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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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ii. Moment Matching.

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

empirical theoretical

$$\begin{aligned} E[Y] &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y f^{\Theta}(y) dy = \int_0^1 y \cdot (\Theta+1) \cdot y^{\Theta} dy \\ &= (\Theta+1) \int_0^1 y^{\Theta+1} dy = \\ &= (\Theta+1) \cdot \frac{y^{\Theta+2}}{\Theta+2} \Big|_{y=0}^1 = \frac{\Theta+1}{\Theta+2} \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

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

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



Example.

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

w/ α known and Θ is of interest.

i. MM

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

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

ii. MLE

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

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

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

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

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



Example. The Rayleigh density function is given by

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

Q: What is c?

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

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

$$\left[\begin{aligned} u &= -\frac{y^2}{\tau} \Rightarrow du = -\frac{2}{\tau} y dy \\ &\Rightarrow y dy = -\frac{\tau}{2} du \end{aligned} \right]$$

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

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

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

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

MM

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[Y] &= \int_0^{\infty} y \cdot \frac{2}{\tau} y e^{-\frac{y^2}{\tau}} dy = \\ &= \left(\frac{2}{\tau}\right) \int_0^{\infty} y^2 e^{-\frac{y^2}{\tau}} dy \end{aligned}$$

$$u=y$$

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

$$du = dy$$

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

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

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

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{2}{\tau} y^2 e^{-\frac{y^2}{\tau}} dy = \left[u=y^2 \Rightarrow du=2y dy \Rightarrow dy = \frac{du}{2y} \right]$$

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

BUT!!! USING PROBABILITY !!!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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