

Practical_maximum_likelihood_estimation_ Oscar_Contreras_Rafael_Castilla

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Resolve the following exercise in groups of two students. Write your solution in a Word, Latex or Mark-down document and generate a pdf file with your solution. Upload the pdf file with your solution to the corresponding task at the Moodle environment of the course, no later than the hand-in date.

1.(16p) ML estimation of a one-parameter distribution. Let X be a random variable with probability density $f(x|\beta) = \beta x^{b-1}$ with $x \geq 1$, $\beta > 0$ we consider a random sample of n observation of this distribution.

a) (2p) Write down the likelihood function for a sample of n observations of this distribution.

Answer: $L(\beta|x) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i|\beta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \beta x_i^{b-1} = \beta^n \prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{b-1}$

```
like<-function(x,b){  
  prod<-1  
  n<-nrow(x)  
  for (i in 1:n){  
    prod<-prod*(x[i]^{b-1})  
  }  
  l<-b^n*prod  
  return(l)  
}
```

b) (1p) Obtain the log-likelihood function $\log(L(\beta|x_i)) = n\log(\beta) + \sum_{i=1}^n (\beta - 1)\log(x_i) = n\log(\beta) + n(\beta - 1) \sum_{i=1}^n \log(x_i)$

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loglike<-function(x,b){  
  n=nrow(x)  
  sum<-0  
  for(i in 1:n){  
    sum<-sum+log(x[i])  
  }  
  l<-n*log(b)+n*(b-1)*sum  
  return(l)  
}
```

c) (2p) Find the stationary point(s) of the log-likelihood function analytically. $\frac{d\log(L(\beta|x))}{d\beta} = \frac{n}{\beta}$ for find the stationary point the derivate equal to 0 $0 = \frac{n}{\beta} \setminus n = \beta$

d)(1p) Determine whether the stationary point(s) are maxima or minima.

for know if the stationary point is maxima or minima the need the 2 derivate $\frac{d^2l}{d^2\beta} = -\frac{n}{\beta^2}$ and if the result is positive is the minimum and if is negative is a maximum

- e) 1p) Download the file Sample.dat, which contains sample of observations from this probability distribution. Determine the sample size and calculate the value of the ML estimator for this sample.

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x<-read.table('~/.Statistic/Sample.dat')
print(paste0("the sample size is: ", nrow(x)))
```

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## [1] "the sample size is: 500"
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#if use the derivate of loglikelihood
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b<-nrow(x)
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print(paste0("the ML estimator is: ",b))
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## [1] "the ML estimator is: 500"
```