

1. For each of the following probability distributions, find the maximum likelihood estimates. Then compute the asymptotic standard error.

(a) $X_i, i = 1 \dots n \sim IID \text{ Unif}(0, \theta)$. Explain why the Uniform is not a ‘regular family’(see course notes pages 74-75).

(b) $X_i i = 1 \dots n \sim IID \text{ Poisson}(\mu)$.

(c) $X \sim \text{Negative Binomial}(r, p)$, where r is known. Compare to a $\text{Binomial}(n, p)$, in particular think about how the numbers of successes and trials affect the likelihood.

(d) $X_i i = 1 \dots n \sim IID \text{ Exponential}(\lambda)$.

2. $X_i i = 1 \dots n \sim IID \text{ Exponential}(\lambda)$, but observations larger than T are censored. In other words, if $X_i > T$ we can’t observe its value. Suppose that k of the X ’s are observed, and $n - k$ are censored. The likelihood for λ may be written as follows:

$$L(\lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^k f(X_i | \lambda) \prod_{i=k+1}^n (1 - F(T | \lambda))$$

where f is the density (likelihood!) and F is the CDF.

3. Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_k be the counts for n independent observations on a multinomial distribution with k categories. Note that

$$X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_k = n.$$

Find the MLE’s for the probabilities of the k categories: P_1, P_2, \dots, P_k . (Note that $P_1 + P_2 + \dots + P_k = 1$.)