

More estimation examples

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Example: $f(x|\mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2}$

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$$\begin{aligned} L(\mu, \sigma^2) &= \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i|\mu, \sigma^2) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x_i-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2} \\ &= (\sigma^2)^{-n/2} (2\pi)^{-n/2} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$l(\mu, \sigma^2) = \ln L(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

$$= -\frac{n}{2} \ln(\sigma^2) - \frac{n}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2$$

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \mu} = -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n 2(x_i - \mu)(-1) \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0$$

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$$\sum x_i - n\mu = 0$$

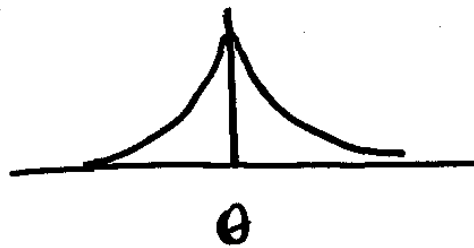
$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{\sum x_i}{n} = \bar{x}$$

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \sigma^2} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sigma^2} - \frac{1}{2} \sum (x_i - \mu)^2 (-1) \frac{1}{\sigma^4} \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0$$

$$-\frac{n}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{\sum (x_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^4} = 0$$

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n} = S_n^2$$

Example: $f(x|\theta) = \frac{1}{2} e^{-|x-\theta|}$ $-\infty < x < \infty$ (3)



Laplace or
Double Exponential

MM: Set $\bar{x} = \mu = \theta \quad \therefore \hat{\theta}_{MM} = \bar{x}$

MLE: $L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2} e^{-|x_i - \theta|} = \frac{1}{2^n} e^{-\sum |x_i - \theta|}$

$l(\theta) = -n \ln 2 - \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - \theta|$

$l'(\theta) = - \sum_{i=1}^n \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } x_i > \theta \\ 0 & \text{if } x_i = \theta \\ 1 & \text{if } x_i < \theta \end{cases}$ (4)

$= \sum_{i=1}^n \text{sgn}(x_i - \theta) \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0$

$\hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \text{median}\{x_i\}$

$= \begin{cases} x_{(\frac{n+1}{2})} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ \text{any } \theta \text{ between } x_{(\frac{n}{2})} \text{ \& } x_{(\frac{n}{2}+1)} & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \end{cases}$

Theorem: If $\hat{\theta}$ is the MLE of θ ,

then $\tau(\hat{\theta})$ is the MLE of $\tau(\theta)$,
for any function τ .

Proof: Let $\eta = \tau(\theta)$

Let $L^*(\eta) = \sup_{\{\theta: \tau(\theta) = \eta\}} L(\theta)$ { we call this
the induced
likelihood function
for $\tau(\theta)$

Let $\hat{\eta}$ be the value of η
that maximizes $L^*(\eta)$

$$\begin{aligned} L^*(\hat{\eta}) &= \sup_{\eta} L^*(\eta) = \sup_{\eta} \sup_{\{\theta: \tau(\theta) = \eta\}} L(\theta) \\ &= \sup_{\theta} L(\theta) = L(\hat{\theta}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Also, } L(\hat{\theta}) = \sup_{\{\theta: \tau(\theta) = \tau(\hat{\theta})\}} L(\theta) \quad \text{why?}$$

Consider A, B, C :

$$A = \{\hat{\theta}\}$$

$$B = \{\theta: \tau(\theta) = \tau(\hat{\theta})\}$$

$$C = \Omega \text{ (the parameter space)}$$

$$A \subset B \subset C$$

$$\sup_A L(\theta) \leq \sup_B L(\theta) \leq \sup_C L(\theta)$$

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$$\sup_A L(\theta) = L(\hat{\theta}) = \sup_C L(\theta)$$

$$\therefore \sup_B L(\theta) = L(\hat{\theta})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } L^*(\hat{\eta}) &= L(\hat{\theta}) = \sup_{\{\theta: \tau(\theta) = \tau(\hat{\theta})\}} L(\theta) \\ &= L^*(\tau(\hat{\theta})) \end{aligned}$$

\therefore The MLE of $\tau(\theta)$ is $\tau(\hat{\theta})$

Bayes Estimation

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$$X_1, \dots, X_n \sim \text{iid } f(x|\theta)$$

Assume that θ is a random variable,

independent of X_1, \dots, X_n . Assume

that θ has a probability distribution $\pi(\theta)$.

We call $\pi(\theta)$ the prior distribution of θ .

The joint distribution of $(X_1, \dots, X_n, \theta)$ (9)
 is $g(\vec{x}, \theta) = \pi(\theta) \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i | \theta)$

the marginal distribution of (X_1, \dots, X_n)
 is $m(\vec{x}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(\vec{x}, \theta) d\theta = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \pi(\theta) L(\theta) d\theta$

Then the posterior distribution of $\theta | \vec{x}$
 is $\pi(\theta | \vec{x}) = \frac{g(\vec{x}, \theta)}{m(\vec{x})}$

Let $L_\theta(\hat{\theta})$ be a loss function (10)
 \uparrow
 $L_\theta(\theta) = 0$
 $L_\theta(\hat{\theta}) \geq 0$

Defn: The Bayes estimator of θ is

the value that minimizes $E[L_\theta(\hat{\theta}) | \vec{x}]$

 $\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\text{posterior risk}}$

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Example: let $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim \text{iid Poisson}(\theta)$

$$\theta \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$$

known

$$\pi(\theta) = \frac{\theta^{\alpha-1} e^{-\theta/\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha) \beta^\alpha}, \quad \theta > 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} q(\vec{x}, \theta) &= \frac{\theta^{\alpha-1} e^{-\theta/\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha) \beta^\alpha} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\theta^{x_i} e^{-\theta}}{x_i!} \\ &= \frac{\theta^{\alpha-1} e^{-\theta/\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha) \beta^\alpha} \frac{\theta^{\sum x_i} e^{-n\theta}}{\prod_{i=1}^n (x_i!)} \end{aligned}$$

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$$m(\vec{x}) = \int q(\vec{x}, \theta) d\theta$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \sum x_i) \left(\frac{1}{\beta + n}\right)^{\alpha + \sum x_i}}{\Gamma(\alpha) \beta^\alpha \prod_{i=1}^n (x_i!)} \int_0^\infty \frac{\theta^{\alpha + \sum x_i - 1} e^{-\theta(\frac{1}{\beta} + n)}}{\underbrace{\Gamma(\alpha + \sum x_i) \left(\frac{1}{\beta + n}\right)^{\alpha + \sum x_i}}_1} d\theta$$

$$\pi(\theta | \vec{x}) = \frac{q(\vec{x}, \theta)}{m(\vec{x})}$$

$$\pi(\theta|\vec{x}) = \left[\frac{\theta^{\alpha-1} e^{-\theta/\beta}}{\Gamma(\alpha) \beta^\alpha} \frac{\theta^{\sum x_i} e^{-n\theta}}{\prod_{i=1}^n (x_i!)} \right]$$

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$$\left[\frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \sum x_i) \left(\frac{\beta}{1 + n\beta} \right)^{\alpha + \sum x_i}}{\Gamma(\alpha) \beta^\alpha \prod_{i=1}^n (x_i!)} \right]$$

$$\sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha + \sum x_i, \frac{\beta}{1 + n\beta})$$