

# 1. Estimation & Asymptotics

## Properties of Estimators

- MLE ( $\hat{\theta}_{MLE}$ ): Argmax of  $L(\theta)$ . Invariant:  $\widehat{g(\theta)} = g(\hat{\theta})$ .
- Consistency:  $\hat{\theta}_n \xrightarrow{P} \theta$ . (WLLN implies consistency).
- Bias:  $B(\hat{\theta}) = E[\hat{\theta}] - \theta$ .
- MSE:  $E[(\hat{\theta} - \theta)^2] = Var(\hat{\theta}) + [Bias(\hat{\theta})]^2$ .
- Fisher Info:  $I_n(\theta) = nI_1(\theta) = -E[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \ln f(X|\theta)]$ .
- CRLB:  $Var(\hat{\theta}) \geq \frac{1}{I_n(\theta)}$ . (If eff, Var = CRLB).

## Asymptotic Distributions (Large $n$ )

- CLT:  $\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \sigma^2)$ .
- Delta Method: If  $\sqrt{n}(Y_n - \theta) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \sigma^2)$ , then  $\sqrt{n}(g(Y_n) - g(\theta)) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, [g'(\theta)]^2 \sigma^2)$ .
- MLE Asymptotics:  $\hat{\theta}_{MLE} \approx N(\theta, \frac{1}{I_n(\theta)})$ .
- Wald Statistic:  $\frac{\hat{\theta} - \theta_0}{\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}} \sim N(0, 1)$ .
- Score Test: Using  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \ln L(\theta)|_{\theta_0}$ .

## Inequalities

- Markov:  $P(|X| \geq a) \leq \frac{E|X|}{a}$  (for  $a > 0$ ).
- Chebyshev:  $P(|X - \mu| \geq k\sigma) \leq \frac{1}{k^2}$ .

## 2. Decision Theory

Risk Function:  $R(\theta, \delta) = E_\theta[L(\theta, \delta(X))]$ . Bayes Risk:  $r(\pi) = \int R(\theta, \delta)\pi(\theta)d\theta = E[L(\theta, a)|X]$ .

**Loss Functions** Bayes Estimators Minimize posterior expected loss:  $\min_a \int L(\theta, a)\pi(\theta|x)d\theta$ .

1. Squared Error Loss  $L(\theta, a) = (\theta - a)^2$ 
  - Minimize  $E[(\theta - a)^2|X]$ .
  - $\frac{d}{da} E[\theta^2 - 2a\theta + a^2|X] = -2E[\theta|X] + 2a = 0$ .
  - $\hat{\theta}_{Bayes} = E[\theta|X]$  (Posterior Mean).
2. Absolute Error Loss  $L(\theta, a) = |\theta - a|$ 
  - Minimize  $\int |\theta - a|\pi(\theta|x)d\theta$ .
  - $\hat{\theta}_{Bayes} = \text{Median of } \pi(\theta|X)$ .
  - Satisfies  $\int_{-\infty}^a \pi(\theta|x)d\theta = 0.5$ .
3. 0-1 Loss (Hit or Miss)
  - $L = 0$  if  $|\theta - a| < \epsilon$ , 1 otherwise. Limit  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ .
  - Maximize posterior probability.
  - $\hat{\theta}_{Bayes} = \arg \max_\theta \pi(\theta|X)$  (Posterior Mode / MAP).

## 3. Hypothesis Testing

Setup:  $H_0 : \theta \in \Theta_0$  vs  $H_1 : \theta \notin \Theta_0$ . Type I Error ( $\alpha$ ):  $P(\text{Reject } H_0|H_0 \text{ True})$ . Type II Error ( $\beta$ ):  $P(\text{Accept } H_0|H_1 \text{ True})$ . Power:  $1 - \beta = P(\text{Reject } H_0|H_1 \text{ True})$ .

## Likelihood Ratio Test (LRT)

$$\Lambda(x) = \frac{\sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} L(\theta)}{\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} L(\theta)} = \frac{L(\hat{\theta}_0)}{L(\hat{\theta}_{MLE})}$$

Rejection Region:  $\{x : \Lambda(x) \leq c\}$ . Wilks' Thm:  $-2 \ln \Lambda \xrightarrow{d} \chi^2_v$ ,  $v = \dim(\Theta) - \dim(\Theta_0)$ .

## Tests for Mean (Normal)

- Z-Test ( $\sigma$  known):  $Z = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}}$ . RR:  $|Z| > z_{\alpha/2}$ .
- T-Test ( $\sigma$  unknown):  $T = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu_0}{S/\sqrt{n}} \sim t_{n-1}$ .

## Tests for Variance (Normal)

- Statistic:  $\chi^2 = \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma_0^2} \sim \chi^2_{n-1}$ .
- RR (2-sided):  $\chi^2 < \chi^2_{1-\alpha/2}$  or  $\chi^2 > \chi^2_{\alpha/2}$ .

## Categorical Data (Chi-Square)

- Goodness of Fit:  $Q = \sum \frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i} \sim \chi^2_{k-1-p}$ .

- $p$ : number of estimated parameters.
- $O_i$ : Observed count,  $E_i$ : Expected under  $H_0$ .

## 4. Parametric Families

**Bernoulli / Binomial**  $X \sim Bin(n, p)$ ,  $f(x) = \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$ .

- MLE:  $\hat{p} = X/n$  (for Bin),  $\bar{X}$  (for Bern).
- Info:  $I(p) = \frac{n}{p(1-p)}$ .
- Conjugate Prior:  $p \sim Beta(\alpha, \beta) \propto p^{\alpha-1}(1-p)^{\beta-1}$ .
- Posterior:  $p|x \sim Beta(\alpha+x, \beta+n-x)$ .
- Bayes Mean (SE):  $\hat{p}_B = \frac{\alpha+x}{\alpha+\beta+n} = w \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta} + (1-w) \frac{x}{n}$ .
- MAP (Mode):  $\frac{\alpha+x-1}{\alpha+\beta+n-2}$ .
- Jeffreys Prior:  $Beta(1/2, 1/2) \propto p^{-1/2}(1-p)^{-1/2}$  (Arcsine).
- Wald CI:  $\hat{p} \pm z\sqrt{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})/n}$ .
- Predictive ( $m$  future trials): Beta-Binomial.

$$P(Y=y|x) = \binom{m}{y} \frac{B(\alpha+x+y, \beta+n-x+m-y)}{B(\alpha+x, \beta+n-x)}$$

For 1 trial:  $P(X_{new} = 1|Data) = E[p|Data] = \hat{p}_B$ .

**Poisson**  $P(X=k) = \frac{e^{-\lambda}\lambda^k}{k!}, \lambda > 0$ .

- MLE:  $\hat{\lambda} = \bar{X}$ .
- Info:  $I(\lambda) = \frac{n}{\lambda}$ .
- Asymptotics:  $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\lambda} - \lambda) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \lambda)$ .
- VS Transform:  $\sqrt{\lambda}$  stabilizes variance.
- Conjugate Prior:  $\lambda \sim Gamma(\alpha, \beta) \propto \lambda^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta\lambda}$ .
- Posterior:  $\lambda|x \sim Gamma(\alpha + \sum x_i, \beta + n)$ .
- Estimators: Mean  $\frac{\alpha + \sum x_i}{\beta + n}$ , Mode  $\frac{\alpha + \sum x_i - 1}{\beta + n}$ .
- Jeffreys Prior:  $\pi(\lambda) \propto \sqrt{1/\lambda} = \lambda^{-1/2}$  (Improper).
- Predictive: Negative Binomial.

$$P(y|x) = \binom{\alpha' + y - 1}{y} \left( \frac{\beta'}{\beta' + 1} \right)^{\alpha'} \left( \frac{1}{\beta' + 1} \right)^y$$

where  $\alpha' = \alpha + \sum x_i, \beta' = \beta + n$ .

**Exponential**  $f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$ . Mean  $1/\lambda$ , Var  $1/\lambda^2$ .

- MLE:  $\hat{\lambda} = 1/\bar{X}$ . (Biased).
- Info:  $I(\lambda) = n/\lambda^2$ .
- Conjugate Prior:  $\lambda \sim Gamma(\alpha, \beta)$ .
- Posterior:  $\lambda|x \sim Gamma(\alpha + n, \beta + \sum x_i)$ .
- Bayes Estimators: Mean  $\frac{\alpha + n}{\beta + \sum x_i}$ .
- Jeffreys Prior:  $\pi(\lambda) \propto 1/\lambda$  (Improper).
- Predictive: Lomax (Pareto Type II).

$$p(x_{new}|x) = \frac{\alpha'(\beta')^{\alpha'}}{(\beta' + x_{new})^{\alpha' + 1}}$$

where  $\alpha' = \alpha + n, \beta' = \beta + \sum x_i$ .

- Relationship:  $2\lambda \sum X_i \sim \chi^2_{2n}$ .

**Geometric**  $f(x|p) = (1-p)^{x-1}p$ . Mean  $1/p$ .

- MLE:  $\hat{p} = 1/\bar{X}$ .
- Info:  $I(p) = \frac{n}{p^2(1-p)}$ .
- Conjugate Prior:  $p \sim Beta(\alpha, \beta)$ .
- Posterior:  $p|x \sim Beta(\alpha + n, \beta + \sum x_i - n)$ .
- Estimators: Mean  $\frac{\alpha + n}{\alpha + \beta + \sum x_i}$ .
- Jeffreys Prior:  $\pi(p) \propto p^{-1}(1-p)^{-1/2}$ .

**Normal ( $\sigma^2$  known)**  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ .

- MLE:  $\hat{\mu} = \bar{X}$ .
- Conjugate Prior:  $\mu \sim N(\mu_0, \tau_0^2)$ .

- Posterior:  $\mu|x \sim N(\mu_n, \tau_n^2)$ .

$$\frac{1}{\tau_n^2} = \frac{1}{\tau_0^2} + \frac{n}{\sigma^2} \quad (\text{Precisions add})$$

$$\mu_n = \tau_n^2 \left( \frac{\mu_0}{\tau_0^2} + \frac{n\bar{x}}{\sigma^2} \right)$$

- Predictive:  $X_{new} \sim N(\mu_n, \sigma^2 + \tau_n^2)$ .
- Jeffreys:  $\pi(\mu) \propto 1$ .

**Normal ( $\mu$  known,  $\sigma^2$  unknown)**

- Prior:  $\sigma^2 \sim IG(\alpha, \beta)$  or Precision  $\tau \sim Gamma(\alpha, \beta)$ .
- Jeffreys:  $\pi(\sigma^2) \propto 1/\sigma^2$ .

**Uniform**  $U(0, \theta)$   $f(x) = 1/\theta, 0 < x < \theta$ .

- MLE:  $\hat{\theta} = X_{(n)} = \max(X_i)$ .
- Conjugate Prior: Pareto  $P(\theta) \propto \theta^{-(\alpha+1)} I(\theta > x_m)$ .
- Posterior:  $P(\theta|x) \propto \theta^{-(\alpha+n+1)} I(\theta > \max(x_m, X_{(n)}))$ .
- This is Pareto( $\alpha + n, \max(x_m, X_{(n)})$ ).
- Bayes Estimator (MSE):  $\frac{K}{K-1}m'$  where  $K = \alpha + n, m' = \max$ .

$$\hat{\theta}_{Bayes} = \frac{\alpha + n}{\alpha + n - 1} \max(x_m, X_{(n)})$$

**Multinomial**  $P(X) \propto \prod \theta_i^{x_i}$ .

- Conjugate Prior: Dirichlet( $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k$ ).

$$\pi(\theta) \propto \prod \theta_i^{\alpha_k - 1}$$

- Posterior: Dirichlet( $\alpha_1 + x_1, \dots, \alpha_k + x_k$ ).
- Posterior Mean:  $E[\theta_k|X] = \frac{\alpha_k + x_k}{\sum(\alpha_j + x_j)}$ .
- Marginal Posterior:  $\theta_k|X \sim Beta(\alpha_k + x_k, \alpha_{rest} + x_{rest})$ .
- Jeffreys Prior: Dirichlet( $1/2, \dots, 1/2$ ).

## 5. Formulas & Proofs

Gamma Func:  $\Gamma(n) = (n-1)!$ ,  $\Gamma(\alpha + 1) = \alpha\Gamma(\alpha)$ .

Beta Func:  $B(\alpha, \beta) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}$ .

Posterior Predictive Integral:

$$p(x_{new}|x) = \int p(x_{new}|\theta)\pi(\theta|x)d\theta$$

Beta-Binomial Mean:  $n \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta}$ .

Pareto Mean:  $\frac{\alpha x_m}{\alpha - 1}$  (requires  $\alpha > 1$ ).

Mean of Gamma( $\alpha, \beta$ ):  $\alpha/\beta$ .

Var of Gamma:  $\alpha/\beta^2$ .