

Stat511(Section001): Homework #4

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Problem 1

Since $f_\theta(x)$ is the pdf of X . Thus, if we take integration of it, we can get:

$$\int a(\theta)h(x)\exp(T(x)^T\theta)dx = 1$$

If we see $\int a(\theta)h(x)\exp(T(x)^T\theta)dx$ as a function of θ . Then it is a constant function. And we can get:

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} \int a(\theta)h(x)\exp(T(x)^T\theta)dx = 0$$

In other hand, we can see $\int a(\theta)h(x)\exp(T(x)^T\theta)dx = a(\theta) \int h(x)\exp(T(x)^T\theta)dx$ which is the multiply by two function of θ . Thus:

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} \int a(\theta)h(x)\exp(T(x)^T\theta)dx = \frac{da(\theta)}{d\theta} \int h(x)\exp(T(x)^T\theta)dx + a(\theta) \int h(x)\exp(T(x)^T\theta)T(x)dx = 0$$

And we find that $a(\theta) \int h(x)\exp(T(x)^T\theta)T(x)dx$ is $E_\theta(T(x))$ since $T(x)$ is nature parameter.

And $\int a(\theta)h(x)\exp(T(x)^T\theta)dx = \frac{1}{a(\theta)}$. Thus we have:

$$\frac{da(\theta)}{d\theta} \frac{1}{a(\theta)} + E_\theta(T(x)) = 0 \rightarrow E_\theta(T(x)) = -\frac{d\ln(a(\theta))}{d\theta}$$

Problem 2

(a)

We can rewrite the pdf of x as:

$$f_\theta(X) = \exp(-X + \theta)I(X > \theta)$$

Hence, we can get:

$$f_\theta(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \exp(n\theta - \sum_{i=1}^n X_i) \prod_{i=1}^n I(X_i > \theta) = \exp(n\theta - \sum_{i=1}^n X_i) I(X_{(1)} > \theta)$$

Thus, we have $X_{(1)}$ is the sufficient statistics for θ by factorization theorem. Now we need to prove it is complete. First, we need to compute pdf of $X_{(1)}$. Since it is first order statistics, we have:

$$f_{x_{(1)}}(x) = n\exp(-x + \theta)(1 - F(x))^{n-1}, x > \theta$$

where $F(x)$ is the cdf of x . And we all know that since x must greater than θ , $F(\theta) = 0$. For any function g we let:

$$\int_{\theta}^{\infty} ng(t)\exp(-t + \theta)(1 - F(t))^{n-1}dt = 0$$

For all θ , Then, We take derivation of it to get:

$$-n\exp(-\theta + \theta)g(\theta)(1 - F(\theta))^{n-1} = 0 \rightarrow g(\theta) = 0$$

for all θ . Hence we can get function $g(x)$ is zero function. Thus we prove that $X_{(1)}$ is also complete. And we get it is a complete sufficient statistics.

(b)

Intuitively, we think it is independent. To prove this, we only need to prove $X_{(n)} - X_{(1)}$ is an ancillary statistics. Assumed $Y = X - \theta$, then we have:

$$f_{\theta}(Y) = \exp(-Y + 0)$$

Thus Y is also one of family of distribution. Then we have:

$$Y_{(n)} - Y_{(1)} = X_{(n)} - \theta - (X_{(1)} - \theta) = X_{(n)} - X_{(1)}$$

Thus, $X_{(n)} - X_{(1)}$ does not depend on θ and it is an ancillary statistics. Thus we get $X_{(1)}$ and $X_{(n)} - X_{(1)}$ are independent.

Problem 3

(a)

We know mean is λ , thus pdf of x is:

$$f(x) = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}$$

Then we have:

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{x_i}}{x_i!} = \frac{e^{-n\lambda} \lambda^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}}{\prod_{i=1}^n x_i!}$$

We can rewrite $\lambda^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}$ as $\exp(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \log(\lambda))$. Thus we can get:

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \frac{e^{(-n\lambda)}}{\prod_{i=1}^n x_i!} \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \log(\lambda)\right)$$

which is an exponential family of distribution and we have $T(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ is a sufficient statistics. And we have $b(\lambda) = \log(\lambda)$. Hence it is a full rank exponential family of distribution. Thus $T(x)$ is complete. We also know $T(x) = n\bar{X}$. Hence \bar{X} is also a complete and sufficient statistics.

(b)

We know for \bar{X} , it is unbiased estimator of λ , Thus the MSE of \bar{X} only depends on $\text{var}(\bar{X})$. And we know:

$$\text{var}(\bar{X}) = \frac{\lambda}{n} = \frac{\lambda}{3}$$

when $n = 3$ since the variance of x is also λ . We also know that the expectation of sample variance is $\text{var}(X) = \lambda$, hence it is also unbiased estimator. Then, we know:

$$\text{Var}(S^2) = \frac{1}{n}(\theta_4 - \frac{n-3}{n-1}\theta_2^2) = \frac{\theta_4}{3}$$

when $n = 3$, where θ_4 is fourth centered moment, θ_2 is second centered moment. We prove this in homework of stat510 last semester. Now let us consider $E[(x - \lambda)^4]$:

$$E[(x - \lambda)^4] = \sigma^4 \times \text{Kurtosis}(X) = \lambda^2 \times (\lambda^{-1} + 3) = \lambda + 3\lambda^2$$

Thus the MSE of S^2 is $\frac{\lambda}{3} + \lambda^2$ and the MSE of \bar{X} is $\frac{\lambda}{3}$. Hence we conclude sample mean \bar{X} is better under MSE.

Problem 4

(a)

We know the expectation of X will be zero. Hence we will consider from second moment. We have:

$$E(X^2) = \int_{-\theta}^{\theta} \frac{1}{2\theta} x^2 dx = \frac{\theta^2}{3}$$

Thus we have:

$$T(x) = \sqrt{\frac{3 \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2}{n}}$$

is a method of moments estimator.

(b)

We know:

$$E(T(X)^2) = 3E(X_i^2) = \theta^2$$

And the variance of $T(x)$ should not be zero. Hence:

$$\text{Var}(T(X)) = E(T(X)^2) - (E(T(X)))^2 \neq 0 \rightarrow E(T(X)) \neq \sqrt{E(T(X)^2)} \rightarrow E(T(X)) \neq \theta$$

Thus it is a biased estimator.

(c)

We have:

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \frac{1}{(2\theta)^n} \prod_{i=1}^n I(-\theta < x_i < \theta) = \frac{1}{2^n \theta^n} I(\max(|x_i|) < \theta)$$

This can be also written as:

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \frac{1}{2^n \theta^n} I(\theta > \max(|x_i|))$$

To make this function as large as possible, we need to make θ as small as possible. And it should make $I(\theta > \max(|x_i|)) = 1$. Thus the MLE estimator is $\max(|x_i|)$.