

1. In this question, we shall focus on the geometric distribution $G(\theta)$, which has a probability density function

$$p(x|\theta) = \theta(1 - \theta)^{x-1}$$

for $\theta \in (0, 1)$. Suppose we observe i.i.d. samples X_1, \dots, X_n .

- Show that $G(\theta)$ is an exponential family.
 - Find the MLE, T_n , for $\frac{1}{\theta}$, as well as its expectation and variance.
 - Find the variance stabilizing function $g(\cdot)$ such that $\sqrt{n}(g(T_n) - g(\frac{1}{\theta})) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$.
 - Let $P = G(\theta_1)$ and $Q = G(\theta_2)$. Find the Hellinger affinity $\rho(P, Q)$.
2. Suppose $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} \text{Uniform}[0, 1]$. Find the limiting distribution of $M_n = n \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} X_i$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.
3. Suppose the sample space is $S = \{0, 1\}$, the parameter space is $\Theta = \{0, 1\}$, and the loss function is the squared error loss. Consider the problem of using one observation $X \in S$ to estimate $\theta \in \Theta$. Is a minimax estimator of θ always admissible? Provide a proof or a counterexample.

4. (A Consistency Statement of the MLE)

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be independently sampled from a density $p(x|\theta_0)$ for $\theta_0 \in \Theta$. The likelihood function is

$$L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(X_i|\theta).$$

Suppose the parametrization is identifiable. Show that for any $\theta \neq \theta_0$, as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

$$\mathbf{P}\left(\frac{L(\theta_0)}{L(\theta)} > 1\right) \rightarrow 1.$$

Hint: Use the Shannon-Kolmogorov inequality.

5. Consider a kernel $K(x) = (a + bx^2)I(|x| \leq 1)$ in density estimation. Find constants a and b such that $K(x)$ is of order 3.