

ex) $X \sim \text{Weibull}(\theta, \tau)$

$$\text{Var}_p(x) = \pi_p = \theta [-\ln(1-p)]^{\frac{1}{\tau}}$$

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Suppose you are given 2 percentiles

$$\pi_p \stackrel{\text{set } \wedge}{=} \hat{\pi}_p \text{ and } \pi_q = \theta [-\ln(1-q)]^{\frac{1}{\tau}} \stackrel{\text{set } \wedge}{=} \hat{\pi}_q$$

$$\left(\frac{\pi_p}{\theta}\right)^\tau = -\ln(1-p)$$

$$\left(\frac{\pi_q}{\theta}\right)^\tau = -\ln(1-q)$$

$$\text{so } \left(\frac{\pi_p}{\pi_q}\right)^\tau = \frac{\ln(1-p)}{\ln(1-q)}$$

take ln of both sides and solve for τ

$$\text{so } \hat{\tau} = \frac{\ln[\ln(1-p)/\ln(1-q)]}{\ln(\hat{\pi}_p/\hat{\pi}_q)}$$

$$\hat{\theta} = \frac{\hat{\pi}_p}{[-\ln(1-p)]^{1/\hat{\tau}}}$$

ex} $X \sim LN(\mu, \sigma)$ $\pi_p = e^{\mu + z_p \sigma} = \text{VarP}(X)$ (14.5)

$$\ln(\pi_p) = \mu + z_p \sigma \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} \ln(\hat{\pi}_p)$$

$$\ln(\pi_q) = \mu + z_q \sigma \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} \ln(\hat{\pi}_q)$$

$$\ln(\pi_p) - \ln(\pi_q) = \sigma(z_p - z_q) \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} \ln(\hat{\pi}_p) - \ln(\hat{\pi}_q)$$

$$\hat{\sigma} = \frac{\ln(\hat{\pi}_p) - \ln(\hat{\pi}_q)}{z_p - z_q}$$

$$\hat{\mu} = \ln(\hat{\pi}_p) - z_p \hat{\sigma}$$

ex} $X \sim \text{inverse exponential}(\theta)$

$$\pi_p = \theta [-\ln(p)]^{-1} \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} \hat{\pi}_p$$

$$\hat{\theta} = -\hat{\pi}_p \ln(p)$$

see
example
Inverse Weibull

17) Sometimes for 2 parameter distributions, one parameter δ_1 is known and the 2nd parameter δ_2 is estimated by matching with π_p .

18) Suppose you have right censored data

x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m , $n-m$ cases censored at
 $U > x_{(m)}$

order statistics $x_{(1)}, x_{(2)}, \dots, x_{(m)}$, $\underbrace{U, \dots, U}_{n-m \text{ cases}}$
of censored data

If $j+1 \leq m$, then percentile matching
can still be used with $\hat{\pi}_j$ from (5),

(ex) For insurance with policy limit

$U=10000$, the ordered observed data

are 1000, 1700, 2000, 3500, 4200, 5000,

7300, 4 at the limit

Fit an inverse exponential distribution
to the data matching the median,
and estimate θ .

Soln: Median = $\pi_{0.5}$ and
 $\hat{\theta} = -\hat{\pi}_{0.5} \ln(0.5)$ by a previous ex.

$$n = 11, (n+1)/p = 6$$

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$$\hat{\mu}_{0.5} = X_{(6)} = 5000$$

$$\text{so } \hat{\theta} = -5000 \ln(0.5) = \boxed{3465.7359}$$

19} If X is (left) truncated at d ,
 $W = X | X > d$ has survival function

$$S_W(x) = \frac{S_X(x)}{S_X(d)} \quad \text{for } x > d.$$

$$\text{So } S_W(\underbrace{\pi_p(w)}_{\text{Var}_p(w)}) = \frac{S_X(\pi_p(w))}{S_X(d)} = 1-p$$

$$\text{OR } F_W(\pi_p(w)) = 1 - \frac{S_X(\pi_p(w))}{S_X(d)} = p.$$

ex} For insurance with a deductible 500,
you observe the following losses (including
the deductible) (policyholders losses)

600, 1000, 1200, 2000, 3000

Fit a Pareto ($\alpha = 1/\theta$) dist to the

data matching at the median $(N=404)$ 16
and estimate θ . data are from $w = x|x \geq d$

$$\text{Soln)} \hat{\pi} = \hat{\pi}_{.5}(w) = 1200 \text{ since } (n+1)p = 6(.5) = 3$$

$$\frac{S_x(\hat{\pi})}{S_x(500)} \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} .5 \quad \text{or} \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{Elev } \theta \text{ } \theta \\ \text{set } = 1 - (\pi) \end{array} \right)$$

$$\frac{\left(\frac{\theta}{\hat{\pi} + \theta} \right)}{\left(\frac{\theta}{500 + \theta} \right)} = \frac{500 + \theta}{\hat{\pi} + \theta} = 0.5$$

$$\text{So } 500 + \theta = 0.5 \hat{\pi} + 0.5 \theta$$

$$0.5 \theta = 0.5 \hat{\pi} - 500$$

$$\hat{\theta} = \hat{\pi} - 1000 = \boxed{200}$$

20) For a 2 parameter dist X ,

could set $\mu' = \bar{x}$ and $\pi_p = \hat{\pi}_p$

and solve for γ_1 and γ_2 .

21) There are a lot of MLE problems including i) write

the likelihood function, ii) write ¹⁶⁷⁹
 the log likelihood function, iii) find
 the MLE $\hat{\theta}$, iv) find an MLE CI
 for θ , find $\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}) = \text{AV}(\hat{\theta})$, perhaps with
 the delta method.

For these problems, you can have ^{1413/580} individual data,
 grouped data, censored data, and truncated data.
 usually right usually left

22) * For Math 404 (not Math 483, 580)

assume the MLE is a solution

$$\text{to } \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} \ln L(\theta) \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0 \quad i=1, \dots, k.$$

Don't use second derivatives to prove the
 MLE is the global max since [professional
 actuarial exams are mult-choice.
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23) If there is one parameter θ , often

$$\text{the MLE } \hat{\theta} = \bar{w} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \text{ where}$$

$$w_i = t(x_i) \text{ for some function } t(\cdot).$$

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24] Know Central Limit Theorem CLT

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be iid with $E(X) = \mu$
and $V(X) = \sigma^2$, then

$$\sqrt{n} (\bar{X}_n - \mu) \xrightarrow{D} N(0, \sigma^2) \text{ and}$$

$$\sqrt{n} \left(\frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu}{\sigma} \right) = \sqrt{n} \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i - n\mu}{n\sigma} \right) \xrightarrow{D} N(0, 1).$$

25] * The notation $Y_n \xrightarrow{D} X$ means that for large n , we can approximate the cdf of Y_n by the cdf of X . The distribution of X is the limiting distribution or asymptotic distribution of Y_n , and the limiting distribution does not depend on n .

26] * The notation $Y_n \sim AN(\theta, \frac{\tau^2}{n})$, also written $Y_n \approx N(\theta, \frac{\tau^2}{n})$, means approximate the cdf of Y_n as if $Y_n \sim N(\theta, \frac{\tau^2}{n})$.

By the CLT, $\bar{X}_n \sim AN(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n})$. Note that the approximate distribution, unlike the limiting distribution, does depend on n .

27] If the statistic $T_n \sim AN(\gamma, \psi^2)$, (17.5)

then $\pi_p(T_n) = \text{Var}_p(T_n) \approx \gamma + \psi^2 z_p^2$

where $P(Z \leq z_p) = p$ if $Z \sim N(0, 1)$.

If $T_n = \bar{X}_n$, $\gamma = \mu$ and $\psi = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}$.

28] * For individual data, x_1, \dots, x_n are iid with pdf $f(x)$ or pmf $p(x)$.

So the likelihood function

$$L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i) \quad \text{or} \quad L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(x_i).$$

The log likelihood function

$$\ln L(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \ln f(x_i) \quad \text{or} \quad \ln L(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(p(x_i)).$$

29] If $x_1 = 6$, $x_2 = 5$, $x_3 = 7$

and $f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$,

$$\text{then } L(\lambda) = \lambda e^{-\lambda 6} \lambda e^{-\lambda 5} \lambda e^{-\lambda 7} = \lambda^3 e^{-\lambda 18}$$

$$\ln L(\lambda) = 3 \ln(\lambda) - \lambda 18$$

$$\frac{d}{d\lambda} \ln L(\lambda) = \frac{3}{\lambda} - 18 \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0$$

$$\text{or } 18\lambda = 3$$

$$\text{or } \hat{\lambda} = \frac{3}{18} = 0.1667$$

Alternatively, $L(\lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i) = \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda e^{-\lambda x_i} = \lambda^n e^{-\lambda \sum x_i}$

$$\ln L(\lambda) = n \ln(\lambda) - \lambda \sum x_i$$

$$\frac{d}{d\lambda} \ln L(\lambda) = \frac{n}{\lambda} - \sum x_i \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0$$

$$\text{or } n = \lambda \sum x_i, \quad \hat{\lambda} = \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} = \frac{1}{\bar{x}}$$

and at the data, $\hat{\lambda} = \frac{3}{6+5+7} = \frac{3}{18} = 0.1667$

30) The parameter space $\Theta = \{\theta \mid f(x) \text{ is a pdf or } P(x) \text{ is a pmf}\}$.

ex] If $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ or $X \sim LN(\mu, \sigma)$

$$\Theta = \{(\mu, \sigma) \mid \mu \in \mathbb{R}, \sigma > 0\}$$

31) The maximum likelihood estimator $\hat{\theta} = \hat{\theta}(x) \in \Theta$

of θ is the parameter value (18.5)

at which $L(\theta) = L(\theta | \underline{x})$ attains its maximum as a function of θ with \underline{x} held fixed. The MLE based on the sample $\underline{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ is

$$\hat{\theta}(\underline{X}).$$

32] If the MLE $\hat{\theta}$ exists, then $\hat{\theta} \in \Theta$.

Maximizing $\ln L(\theta)$ is equivalent to maximizing $L(\theta)$.

33] * Invariance principle:

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

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

where $\tau: \Theta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ is a function of θ .

ex] X_1, \dots, X_n iid geometric (β)

$$P(x) = \frac{\beta^x}{(1+\beta)^{x+1}}, \quad L(\beta) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(x_i) = \beta^{\sum x_i} \frac{1}{(1+\beta)^{\sum x_i + n}}$$

$$\ln L(\beta) = \sum x_i \ln(\beta) - (\sum x_i + n) \ln(1+\beta)$$

$$\frac{d}{d\beta} \ln L(\beta) = \sum x_i \frac{1}{\beta} - (\sum x_i + n) \frac{1}{1+\beta}$$

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 $\stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0$

$$\text{or } \sum x_i (1+\beta) = (\sum x_i + n) \beta$$

cancel $(\sum x_i) \beta$
 from both sides

$$\text{or } \sum x_i = n \beta$$

$$\text{or } \hat{\beta} = \bar{x}$$

ex) x_1, \dots, x_n iid negative binomial (r, β) , r known

$$p(x) = c_x \frac{\beta^x}{(1+\beta)^{r+x}}, \quad L(\beta) = \prod_{i=1}^n c_{x_i} \beta^{\sum x_i} \frac{1}{(1+\beta)^{nr + \sum x_i}}$$

$$\ln L(\beta) = d + \sum x_i \ln(\beta) - (nr + \sum x_i) \ln(1+\beta)$$

$$\frac{d}{d\beta} \ln L(\beta) = \sum x_i \frac{1}{\beta} - (nr + \sum x_i) \frac{1}{1+\beta} \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0$$

$$\text{or } \sum x_i (1+\beta) = (nr + \sum x_i) \beta$$

$$\text{or } \sum x_i = nr \beta, \quad \hat{\beta} = \frac{\bar{x}}{r}$$

end exam material

34] Often $L(\theta) = L(\theta | x_1, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n L(\theta | x_i)$.

35] For grouped data, $L(\theta | x_i) =$

$F(c_j) - F(c_{j-1})$ if x_i is in interval (19.9)

$$[c_{j-1}, c_j] = P(X \in (c_{j-1}, c_j])$$

interval count

$$[c_0, c_1] \quad n_1$$

$$[c_1, c_2] \quad n_2$$

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$$[c_{m-1}, c_m] \quad n_m$$

$$L(\theta) = \prod_{j=1}^m [F(c_j) - F(c_{j-1})]^{n_j}$$

ex}	claim size	# claims
$[0, 1000)$	under 1000	10
	$[1000, 2000)$	5
	(2000 up)	3

Fit an $EXP(\theta)$ dist to the above table and estimate the mean.

Soln] $F(x) = 1 - e^{-x/\theta}$, $F(\infty) = 1$, $F(0) = 0$, $F(c_j) - F(c_{j-1}) = 1 - e^{-c_j/\theta} - (1 - e^{-c_{j-1}/\theta}) = e^{-c_{j-1}/\theta} - e^{-c_j/\theta}$

$$L(\theta) = [F(1000) - F(0)]^{10} [F(2000) - F(1000)]^5 [F(\infty) - F(2000)]^3$$

$$= [1 - e^{-1000/\theta}]^{10} [e^{-1000/\theta} - e^{-2000/\theta}]^5 \left(e^{-2000/\theta} \right)^3$$

$$= (1 - e^{-1000/\theta})^{10} \left[e^{-1000/\theta} (1 - e^{-1000/\theta}) \right]^5 \left(e^{-1000/\theta} \right)^6$$