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Assignment : parameter Estimation

1. let (X_1, X_2, \dots) be a random sample of size n taken from a normal population with parameter mean $= \theta_1$, variance $= \theta_2$. find Maximum likelihood estimates of these two parameters.

Normal distribution function, for mean $= \theta_1$ and variance $= \theta_2$

$$f(x; \theta_1, \theta_2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\theta_2} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\theta_1)^2}{2\theta_2}\right)$$

likelihood function:

$$L(x_1, x_2, \dots; \theta_1, \theta_2) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i, \theta_1, \theta_2)$$

$$L = \frac{1}{(2\pi\theta_2)^{n/2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i - \theta_1}{\theta_2}\right)^2\right]$$

taking natural log on both sides

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

taking derivative of above equation with respect to θ_1 , and the for θ_2

$$\frac{1}{L} \frac{dL}{d\theta_1} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(x_i - \theta_1)^2 \times 2(-1)}{\theta_2}$$

$$\frac{1}{L} \frac{dL}{d\theta_1} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta_1)}{\theta_2}$$

$$\frac{1}{L} \frac{dL}{d\theta_2} = -\frac{n}{2\theta_2} + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(x_i - \theta_1)^2 \times (-1)}{(\theta_2)^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{L} \frac{dL}{d\theta_2} = -\frac{n}{2\theta_2} + \frac{1}{2(\theta_2)^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta_1)^2$$

Now, $\frac{dL}{d\theta_1} = \frac{dL}{d\theta_2} = 0$

$$\frac{dL}{d\theta_1} = L \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta_1)}{\theta_2} \right) = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta_1) = 0$$

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$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i - n\theta_1 = 0$$

$$\theta_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n} \text{] MLE of mean }$$

$$\frac{dL}{d\theta_2} = -\frac{n}{2\theta_2} + \frac{1}{2(\theta_2)^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta_1)^2 = 0$$

$$= -n + \frac{1}{\theta_2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta_1)^2 = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{\theta_2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta_1)^2 \right) = n$$

$$\theta_2 = \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(x_i - \theta_1)^2}{n} \right] \text{ MLE of variance,}$$

$\theta_1 = \text{mean of population}$

2. let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n be a random sample from $B(m, \theta)$ distribution, where $\theta \in (0, 1)$ is unknown and m is a positive integer. compute value of θ using the MLE.

Binomial distribution formula:

$$B(m, \theta) = {}^n C_m \theta^m (1-\theta)^{n-m}$$

Likelihood function:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Likelihood function: } L(m, \theta) &= B(m, \theta) \\ L &= {}^n C_m \theta^m (1-\theta)^{n-m} \end{aligned}$$

taking natural log on both side

$$\ln L = \ln({}^n C_m) + m \ln \theta + (n-m) \ln(1-\theta)$$

taking derivative with respect to θ

$$\frac{1}{L} \cdot \frac{dL}{d\theta} = 0 + \frac{m}{\theta} + \frac{(n-m)(-1)}{(1-\theta)}$$

$$\frac{1}{L} \cdot \frac{dL}{d\theta} = \frac{m}{\theta} - \frac{(n-m)}{(1-\theta)}$$

$$\frac{1}{L} \cdot \frac{dL}{d\theta} = \frac{m(1-\theta) - (n-m)\theta}{\theta(1-\theta)}$$

$$\frac{dL}{d\theta} = 0$$

$$\frac{m(1-\theta) - (n-m)\theta}{\theta(1-\theta)} = 0$$

$$m(1-\theta) - (n-m)\theta = 0$$

$$m(1-\theta) = (n-m)\theta$$

$$m - m\theta = n\theta - m\theta$$

$$\frac{m}{n} = \theta \quad] \text{MLE of } \theta$$