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Ques1 Let  $(X_1, X_2, \dots)$  be a random sample of size  $n$  taken from a Normal Population with parameters mean  $= \theta_1$  and variance  $= \theta_2$ .  
 Find the Maximum Likelihood Estimates of these two parameters.

Sol<sup>n</sup>: PDF (Probability <sup>Density</sup> Mass function) of Normal Distribution is given by

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

where  $\theta_2 = \sigma^2$

$\theta_1 = \mu$

where  $x$  is value of random Variable  $X$ .

Acc. to question  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are random values from the distribution, which makes likelihood function as follows

$$L = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\theta_2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x_i - \theta_1)^2}{\theta_2}}$$

where  $L$  is function of  $\theta_1, \theta_2$  given  $x_i$

Taking log on both sides

$$\log(L) = \log \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_2}} \prod_{i=1}^n e^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x_i - \sigma_1)^2}{\sigma_2}} \right)$$

$$\log(L) = -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma_2) + \left( -\frac{1}{2\sigma_2} \right) \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \sigma_1)^2$$

[ using property  $\log(AB) = \log A + \log B$  ]

Differentiating on both side with respect to  $\sigma_1$

$$\frac{1}{L} \frac{dL}{d\sigma_1} = -\frac{1}{2\sigma_2} \sum_{i=1}^n 2(x_i - \sigma_1)(-1)$$

$$\frac{1}{L} \frac{dL}{d\sigma_1} = \frac{1}{2\sigma_2} \sum_{i=1}^n 2(x_i - \sigma_1)$$

Equating  $\frac{dL}{d\sigma_1} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow (L) \cdot \frac{1}{2\sigma_2} \sum_{i=1}^n 2(x_i - \sigma_1) = 0$$

Either  $L = 0$

or  $\frac{1}{2\sigma_2} \sum_{i=1}^n 2(x_i - \sigma_1) = 0$

$L = 0$  can't be possible as probability density of already happened can't be zero.

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2\sigma_2} \sum_{i=1}^n 2(\mu_1 - x_i) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n 2\mu_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n 2x_i$$

$$\Rightarrow n\mu_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu_1 = \text{Sample mean.}$$

Now differentiating  $\sigma^2$  wrt  $\sigma_2$ .

$$\frac{\partial \sigma^2}{\partial \sigma_2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) = -\frac{n}{2} \frac{2\pi}{2\pi \sigma_2} + \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu_1)^2 \left( \frac{1}{2\sigma_2^2} \right)$$

Putting  $\frac{\partial \sigma^2}{\partial \sigma_2} = 0$

Again  $\sigma^2$  can't be zero  
so,

$$-\frac{n}{2\sigma_2} + \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu_1)^2 \frac{1}{2\sigma_2^2} = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu_1)^2 = n\sigma_2$$

$$\sigma_2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu_1)^2}{n}$$

$\sigma_2 =$  variance of sample (taken as population)  
where  $\mu_1$  is population mean  
( $\mu_1 =$  sample mean only as found above).

Ques 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 known positive integer. Compute value of  $\theta$  using the MLE.

Sol<sup>n</sup>: PMF (Probability Mass function) of  $B(m, \theta)$  i.e., Binomial distribution would be

$$P(X=k) = {}^m C_k \theta^k (1-\theta)^{m-k}$$

where  $k$  represents number of success out of  $m$ .

Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be random sample from  $B(m, \theta)$  dist. where for a  $X_i$ , it represents number of successes in  $i$ -th trial of experiment.

So likelihood function becomes

$$L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n {}^m C_{x_i} \theta^{x_i} (1-\theta)^{m-x_i}$$

Taking logarithm on both sides

$$\log L = \log \left( \prod_{i=1}^n {}^m C_{x_i} \theta^{x_i} (1-\theta)^{m-x_i} \right)$$

$$\log L = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \log {}^m C_{x_i} + x_i \log \theta + (m-x_i) \log (1-\theta) \right]$$

Performing differentiation wrt  $\theta$  and equating to zero

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



$$\Rightarrow \frac{dJ}{d\theta} = 0$$

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

$J$  can't be zero. Probability of real happened events can't be zero.

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

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

$$0 = \frac{\sum x_i}{nm} \quad \text{where } i \text{ goes from } 1 \text{ to } n$$

$$0 = \frac{\text{Sample Mean}}{m}$$