

1. Let N_1, \dots, N_5 be independent normal random variables with zero mean. Assume $EN_1^2 = EN_2^2 = EN_3^2 = 4$ and $EN_4^2 = EN_5^2 = 9$. Find c such that

$$.95 = P\{N_1^2 + N_2^2 + N_3^2 \leq c(N_4^2 + N_5^2)\}.$$

$$.95 = P\left(\frac{N_1^2 + N_2^2 + N_3^2}{4} \leq \frac{9c}{4} \frac{(N_4^2 + N_5^2)}{9}\right)$$

$$= P\left[\frac{\left(\frac{N_1^2 + N_2^2 + N_3^2}{4}\right) / 3}{\left(\frac{N_4^2 + N_5^2}{9}\right) / 2} \leq \frac{(2)9c}{4(3)}\right]$$

$$= P\left(Y \leq \frac{3c}{2}\right) \quad \text{where } Y \sim F(3, 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3c}{2} = f_{.95}(3, 2) = 19.164$$

$$\Rightarrow c = \frac{2}{3}(19.164)$$

2. Let X_1, X_2 and X_3 be three independent normal random variables. X_1 is normal $N(0, 4)$, X_2 is normal $N(0, 12)$ and X_3 is normal $N(0, 9)$. Compute

$$P\left\{\frac{X_1 + X_2}{|X_3|} \leq 3\right\}$$

using one of the enclosed tables.

$$X_1 + X_2 \sim N(0, 4^2).$$

$$P\left(\frac{X_1 + X_2}{|X_3|} \leq 3\right) = P\left[\frac{\left(\frac{X_1 + X_2}{4}\right) \leq \cancel{3/4} \cdot 3}{\sqrt{\frac{X_3^2}{9}}}\right]$$

$$= P\left(Y \leq \frac{9}{4}\right) \quad \text{where } Y \sim t(1)$$

$$= .87$$

3. Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be independent identically distributed random variables with density function

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } t < \theta \\ e^{-(t-\theta)}, & \text{if } t > \theta. \end{cases}$$

Find a moment estimator for θ , where θ is the unknown parameter.

$$\bar{X} = E(X) = \theta + 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \theta = \bar{X} - 1$$

So a MME for θ is $\hat{\theta} = \bar{X} - 1$.

4. Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be independent identically distributed random variables with density function

$$h(t; \theta) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } t \notin [1, 3] \\ \theta 2^{-\theta} (t-1)^{\theta-1}, & \text{if } t \in [1, 3] \end{cases}$$

Find a maximum likelihood estimator for θ .

$$\begin{aligned} L(\theta) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \theta 2^{-\theta} (x_i - 1)^{\theta-1} \mathbb{1}_{\{\theta > 0\}} \\ &= \theta^n 2^{-n\theta} \prod_{i=1}^n (x_i - 1)^{\theta-1} \mathbb{1}_{\{\theta > 0\}}. \end{aligned}$$

Assume $\theta > 0$.

$$\text{Then } \ell(\theta) = n \log(\theta) - n\theta \log(2) + (\theta - 1) \sum_{i=1}^n \log(x_i - 1).$$

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \theta} = \frac{n}{\theta} - n \log(2) + \sum_{i=1}^n \log(x_i - 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n}{\theta} = n \log(2) - \sum \log(x_i - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{n}{n \log(2) - \sum \log(x_i - 1)}$$

Thus $\hat{\theta} = \frac{n}{n \log(2) - \sum \log(x_i - 1)}$ is the MLE for θ .

5. Let X be a random variable with density function

$$h(t; \theta) = \frac{1}{2\theta} e^{-|t|/\theta}, \quad -\infty < t < \infty.$$

Compute the Cramer-Rao lower bound. (for θ)

$$\text{CRLB} = \frac{[\tau'(\theta)]^2}{-n E\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \log h(X; \theta)\right)} = \frac{[\tau'(\theta)]^2}{n E\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log h(X; \theta)\right]^2}$$

$$\log h(X; \theta) = -\log(2) - \log(\theta) - \frac{|X|}{\theta}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log h(X; \theta) = -\frac{1}{\theta} + \frac{|X|}{\theta^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \log h(X; \theta) = \frac{1}{\theta^2} - \frac{2|X|}{\theta^3}$$

$$E|X| = \int_{\mathbb{R}} |x| \frac{1}{2\theta} e^{-|x|/\theta} dx = 2 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x}{2\theta} e^{-x/\theta} dx = \theta$$

$$E\left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \log h(X; \theta)\right] = \frac{1}{\theta^2} - \frac{2\theta}{\theta^3} = \frac{1}{\theta^2} - \frac{2}{\theta^2} = -\frac{1}{\theta^2}$$

$$\text{CRLB for } \theta \text{ is } \frac{1}{-n \left[\frac{-1}{\theta^2} \right]} = \boxed{\frac{\theta^2}{n}}$$