

In lecture 16, we looked at precipitation amounts in Madison County (at Morrisville station). We found that the Weibull distribution had a good fit to the monthly precipitation amounts.

We found that the MLEs for the Weibull distribution were

$$\hat{a} = 2.1871$$

$$\hat{\sigma} = 3.9683$$

and

$$-\mathcal{L}(\{\hat{a}, \hat{\sigma}\}|\mathbf{x}) = 2166.496$$

is the realized negative log-likelihood. Note this means that the log-likelihood is

$$\mathcal{L}(\{\hat{a}, \hat{\sigma}\}|\mathbf{x}) = -2166.496,$$

and the usual likelihood is

$$L(\{\hat{a}, \hat{\sigma}\}|\mathbf{x}) = e^{[\mathcal{L}(\{\hat{a}, \hat{\sigma}\}|\mathbf{x})]} \approx e^{-2166.496},$$

which R cannot differentiate from 0.

1. Someone asked “why Weibull?” in class. That is, why wouldn’t we use another right-skewed distribution like the Gamma (see Lecture 15), or the Log-Normal (see Lecture 17).

- (a) Compute the MLEs for these data using a Gamma distribution.

Solution: The MLEs for these data using a Gamma distribution are

$$\hat{a} = 4.17$$

$$\hat{\beta} = 1.19$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\{\hat{a}, \hat{\beta}\}|\mathbf{x}) = -2151.149$$

- (b) Compute the MLEs for these data using the Log-Normal distribution.

Solution: The MLEs for these data using a Log-Normal distribution are

$$\hat{\mu} = 1.131$$

$$\hat{\sigma} = 0.533$$

$$\mathcal{L}(\{\hat{\mu}, \hat{\sigma}\}|\mathbf{x}) = -2204.201$$

- (c) Compute the likelihood ratio to compare the Weibull and the Gamma distribution. Which has a better fit according to the likelihood ratio?

$$Q = \frac{L(\{\hat{a}, \hat{\sigma}\}|\mathbf{x})}{L(\{\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}\}|\mathbf{x})} = e^{[\mathcal{L}(\{\hat{a}, \hat{\sigma}\}|\mathbf{x}) - \mathcal{L}(\{\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}\}|\mathbf{x})]}$$

Solution: According to the likelihood ratio, the Weibull distribution has a better fit since the ratio has a value > 1 , suggesting the top model (Weibull) as the better fit.

- (d) Compute the likelihood ratio to compare the Weibull and the Log-Normal distribution. Which has a better fit according to the likelihood ratio?

$$Q = \frac{L(\{\hat{a}, \hat{\sigma}\}|\mathbf{x})}{L(\{\hat{\mu}, \hat{\sigma}\}|\mathbf{x})} = e^{[\mathcal{L}(\{\hat{a}, \hat{\sigma}\}|\mathbf{x}) - \mathcal{L}(\{\hat{\mu}, \hat{\sigma}\}|\mathbf{x})]}$$

Solution: According to the likelihood ratio, the Log-Normal distribution has a better fit since the ratio has a value < 1 , suggesting the bottom model (Log-Normal) as the better fit.

- (e) Compute the likelihood ratio to compare the Gamma and the Log-Normal distribution. Which has a better fit according to the likelihood ratio?

$$Q = \frac{L(\{\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}\}|\mathbf{x})}{L(\{\hat{\mu}, \hat{\sigma}\}|\mathbf{x})} = e^{[\mathcal{L}(\{\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}\}|\mathbf{x}) - \mathcal{L}(\{\hat{\mu}, \hat{\sigma}\}|\mathbf{x})]}$$

Solution: According to the likelihood ratio, the Log-Normal distribution has a better fit since the ratio has a value < 1 , suggesting the bottom model (Log-Normal) as the better fit

Code for Question 1:

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rain.data = read_csv("agacis.csv") #Load the data set

## Rows: 115 Columns: 14
## -- Column specification -----
## Delimiter: ","
## chr (13): Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec, Annual
## dbl (1): Year
##
## i Use 'spec()' to retrieve the full column specification for this data.
## i Specify the column types or set 'show_col_types = FALSE' to quiet this message.

rain.data <- rain.data |>
  select(-Annual) |> # Remove annual column
  pivot_longer(cols = c(Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec), # pivot the column data into one col
               values_to = "Precipitation", # store the values in Precipitation
               names_to = "Month") |> # store the months in Month
  mutate(Precipitation = case_when(Precipitation == "M" ~ NA_character_, # NA_character_,
                                   TRUE ~ Precipitation)) |>
  mutate(Precipitation = as.numeric(Precipitation))

MLE.Weibull <- function(par, #parameters argument
                      data, #dataframe argument
                      neg=F){ #negative argument
  #FUNCTION PURPOSE:
  #Use Maximum Log Likelihood to estimate parameters for a Weibull distribution for
  #a given data set
  a <- par[1] #Alpha parameter
  sigma <- par[2] #Sigma parameter

  #Calculate the log likelihood for given parameters
  ll.like <- sum(log(dweibull(x = data, shape = a, scale = sigma)), na.rm=T)

  return(ifelse(neg, -ll.like, ll.like)) #If neg is True, return the result as a negative
}

MLE.Weibull.data <- optim(fn = MLE.Weibull, #Using optim, estimate the parameters
                        par = c(1,1), #at which the log likelihood is at it's min
                        data = rain.data$Precipitation,
                        neg=T) #i.e. finds the parameters for the data's distribution

MLE.Gamma <- function(data, #dataframe argument
                     para, #parameters argument
                     neg = FALSE) { #negative argument
  #FUNCTION PURPOSE:
  #Use Maximum Log Likelihood to estimate parameters for a Gamma distribution for
  #a given data set
  alpha <- para[1] #Alpha parameter
  beta <- para[2] #Beta parameter

  #Calculate the log likelihood for given parameters
  ll.like <- sum(log(dgamma(data, shape = alpha, rate = beta)), na.rm = TRUE)

  return(ifelse(neg, -ll.like, ll.like)) #If neg is True, return the result as a negative
}

MLE.Gamma.data <- optim(fn = MLE.Gamma, #Using optim, estimate the parameters
                      par = c(1,1), #at which the log likelihood is at it's min
                      data = rain.data$Precipitation,
                      neg = TRUE) #i.e. finds the parameters for the data's distribution

MLE.LogNorm <- function(data, #dataframe argument
                      para, #parameters argument
                      neg = FALSE) { #negative argument
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#FUNCTION PURPOSE:
#Use Maximum Log Likelihood to estimate parameters for a Log Normal distribution for
#a given data set
mu <- para[1]      #Mu parameter
sigma <- para[2]   #Sigma parameter

#Calculate the log likelihood for given parameters
ll.like <- sum(log(dlnorm(data, meanlog = mu, sdlog = sigma)), na.rm = TRUE)

return(ifelse(neg, -ll.like, ll.like)) #If neg is True, return the result as a negative
}

MLE.LogNorm.data <- optim(fn = MLE.LogNorm, #Using optim, estimate the parameters
                        par = c(1,1),      #at which the log likelihood is at it's min
                        data = rain.data$Precipitation,
                        neg = TRUE)        #(i.e. finds the parameters for the data's distribution)

LR1 <- MLE.Weibull.data$value/MLE.Gamma.data$value #Calculates the Likelihood ratio for Weibull and Gamma distribution
LR2 <- MLE.Weibull.data$value/MLE.LogNorm.data$value #Calculates the Likelihood ratio for Weibull and Log Normal distribution
LR3 <- MLE.Gamma.data$value/MLE.LogNorm.data$value #Calculates the Likelihood ratio for Gamma and Log Normal distribution

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2. Optional Coding Challenge. Choose the “best” distribution and refit the model by season.

- (a) Fit the Distribution for Winter (December-February).
Solution: The best fit distribution for Winter is a Weibull distribution.
- (b) Fit the Distribution for Spring (March-May).
Solution: The best fit distribution for Spring is a Lognormal distribution.
- (c) Fit the Distribution for Summer (June-August).
Solution: The best fit distribution for Summer is a Lognormal distribution.
- (d) Fit the Distribution for Fall (September-November).
Solution: The best fit distribution for Fall is a Lognormal distribution.
- (e) Plot the four distributions in one plot using `cyan3` for Winter, `chartreuse3` for Spring, `red3` for Summer, and `chocolate3` for Fall. Note any similarities/differences you observe across the seasons.
Solution: For the most part all the distributions seem to be relatively similar to each other, with some being a little more right skewed and platykurtic than the others. The fall distribution differs a little more than all the others (is more platykurtic).

Code for Question 2:

```

winter.data <- rain.data |>
  filter(Month %in% c("Dec", "Jan", "Feb")) #Filter only the winter months

spring.data <- rain.data |>
  filter(Month %in% c("Mar", "Apr", "May")) #Filter only the spring months

summer.data <- rain.data |>
  filter(Month %in% c("Jun", "Jul", "Aug")) #Filter only the summer months

fall.data <- rain.data |>
  filter(Month %in% c("Sep", "Oct", "Nov")) #Filter only the fall months

data.list <- list(winter = winter.data, #Place all the filtered data sets into a list
                 spring = spring.data,
                 summer = summer.data,
                 fall = fall.data)

best.fit.results = c() #Will store the best distribution for each season

for(data in data.list) { #For each season
  MLE.Weibull.data <- optim(fn = MLE.Weibull, #Gather the Log Likelihood estimate
                          par = c(1,1),      #using optim
                          data = data$Precipitation,
                          neg=T)

  MLE.Gamma.data <- optim(fn = MLE.Gamma,      #Gather the Log Likelihood estimate
                        par = c(1,1),        #using optim
                        data = data$Precipitation,
                        neg = TRUE)

  MLE.LogNorm.data <- optim(fn = MLE.LogNorm, #Gather the Log Likelihood estimate
                          par = c(1,1),      #using optim

```

```

      data = data$Precipitation,
      neg = TRUE)

LR1 <- MLE.Weibull.data$value/MLE.Gamma.data$value      #Calculates the Likelihood ratio for Weibull and Gamma distribution
LR2 <- MLE.Weibull.data$value/MLE.LogNorm.data$value    #Calculates the Likelihood ratio for Weibull and Log Normal distribution
LR3 <- MLE.Gamma.data$value/MLE.LogNorm.data$value      #Calculates the Likelihood ratio for Gamma and Log Normal distribution

if(LR1 > 1 && LR2 > 1){ #If Weibull is favored between the Gamma and Log Normal
  best.fit <- "Weibull" #Assign best fit to Weibull
} else if(LR1 < 1 && LR3 > 1){ #If Gamma is favored between the Weibull and Log Normal
  best.fit <- "Gamma" #Assign best fit to Gamma
} else if(LR2 < 1 && LR3 < 1) { #If Log Normal is favored between Weibull and Gamma
  best.fit <- "Log Normal" #Assign best fit to Log Normal
} else {
  best.fit <- "Tie" #If there are two distributions with equal fits, assign best fit to be a tie
}

best.fit.results <- c(best.fit.results, best.fit) #Store the best fit distributin for each season
}

winter.plot.data <- tibble(x = seq(0, 30, length.out = 1000)) %>% #Obtains data points to plot
  mutate(pdf = dweibull(x, shape = 2.47, scale = 3.35)) #Winter data distribution

spring.plot.data <- tibble(x = seq(0, 30, length.out = 1000)) %>% #Obtains data points to plot
  mutate(pdf = dlnorm(x = x, meanlog = 1.135, sdlog = 0.487)) #Spring data distribution

summer.plot.data <- tibble(x = seq(0, 30, length.out = 1000)) %>% #Obtains data points to plot
  mutate(pdf = dlnorm(x = x, meanlog = 1.126, sdlog = 0.518)) #Summer data distribution

fall.plot.data <- tibble(x = seq(0, 30, length.out = 1000)) %>% #Obtains data points to plot
  mutate(pdf = dlnorm(x = x, meanlog = 1.130, sdlog = 0.619)) #Fall data distribution

ggplot() +
  geom_line(data = winter.plot.data, aes(x = x, y = pdf), color = "cyan3") + #draws winter distribution curve
  geom_line(data = spring.plot.data, aes(x = x, y = pdf), color = "chartreuse3") + #draws spring distribution curve
  geom_line(data = summer.plot.data, aes(x = x, y = pdf), color = "red3") + #draws summer distribution curve
  geom_line(data = fall.plot.data, aes(x = x, y = pdf), color = "chocolate3") #draws fall distribution curve

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