
EXAM ESTIMATION - DETECTION

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SOLUTIONS

Exercise 1: Estimation

1. Maximum likelihood estimation

(a)

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

$$\ln f(x_1, \dots, x_n; \lambda) = n \ln(\lambda) - \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln f(x_1, \dots, x_n; \lambda)}{\partial \lambda} = \frac{n}{\lambda} - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \quad \implies \lambda = \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \ln f(x_1, \dots, x_n; \lambda)}{\partial \lambda^2} = -\frac{n}{\lambda^2} < 0 \quad \implies \hat{\lambda}_{ML} = \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}$$

(b) Since $\varphi_X(t) = \mathbb{E}[e^{itX}] = (1 - it/\lambda)^{-1}$, it follows that

$$\varphi_{Y=\sum_{m=1}^n X_m}(t) = \mathbb{E}\left[e^{it\sum_{m=1}^n X_m}\right] = \prod_{m=1}^n \mathbb{E}\left[e^{itX_m}\right] = (1 - it/\lambda)^{-n}$$

and hence $T \sim \mathcal{G}(n, 1/\lambda)$.

(c) Since $\hat{\lambda}_{ML} = \frac{n}{Y}$ with $Y \sim \mathcal{G}(n, 1/\lambda)$ and $\mathbb{E}[g(y)] = \int g(y) f_Y(y) dy$, we find

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}\left[\hat{\lambda}_{ML}\right] &= n \int \frac{1}{y} \frac{1}{\Gamma(n) 1/\lambda^n} y^{n-1} \exp\left(-\frac{y}{1/\lambda}\right) dy \\ &= n\lambda \frac{\Gamma(n-1)}{\Gamma(n)} \underbrace{\int \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-1) 1/\lambda^{n-1}} y^{n-2} \exp\left(-\frac{y}{1/\lambda}\right) dy}_{\int \mathcal{G}(n-1, 1/\lambda)=1} = \frac{n}{n-1} \lambda \\ &\implies \text{biased: } b(\hat{\lambda}_{ML}) = \frac{1}{n-1} \lambda. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}\left[\hat{\lambda}_{ML}^2\right] &= n^2 \int \frac{1}{y^2} \frac{1}{\Gamma(n) 1/\lambda^n} y^{n-1} \exp\left(-\frac{y}{1/\lambda}\right) dy \\ &= n^2 \lambda^2 \frac{\Gamma(n-2)}{\Gamma(n)} \underbrace{\int \frac{1}{\Gamma(n-2) 1/\lambda^{n-2}} y^{n-3} \exp\left(-\frac{y}{1/\lambda}\right) dy}_{\int \mathcal{G}(n-2, 1/\lambda)=1} = \frac{n^2}{(n-1)(n-2)} \lambda^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Var}\left[\hat{\lambda}_{ML}\right] = \frac{n^2}{(n-1)(n-2)} \lambda^2 + \frac{n^2}{(n-1)^2} \lambda^2 = \frac{n^2 \lambda^2}{(n-1)^2 (n-2)} \implies \text{convergent}$$

(CONTROL: the random variable $\hat{\lambda}_{ML}/n$ has an inverse Gamma distribution $\mathcal{IG}(n, \lambda)$ and hence mean and variance $\frac{n}{n-1} \lambda$ and $\frac{n^2 \lambda^2}{(n-1)^2 (n-2)}$, respectively.)

(d)

$$I(\lambda) = \mathbb{E} \left[-\frac{\partial^2 \ln f(x_1, \dots, x_n; \lambda)}{\partial \lambda^2} \right] = \frac{n}{\lambda^2}$$

$$\text{bias: } \frac{db(\hat{\lambda}_{ML})}{d\lambda} = \frac{1}{n-1}$$

$$CRB(\lambda) = \frac{(1 - b'(\lambda))^2}{I(\lambda)} = \frac{n\lambda^2}{(n-1)^2}.$$

$\implies \hat{\lambda}_{ML}$ is not the efficient estimator for λ since 1) it is biased and 2) its variance exceeds the CRB

2. Estimator $\hat{\lambda}_2 = \frac{n-1}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}$

(a) It follows immediately from 1.(c) that

$$\mathbb{E}[\hat{\lambda}_2] = \lambda \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Var}[\hat{\lambda}_2] = \frac{\lambda^2}{n-2},$$

and from 1.(d) that the Cramer-Rao bound is given by $CRB(\lambda) = \frac{\lambda^2}{n}$, and hence that $\hat{\lambda}_2$ is unbiased but not the efficient estimator for λ .

(b) Clearly, $\text{Var}[\hat{\lambda}_2] < \text{Var}[\hat{\lambda}_{ML}]$, and since $\hat{\lambda}_2$ is also unbiased, it is preferable. The same conclusion is obviously drawn by considering the mean squared errors of the two estimators.

3. ML estimator for $\beta = \frac{1}{\lambda}$

(a)

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

$$\ln f(x_1, \dots, x_n; \beta) = -n \ln(\beta) - \frac{1}{\beta} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln f(x_1, \dots, x_n; \beta)}{\partial \beta} = -\frac{n}{\beta} + \frac{1}{\beta^2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \quad \implies \beta = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \ln f(x_1, \dots, x_n; \beta)}{\partial \beta^2} = \frac{n}{\beta^2} - 2 \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{\beta^3} \stackrel{\beta > 0}{\propto} n \beta - 2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \Big|_{\beta = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i} = -\sum_{i=1}^n x_i < 0$$

$$\implies \hat{\beta}_{ML} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

(b) From 1.(b), we have that $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \sim \mathcal{G}(n, \beta)$ therefore

$$\mathbb{E}[\hat{\beta}_{ML}] = \frac{1}{n} n \beta = \beta \quad \implies \quad \text{unbiased}$$

$$\text{Var}[\hat{\beta}_{ML}] = \frac{1}{n^2} n \beta^2 = \frac{\beta^2}{n}.$$

(c)

$$\mathbb{E} \left[\frac{\partial^2 \ln f(x_1, \dots, x_n; \beta)}{\partial \beta^2} \right] = \frac{n}{\beta^2} - 2 \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[x_i]}{\beta^3} = -\frac{n}{\beta^2}$$

$$\implies CRB(\beta) = \frac{\beta^2}{n}$$

$$\implies \hat{\beta}_{ML} \text{ is efficient.}$$

4. Bayesian estimation with Jeffrey's prior for λ

(a) From 1.(d), we immediately have $p(\lambda) \propto \sqrt{I(\lambda)} \propto \frac{\sqrt{n}}{\lambda} \propto \frac{1}{\lambda}$.

(b)

$$f(\lambda|x) \propto \frac{1}{\lambda} \lambda^n \exp\left(-\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right) \propto \mathcal{G}\left(n, \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}\right) \implies \hat{\lambda}_{MMSE}^J = \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} = \hat{\lambda}_{ML}.$$

$$\ln f(\lambda|x) \propto (n-1) \ln(\lambda) - \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln f(\lambda|x)}{\partial \lambda} \propto \frac{n-1}{\lambda} - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \implies \hat{\lambda}_{MAP}^J = \frac{n-1}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} = \hat{\lambda}_2.$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \ln f(\lambda|x)}{\partial \lambda^2} \propto -\frac{n-1}{\lambda^2} < 0$$

5. Bayesian estimation with Gamma prior $\mathcal{G}(k, \theta)$ for λ : $\lambda \sim \mathcal{G}(k, \theta)$

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} f(\lambda|x, k, \theta) &\propto f(x_1, \dots, x_n; \lambda) p_\lambda(\lambda; k, \theta) \\ &\propto \lambda^n \exp\left(-\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right) \frac{1}{\Gamma(k)\theta^k} \lambda^{k-1} \exp(-\lambda/\theta) \\ &\propto \mathcal{G}\left(n+k, \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i + \frac{1}{\theta}}\right). \end{aligned}$$

(b) Since the posterior law of λ is $\mathcal{G}\left(n+k, \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i + \frac{1}{\theta}}\right)$, we immediately have

$$\hat{\lambda}_{MMSE} = \frac{n+k}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i + \frac{1}{\theta}}.$$

$$\ln f(\lambda|x, k, \theta) \propto (n+k-1) \ln(\lambda) - \lambda \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i + \frac{1}{\theta}\right)$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln f(\lambda|x, k, \theta)}{\partial \lambda} \propto \frac{n+k-1}{\lambda} - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - \frac{1}{\theta} \stackrel{!}{=} 0$$

$$\implies \hat{\lambda}_{MAP} = \frac{n+k-1}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i + \frac{1}{\theta}}$$

(One verifies that $\left. \frac{\partial^2 \ln f(\lambda|x, k, \theta)}{\partial \lambda^2} \right|_{\lambda=\hat{\lambda}_{MAP}} < 0$.)

Since $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \gg \frac{1}{\theta}$ and $n \gg k$ the estimators become equivalent as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Exercise 2: Detection

1. We want to test the hypotheses $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$ and $H_1 : \theta = \theta_1$ with $\theta_1 > \theta_0$.

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{reject } H_0 \text{ if } & \frac{f(x_1, \dots, x_n; k, \theta | H_1)}{f(x_1, \dots, x_n; k, \theta | H_0)} > K_\alpha \\ & \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{k-1} \frac{k}{\theta_1} \exp\left(-\frac{x_i^k}{\theta_1}\right)}{\prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{k-1} \frac{k}{\theta_0} \exp\left(-\frac{x_i^k}{\theta_0}\right)} > K_\alpha \\ & \left(\frac{\theta_0}{\theta_1}\right)^n \exp\left(-\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^k \left(\frac{1}{\theta_1} - \frac{1}{\theta_0}\right)\right) > K_\alpha \\ & n(\ln \theta_0 - \ln \theta_1) + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^k \left(\frac{1}{\theta_0} - \frac{1}{\theta_1}\right)}_{>0} > \ln K_\alpha \\ & T = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^k > t_\alpha = \frac{\theta_0 \theta_1}{\theta_1 - \theta_0} (\ln K_\alpha + n(\ln \theta_1 - \ln \theta_0)) \end{aligned}$$

(b) i. $U = T^k$ and $T = U^{\frac{1}{k}}$ and $\frac{dT}{dU} = \frac{1}{k} U^{\frac{1}{k}-1}$ and hence

$$g(u) = f(t(u)) \left| \frac{dT}{dU} \right| = \frac{k}{\theta} u^{\frac{k-1}{k}} \exp\left(-\frac{u}{\theta}\right) \frac{1}{k} u^{\frac{1}{k}-1} = \frac{1}{\theta} \exp\left(-\frac{u}{\theta}\right)$$

and hence $U \sim \mathcal{G}(1, \theta)$.

ii. Since $\varphi_U(t) = \mathbb{E}[e^{itU}] = (1 - it\theta)^{-\beta}$ with $\beta = 1$, it follows that

$$\varphi_{T=\sum_{m=1}^n U_m}(t) = \mathbb{E}\left[e^{it\sum_{m=1}^n U_m}\right] = \prod_{m=1}^n \mathbb{E}\left[e^{itU_m}\right] = (1 - it\theta)^n$$

and hence $T \sim \mathcal{G}(n, \theta)$.

Therefore, under H_0 , $T \sim \mathcal{G}(n, \theta_0)$ and under H_1 , $T \sim \mathcal{G}(n, \theta_1)$.

(c)

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= P[\text{reject } H_0 | H_0 \text{ true}] = P[T > t_\alpha | T \sim \mathcal{G}(n, \theta_0)] \\ &= 1 - \int_0^{t_\alpha} \frac{x^{n-1}}{\Gamma(n)\theta_0^n} \exp(-x/\theta_0) dx = 1 - F_0(t_\alpha) \\ &\implies t_\alpha = F_0^{-1}(1 - \alpha) \end{aligned}$$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned} \pi &= P[\text{reject } H_0 | H_1 \text{ true}] = P[T > t_\alpha | T \sim \mathcal{G}(n, \theta_1)] \\ &= 1 - \int_0^{t_\alpha} \frac{x^{n-1}}{\Gamma(n)\theta_1^n} \exp(-x/\theta_1) dx = 1 - F_1(t_\alpha) \\ &= 1 - F_1(F_0^{-1}(1 - \alpha)) \end{aligned}$$

2. We first need to determine the maximum likelihood estimator for θ ,

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n; \beta, \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n k \frac{x_i^{k-1}}{\theta} \exp\left(-\frac{x_i^k}{\theta}\right) = \frac{k^n}{\theta^n} \exp\left(-\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^k}{\theta}\right) \prod_{i=1}^n x_i^k$$

$$\ln f(x_1, \dots, x_n; \beta, \theta) = n \ln(k) - n \ln(\theta) - \frac{1}{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^k + \ln\left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i^k\right)$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln f(x_1, \dots, x_n; \beta, \theta)}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{n}{\theta} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^k}{\theta^2} \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \quad \implies \theta = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^k$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \ln f(x_1, \dots, x_n; \beta, \theta)}{\partial \theta^2} \Big|_{\theta = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^k} = -\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^k < 0 \quad \implies \hat{\theta}_{ML} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^k.$$

The generalized likelihood ratio test is given by

$$\text{reject } H_0 \text{ if } \frac{\sup_{\theta \in \Omega_1} f(x_1, \dots, x_n | \theta)}{\sup_{\theta \in \Omega_0} f(x_1, \dots, x_n | \theta)} = \frac{f(x_1, \dots, x_n | \theta = \hat{\theta}_{ML(1)})}{f(x_1, \dots, x_n | \theta = \theta_0)} > K_\alpha$$

$$\frac{\prod_{i=1}^n k \frac{x_i^{k-1}}{\hat{\theta}_{ML(1)}} \exp\left(-\frac{x_i^k}{\hat{\theta}_{ML(1)}}\right)}{\prod_{i=1}^n k \frac{x_i^{k-1}}{\theta_0} \exp\left(-\frac{x_i^k}{\theta_0}\right)} > K_\alpha$$

$$\left(\frac{n\theta_0}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^k}\right)^n \exp\left(-\left(\frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^k} - \frac{1}{\theta_0}\right) \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^k\right) > K_\alpha$$

$$n \ln(n\theta_0) - n \ln\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^k\right) - \left(\frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^k} - \frac{1}{\theta_0}\right) \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^k > \ln K_\alpha$$

$$T = -\ln\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^k\right) + \frac{1}{n\theta_0} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^k > t_\alpha = \frac{\ln K_\alpha}{n} + 1 - \ln(n) - \ln(\theta_0).$$

3. (a) Since the parameter θ is unknown, the Kolmogorov test can not be applied. The χ^2 test is appropriate for this problem.

(b)

$$f(t_1, \dots, t_M; n, \theta) = \frac{\prod_{m=1}^M t_m^{n-1}}{\Gamma(n)^M \theta^{nM}} \exp\left(-\frac{\sum_{m=1}^M t_m}{\theta}\right)$$

$$\ln f(t_1, \dots, t_M; n, \theta) \propto -nM \ln(\theta) - \frac{1}{\theta} \sum_{m=1}^M t_m$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln f(t_1, \dots, t_M; n, \theta)}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{nM}{\theta} + \frac{\sum_{m=1}^M t_m}{\theta^2} \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \quad \implies \hat{\theta}_{ML} = \frac{\sum_{m=1}^M t_m}{nM}$$

and hence

$$\hat{\theta}_{ML} = \frac{\sum_{m=1}^M t_m}{nM} = \frac{1250}{625} = 2$$

The mean is given by $\mu = n\hat{\theta}_{ML} = 50$ and the standard deviation by $\sigma = \sqrt{n\hat{\theta}_{ML}^2} = 10$.

(c) With $a = F^{-1}(3/4)$, the classes for testing for the standard Normal distribution $\mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ are given by

$$(-\infty, -a], (-a, 0] \cup (0, a], (a, \infty)$$

and the classes for $\mathcal{N}(\mu = 50, \sigma^2 = 10^2)$ are therefore

$$C_1 = (-\infty, \mu - \sigma a] = (-\infty, 43.25]$$

$$C_2 = (\mu - \sigma a, \mu] = (43.25, 50]$$

$$C_3 = (\mu, \mu + \sigma a] = (50, 56.75]$$

$$C_4 = (\mu + \sigma a, \infty] = (56.75, \infty]$$

(d) The test statistic is given by

$$\phi = \sum_{k=1}^K \frac{(n_k - Mp_k)^2}{Mp_k}$$

with $K = 4$, $p_k = 1/4$ and $(n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4) = (7, 5, 6, 7)$. Hence,

$$\phi = \frac{4}{25} \left(\frac{9}{16} + \frac{25}{16} + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{9}{16} \right) = \frac{11}{25} = 0.44.$$

Since the unknown parameter θ was replaced with its maximum likelihood estimate, the critical value of the test is given by the quantile of the χ^2 distribution with $N = K - 1 = 3$ degrees of freedom, $t_\alpha = 4.61 > 0.44$. The test with significance $\alpha = 0.1$ therefore does not reject the hypothesis that the sample is Normal.