

90. You are given the following observations on 185 small business policies:

Number of Claims	Number of Policies
0	80
1 or more	105

$$1 - \hat{q} = \frac{80}{185} = e^{-\lambda}$$

$$\hat{q} = \frac{105}{185}$$

"success" prob. of 1 or more events

The number of claims per policy follows a Poisson distribution with parameter λ .

Using the maximum likelihood estimate of λ , determine the estimated probability of a policy having fewer than two claims.

→ The likelihood f'tion:

$$L(\lambda) = \underbrace{\left(e^{-\lambda} \cdot \frac{\lambda^0}{0!} \right)}_{e^{-\lambda}}^{80} (1 - e^{-\lambda})^{105}$$

(A) 0.79

(B) 0.84

(C) 0.89

(D) 0.95

(E) 0.98

The log-likelihood f'tion:

$$l(\lambda) = -80\lambda + 105 \ln(1 - e^{-\lambda})$$

$$l'(\lambda) = -80 + 105 \cdot \frac{1}{1 - e^{-\lambda}} (1)(1) e^{-\lambda} = 0$$

$$\frac{e^{-\lambda}}{1 - e^{-\lambda}} = \frac{80}{105} = \frac{16}{21}$$

$$21e^{-\lambda} = 16 - 16e^{-\lambda}$$

$$37e^{-\lambda} = 16$$

$$e^{-\lambda} = \frac{16}{37} \Rightarrow \hat{\lambda} = \ln\left(\frac{37}{16}\right)$$

$$P[X \leq 1] = e^{-\lambda} + \lambda e^{-\lambda} = e^{-\lambda}(1 + \lambda) = \underline{0.795}$$



MLE: Negative Binomial.

$X \sim \text{NegBinomial}(r, \beta)$

pmf.

$$f_X(x; r, \beta) = \binom{r+x-1}{x} \left(\frac{1}{1+\beta} \right)^r \left(\frac{\beta}{1+\beta} \right)^x$$

$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ are your observations

Likelihood f'tion:

$$L(r, \beta) = \prod_{j=1}^n f_X(x_j; r, \beta) = \prod_{j=1}^n \binom{r+x_j-1}{x_j} \frac{\beta^{x_j}}{(1+\beta)^{r+x_j}}$$

Log-likelihood f'tion:

$$\rightarrow \ell(r, \beta) = \sum_{j=1}^n \left(\ln \binom{r+x_j-1}{x_j} + x_j \ln(\beta) - (r+x_j) \ln(1+\beta) \right)$$

Method:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial r} \ell(r, \beta) = \dots = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \ell(r, \beta) = \dots = 0$$

This is a system of two eq'ns w/ two unknowns. ←

$$\hat{r}_{MLE}, \hat{\beta}_{MLE}$$

An important feature:

$$\hat{r}_{MLE} \cdot \hat{\beta}_{MLE} = \bar{x}$$

6. You are given:

Claim Size (X)	Number of Claims
(0, 25]	25
(25, 50]	28
(50, 100]	15
(100, 200]	6

Assume a uniform distribution of claim sizes within each interval.

Calculate $E(X^2) - E[(X \wedge 150)^2]$.

- (A) Less than 200
- (B) At least 200, but less than 300
- (C) At least 300, but less than 400
- (D) At least 400, but less than 500
- (E) At least 500

7. The number of claims follows a negative binomial distribution with parameters β and r , where β is unknown and r is known. You wish to estimate β based on n observations, where $\bar{x}$ is the mean of these observations.

Determine the maximum likelihood estimate of β .

(A) $\bar{x} / r^2$

(B) $\bar{x} / r$

(C) $\bar{x}$

(D) $r\bar{x}$

(E) $r^2\bar{x}$

→: Because, r is known, we can omit it from the arguments.

$$L(\beta) = \prod_{j=1}^n \binom{r+x_j-1}{x_j} \frac{\beta^{x_j}}{(1+\beta)^{r+x_j}}$$

w/ r known, this is a multiplicative constant

$$L(\beta) \propto \frac{\beta^{\sum x_j}}{(1+\beta)^{r \cdot n + \sum x_j}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ell(\beta) = (\sum x_j) \ln(\beta) - (r \cdot n + \sum x_j) \cdot \ln(1+\beta)$$

$$\ell'(\beta) = \frac{n \cdot \bar{x}}{\beta} - \frac{r \cdot n + n \cdot \bar{x}}{1+\beta} = 0$$

$$\bar{x}(1+\beta) = (r+\bar{x})\beta$$

$$\hat{\beta}_{MLE} = \frac{\bar{x}}{r}$$

□

Problem. Annual claims follow a negative binomial distribution. The following claim count observations are available.

Year	Claim Counts
2005	0
2004	3
2003	5

Assuming that each year is independent, find the likelihood function of the sample.

$$\rightarrow: L(r, \beta) = \binom{r+0-1}{0} \left(\frac{1}{1+\beta} \right)^r \left(\frac{\beta}{1+\beta} \right)^0 \cdot \binom{r+3-1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{1+\beta} \right)^r \left(\frac{\beta}{1+\beta} \right)^3 \cdot \binom{r+5-1}{5} \left(\frac{1}{1+\beta} \right)^r \left(\frac{\beta}{1+\beta} \right)^5$$

$$L(r, \beta) = \frac{(r+2)(r+1)r(r+4)(r+3)(r+2)(r+1) \cdot r}{3! \cdot 5!} \left(\frac{1}{1+\beta} \right)^{3r} \left(\frac{\beta}{1+\beta} \right)^8$$

$$\frac{(r+4)(r+3)(r+2)^2(r+1)^2 r^2}{3! \cdot 5!}$$

□

Problem. You are given:

- (i) The number of claims follows a geometric dist'n w/ mean β .
- (ii) Half of the observations of numbers of claims are 0.

Determine the maximum likelihood estimate of β .

→: $\hat{\beta} = ?$

n ... sample size

Method I.

$$L(\beta) = \left(\frac{1}{1+\beta} \right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \cdot \left(\frac{\beta}{1+\beta} \right)^{\frac{n}{2}} = \frac{\beta^{\frac{n}{2}}}{(1+\beta)^n}$$

$$l(\beta) = \frac{n}{2} \cdot \ln(\beta) - n \cdot \ln(1+\beta)$$

$$l'(\beta) = \cancel{\frac{n}{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\beta} - \cancel{n} \cdot \frac{1}{1+\beta} = 0$$

$$2\beta = 1+\beta \Rightarrow \hat{\beta} = 1$$

Method II. $\hat{q} = \left(\frac{1}{1+\beta} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \hat{\beta} = 1$

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