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For Data Set A, given below, assume that the seven drivers with five or more accidents all had exactly five accidents. Determine the maximum likelihood estimate for a poisson distribution and for a binomial distribution with  $m=8$ .

Data Set A

Number of accidents	Number of drivers
0	81,714
1	11,306
2	1,618
3	250
4	40
5 or more	7

$\# n = 94,935$

Ans:

In general, for a discrete distribution with complete data, the likelihood function is

$$L(\theta) = \prod_{x=0}^{\infty} [P(x_j|\theta)]^{n_x}$$

where  $x_j$  is one of the observed values,  $P(x_j|\theta)$  is its corresponding prob., and  $n_x$  is the number of times  $x$  that was observed in the sample.

\* For poisson distribution

$n_x \rightarrow$  frequency

$$L(\lambda) = \prod_{x=0}^{\infty} \left( \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!} \right)^{n_x} = \prod_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-n_x \lambda} \lambda^{x n_x}}{(x!)^{n_x}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln L(\lambda) = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} (-n_x \lambda + x n_x \ln \lambda - n_x \ln x!)$$

$$\ln L(\lambda) = -\lambda \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} n_x + \ln \lambda \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x n_x - \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} n_x \ln x!$$

$$\ln L(\lambda) = -n\lambda + n\bar{x} \ln \lambda - \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} n_x \ln x!$$

$$\therefore \ln L(\lambda) = -n + \frac{n\bar{x}}{\lambda}$$

To get  $\hat{\lambda}$  equating  $\ln L(\lambda)$  with zero

$$\frac{n\bar{x}}{\lambda} - n = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{\lambda} = \bar{x}$$

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mean =  $\frac{\sum x_i f_i}{\sum f_i}$

$$\Rightarrow \bar{x} = \frac{\sum x n_x}{\sum n_x} = \frac{\sum x n_x}{n}$$



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\* For the binomial distribution  $m, q \Rightarrow X \sim \text{Binomial}(m, q)$

$$L(q) = \prod_{x=0}^m \left[ \binom{m}{x} q^x (1-q)^{m-x} \right]^{n_x}$$

$$L(q) = \prod_{x=0}^m \frac{(m!)^{n_x} q^{x n_x} (1-q)^{(m-x) n_x}}{(x!)^{n_x} [(m-x)!]^{n_x}}$$

$$l(q) = \sum_{x=0}^m [n_x \ln m! + x n_x \ln q + (m-x) n_x \ln (1-q)] - \sum_{x=0}^m [n_x \ln x! + n_x \ln (m-x)!]$$

$$l'(q) = \sum_{x=0}^m \left[ \frac{x n_x}{q} - \frac{(m-x) n_x}{1-q} \right]$$

$$\sum_x x n_x = n \bar{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow l'(q) = \frac{n \bar{x}}{q} - \frac{m n - n \bar{x}}{1-q} = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{n \bar{x} - n \bar{x} q - m n q + n q \bar{x}}{q(1-q)} = 0$$

$$n \bar{x} = m q$$

$$\therefore \hat{q} = \frac{\bar{x}}{m} \quad (2)$$

$$\therefore \bar{x} = \frac{\sum_x x n_x}{n}$$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{[81.714(0) + 11.306(1) + 1.618(2) + 2.50(3) + 40(4) + 7(5)]}{94.935}$$

$$\therefore \bar{x} = 0.16313$$

$$\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow \hat{\lambda} = \bar{x} = 0.16313 \text{ for poisson distn}$$

$$\text{and } \textcircled{2} \Rightarrow \hat{q} = \frac{\bar{x}}{m} = \frac{0.16313}{8} = 0.02039 \text{ for Binomial distn}$$

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