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Lec 13

Poisson  $\lambda$

$\lambda \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ ,  $\text{Supp}[Y] = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\} = \mathbb{N}_0$   
 $E[Y] = \lambda$ .

$\tilde{P}: n=1$  Poisson( $\theta$ ).  $\theta$  is our unknown parameter of interest. It is not the same  $\theta$  in the binomial. Let's try to find the conjugate prior for this parametric model (likelihood)

$$P(\theta|x) \propto P(x|\theta) P(\theta) = \frac{e^{-\theta} \theta^x}{x!} P(\theta) \propto e^{-\theta} \theta^x k(\theta)$$

we want to find  $P(\theta)$  of the same distribution as  $P(\theta|x)$

$$\Rightarrow e^{-\theta} \theta^x \underbrace{e^{-\theta b} \theta^a}_{\text{kernel for same rv}} = e^{-\theta(b+1)} \theta^{x+a}$$

Pattern matching

Let's figure out  $P(\theta)$  from  $k(\theta)$

$$\int_0^\infty k(\theta) d\theta = \int_0^\infty e^{-\theta b} \theta^a d\theta = \int_0^\infty \theta^{a+1-1} e^{-b\theta} d\theta \stackrel{\text{u-subst}}{=} \dots = \frac{\Gamma(a+1)}{b^{a+1}}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(\theta) = \frac{b^{a+1}}{\Gamma(a+1)} \theta^{a+1-1} e^{-b\theta} = \text{Gamma}(a+1, b)$$

Back to probability class.....

$$Y \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta) = \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} y^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta y}$$

$\text{Supp}[Y] = (0, \infty)$ . Parameter space:  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $\beta > 0$

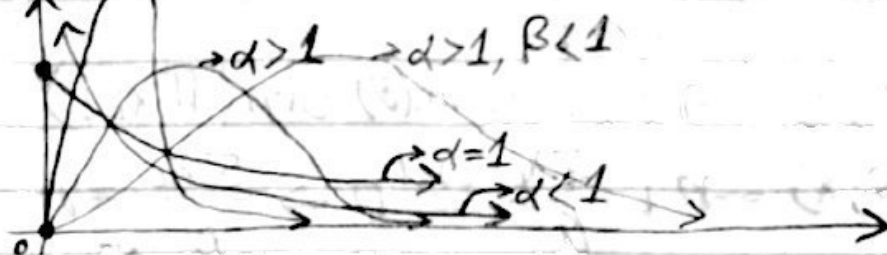
$$E[Y] = \int_0^\infty y f(y) dy \stackrel{\text{u-subst}}{=} \dots = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}$$

$$\text{Mode}[Y] = \dots = \frac{\alpha-1}{\beta} \text{ if } \alpha > 1 \approx \hat{\theta}_{\text{MAP}}$$

$\text{Med}[Y] = ?$  s.t.  $\int_0^? f(y) dy = \frac{1}{2}$  ... no closed form expression is possible.  
so we use a computer to do numerical integration.

$$\text{Med}[Y] = \text{Igamma}(0.5, \alpha, \beta)$$

$$f(y)$$



Let's go back to inference for  $\theta$  in the Poisson model, Now we consider  $X_i: \text{iid Poisson}(\theta)$

$$P(\theta|X) \propto P(X|\theta)P(\theta) = P(\theta) \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{e^{-\theta} \theta^{x_i}}{x_i!}$$

$$= P(\theta) \frac{e^{-n\theta} \theta^{\sum x_i}}{\prod x_i!} \propto e^{-n\theta} \theta^{\sum x_i} K(\theta)$$

$$\text{Pattern matching} = e^{-n\theta} \theta^{\sum x_i} \theta^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta\theta}$$

$$= \theta^{\alpha + \sum x_i - 1} e^{-(\beta + n)\theta}$$

$$\propto \text{Gamma}(\alpha + \sum x_i, \beta + n)$$

# of observation in data  
# of pseudobservation  
# of events in the data  
# of pseudoevents

$$\hat{\theta}_{\text{MMSE}} = \frac{\alpha + \sum x_i}{\beta + n}$$

$$\hat{\theta}_{\text{MAP}} = \frac{\alpha + \sum x_i - 1}{\beta + n} \text{ only if } \alpha + \sum x_i \geq 1$$

$$\hat{\theta}_{\text{MAE}} = \text{Igamma}(0.5, \alpha + \sum x_i, \beta + n)$$

$$CR_{\theta, 1-\alpha_0} = [\text{Igamma}(\frac{\alpha_0}{2}, \alpha + \sum x_i, \beta + n), \text{Igamma}(1 - \frac{\alpha_0}{2}, \alpha + \sum x_i, \beta + n)]$$

$$H_a: \theta > \theta_0 \text{ vs. } H_0: \theta \leq \theta_0, P\text{-val} = P(H_0|X) = P(\theta \leq \theta_0|X)$$

$$= \int_0^{\theta_0} P(\theta|X) d\theta$$

$$= P\text{gamma}(\theta_0, \alpha + \sum x_i, \beta + n)$$

Let's derive the MLE:

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta; x) = \frac{e^{-n\theta} \theta^{\sum x_i}}{\pi x_i!}$$

$$\Rightarrow l(\theta; x) = -n\theta + \sum x_i \ln(\theta) - \ln(\prod x_i!)$$

$$\Rightarrow l'(\theta; x) = -n + \frac{\sum x_i}{\theta} \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\sum x_i}{\theta} = n$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \frac{\sum x_i}{n} = \bar{x}$$

Let's prove that  $\hat{\sigma}_{MMSE}$  is a shrinkage estimator and let's find the value of  $\rho$ .

$$\hat{\theta}_{MMLE} = \frac{1 + \sum X_i}{\beta + n} = \frac{\alpha}{\beta + n} \cdot \frac{\beta}{\beta} + \frac{\sum X_i}{\beta + n} \cdot \frac{n}{n} \hat{\theta}_{MLE}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rho = 0$$