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# 1 Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE, 最党法) —

#### **Review**

- 1. We have random variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ , which are assumed to be mutually independently and identically distributed.
- 2. The distribution function of  $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^n$  is  $f(x;\theta)$ , where  $x=(x_1,x_2,\cdots,x_n)$  and  $\theta=(\mu,\Sigma)$ .

Note that *X* is a vector of random variables and *x* is a vector of their realizations (i.e., observed data).

Likelihood function  $L(\cdot)$  is defined as  $L(\theta; x) = f(x; \theta)$ .

Note that  $f(x;\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i;\theta)$  when  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are mutually indepen-

dently and identically distributed.

The maximum likelihood estimator (MLE) of  $\theta$  is  $\theta$  such that:

$$\max_{\theta} \ L(\theta; X). \qquad \Longleftrightarrow \qquad \max_{\theta} \ \log L(\theta; X).$$

MLE satisfies the following two conditions:

(a) 
$$\frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta} = 0.$$

- (b)  $\frac{\partial^2 \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'}$  is a negative definite matrix.
- 3. **Fisher's information matrix** (フィッシャーの情報行列) is defined as:

$$I(\theta) = -E\left(\frac{\partial^2 \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'}\right),\,$$

where we have the following equality:

$$-\mathrm{E}\left(\frac{\partial^{2} \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'}\right) = \mathrm{E}\left(\frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta'}\right) = \mathrm{V}\left(\frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta}\right)$$

#### Proof of the above equality:

$$\int L(\theta; x) \mathrm{d}x = 1$$

Take a derivative with respect to  $\theta$ .

$$\int \frac{\partial L(\theta; x)}{\partial \theta} \mathrm{d}x = 0$$

(We assume that (i) the domain of x does not depend on  $\theta$  and (ii) the derivative  $\frac{\partial L(\theta; x)}{\partial \theta}$  exists.)

Rewriting the above equation, we obtain:

$$\int \frac{\partial \log L(\theta; x)}{\partial \theta} L(\theta; x) dx = 0,$$

i.e.,

$$E\left(\frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta}\right) = 0.$$

Again, differentiating the above with respect to  $\theta$ , we obtain:

$$\int \frac{\partial^2 \log L(\theta; x)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'} L(\theta; x) dx + \int \frac{\partial \log L(\theta; x)}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial L(\theta; x)}{\partial' \theta} dx$$

$$= \int \frac{\partial^2 \log L(\theta; x)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'} L(\theta; x) dx + \int \frac{\partial \log L(\theta; x)}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial \log L(\theta; x)}{\partial \theta'} L(\theta; x) dx$$

$$= E\left(\frac{\partial^2 \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'}\right) + E\left(\frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta'}\right) = 0.$$

Therefore, we can derive the following equality:

$$-\mathrm{E}\left(\frac{\partial^2 \log L(\theta;X)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'}\right) = \mathrm{E}\left(\frac{\partial \log L(\theta;X)}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial \log L(\theta;X)}{\partial \theta'}\right) = \mathrm{V}\left(\frac{\partial \log L(\theta;X)}{\partial \theta}\right),$$

where the second equality utilizes  $E\left(\frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta}\right) = 0$ .

#### 4. Cramer-Rao Lower Bound (クラメール・ラオの下限): $(I(\theta))^{-1}$

Suppose that an unbiased estimator of  $\theta$  is given by s(X).

Then, we have the following:

$$V(s(X)) \ge (I(\theta))^{-1}$$

#### **Proof:**

The expectation of s(X) is:

$$E(s(X)) = \int s(x)L(\theta; x)dx.$$

Differentiating the above with respect to  $\theta$ ,

$$\frac{\partial E(s(X))}{\partial \theta'} = \int s(x) \frac{\partial L(\theta; x)}{\partial \theta'} dx = \int s(x) \frac{\partial \log L(\theta; x)}{\partial \theta'} L(\theta; x) dx$$
$$= Cov \left( s(X), \frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta} \right)$$

For simplicity, let s(X) and  $\theta$  be scalars.

Then,

$$\left(\frac{\partial \mathrm{E}(s(X))}{\partial \theta}\right)^{2} = \left(\mathrm{Cov}\left(s(X), \frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta}\right)\right)^{2} = \rho^{2} \mathrm{V}\left(s(X)\right) \mathrm{V}\left(\frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta}\right)$$

$$\leq \mathrm{V}\left(s(X)\right) \mathrm{V}\left(\frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta}\right),$$

where  $\rho$  denotes the correlation coefficient between s(X) and  $\frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta}$ , i.e.,

$$\rho = \frac{\operatorname{Cov}\left(s(X), \frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta}\right)}{\sqrt{\operatorname{V}\left(s(X)\right)} \sqrt{\operatorname{V}\left(\frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta}\right)}}.$$

Note that  $|\rho| \leq 1$ .

Therefore, we have the following inequality:

$$\left(\frac{\partial \mathrm{E}(s(X))}{\partial \theta}\right)^2 \le \mathrm{V}(s(X)) \; \mathrm{V}\left(\frac{\partial \log L(\theta;X)}{\partial \theta}\right),$$

i.e.,

$$V(s(X)) \ge \frac{\left(\frac{\partial E(s(X))}{\partial \theta}\right)^2}{V\left(\frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta}\right)}$$

Especially, when  $E(s(X)) = \theta$ ,

$$V(s(X)) \ge \frac{1}{-E\left(\frac{\partial^2 \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta^2}\right)} = (I(\theta))^{-1}.$$

Even in the case where s(X) is a vector, the following inequality holds.

$$V(s(X)) \ge (I(\theta))^{-1}$$

where  $I(\theta)$  is defined as:

$$\begin{split} I(\theta) &= -\mathrm{E}\left(\frac{\partial^2 \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'}\right) \\ &= \mathrm{E}\left(\frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta'}\right) = \mathrm{V}\left(\frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta}\right). \end{split}$$

The variance of any unbiased estimator of  $\theta$  is larger than or equal to  $(I(\theta))^{-1}$ .

#### 5. Asymptotic Normality of MLE:

Let  $\tilde{\theta}$  be MLE of  $\theta$ .

As n goes to infinity, we have the following result:

$$\sqrt{n}(\tilde{\theta} - \theta) \longrightarrow N\left(0, \lim_{n \to \infty} \left(\frac{I(\theta)}{n}\right)^{-1}\right),$$

where it is assumed that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \left(\frac{I(\theta)}{n}\right)$  converges.

That is, when *n* is large,  $\tilde{\theta}$  is approximately distributed as follows:

$$\tilde{\theta} \sim N(\theta, (I(\theta))^{-1}).$$

Suppose that  $s(X) = \tilde{\theta}$ .

When *n* is large, V(s(X)) is approximately equal to  $(I(\theta))^{-1}$ .

Practically, we utilize the following approximated distribution:

$$\tilde{\theta} \sim N\left(\theta, (I(\tilde{\theta}))^{-1}\right).$$

Then, we can obtain the significance test and the confidence interval for  $\theta$ 

6. **Central Limit Theorem:** Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be mutually independently distributed random variables with mean  $E(X_i) = \mu$  and variance  $V(X_i) = \sigma^2 < \infty$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

Define  $\overline{X} = (1/n) \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i$ .

Then, the central limit theorem is given by:

$$\frac{\overline{X} - \mathrm{E}(\overline{X})}{\sqrt{\mathrm{V}(\overline{X})}} = \frac{\overline{X} - \mu}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}} \longrightarrow N(0, 1).$$

Note that  $E(\overline{X}) = \mu$  and  $V(\overline{X}) = \sigma^2/n$ .

That is,

$$\sqrt{n}(\overline{X} - \mu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_i - \mu) \longrightarrow N(0, \sigma^2).$$

Note that  $E(\overline{X}) = \mu$  and  $nV(\overline{X}) = \sigma^2$ .

In the case where  $X_i$  is a vector of random variable with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\Sigma < \infty$ , the central limit theorem is given by:

$$\sqrt{n}(\overline{X} - \mu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_i - \mu) \longrightarrow N(0, \Sigma).$$

Note that  $E(\overline{X}) = \mu$  and  $nV(\overline{X}) = \Sigma$ .

7. **Central Limit Theorem II:** Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be mutually independently distributed random variables with mean  $E(X_i) = \mu$  and variance  $V(X_i) = \sigma_i^2$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

Assume:

$$\sigma^2 = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2 < \infty.$$

Define  $\overline{X} = (1/n) \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i$ .

The central limit theorem is given by:

$$\sqrt{n}(\overline{X} - \mu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_i - \mu) \longrightarrow N(0, \sigma^2).$$

Note that  $E(\overline{X}) = \mu$  and  $nV(\overline{X}) \longrightarrow \sigma^2$ .

In the case where  $X_i$  is a vector of random variable with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\Sigma_i$ , the central limit theorem is given by:

$$\sqrt{n}(\overline{X} - \mu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_i - \mu) \longrightarrow N(0, \Sigma),$$

where 
$$\Sigma = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \Sigma_i < \infty$$
.

Note that  $E(\overline{X}) = \mu$  and  $nV(\overline{X}) \longrightarrow \Sigma$ .

#### [Review of Asymptotic Theories]

• Convergence in Probability (確率収束)  $X_n \longrightarrow a$ , i.e., X converges in probability to a, where a is a fixed number.