$$

$$\sum_{\Theta} L(\theta; x) = \infty$$



Define $\hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\theta \in \Theta} \{L(\theta; x)\}$

($\hat{\theta}_{MLE}$ is the x-value corresponding to where it's maximal)

Let g be a strictly increasing function

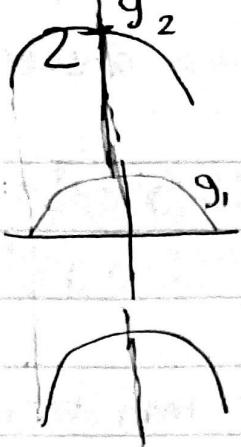
$$\theta \in \Theta$$

The $\hat{\theta}$ estimates

to $0.33\bar{3}$.

graph on the next page

$$\arg \max_{\theta} l(\theta) = 2$$



log-likelihood

$$\text{let } g = \ln$$

$$= \arg \max \{ \ln(l(\theta; x)) \}$$

estimator
is
arg

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Define } l(\theta; x) &= \ln(l(\theta; x)) \\ &= \arg \max \{ l(\theta; x) \} \end{aligned}$$

product

$$l(\theta; x) = \ln(p(x; \theta)) \stackrel{\text{indep.}}{=} \ln(\prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i; \theta)) = \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(p(x_i; \theta))$$

In our example of $x = \langle 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, \dots \rangle$

$$\begin{aligned} l(\theta; x) &= \sum_{i=1}^6 \ln(\theta^{x_i} (1-\theta)^{1-x_i}) = \sum_{i=1}^6 (x_i \ln(\theta) + (1-x_i) \ln(1-\theta)) \\ &\quad \text{use product rule} \qquad \text{output} \\ &\leftarrow = \sum (x_i) \ln(\theta) + (6 - \sum x_i) \ln(1-\theta) \end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum x_i = \frac{1}{6} \bar{x}_i = n \bar{x}$$

?

$$\rightarrow = 6 \bar{x} \ln(\theta) + (6 - 6 \bar{x}) \ln(1-\theta)$$

$$= 6 (\bar{x} \ln(\theta) + (1-\bar{x}) \ln(1-\theta))$$

We need to find the argmax of this function...

$\theta =$ ← this represent estimate (a realization from the estimator)

take derivate of the log likelihood wrt theta and set = 0 and solve

the realization
of θ cancels

parameter
Space

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} [\ell(\theta; x)] = \theta \left(\frac{\bar{x}}{\theta} - \frac{1-\bar{x}}{1-\theta} \right) \stackrel{\text{(converse)}}{=} 0$$

↑
Set it to 0 to find maximum

$$= \bar{x}(1-\theta) = (1-\bar{x})\theta$$
$$= \bar{x} - \bar{x}\theta$$
$$= \theta - \bar{x}\theta$$
$$\hat{\theta} = \bar{x}$$
$$\bar{x} = \frac{2}{6} = .33 = \frac{1}{3}$$

The estimator $\hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \bar{x}$ is a random variable whose realization are the estimates. This random variable has nice properties:

① $\hat{\theta}_{MLE}$ is "consistent". This means that this estimator can provide arbitrary precision on theta given enough n .

② $\hat{\theta}_{MLE} \sim N(\theta, SE[\hat{\theta}_{MLE}]^2)$ asymptotic normality
standard error

③ "Efficiency" means that among all consistent estimators, it has minimum variance.

Consider $X \sim \text{Geom}(\theta)$: $(1-\theta)^X \theta = \text{Supp}[X] = \{(0, 1, 2, \dots)\}$,
 $\rightarrow \mathbb{N} = (0, 1)$

consider a sequence of iid Bernoulli theta. This random variable tells you the # of failures (realization of zero) before the first success (realization of one). \rightarrow

If $\theta = 1\%$.

$$\frac{0}{1^{\text{st}}}, \frac{0}{2^{\text{nd}}}, \frac{0}{3^{\text{rd}}}, \dots, \frac{0}{44^{\text{th}}}, \frac{1}{50^{\text{th}}} \quad x=49$$

$$P(X=49; \theta = 0.99) = 0.99^{49} \cdot 0.01$$

\tilde{F} = i.i.d geometric. n realization

$$L(\theta; x) = \prod_{i=1}^n (1-\theta)^{x_i} \theta = (1-\theta)^{\sum x_i} \theta^n$$

$$l(\theta; x) = \ln(L(\theta; x)) = (\sum x_i) \ln(1-\theta) + n \ln(\theta)$$

$$= n \bar{x} \ln(1-\theta) + n \ln(\theta)$$

$$= n(\bar{x} \ln(1-\theta) + \ln(\theta))$$

Let's Find the MLE, we take the derivative of the likelihood wrt theta and set it equal to zero and solve.

property 1:

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} [l] = n \left(-\frac{\bar{x}}{1-\theta} + \frac{1}{\theta} \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{\theta} = \frac{\bar{x}}{1-\theta}$$

$$\frac{1-\theta}{\theta} = \bar{x} \rightarrow$$

\hat{X} = estimator of X

$$\bar{X} =$$

$$\frac{1}{\theta} - 1 = \bar{X}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\theta} = \bar{X} + 1$$

$$= \hat{\theta} = \frac{1}{\bar{X} + 1}$$

Consider $\bar{X} = 49$

$$\hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \frac{1}{49+1} = 2\%$$

Let's examine MLE Property #2:

$$\hat{\theta}_{MLE} \sim N(\theta, SE[\hat{\theta}_{MLE}]^2) = N\left(\theta, \sqrt{\frac{\theta(1-\theta)}{n}}\right)^2$$

In the curly-F iid Bernoulli case,

$$\hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \bar{X}, SE[\hat{\theta}_{MLE}] = SE[\bar{X}] = \sqrt{\text{var}[x]} = \sqrt{\frac{\theta^2}{n}} = \frac{\sqrt{\theta(1-\theta)}}{n}$$

In the curly-F iid Geometric case,

$$\hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \frac{1}{\bar{X} + 1}, SE\left[\frac{1}{\bar{X} + 1}\right] = ?$$

We now use property 2 to attack the other goals of inference:

Confidence Sets: we use a method called the

"confidence interval":

$$CI_{\theta, 1-\alpha} = \left[\hat{\theta}_{MLE} \pm z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} \text{SE}[\hat{\theta}_{MLE}] \right]$$

Parameter level of confidence standard normal quantile at alpha/2.

For the iid Bernoulli case,

$$CI_{\theta, 1-\alpha} = \left[\bar{x} \pm z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{\bar{x}(1-\bar{x})}{n}} \right]$$

letting $1-\alpha = 95\% = \alpha = 5\%$ need to use th z table

$$CI_{\theta, 95\%} = \left[\bar{x} \pm 1.96 \sqrt{\frac{\bar{x}(1-\bar{x})}{n}} \right]$$

$$z = 1.96$$