

1. MLE and MAP Question 1.a

Probability Density Function (PDF): $P(x|\alpha) = \alpha(1-x)^{\alpha-1}$

where x lies in interval $[0, 1]$ and $\alpha > 0$

• MLE for the parameter α based on dataset $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ of flutterness measurements

* \downarrow So, we need to differentiate the log-likelihood function with respect to α , set it equal to 0, and solve for α .

$$X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\} : L(\alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(P(x_i|\alpha))$$

For each observation x_i , we evaluate the log of the PDF

$$\log(P(x_i|\alpha)) = \ln(\alpha) + (\alpha-1) \ln(1-x_i)$$

• We sum up these log-likelihood terms for data points in the dataset

(Taking log of likelihood \rightarrow simplifies comp, maximizing it equal to maximizing original likelihood)

$$\frac{dL}{d\alpha} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} - \ln(1-x_i) \right)$$

(The MLE aims to find value of α that max log L func)

• Our goal is find the critical point where der. eq. zero

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} - \ln(1-x_i) \right) = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n \ln(1-x_i)}$$

This our Maximum Likelihood Estimate

MLE and MAP Question 1.6

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$$P(x, \alpha) = \alpha (1-x)^{\alpha-1} \quad L(\alpha) = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha (1-x_i)^{\alpha-1}$$

$$P(\alpha) = \lambda \alpha^{\lambda-1} e^{-\lambda \alpha} \quad \text{where } \lambda > 0$$

We need to find the value of $\lambda > 0$ that maximizes

$$L(\alpha) \cdot P(\alpha) = \lambda \alpha^{\lambda-1} e^{-\lambda \alpha} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n (\alpha (1-x_i)^{\alpha-1})$$

But taking der of this is hard so lets write log funct \rightarrow maximizing it is same with maximizing original

$$\ln(L(\alpha) \cdot P(\alpha)) = \ln \lambda + (\lambda-1) \ln \alpha - \lambda \alpha + \sum_{i=1}^n \ln \alpha + (\alpha-1) \ln(1-x_i)$$

\rightarrow Taking the derivative of this and set it to zero

$$\frac{\lambda-1}{\alpha} - \lambda + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\alpha} - \ln(1-x_i) = 0$$

$$\frac{\lambda-1+n}{\alpha} = \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(1-x_i)$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{\lambda-1+n}{\sum_{i=1}^n \ln(1-x_i)}$$