

Solution HW1:

6.1.2

(a)

Set the derivative w.r.t. θ as 0. Then we can get the MLE of θ as $\frac{-n}{\sum_{i=1}^n \log(x_i)}$.

(b)

Set the derivative w.r.t. θ as 0. Then we can get the MLE of θ as $\min\{x_i\}$

6.1.5

Set the derivative w.r.t. θ as 0. Then MLE of $\hat{\theta}$ is equal to $\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n}$.

$P_{\text{hat}} = 1 - \exp(-2/\hat{\theta})$

6.1.10

(a)

Set the derivative w.r.t. θ as 0. Then the MLE is $\hat{\theta} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n}$

(b)

Set the derivative w.r.t. θ as 0. Then MLE is $\hat{\theta} = \max\{0, \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n}\}$

6.2.2

$$6.2.2 \quad \frac{\partial \log f(x; \theta)}{\partial \theta} = \frac{-1}{\theta}; \quad nE \left[\left(\frac{-1}{\theta} \right)^2 \right] = \frac{n}{\theta^2}.$$

Also

$$\begin{aligned} E(Y_n) &= \int_0^\theta (ny^n/\theta^n) dy = \frac{n}{n+1} \theta, \\ \text{Var}(Y_n) &= \frac{n}{n+2} \theta^2 - \left(\frac{n}{n+1} \right)^2 \theta^2 = \frac{n\theta^2}{(n+2)(n+1)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

6.2.8

6.2.8 (a).

$$\begin{aligned}
\log f(x; \theta) &= -\frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2} \log \theta - \frac{x^2}{2\theta}, \\
\frac{\partial \log f(x; \theta)}{\partial \theta} &= -\frac{1}{2\theta} + \frac{x^2}{2\theta^2}, \\
\frac{\partial^2 \log f(x; \theta)}{\partial \theta^2} &= \frac{1}{2\theta^2} - \frac{x^2}{\theta^3}, \\
-nE \left[\frac{\partial^2 \log f(x; \theta)}{\partial \theta^2} \right] &= \frac{-n}{2\theta^2} + \frac{n}{\theta^2} = \frac{n}{2\theta^2} = nI(\theta).
\end{aligned}$$

(b). Here $\hat{\theta} = \sum X_i^2/n$. Since $\sum X_i^2/\theta$ is $\chi^2(n)$, we have

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}) = \frac{\theta^2}{n^2} \text{Var} \left(\frac{\sum X_i^2}{\theta} \right) = \frac{2\theta^2}{n} = \frac{1}{nI(\theta)}.$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
E[|X_1|] &= 2 \int_0^\infty \frac{x}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \frac{x^2}{\theta} \right\} dx \\
&= 2\sqrt{\theta} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\{-z\} dz = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \sqrt{\theta}.
\end{aligned}$$

So $c = \sqrt{\pi/2}/n$. Hence, $Y = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} |X_i|$. Note that,

$$\begin{aligned}
V \left[\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} |X_1| \right] &= \frac{\pi}{2} \{E(X_1^2) - [E(|X_1|)]^2\} \\
&= \frac{\pi}{2} \left[\theta \left(1 - \frac{2}{\pi} \right) \right] = \theta \left[\frac{\pi}{2} - 1 \right].
\end{aligned}$$

By independence,

$$V(Y) = \theta \left[\frac{\pi}{2} - 1 \right] \frac{1}{n}. \quad (6.0.1)$$

To finish, we need the efficiency of the parameter $\sqrt{\theta}$. For convenience, let $\beta = \sqrt{\theta}$. Then

$$\log f(x; \beta) = -\log \sqrt{2\pi} - \log \beta - \frac{1}{2} \frac{x^2}{\beta^2}.$$

The second partial of this expression is,

$$\frac{\partial^2 \log f(x; \beta)}{\partial \beta^2} = \frac{1}{\beta^2} - 3 \frac{x^2}{\beta^4}.$$

Hence, using $\sqrt{\theta} = \beta$,

$$I(\sqrt{\theta}) = -E \left[\frac{1}{\theta} - 3 \frac{X^2}{\theta^2} \right] = \frac{2}{\theta}. \quad (6.0.2)$$

Thus by (6.0.1) and (6.0.2) we have

$$e(Y) = \frac{\theta/2n}{\theta[(\pi/2) - 1]/n} = \frac{1}{\pi - 2}.$$

6.2.14 For Part (a), recall that $(n-1)S^2/\theta$ has $\chi^2(n-1)$ distribution. Hence,

$$V \left[\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\theta} \right] = 2(n-1).$$

So $V(S^2) = 2\theta^2/(n-1)$. Also, by Problem (6.28), $I(\theta) = (2\theta^2)^{-1}$. Thus, the efficiency of S^2 is $(n-1)/n$.