

## Homework#7 Statistical Inference

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Derive the MLE ( $\hat{\mu}$ ) under  $DE(\mu, \lambda)$ .

Solution:

$X_1, \dots, X_n$  be iid  $DE(\mu, \lambda)$ ,  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}, \lambda > 0$

$$f(x; \mu, \lambda) = \frac{1}{2\lambda} \exp\left(-\frac{|x - \mu|}{\lambda}\right)$$

$$L(\mu, \lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i; \mu, \lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2\lambda} \exp\left(-\frac{|x_i - \mu|}{\lambda}\right) = (2\lambda)^{-n} \exp\left(-\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - \mu|}{\lambda}\right)$$

$$\ln L(\mu, \lambda) = -n \ln(2\lambda) - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - \mu|}{\lambda}$$

Fixed  $\lambda$ , then  $\max_{\mu} \{\ln L(\mu, \lambda)\} \Leftrightarrow \min_{\mu} \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - \mu|$

Let  $g(\mu) = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - \mu| = \sum_{i=1}^n [(x_i - \mu)I(x_i > \mu) + (\mu - x_i)I(x_i < \mu)]$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{d\mu} g(\mu) = \sum_{i=1}^n [(-1)I(x_i > \mu) + (1)I(x_i < \mu)]$$

$$= (-1) \sum_{i=1}^n I(x_i > \mu) + \sum_{i=1}^n I(x_i < \mu) = 0 \text{ (set)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n I(x_i > \mu) = \sum_{i=1}^n I(x_i < \mu) \Rightarrow \hat{\mu} = M_n$$

Where,  $M_n$  is median of  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ .

Case1:  $n = 2m + 1, \forall m \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\therefore \frac{d}{d\mu} g(\mu) = \begin{cases} \text{positive if } \mu \geq X_{\left(\frac{n+1}{2}+1\right)} \\ \text{negative if } \mu \leq X_{\left(\frac{n+1}{2}-1\right)} \\ 0 \text{ if } \mu = X_{\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)} = M_n \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore g(\hat{\mu}) \text{ is } \min_{\mu} \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - \mu|$$

Case2:  $n = 2m, \forall m \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\therefore \frac{d}{d\mu} g(\mu) = \begin{cases} \text{positive if } \mu \geq X_{(\frac{n}{2}+1)} \\ \text{negative if } \mu \leq X_{(\frac{n}{2})} \\ 0 \text{ if } \mu = \frac{X_{(\frac{n}{2}+1)} + X_{(\frac{n}{2})}}{2} = M_n \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore g(\hat{\mu}) \text{ is } \min_{\mu} \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - \mu|$$

Take  $\mu = \hat{\mu}$  in to  $\ln L(\mu, \lambda)$

$$\ln L(\lambda) = -n \ln(2\lambda) - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - \hat{\mu}|}{\lambda}$$

Let  $k = \sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - \hat{\mu}|$

$$\ln L(\lambda) = -n \ln(2\lambda) - \frac{k}{\lambda}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{d\lambda} \ln L(\lambda) = \frac{-n}{\lambda} + \frac{k}{\lambda^2} = 0 \text{ (set)} \Rightarrow \hat{\lambda} = \frac{k}{n} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - \hat{\mu}|}{n}$$

$$\left. \frac{d^2}{d\lambda^2} \ln L(\lambda) \right|_{\lambda=\hat{\lambda}} = \left. \frac{n}{\lambda^2} - \frac{2k}{\lambda^3} \right|_{\lambda=\hat{\lambda}} = \frac{n^3}{k^2} - \frac{2n^3 k}{k^3} = -\frac{n^3}{k^2} < 0$$

$$\text{The MLE of } (\mu, \lambda) \text{ is } \begin{cases} \hat{\mu} = M_n \\ \hat{\lambda} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i - \hat{\mu}|}{n} \end{cases}$$