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Assignment:

Parameter Estimation

Ques: 1
Soln

Given that X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n is a random sample from a normal form distribution with mean θ_1 and variance θ_2 the likelihood funcⁿ is \Rightarrow

$$L(\theta_1, \theta_2 | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\theta_2}} e^{-\frac{(x_i - \theta_1)^2}{2\theta_2}}$$

By taking log on both sides, we get

$$\ln L(\theta_1, \theta_2 | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = -\frac{n}{2} \ln(2\pi\theta_2) - \frac{1}{2\theta_2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta_1)^2$$

To find MLE, will differentiate the log-likelihood with respect to θ_1 & θ_2 set derivative equal to zero

(i) For θ_1 :

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} \ln L(\theta_1, \theta_2 | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \frac{1}{\theta_2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta_1)$$

Setting this equal to zero

$$\frac{1}{\theta_2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\theta}_1) = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\theta}_1) = 0$$

$\therefore \hat{\theta}_1 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$. So the MLE for θ_1 is the sample mean.

(ii) For θ_2 :

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_2} \ln L(\theta_1, \theta_2 | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = -\frac{n}{2\theta_2} + \frac{1}{2\theta_2^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta_1)^2$$

Setting this equal to zero:

$$\frac{-n}{2\hat{\theta}_2} + \frac{1}{2\hat{\theta}_2^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\theta}_1)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n}{2\hat{\theta}_2} = \frac{1}{2\hat{\theta}_2^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\theta}_1)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\theta}_2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \hat{\theta}_1)^2$$

So MLE for θ_2 is the sample variance.

Ans:

To find the MLE of θ for a random sample X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n from a Bernoulli distribution with parameter θ and a known m . The likelihood for this scenario is:

$$L(\theta | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i = x_i | \theta)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since } X_i \text{ follows a Bernoulli distribution,} \\ P(X_i = x_i | \theta) &= \theta^{x_i} (1-\theta)^{m-x_i} \text{ for each } i \end{aligned}$$

Taking the log on both sides:

$$\begin{aligned} \ln L(\theta | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(\theta^{x_i} (1-\theta)^{m-x_i}) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i \ln \theta + (m-x_i) \ln(1-\theta)) \end{aligned}$$

Now differentiate with respect to θ and set to zero.

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} (\ln L(\theta | x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)) = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i}{\theta} - \frac{n-x_i}{1-\theta} \right) = 0$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i}{\theta} = nm - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n n_i}{1-\theta}$$

$$\therefore \theta = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{nm}$$

So, maximum likelihood estimate for θ is

$$\hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n \cdot m}$$