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Example.  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  a random sample from

$$f^\theta(y) = (\theta+1) \cdot y^\theta \cdot \mathbb{1}_{[0,1]}(y)$$

where  $\theta > -1$  is the unknown parameter

i. MLE

$$\begin{aligned} L(\theta; y_1, \dots, y_n) &= f^\theta(y_1) \cdot f^\theta(y_2) \cdots \cdot f^\theta(y_n) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n ((\theta+1) \cdot y_i^\theta) \\ &= (\theta+1)^n \cdot \left( \prod_{i=1}^n y_i \right)^\theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \ell(\theta; y_1, \dots, y_n) &= \ln(L(\theta; y_1, \dots, y_n)) \\ &= n \cdot \ln(\theta+1) + \theta \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(y_i) \end{aligned}$$

$$\ell'(\theta; y_1, \dots, y_n) = n \cdot \frac{1}{\theta+1} + \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(y_i) = 0$$

$$\frac{n}{\theta+1} = - \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(y_i)$$

$$\frac{\theta+1}{n} = - \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n \ln(y_i)}$$

$$\theta+1 = - \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n \ln(y_i)}$$

$$\hat{\theta}_{MLE} = - \frac{n}{\sum \ln(y_i)} - 1$$

## ii. Moment Matching.

$$\bar{Y} = E[Y]$$

empirical      theoretical

$$\begin{aligned} E[Y] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y f^{\theta}(y) dy = \int_0^1 y \cdot (\theta+1) \cdot y^{\theta} dy \\ &= (\theta+1) \int_0^1 y^{\theta+1} dy = \\ &= (\theta+1) \cdot \frac{y^{\theta+2}}{\theta+2} \Big|_0^1 = \frac{\theta+1}{\theta+2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\bar{Y} = \frac{\theta+1}{\theta+2}$$

$$\bar{Y}(\theta+2) = \theta+1$$

$$\bar{Y} \cdot \theta + 2\bar{Y} = \theta + 1$$

$$\theta(1-\bar{Y}) = 2\bar{Y} - 1$$

$$\hat{\theta}_{MM} = \frac{2\bar{Y} - 1}{1 - \bar{Y}}$$



Example.

$$Y_1, \dots, Y_n \text{ from } f^{\theta, \alpha}(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha) \theta^\alpha} \cdot y^{\alpha-1} \cdot e^{-\frac{y}{\theta}}, & y > 0 \\ 0, & y \leq 0 \end{cases}, y > 0$$

w/  $\alpha$  known and  $\theta$  is of interest.

i. **MM**

$$\bar{Y} = \mathbb{E}[Y] = \alpha \cdot \theta$$

$$\hat{\theta}_{MM} = \frac{\bar{Y}}{\alpha}$$

ii. **MLE**

$$\begin{aligned} L(\theta; y_1, \dots, y_n) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha) \cdot \theta^\alpha} \cdot y_i^{\alpha-1} \cdot e^{-\frac{y_i}{\theta}} \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \right)^n \cdot \theta^{-n\alpha} \cdot \left( \prod_{i=1}^n y_i \right)^{\alpha-1} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{\theta} \sum y_i} \\ &\propto \theta^{-n\alpha} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{\theta} \sum y_i} \end{aligned}$$

$$\ell(\theta; y_1, \dots, y_n) = \text{const} + (-n\alpha) \cdot \ln(\theta) - \frac{1}{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$$

$$\ell'(\theta; y_1, \dots, y_n) = -n \cdot \alpha \cdot \frac{1}{\theta} + (-1) \cdot \frac{1}{\theta^2} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i = 0 \quad / \cdot \theta^2$$

$$-n \cdot \alpha \cdot \theta + \sum_{i=1}^n y_i = 0$$

$$\hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \frac{\bar{Y}}{\alpha}$$

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Example. The Rayleigh density function is given by

$$f^{\tau}(y) = c \cdot y \cdot e^{-\frac{y^2}{\tau}} \mathbb{1}_{[0, \infty)}(y)$$

Q: What is c?

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f^{\tau}(y) dy = 1$$

$$c \cdot \int_0^{\infty} y e^{-\frac{y^2}{\tau}} dy = 1$$

$$\left| u = -\frac{y^2}{\tau} \Rightarrow du = -\frac{2}{\tau} y dy \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow y dy = -\frac{\tau}{2} du$$

$$c \cdot \int_{-\infty}^0 e^u \left(-\frac{\tau}{2}\right) du = 1$$

$$c \cdot \left(\frac{\tau}{2}\right) \int_{-\infty}^0 e^u du = 1$$

$$c \cdot \left(\frac{\tau}{2}\right) \left. e^u \right|_{u=-\infty}^0 = 1 \Rightarrow c = \frac{2}{\tau}$$

$$f^{\tau}(y) = \frac{2}{\tau} y e^{-\frac{y^2}{\tau}} \mathbb{1}_{[0, \infty)}(y)$$

MM

$$\mathbb{E}[Y] = \int_0^{\infty} y \cdot \frac{2}{\tau} y e^{-\frac{y^2}{\tau}} dy =$$

$$= \frac{2}{\tau} \int_0^{\infty} y^2 e^{-\frac{y^2}{\tau}} dy$$

$$u = y$$

$$dv = \frac{2}{\tau} y e^{-\frac{y^2}{\tau}} dy$$

$$du = dy$$

$$v = -e^{-\frac{y^2}{\tau}}$$

$$\frac{d}{dy} e^{-\frac{y^2}{\tau}} = -\frac{2y}{\tau} e^{-\frac{y^2}{\tau}}$$

$$= y \cdot \left(-e^{-\frac{y^2}{\tau}}\right) \Big|_{y=0}^{\infty} + \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\frac{y^2}{\tau}} dy$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{2}{\tau} y^2 e^{-\frac{y^2}{\tau}} dy = \boxed{u = y^2 \Rightarrow du = 2y dy}$$

$$\Rightarrow dy = \frac{du}{2y}$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{\tau} \sqrt{u} e^{-\frac{u}{\tau}} du \quad ???$$

BUT!!! USING PROBABILITY !!!

$$\int_0^{\infty} y^2 e^{-\frac{u^2}{\tau}} dy = \boxed{u = \frac{\sqrt{2} \cdot y}{\sqrt{\tau}} \Rightarrow du = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\tau}} dy}$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\tau}{2} u^2 e^{-\frac{u^2}{2}} \sqrt{\frac{\tau}{2}} du$$

$$= \frac{\tau}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{\tau}{2}} \int_0^{\infty} u^2 e^{-\frac{u^2}{2}} du$$

$$= \frac{\tau}{2} \sqrt{\frac{\tau}{2}} \cdot \sqrt{2\pi} \int_0^{\infty} u^2 \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{u^2}{2}} \right) du$$

$$= \frac{\tau}{2} \sqrt{\tau\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u^2 \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{u^2}{2}} \right) du}_{= \text{Var}[Z] = 1}$$

w/  $Z \sim N(0,1)$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}[Y] = \frac{2}{2} \cdot \frac{\tau}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\tau\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\mathbb{E}[Y] = \frac{\sqrt{\tau\pi}}{2}}$$