

Q.3 MLE for Kumaraswamy Distribution.

$x_i = \text{kumaraswamy}(a, b)$

$$f(x|a, b) = a \cdot b \cdot x^{a-1} (1-x^a)^{b-1}$$

Assume a is known.

Question: Derive a formula for estimating b .

Solution: Derive the likelihood.

$$P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n | a, b) = \prod_{k=1}^n P(x_k | a, b)$$

$$\sum P(x_k | a, b) = a \cdot b \cdot x^{a-1} (1-x^a)^{b-1}$$

Step 1: Applying log i.e. \ln

$$\ln [P(x_k | a, b)] = \sum_{k=1}^n \ln [a \cdot b \cdot x_k^{a-1} (1-x_k^a)^{b-1}]$$

for simplicity, assume $\ln [P(x_k | a, b)] = f(x)$

$$f(x) = \ln [a \cdot b \cdot x_1^{a-1} (1-x_1^a)^{b-1}] + \dots + \ln [a \cdot b \cdot x_n^{a-1} (1-x_n^a)^{b-1}]$$

$$f(x) = [\ln(a \cdot b) + \ln(x_1)^{a-1} + \ln(1-x_1^a)^{b-1}] + \dots +$$

$$[\ln(a \cdot b) + \ln(x_n)^{a-1} + \ln(1-x_n^a)^{b-1}]$$

$$f(x) = [\ln(a \cdot b) + (a-1) \ln(x_1) + (b-1) \ln(1-x_1^a)] + \dots +$$

$$[\ln(a \cdot b) + (a-1) \ln(x_n) + (b-1) \ln(1-x_n^a)]$$

$$f(x) = n \cdot \ln(a \cdot b) + (a-1) [\ln(x_1) + \dots + \ln(x_n)]$$

$$+ (b-1) [\ln(1-x_1^a) + \dots + \ln(1-x_n^a)]$$

Step 2: Differentiating w.r.t. b

$$\frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial b} = n \cdot \frac{1}{a \cdot b} \cdot a + 0 + [\ln(1-x_1^a) + \dots + \ln(1-x_n^a)](1)$$

$$= \frac{n}{b} + [\ln(1-x_1^a) + \dots + \ln(1-x_n^a)]$$

Step 3: Equating to 0

$$\therefore \frac{n}{b} + [\ln(1-x_1^a) + \dots + \ln(1-x_n^a)] = 0$$

$$[\ln(1-x_1^a) + \dots + \ln(1-x_n^a)] = -\frac{n}{b}$$

$$\therefore b = \frac{-n}{[\ln(1-x_1^a) + \dots + \ln(1-x_n^a)]}$$

$$\therefore b = \frac{-n}{\sum_{k=1}^n [\ln(1-x_k^a)]}$$