

Question 5

Steps for expressing the MLE are as follows:

- a) Expressing the joint probability distribution as a product assuming independence

$$P(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) = P(X_1)P(X_2) \dots P(X_n)$$

- b) The joint probability distribution becomes the likelihood function $L(\theta)$

$$L(\theta) = P(\theta_1)P(\theta_2) \dots P(\theta_n)$$

$$L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(\theta_i)$$

- c) Taking the natural log of the likelihood function becomes the log likelihood function

$$l(\theta) = \log(L(\theta))$$

$$l(\theta) = \log\left(\prod_{i=1}^n P(\theta_i)\right)$$

- d) The value of $\hat{\theta}$ that renders a maximum value of the log likelihood function becomes the maximum likelihood estimator

$$l'(\hat{\theta}) = 0 = \frac{d}{d\hat{\theta}} \log\left(\prod_{i=1}^n P(\hat{\theta}_i)\right)$$

- e) To see if $\hat{\theta}$ is the max estimator (Notice that we are deriving the function twice.)

$$l''(\hat{\theta}) = \frac{d^2}{d\hat{\theta}^2} \log\left(\prod_{i=1}^n P(\hat{\theta}_i)\right) < 0$$

1. <https://newonlinecourses.science.psu.edu/stat414/node/191/> . Refer this link for further clarification. As we are finding the maximum likelihood estimator $\hat{\lambda}$ using probability density function for the Poisson distribution:

$$f(x) = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}$$

Hence start with

$$L(\lambda) = \prod_i \frac{\lambda^{x_i} e^{-\lambda}}{x_i!} \quad i \in (1, n)$$

$$l(\lambda) = \log\left(\prod_i \frac{\lambda^{x_i} e^{-\lambda}}{x_i!}\right) \quad i \in (1, n)$$

Then obtain

and finally get $\hat{\lambda}$ by solving $\frac{dl(\lambda)}{d\lambda} = 0$

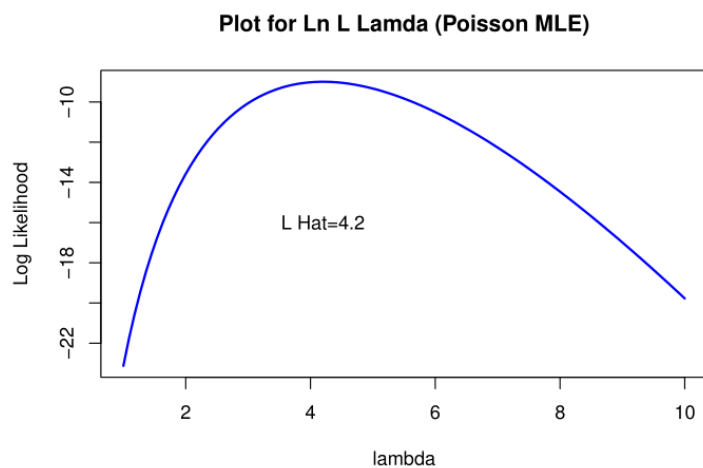
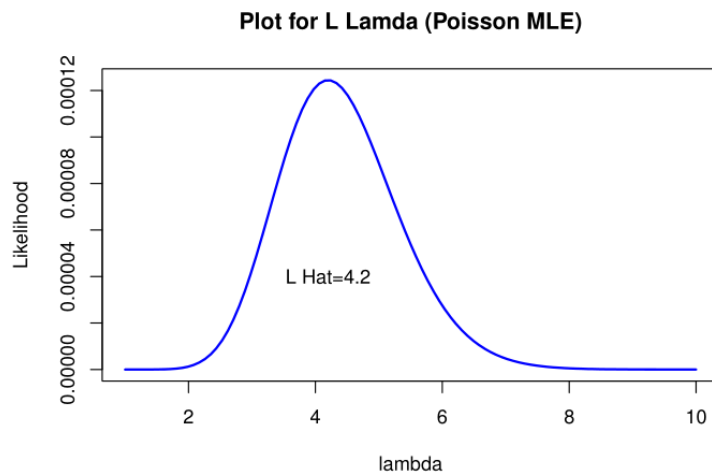
2. By performing a double derivate on the function $l(y)$
3. Show that this second derivative is < 0 . (Note: Use to fact that \log is a monotonically increasing function to justify your answer). Alternatively, to prove $\hat{\lambda}$ is indeed maximum we need to show second derivative of $l(\lambda)$ is negative when evaluated at $\lambda = \text{mean } x \text{ (bar)}$.
4. Show that the maximum of $L(\theta)$ is equal to the maximum of $l(\theta)$
5. Skeleton of the function

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myml = function(x)
{
# Create lambda vector as a set of values ranging from 0 to 2*max(x)
lambda=seq(.01,2*max(x),0.5)
# Calculate Poisson MLE
lambdahat = round(sum(x)/length(x),4)
#the likelihood function
lik <- exp(-length(x)*lambda)*(lambda^sum(x))/prod(factorial(x))
#the loglikelihood function
loglik <- -length(x)*lambda+sum(x)*log(lambda)+log(prod(factorial(x)))
return(list(mle=lambdahat.....))
}

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Expected Plots :



Question 6

Hint: From results above we found $\hat{\lambda} = \bar{x}$, the sample mean. We need to prove $E(x) = \lambda$. Start with proving for a random variable $Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$, $E(Y) = \lambda$

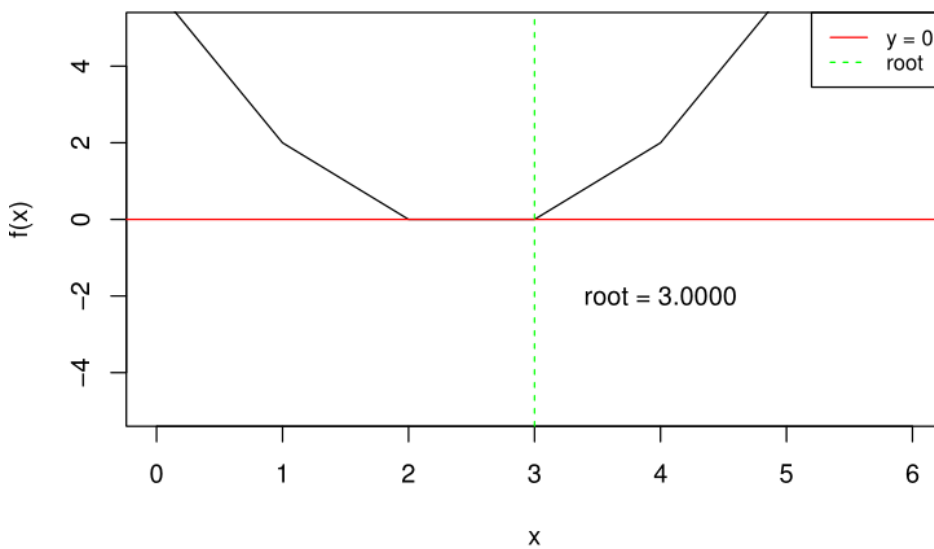
Question 8

`mynr()` Uses the Newton-Raphson method to calculate a root. As inputs, it requires a function to be passed, a derivative to be passed, an initial guess, a tolerance, and a maximum number of iterations.

<https://rpubs.com/aaronsc32/newton-raphson-method>

Expected Answer:

Newton Raphson Method



or

