

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**:  $Var(\hat{\theta}) \geq \frac{1}{I_n(\hat{\theta})}$ . (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**:  $\hat{\theta}_{MLE} \approx N(\theta, \frac{1}{I_n(\hat{\theta})})$ .
- **Wald Statistic**:  $\frac{\hat{\theta} - \theta_0}{\widehat{SE}} \sim N(0, 1)$ .
- **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  $\int |\theta - a|\pi(\theta|x)d\theta$ .
  - $\hat{\theta}_{Bayes}$  = 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**:  $-2 \ln \Lambda \xrightarrow{d} \chi_v^2$ ,  $v = \dim(\Theta) - \dim(\Theta_0)$ .

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

Categorical Data (Chi-Square)

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

- $p$ : 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**:  $\sqrt{\hat{\lambda}}$  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**:  $2\lambda \sum X_i \sim \chi_{2n}^2$ .
- 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**:  $\pi(p) \propto p^{-1} (1-p)^{-1/2}$ .

**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**  $P(X) \propto \prod \theta_k^{x_k}$ .

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

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

- **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, ..., 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**:  $\alpha/\beta^2$ .