

Q5. $f(x|\mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{\sigma^2} \right)}$

Let, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n be the samples.

Assuming IID condition:

$$\text{likelihood, } L(\mu, \sigma; x_1, \dots, x_n) = P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n | \mu, \sigma)$$

$$= P(x_1 | \mu, \sigma) \cdot P(x_2 | \mu, \sigma) \cdot \dots \cdot P(x_n | \mu, \sigma)$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \right)^n e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{(x_1-\mu)^2 + (x_2-\mu)^2 + \dots + (x_n-\mu)^2}{\sigma^2} \right)}$$

$$LL(\mu, \sigma; x_1, \dots, x_n) = -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{n}{2} \log(\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{j=1}^n (x_j - \mu)^2$$

$$NLL(\mu, \sigma; x_1, \dots, x_n) = \frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi) + \frac{n}{2} \log(\sigma^2) + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{j=1}^n (x_j - \mu)^2$$

$\hookrightarrow \sigma \neq 0$