

Large Sample Theory
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Exercises, Section 23, Minimum Chi-Square Estimates.

1. Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a sample from the $\mathcal{G}(1, \theta)$ distribution, with density $f(x) = \theta^{-1}e^{-x/\theta}\mathbf{I}(x > 0)$, and let Y_1, \dots, Y_n be an independent sample from the $\mathcal{G}(1, \theta^2)$ distribution, where $\theta > 0$ is an unknown parameter.

(a) Find the χ^2 , $Q_n(\pi(\theta))$ of Example 1, where $Z_n = (\bar{X}_n, \bar{Y}_n)^T$.

(b) Find the transformed χ^2 with the transformation $g(x, y) = (x, \sqrt{y})$.

(c) Find the minimum modified, transformed χ^2 estimate of θ . (Ans. $\tilde{\theta}_n = (\bar{X}_n + 4\sqrt{\bar{Y}_n})/5$.) Compare to the maximum likelihood estimate. Which is better asymptotically?

2. Let $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_c)$ have a multinomial distribution with sample size $n = 1$ and probability vector $\mathbf{p}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = (p_1(\boldsymbol{\theta}), \dots, p_c(\boldsymbol{\theta}))^T > 0$, where $\mathbf{1}^T \mathbf{p}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \sum_1^c p_i(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = 1$ for all $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k)^T \in \Theta$, an open set in k -dimensions, $k < c$. Assume $\dot{\mathbf{p}}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$ (a c by k matrix) exists for all $\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta$, and note that $\mathbf{1}^T \dot{\mathbf{p}}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \mathbf{0}$. Show that Fisher Information is $\mathcal{I}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \dot{\mathbf{p}}(\boldsymbol{\theta})^T \mathbf{P}(\boldsymbol{\theta})^{-1} \dot{\mathbf{p}}(\boldsymbol{\theta})$, where $\mathbf{P}(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \text{diag}(\mathbf{p}(\boldsymbol{\theta}))$.