

Solutions

1. (a) $L(\theta) = (\theta^2)^{n_1} (2\theta(1-\theta))^{n_2} ((1-\theta)^2)^{n_3}$.
- (b) $L(\theta) \propto \theta^{2n_1+n_2} (1-\theta)^{n_2+2n_3}$. Hence, with $X = (N_1, N_2, N_3)$,

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\Theta|X}(\theta | x) &\propto \theta^{2n_1+n_2} (1-\theta)^{n_2+2n_3} \theta^{2-1} (1-\theta)^{4-1} \\ &= \theta^{2n_1+n_2+2-1} (1-\theta)^{n_2+2n_3+4-1} \end{aligned}$$

Hence the posterior is $Beta(2n_1 + n_2 + 2, n_2 + 2n_3 + 4)$. Plugging in $(n_1, n_2, n_3) = (3, 6, 4)$ we get $Beta(14, 18)$. Therefore, the posterior mean equals $14/32 = 7/16$.

2. (a) MM-estimator T is defined by $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1-T}{T}$. Solving gives $T = 1/(\bar{X}_n + 1)$.
- (b) We have

$$\ell(\theta) = S \log(1-\theta) + n \log \theta,$$

where $S = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$.

$$\ell'(\theta) = \frac{n(1-\theta) - \theta S}{\theta(1-\theta)}.$$

Setting $\ell'(\theta) = 0$ gives $\theta = \frac{n}{n+S}$. It's easily verified that this stationary point indeed corresponds to a maximum.

- (c) As $g: (0, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with $g(\theta) = \theta/(1-\theta)$ is bijective, the MLE for τ is given by

$$g\left(\frac{n}{n+S}\right) = \frac{n}{S}.$$

- (d) Yes, since it can be written as

$$f_X(x; \theta) = \exp(x \log(1-\theta) + \log \theta).$$

- (e) The optimal test is the Neyman-Pearson test which rejects for large values of

$$\frac{L(\theta_1; X)}{L(1/4; X)} = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n (1-\theta_1)^{X_i} \theta_1}{\prod_{i=1}^n (1-1/4)^{X_i} 1/4} = \left(\frac{1-\theta_1}{1-1/4}\right)^{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i} (4\theta_1)^n.$$

- (f) As $\theta_1 > 1/4$, we have $(1-\theta_1)/(1-1/4) < 1$ and we reject for small values of $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i$.
- (g) The p -value is given by

$$\begin{aligned} p &= P_{1/4}(X \leq 2) = P_{1/4}(X = 0) + P_{1/4}(X = 1) + P_{1/4}(X = 2) \\ &= \frac{1}{4} (1 + (3/4) + (3/4)^2) = \frac{37}{64}. \end{aligned}$$

3.

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{d}{d\theta} \mathbb{E}_\theta \varphi(X) &= \frac{d}{d\theta} \int \varphi(x) f_X(x; \theta) dx \\
&= \int \varphi(x) \frac{d}{d\theta} f_X(x; \theta) dx \\
&= \int \varphi(x) s(\theta; x) f_X(x; \theta) dx = \mathbb{E}_\theta [\varphi(X) s(\theta; X)],
\end{aligned}$$

4. (a) $\sqrt{n} \frac{\bar{X}_n - \theta}{\sigma} \sim N(0, 1)$ Therefore

$$P\left(-z_{\alpha/2} \leq \sqrt{n} \frac{\bar{X}_n - \theta}{\sigma} \leq z_{\alpha/2}\right) = 1 - \alpha.$$

Rewriting gives

$$\left[\bar{x}_n - z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{x}_n + z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}\right].$$

(b) The posterior density satisfies

$$\begin{aligned}
\pi(\theta | x) &\propto \prod_{i=1}^n \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(X_i - \theta)^2\right) = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \theta)^2\right) \\
&\propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} n\theta^2 + \frac{\theta}{\sigma^2} n\bar{x}_n\right)
\end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$P\left(-z_{\alpha/2} \leq \sqrt{n} \frac{\theta - \bar{x}_n}{\sigma} \leq z_{\alpha/2} \mid X = x\right) = 1 - \alpha.$$

Rewriting gives that the credible interval is given by

$$\left[\bar{x}_n - z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{x}_n + z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}\right].$$