

Probability & Statistics for EECS:

Homework #13

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Problem 1

Since X_1, X_2, \dots are i.i.d. $\text{Expo}(1)$, so $f_{X_1}(x) = f_{X_2}(x) = \dots = e^{-x}, x > 0$.

$$(a) P(X_n \geq 1) = \int_1^{+\infty} e^{-x} dx = e^{-1}$$

From the definition of $N = \min\{n : X_n \geq 1\}$, so we can get that $N \sim FS(\frac{1}{e})$.

$$\text{So } E(N) = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{e}} = e.$$

So above all, the distribution of N is $FS(\frac{1}{e})$.

And $E(N) = e$.

(b) From the Poisson process with rate $\lambda = 1$, we can get that:

Let X_i be the arriving interval, so $X_i \sim \text{Expo}(1)$.

Suppose that the time starts at time 0, since $M = \min\{n : X_1 + \dots + X_n \geq 10\}$.

Which means that $M - 1$ is the number of people arrival in the time interval $[0, 10)$.

Let Y_i be the number of arrivals in the interval $[0, 10)$, since the interval's length is 10, so $Y_i \sim \text{Pois}(1 \cdot 10) \sim \text{Pois}(10)$.

And from the definition of M , we can get that $M - 1$ is the number of arrivals in the interval $[0, 10)$, i.e. $M - 1 \sim Y_i \sim \text{Pois}(10)$.

So $E(M - 1) = 10$.

So $E(M) = E(M - 1) + 1 = 11$.

So above all, the distribution of $M - 1$ is $\text{Pois}(10)$.

And $E(M) = 11$.

(c) Since X_1, \dots, X_n are i.i.d. $\text{Expo}(1)$ with finite mean $\mu = E(X_i) = 1$, and finite variance $\sigma^2 = \text{Var}(X_i) = 1$.

For the exact distribution,

Let $F_X(x)$ be the CDF of $X \sim \text{Expo}(1)$, then $F_X(x) = 1 - e^{-x}$.

Then the CDF of $Y = \frac{1}{n}X$ is $F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y) = P(\frac{1}{n}X \leq y) = P(X \leq ny) = F_X(ny) = 1 - e^{-ny}$.

So $Y \sim \text{Expo}(n)$.

i.e. $\frac{1}{n}X \sim \text{Expo}(n)$.

So $\frac{1}{n}X_i$ are i.i.d. $\text{Expo}(n)$.

From the theorem we have learned, since $\frac{1}{n}X_i$ are i.i.d. $\text{Expo}(n)$, so we can get that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{n}X_i \sim \text{Gamma}(n, n)$$

i.e. the exact distribution of $\bar{X}_n = \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{n}X_i$ is

$$\bar{X}_n \sim \text{Gamma}(n, n)$$

As for the approximate distribution,

for n is large, from the Central Limit Theorem, we can get that:

$\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ is approximately normal with mean μ and variance $\frac{\sigma^2}{n} = \frac{1}{n}$.

i.e. \bar{X}_n is approximate to $N(1, \frac{1}{n})$.

So above all, the exact distribution of \bar{X}_n is *Gamma*(n, n).

And for n is large, the approximate distribution of \bar{X}_n is $N(1, \frac{1}{n})$.

Problem 2

(a) We know that X_1, X_2, \dots are i.i.d. with $E(X_i) = \mu, a \leq X_i \leq b$.

Let $X = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$.

From the Chernoff Inequality, we can get that:

since $\epsilon \geq 0$, so $\forall t > 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} P(X - \mu \geq \epsilon) &\leq \frac{E(e^{t(X-\mu)})}{e^{t\epsilon}} \\ &= \frac{E(e^{t((\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i) - \mu)})}{e^{t\epsilon}} \\ &= \frac{E(\prod_{i=1}^n e^{t(\frac{1}{n}(X_i - \mu))})}{e^{t\epsilon}} \end{aligned}$$

Let $Y_i = \frac{1}{n}(X_i - \mu)$

Since X_1, \dots, X_n are independent, so $e^{t(\frac{1}{n}(X_i - \mu))} = e^{tY_i}$ are independent.

So the origin inequality can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} P(X - \mu \geq \epsilon) &\leq \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n E(e^{t(\frac{1}{n}(X_i - \mu))})}{e^{t\epsilon}} \\ &= \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n E(e^{tY_i})}{e^{t\epsilon}} \end{aligned}$$

And $E(Y_i) = E(\frac{1}{n}(X_i - \mu)) = 0$, and $\frac{a - \mu}{n} \leq Y_i \leq \frac{b - \mu}{n}$.

So from Hoeffding Lemma, we can get that:

$$E(e^{tY_i}) \leq e^{\frac{1}{8}t^2(\frac{b-a}{n})^2}$$

And since $e^{tY_i} > 0$, so $E(e^{tY_i}) > 0$.

So

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n E(e^{tY_i})}{e^{t\epsilon}} &\leq \frac{(e^{\frac{1}{8}t^2(\frac{b-a}{n})^2})^n}{e^{t\epsilon}} \\ &= \frac{e^{\frac{1}{8n}t^2(b-a)^2}}{e^{t\epsilon}} \\ &= e^{\frac{1}{8n}t^2(b-a)^2 - t\epsilon} \end{aligned}$$

Since e^x is strictly increasing, so $e^{\frac{1}{8n}t^2(b-a)^2 - t\epsilon}$ is strictly increasing.

To get the minimum of $e^{\frac{1}{8n}t^2(b-a)^2 - t\epsilon}$, we can just get the minimum of $\frac{1}{8n}t^2(b-a)^2 - t\epsilon$.

With the knowledge of quadratic function, we can get that

when $t = \frac{\epsilon}{2 \cdot \frac{(b-a)^2}{8n}} = \frac{4n\epsilon}{(b-a)^2}$,

the minimum of $= e^{\frac{1}{8n}t^2(b-a)^2 - t\epsilon}$ is that

$$\begin{aligned} &e^{\frac{1}{8n}(\frac{4n\epsilon}{(b-a)^2})^2(b-a)^2 - \frac{4n\epsilon}{(b-a)^2}\epsilon} \\ &= e^{\frac{-2n\epsilon^2}{(b-a)^2}} \end{aligned}$$

So we can get that

$$P(X - \mu \geq \epsilon) \leq e^{\frac{-2n\epsilon^2}{(b-a)^2}}$$

Similarly, with the same method, we can get that

$$P(X - \mu \leq -\epsilon) = P(\mu - X \geq \epsilon) \leq e^{\frac{-2n\epsilon^2}{(b-a)^2}}$$

So combine them, we can get that

$$P(|X - \mu| \geq \epsilon) = P(X - \mu \geq \epsilon) + P(X - \mu \leq -\epsilon) \leq 2e^{\frac{-2n\epsilon^2}{(b-a)^2}}$$

And put $X = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ into it, we can get that

$$P(|\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i - \mu| \geq \epsilon) \leq 2\exp(-\frac{2n\epsilon^2}{(b-a)^2})$$

So above all, the Hoeffding bound

$$P(|\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i - \mu| \geq \epsilon) \leq 2\exp(-\frac{2n\epsilon^2}{(b-a)^2})$$

holds.

Problem 3

Let $Y = X - \mu$, then $P(X - \mu \geq a) = P(Y \geq a)$

So $\forall t \geq 0$, we have $a + t \geq 0$, so

$$P(Y \geq a) = P((Y + t) \geq (a + t)) \leq P((Y + t)^2 \geq (a + t)^2).$$

From Marcov's Inequality, we can get that when $\forall a > 0$

$$P(|X| \geq a) \leq \frac{E|X|}{a}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} P((Y + t)^2 \geq (a + t)^2) &\leq \frac{E((Y + t)^2)}{(a + t)^2} \\ &= \frac{E(Y^2) + 2tE(Y) + t^2}{(a + t)^2} \end{aligned}$$

Since $Y = X - \mu$, so $E(Y) = E(X) - \mu = 0$, $Var(Y) = Var(X) = \sigma^2$.

And since $Var(Y) = E(Y^2) - (E(Y))^2$, so we can get that $E(Y^2) = \sigma^2$.

So

$$\frac{E(Y^2) + 2tE(Y) + t^2}{(a + t)^2} = \frac{\sigma^2 + t^2}{(a + t)^2}$$

Let $f(t) = \frac{\sigma^2 + t^2}{(a + t)^2}$, then $f'(t) = \frac{2(at - \sigma^2)}{(a + t)^3}$.

And $f''(t) = \frac{2(a^2 - 2at + 3\sigma^2)}{(a + t)^4}$.

And when $f'(t) = 0$, we can get that $t = \frac{\sigma^2}{a}$.

And at this time, $f''(t) = \frac{2(a^2 - 2a \cdot \frac{\sigma^2}{a} + 3\sigma^2)}{(a + \frac{\sigma^2}{a})^4} = \frac{2(a^2 + \sigma^2)}{(a + \frac{\sigma^2}{a})^4} > 0$.

So $\{f(t)\}_{min} = f(\frac{\sigma^2}{a}) = \frac{\sigma^2(a^2 + \sigma^2)}{(a^2 + \sigma^2)^2} = \frac{\sigma^2}{a^2 + \sigma^2}$.

So

$$P(Y \geq a) = P((Y + t)^2 \geq (a + t)^2) \leq \frac{E((Y + t)^2)}{(a + t)^2} \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{a^2 + \sigma^2}$$

i.e.

$$P(X - \mu \geq a) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{a^2 + \sigma^2}$$

So above all, for any $a \geq 0$, the one-side Chebyshev Inequality

$$P(X - \mu \geq a) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{a^2 + \sigma^2}$$

have been proved.

Problem 4

With the Bayes Inference.

The prior distribution is $\Theta \sim N(x_0, \sigma_0^2)$.

And the observations are independent normals, i.e. $X_i|\Theta \sim N(\theta, \sigma_i^2)$.

So $f_{X_i|\Theta}(x_i|\theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_i} e^{-\frac{(x_i-\theta)^2}{2\sigma_i^2}}$.

So the posterior PDF of $\Theta|\mathbf{X}$ is that

$$f_{\Theta|\mathbf{X}}(\theta|\mathbf{x})$$

With Bayes' Rule, we can get that

$$= \frac{f_{\mathbf{X}|\Theta}(\mathbf{x}|\theta)f_{\Theta}(\theta)}{f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x})}$$

Since X_i are independent, so $f_{\mathbf{X}|\Theta}(\mathbf{x}|\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n f_{X_i|\Theta}(x_i|\theta)$.

Also, with LOTP, we can get that $f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_{\mathbf{X}|\Theta}(\mathbf{x}|\theta)f_{\Theta}(\theta)d\theta$.

Which must be a formula without θ , so it could be regarded as a constant.

Since $f_{\Theta|\mathbf{X}}(\theta|\mathbf{x})$ is a valid PDF, so we can ignore its constant part.

i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{f_{\mathbf{X}|\Theta}(\mathbf{x}|\theta)f_{\Theta}(\theta)}{f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x})} &\propto \prod_{i=1}^n f_{X_i|\Theta}(x_i|\theta)f_{\Theta}(\theta) \\ &= \left(\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_i} e^{-\frac{(x_i-\theta)^2}{2\sigma_i^2}}\right) \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_0} e^{-\frac{(\theta-x_0)^2}{2\sigma_0^2}} \\ &\propto \exp\left(-\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(x_i-\theta)^2}{2\sigma_i^2} - \frac{(\theta-x_0)^2}{2\sigma_0^2}\right) \\ &= \exp\left(-\sum_{i=0}^n \frac{(x_i-\theta)^2}{2\sigma_i^2}\right) \\ &= \exp\left(-\sum_{i=0}^n \frac{\theta^2}{2\sigma_i^2} + \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{x_i\theta}{\sigma_i^2} - \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{x_i^2}{2\sigma_i^2}\right) \\ &\propto \exp\left(-\sum_{i=0}^n \frac{\theta^2}{2\sigma_i^2} + \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{x_i\theta}{\sigma_i^2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Let $A = \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{2\sigma_i^2}$, $B = \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{x_i}{\sigma_i^2}$, then we can get that

$$\begin{aligned} &= \exp(-A\theta^2 + B\theta) \\ &= \exp\left(-A\left(\theta - \frac{B}{2A}\right)^2 + \frac{B^2}{4A}\right) \\ &\propto \exp\left(-A\left(\theta - \frac{B}{2A}\right)^2\right) \\ &= \exp\left(-\frac{\left(\theta - \frac{B}{2A}\right)^2}{\frac{1}{2A}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Since $f_{\Theta|\mathbf{X}}(\theta|\mathbf{x})$ is a valid PDF, so we can ignore its constant part.
From the part without constant, we can get that

$$f_{\Theta|\mathbf{X}}(\theta|\mathbf{x}) \propto \exp\left(-\frac{(\theta - \frac{B}{2A})^2}{2 \cdot \frac{1}{2A}}\right)$$

i.e.

$$\Theta|\mathbf{X} \sim N\left(\frac{B}{2A}, \frac{1}{2A}\right)$$

put $A = \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{2\sigma_i^2}$, $B = \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{x_i}{\sigma_i^2}$ into it, we can get that

$$\Theta|\mathbf{X} \sim N\left(\frac{\sum_{i=0}^n \frac{x_i}{\sigma_i^2}}{\sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2}}, \frac{1}{\sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2}}\right)$$

So the PDF of the posterior distribution of Θ is that

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\Theta|\mathbf{X}}(\theta|\mathbf{x}) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2}}}} \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{(\theta - \frac{\sum_{i=0}^n \frac{x_i}{\sigma_i^2}}{\sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2}})^2}{2 \cdot \frac{1}{\sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2}}}\right) \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{\sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{((\sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2}) \cdot \theta - \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{x_i}{\sigma_i^2})^2}{2 \cdot \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

So above all, the posterior PDF of Θ is that

$$f_{\Theta|\mathbf{X}}(\theta|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\sqrt{\sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2}}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{((\sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2}) \cdot \theta - \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{x_i}{\sigma_i^2})^2}{2 \cdot \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2}}\right)$$

Problem 5

(a) Since X_i are independent $\text{Expo}(\theta)$, so $f_{X_i}(x_i; \theta) = \theta e^{-\theta x_i}$.

And since X_i are independent, so $f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}; \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n f_{X_i}(x_i; \theta)$.

i.e. the maximum likelihood function is that

$$\hat{\theta}_n = \arg \max_{\theta} f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = \arg \max_{\theta} \prod_{i=1}^n f_{X_i}(x_i) = \arg \max_{\theta} \prod_{i=1}^n \theta e^{-\theta x_i}$$

We can also write it by taking log to the right-hand side because the log-function is strictly increasing, i.e.

$$\hat{\theta}_n = \arg \max_{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^n (\ln \theta - \theta x_i)$$

Let $g(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n (\ln \theta - \theta x_i)$, then we can get that

$$g'(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{\theta} - x_i \right) = \frac{n}{\theta} - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i.$$

When $g'(\theta) = 0$, we can get that $\theta = \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}$.

And since $g''(\theta) = -\frac{n}{\theta^2} < 0$, so $\theta = \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}$ is the maximum point.

i.e. $\hat{\theta}_n = \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}$.

So above all, the MLE of θ is that $\hat{\theta}_n = \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}$.

(b) Since X_i are independent $N(\mu, \nu)$, so $f_{X_i}(x_i; \theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\nu}} e^{-\frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{2\nu^2}}$.

And since X_i are independent, so $f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}; \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n f_{X_i}(x_i; \theta)$.

i.e. the maximum likelihood function is that

$$\hat{\theta}_n = \arg \max_{\theta} f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) = \arg \max_{\theta} \prod_{i=1}^n f_{X_i}(x_i) = \arg \max_{\theta} \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\nu}} e^{-\frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{2\nu^2}}$$

We can also write it by taking log to the right-hand side because the log-function is strictly increasing, i.e.

$$\hat{\theta}_n = \arg \max_{\theta} = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(-\ln(\sqrt{2\pi\nu}) - \frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{2\nu^2} \right)$$

Let $g(\mu, \nu) = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(-\ln(\sqrt{2\pi\nu}) - \frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{2\nu^2} \right) = -n \ln(\sqrt{2\pi\nu}) - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2}{2\nu^2}$,

then we can get that $\frac{\partial g(\mu, \nu)}{\partial \mu} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)}{\nu^2}$

Let $\frac{\partial g(\mu, \nu)}{\partial \mu} = 0$, we can get that $\mu = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n}$.

And $\frac{\partial g(\mu, \nu)}{\partial \nu} = -\frac{n}{\nu} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2}{\nu^3}$.

Let $\frac{\partial g(\mu, \nu)}{\partial \nu} = 0$, we can get that $\nu^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2}{n}$.

And check when $\mu = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n}$, $\nu = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2}{n}}$ is the MLE.

$$\frac{\partial^2 g(\mu, \nu)}{\partial \mu^2} = -\frac{n}{\nu^2} < 0.$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 g(\mu, \nu)}{\partial \nu^2} = \frac{n}{\nu^2} - 3 \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2}{\nu^4}.$$

put $\nu^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2}{n}$ into it, we can get that $\frac{\partial^2 g(\mu, \nu)}{\partial \nu^2} = \frac{n}{\nu^2} - \frac{3n}{\nu^2} = -\frac{2n}{\nu^2} < 0$.

$$\frac{\partial^2 g(\mu, \nu)}{\partial \mu \partial \nu} = \frac{\partial^2 g(\mu, \nu)}{\partial \nu \partial \mu} = \frac{2(n\mu - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i)}{\nu^3}.$$

put $\mu = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n}$ into it, we can get that $\frac{\partial g(\mu, \nu)}{\partial \mu \partial \nu} = \frac{2(n\mu - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i)}{\nu^3} = 0$.

So $\hat{\mu}_n = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n}$, $\hat{\nu}_n = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\mu}_n)^2}{n}}$ is the maximum point.

i.e. $\hat{\theta}_n = (\hat{\mu}_n, \hat{\nu}_n) = (\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n}, \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\mu}_n)^2}{n}})$.

So above all, the MLE of $\theta = (\mu, \nu)$ is that $\hat{\theta}_n = (\hat{\mu}_n, \hat{\nu}_n) = (\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n}, \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\mu}_n)^2}{n}})$.