

EX2

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Q1

Question 1.

Let Y_1, \dots, Y_n be a sample from an exponential distribution $\exp(\theta)$ with $\mu = EY = 1/\theta$.

1. Find UMVUEs for θ and μ , and check whether they achieve Cramer-Rao lower bound.

(hint: recall that $Y_1 + \dots + Y_n \sim \frac{1}{2\theta} \chi_{2n}^2 = \text{Gamma}(\alpha = n, \beta = \theta)$)

2. The survival function of the exponential distribution $S(t)$ is defined as $S(t) = P(Y \geq t) = e^{-\theta t}$. Verify that for a given t , a trivial unbiased estimator for $S(t)$ is 1, if $Y_1 \geq t$ and 0 otherwise. Using it and applying the Rao-Blackwellization, find the UMVUE for $S(t)$.

(hint: derive first the conditional density of Y_1 given $Y_1 + \dots + Y_n$ via the joint density of Y_1 and $Y_1 + \dots + Y_n$)

a

$$Y_1, \dots, Y_n \sim \exp(\theta)$$

$$\hat{\mu} = \bar{y}$$

$$E(\hat{\mu}) = E(y_1) = \frac{1}{\theta} \Rightarrow \hat{\mu} \text{ is an unbiased estimator and also MLE so UMVUE}$$

lets show it achieves the CRB:

$$\text{define: } g(\theta) = \frac{1}{\theta}$$

$$CRB(\mu) = \frac{g'(\theta)^2}{I(\theta)} = \frac{\frac{1}{\theta^4}}{-E(l''(\theta, y))} = \frac{\frac{1}{\theta^4}}{E(-\frac{n}{\theta^2})} = \frac{n}{\theta^2}$$

$$V(\bar{y}) = \frac{1}{4\theta^2} 4n = \frac{n}{\theta^2} = CRB(\mu)$$

$$\text{from MLE properties we can derive: } \hat{\theta} = \frac{1}{\bar{y}} := \frac{n}{x}; \quad x = n\bar{y}$$

$$E(\hat{\theta}) = \int_0^\infty \frac{n}{x} \frac{\theta^n}{\Gamma(n)} e^{-\theta x} x^{n-1} dx = \frac{n\theta\Gamma(n-1)}{\Gamma(n)} \int_0^\infty \frac{\theta^{n-1}}{\Gamma(n-1)} e^{-\theta x} x^{n-2} dx = \frac{n\theta\Gamma(n-1)}{(n-1)\Gamma(n-1)} = \frac{n\theta}{(n-1)} \Rightarrow$$

$$\hat{\theta} \text{ is biased; } \frac{(n-1)\hat{\theta}}{n} = \frac{n-1}{x} \text{ is unbiased}$$

lets see if it achieves the CRB:

$$\begin{aligned} V(\hat{\theta}) &= V\left(\frac{n-1}{x}\right) = E\left(\left(\frac{n-1}{x}\right)^2\right) - E\left(\frac{n-1}{x}\right)^2 = E\left(\left(\frac{n-1}{x}\right)^2\right) - \theta^2 \\ E\left(\left(\frac{n-1}{x}\right)^2\right) &= \int_0^\infty \frac{(n-1)^2}{x^2} \frac{\theta^n}{\Gamma(n)} e^{-\theta x} x^{n-1} dx = \frac{(n-1)^2 \theta^n}{\Gamma(n)} \int_0^\infty e^{-\theta x} x^{n-3} dx = \\ &= \frac{(n-1)^2 \theta^2 \Gamma(n-2)}{\Gamma(n)} \int_0^\infty \frac{\theta^{n-2}}{\Gamma(n-2)} e^{-\theta x} x^{n-3} dx = \frac{(n-1)^2 \theta^2 \Gamma(n-2)}{(n-1)(n-2)\Gamma(n-2)} = \\ &= \frac{(n-1)\theta^2}{(n-2)} \Rightarrow V(\hat{\theta}) = \frac{(n-1)\theta^2}{(n-2)} - \theta^2 = \frac{\theta^2}{n-2} > \frac{\theta^2}{n} = \frac{1}{I(\theta)} = CRB(\theta) \end{aligned}$$

thus the MLE for θ does not achieve the CRB

b

$$\text{define } T_s(y) \in \{0, 1\}, T_s = 1 \iff Y_1 > t$$

$$E(T_s(y)) = P(Y_1 > t) = e^{-\theta y} \Rightarrow \text{bias}(T_s(y)) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_1 &= E(T_s(y) | \sum_{i=1}^n y_i = x) = P(y_1 > t | \sum_{i=1}^n y_i = x) = \frac{P(y_1 > t, \sum_{i=1}^n y_i = x)}{P(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i = x)} = \frac{\theta e^{-t\theta} \frac{\theta^{n-1}}{\Gamma(n-1)} e^{-\theta(x-t)} (x-t)^{n-2}}{\frac{\theta^n}{\Gamma(n)} e^{-\theta x} x^{n-1}} = \frac{\frac{\theta^n}{\Gamma(n-1)} (x-t)^{n-2}}{\frac{\theta^n}{\Gamma(n)} x^{n-1}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{\Gamma(n)}{\Gamma(n-1)} (x-t)^{n-2}}{x^{n-1}} = \frac{(n-1)(x-t)^{n-2}}{x^{n-1}} \end{aligned}$$

$$T_1 \text{ is unbiased and } \sum_{i=1}^n y_i = x \text{ is complete thus from lemann scheffe theorom we get: } T_1 \text{ is UMVUE}$$

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Question 2.

Let Y_1, \dots, Y_n be a random sample from a distribution with a finite mean μ and variance σ^2 . Find the asymptotic distributions of \bar{Y}^2 when $\mu \neq 0$ and $\mu = 0$, and of $e^{-\bar{Y}}$.

$$y_1, \dots, y_n \sim f_{\mu, \sigma^2} \Rightarrow \bar{Y} \sim N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right)$$

$$\text{in the case: } \mu = 0 : \bar{Y} \sim N(0, \sigma^2) \Rightarrow \frac{\bar{Y}\sqrt{n}}{\sigma} \sim N(0, 1) \Rightarrow \left(\frac{\bar{Y}\sqrt{n}}{\sigma}\right)^2 \sim \chi_n^2 \Rightarrow \bar{Y}^2 \sim \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \chi_n^2$$

in the case: $\mu \neq 0$:

define $g(x) = x^2$ and recall \bar{Y} is a CAN estimator:

$$\sqrt{n}(\bar{Y}^2 - \mu^2) \sim N(0, 4\mu^2\sigma^2) \Rightarrow \bar{Y}^2 \sim N(\mu^2, 4\mu^2\sigma^2n^{-1})$$

$$e^{-\bar{Y}} \sim N(e^{-\mu}, e^{-2\mu}\sigma^2n^{-1})$$

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Question 3.

Let Y_1, \dots, Y_n be a sample from a shifted exponential distribution with the rate one, that is, $f(y) = e^{-(y-\theta)}$, $y \geq \theta$.

1. Find the MLE $\hat{\theta}$ for θ .

2. Is $\hat{\theta}$ consistent in MSE? Is it consistent (in probability)?

(Hint: show that $\hat{\theta}$ has also a shifted exponential distribution with the same shift θ but with the rate n , that is, its density

$$g(u) = ne^{-n(u-\theta)}, \quad u \geq \theta$$

3. Show that $n(\hat{\theta} - \theta) \sim \exp(1)$.

4. Is $\hat{\theta}$ a CAN estimator? If not, why does the asymptotic normality of MLE not hold in this case?

a

$$L(\theta, y) = e^{-\sum_i (y_i - \theta)} \Rightarrow L \text{ is an ascending function of } \theta \text{ thus we want to get the maximal } \theta \text{ possible :}$$

$$\hat{\theta} = y_{(1)}$$

b

as the hint suggests let's derive the density of $\hat{\theta}$

$$P(\hat{\theta} \leq t) = P(y_{(1)} \leq t) = 1 - P(y_{(1)} > t) = 1 - \prod_i P(y_i > t) = 1 - (1 - (1 - e^{-(t-\theta)})^n) = 1 - e^{-n(t-\theta)} = F(\text{shiftedexp}(n, \theta))$$

$$V(\hat{\theta}) = \frac{1}{n^2} \text{ (location doesn't change variance)}$$

$$E(\hat{\theta}) = \frac{1}{n} + \theta \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \theta \Rightarrow \text{consistent in MSE} \Rightarrow \text{consistent in probability}$$

c

$$P(n(\hat{\theta} - \theta) < t) = P(\hat{\theta} < t/n + \theta) = 1 - e^{n(t/n - \theta + \theta)} = 1 - e^{-t} = F(\exp(1))$$

d

$\hat{\theta}$ is not a CAN estimator:

$$P(\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta} - \theta) < t) = P(\hat{\theta} < t/\sqrt{n} + \theta) = 1 - e^{n(t/\sqrt{n} - \theta + \theta)} = 1 - e^{-\sqrt{n}t} = F(\exp(\sqrt{n}))$$

$$\text{when } n \rightarrow \infty, \quad \hat{\theta} \rightarrow 0$$

in this case the MLE is not a CAN estimate because $f_{\theta}(y)$ is not a continuous function it has an asymptote at θ

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Question 4.

1. Let $Y_1, \dots, Y_n \sim f_\theta(y)$. Show that the M-estimator corresponding to $\rho(y, \theta) = \alpha(y - \theta)_+ + (1 - \alpha)(\theta - y)_+$ for a given $0 < \alpha < 1$ is the sample $\alpha \cdot 100\%$ -quantile $Y_{(\alpha)}$.
2. Show that under the regularity conditions, $Y_{(\alpha)}$ is a consistent estimator of a $\alpha \cdot 100\%$ -quantile of the distribution $f_\theta(y)$.
3. Assuming the required regularity conditions, find the asymptotic distribution of $Y_{(\alpha)}$.

a

we are looking for a $\hat{\theta} = \operatorname{argmin}_\theta \sum_{i=1}^n \rho(y_i, \theta)$

denote $n_- = \sum_{i=1}^n I(y_i < \theta)$, $n_+ = n - n_-$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \rho(y, \theta) = n_+ \alpha + (1 - \alpha) n_-$$

$$\psi(y, \theta) = \begin{cases} -1, & y > \theta \\ 0, & y = \theta \\ 1, & y < \theta \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{\partial \sum_{i=1}^n \rho(y, \theta)}{\partial \theta} = -n_+ \alpha + n_- (1 - \alpha)$$

if $\theta = \hat{\theta}_{(\alpha)} = y_{(\alpha)}$:

$$n_+ = n(1 - \alpha), \quad n_- = n\alpha \Rightarrow \frac{\partial \sum_{i=1}^n \rho(y, \theta)}{\partial \theta} = -n(1 - \alpha)\alpha + (1 - \alpha)n\alpha = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{\theta}_{(\alpha)} = \operatorname{argmin}_\theta \sum_{i=1}^n \rho(y_i, \theta)$$

notice that this is indeed a minimum point as the function is not bound from above w.l.o.g define $\alpha > 0.5$
we can always decrease θ and get a higher value for the function ρ

b

because M-estimator are unbiased all we need to show is that $E(\frac{n_-}{n}) = \alpha$ this is straight forward from the quantile definition

c

$$\sqrt{n}(y_\alpha - Y_\alpha) \sim N(0, V(Y_\alpha))$$

$$\text{we know from class that: } Y_\alpha = \frac{E(\psi^2)}{E^2(\psi')}$$

but in our case: $\psi' = 0$

thus the variance is not finite

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Question 5.

The number of power failures in an electrical network per day is Poisson distributed with an unknown mean λ . During the last month (30 days), 5 power failures have been registered. Let p be the probability that there is no power failures during a day.

1. Find the MLE for p .
2. Derive 95% asymptotic confidence intervals for p using asymptotic normality of MLE and using the variance stabilizing transformation for Poisson data.

a

denote the number of power failures per day as pdf , and power failures per month as pfm

$pdf \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda) \Rightarrow pfm \sim \text{Pois}(30\lambda)$ (as a sum of poisson variables)

$$L(\lambda, pfm) = (30\lambda)^5 e^{-30\lambda} / 5! \Rightarrow l = 5 \ln(30\lambda) - 30\lambda - \ln(5!)$$

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \lambda} = \frac{5}{\lambda} - 30 = 0 \iff \lambda = \frac{5}{30} = \frac{1}{6} := \hat{\lambda}_{MLE}$$

$$\hat{p}_{MLE} = e^{-\hat{\lambda}_{MLE}} \approx 0.846$$

b

$$-E(l'') = \frac{30\lambda}{\lambda^2} = \frac{30}{\lambda}$$

$$\hat{\lambda}_{MLE} \sim N(30\lambda, \frac{1}{-E(l'')}) = N(30\lambda, \frac{\lambda}{30})$$

$$g(\lambda) := e^{-\lambda}$$

from the variance stability transformation we get:

$$\hat{p}_{MLE} = g(\hat{\lambda}_{MLE}) \sim N(e^{-30\lambda}, \frac{\lambda^2 e^{-2\lambda} \lambda}{30}) = N(e^{-30\lambda}, \frac{\lambda^3 e^{-2\lambda}}{30})$$

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Question 6.

Let $Y_1, \dots, Y_m \sim B(1, p)$.

1. Derive the asymptotic α -level Wald, Rao/score and Wilks tests for testing $H_0 : p = p_0$ vs. $H_1 : p \neq p_0$.
2. Show that all the three test-statistics are asymptotically close under the null.

a

$$\hat{p} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i}{n}$$

$$\hat{p} \sim N(p, \frac{1}{nI^*(p)})$$

$$I^*(p) = -E(l'') = -E[(y_i \ln(p) + (1 - y_i) \ln(1 - p))'] = -E[(\frac{y_i}{p^2} + \frac{1 - y_i}{(1 - p)^2})] = \frac{1}{1 - p} \Rightarrow \hat{p} \sim N(p, \frac{p(1 - p)}{n})$$

$$\text{Wald test : } (\hat{p} - p_0)^2 I(\hat{p}) = (\hat{p} - p_0)^2 \frac{n}{p_0(1 - p_0)} = \frac{n(\bar{y} - p_0)^2}{p_0(1 - p_0)} > \chi_{1,1-\alpha}^2$$

$$\text{Wilks test : } 2l(\hat{p}) - 2l(p_0) = 2(n\bar{y} \ln(\frac{\bar{y}}{p_0}) + n(1 - \bar{y}) \ln(\frac{1 - \bar{y}}{1 - p_0})) > \chi_{1,1-\alpha}^2$$

$$\text{Rao test : } \frac{(l'(p_0))^2}{I(p_0)} = (\frac{n\bar{y}}{p_0} - \frac{n(1 - \bar{y})}{1 - p_0})^2 \frac{p_0(1 - p_0)}{n} = \frac{n^2(\bar{y} - p_0)^2}{p_0^2(1 - p_0)^2} \frac{p_0(1 - p_0)}{n} = \frac{n(\bar{y} - p_0)^2}{p_0(1 - p_0)} > \chi_{1,1-\alpha}^2$$

b

we can see that Rao and Wald are equivalent, let's use taylor expansion for the wilks test:

$$\text{Wilks} = 2l(\hat{p}) - 2l(p_0) \approx l''(\hat{p})(\hat{p} - p_0)^2 = (\frac{n\bar{y}}{\bar{y}^2} + \frac{n(1 - \bar{y})}{(1 - \bar{y})^2})(\hat{p} - p_0)^2 = (\frac{n}{\bar{y}} + \frac{n}{1 - \bar{y}})(\hat{p} - p_0)^2 =$$

$$= (\frac{n}{\bar{y}(1 - \bar{y})})(\hat{p} - p_0)^2 \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{CLT} (\frac{n}{p(1 - p)})(\hat{p} - p_0)^2$$

under the null $p = p_0$ thus wilks is equivalent to wald and rao

Q7

Question 7.

A director of a large bank has a monthly information from its L branches about the numbers of new clients joined the bank for each of the last n months. Assume that the number of new clients joined a j -th branch each month is $Pois(\lambda_j)$, there is no correlation neither between different branches nor between different months, i.e. $Y_{ij} \sim Pois(\lambda_j)$, $i = 1, \dots, n$; $j = 1, \dots, L$ and all Y_{ij} 's are independent.

1. Find the MLE $\hat{\lambda}$ for the vector $\lambda = (\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_L)^t$ and the asymptotic distribution of $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\lambda} - \lambda)$.
2. The director is particularly interested in the proportion of new clients joined a specific branch (say, the first), i.e. in $p = \lambda_1 / \sum_{j=1}^L \lambda_j$. Find the MLE and an asymptotic $100(1-\alpha)\%$ confidence interval for p .
3. Derive the α -level GLRT for testing the hypothesis that all the branches are equally successful in "hunting" after new clients.
4. Perform the test for a bank that has three branches and the average numbers of new clients joined the branches over the last 15 months were 10, 12 and 15 respectively (explain approximations you have used if any).

a

$$L = \prod_{j=1}^L \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_j^{y_{ij}} e^{-\lambda_j} (y_{ij}!)^{-1} = \prod_{j=1}^L \lambda_j^{\sum_i y_{ij}} e^{-n\lambda_j} (\prod_i y_{ij}!)^{-1} \Rightarrow$$

$$l = \sum_j [(\sum_i y_{ij}) \ln(\lambda_j) - n\lambda_j + f(y)]$$

take the derivative with respect to λ_j :

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \lambda_j} = \frac{(\sum_i y_{ij})}{\lambda_j} - n = 0 \iff \lambda_j = \bar{y}_j$$

$$\hat{\lambda}_{MLE} = (\bar{y}_1, \dots, \bar{y}_L)$$

$$E(\hat{\lambda}_{MLE}) = \lambda, \quad V(\lambda) = I\lambda$$

thus from CLT we get:

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\lambda}_{MLE} - \lambda) \sim N(0, V(\lambda))$$

b

define $g(\lambda) = (\lambda_i / \sum_j \lambda_j)_{i=1}^n$

$$p = g(\lambda)$$

thus from the delta theorem:

$$\hat{p} = (\hat{\lambda}_i / \sum_j \hat{\lambda}_j)_{i=1}^n \sim N(p, \nabla g^T V(\lambda) \nabla g)$$

$$\nabla g(\lambda) = \left(\frac{\sum_j \lambda_j - \lambda_i}{(\sum_j \lambda_j)^2} \right)_{i=1}^n$$

$$[\nabla g^T V(\lambda) \nabla g]_{ik} = y = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{\sum_j \lambda_j - \lambda_i}{(\sum_j \lambda_j)^2} \right)^2 \lambda_i, & \text{if } i = k \\ 0, & \text{if } i \neq k \end{cases}$$

100(1-a)% CI is:

$$\hat{p} \pm Z_{1-\alpha/2} * \sqrt{\nabla g(\hat{\lambda})^T V(\hat{\lambda}) \nabla g(\hat{\lambda}) n^{-1}}$$

c

we can use the wilks test:

$$H_0 : \lambda_1 = \dots = \lambda_L$$

$$H_1 : \text{otherwise}$$

wilks test: $2l(\hat{\lambda}) - 2l(\lambda_0) \sim \chi_L^2$

$$l(\lambda_0) = \sum_i \sum_j y_{ij} \ln(\lambda_0) - nL\lambda_0 - f(y) = \ln(\bar{y}) \sum_i \sum_j y_{ij} - nL\bar{y} = \ln(\bar{y}) \sum_i \sum_j y_{ij} - n \sum_j \bar{y}_j$$

$$l(\hat{\lambda}) = \sum_j [\sum_i y_{ij} \ln(\bar{y}_j)] - n \sum_j \bar{y}_j$$

plug it back in the wilks test and we will reject H_0 if:

$$2\left(\sum_j [\sum_i y_{ij} \ln(\bar{y}_j)] - \ln(\bar{y}) \sum_i \sum_j y_{ij}\right) > \chi_{L, 1-\alpha}^2$$

d

define s as the wilks statistic:

$$s = 2(150\ln(10) + 180\ln(12) + 225\ln(15) - \ln(37/3)555) = 15.30527 > 7.814 = \chi_{3, 0.95}^2$$

thus we reject the null at 95% confidence