

Today

- Training algorithm code
- Likelihood inference
- Coding likelihood intervals
- Common statistical models

Independent project

- Data generating process
- System or dataset of your choice
- Submit .py or .R
- Short presentation in exam week
- Due end of semester

Training algorithm code

- Walk through
- `likelihood_inference.md`

Compared to SSQ training algo

- Likelihood with a Normal distribution

Likelihood for a dataset

$$L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(y_i - \mu_i)^2}{\sigma^2}} \right]$$

pdf of the Normal distribution

y_i are the data points

μ_i is the mean relationship (det skel)

σ^2 is the variance

Negative log likelihood

$$-\ln(L(\theta)) = n \left[\ln(\sigma) + \frac{1}{2} \ln(2\pi) \right] + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu_i)^2$$

This is the SSQ!

Constant w.r.t μ

So, minimizing the nll is the same as minimizing the SSQ

Inference algorithm

$$\frac{P(y|\theta_2)}{P(y|\theta_1)} \quad \text{Likelihood ratio}$$

Algorithm

for each pair of models in a set

 calculate likelihood ratio

judge the relative evidence for the models

Calibrating likelihood ratio

- Calibrate strength of evidence
- How strong do you think it is?
- Two bags with many marbles; which bag?
 - Bag 1: half white, half blue
 - Bag 2: all white
- 3 whites LR = $2^3 = 8$
- 5 whites LR = $2^5 = 32$
- 10 whites LR = $2^{10} = 1024$

$$\frac{P(3 \text{ white} \mid \text{bag2})}{P(3 \text{ white} \mid \text{bag 1})} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3} = 2^3 = 8$$

Likelihood profiles

$$\frac{P(y|\beta_{1i})}{P(y|\beta_{1MLE})}$$

Compare β_1 values for model i
against MLE model

Algorithm (no different than previous)

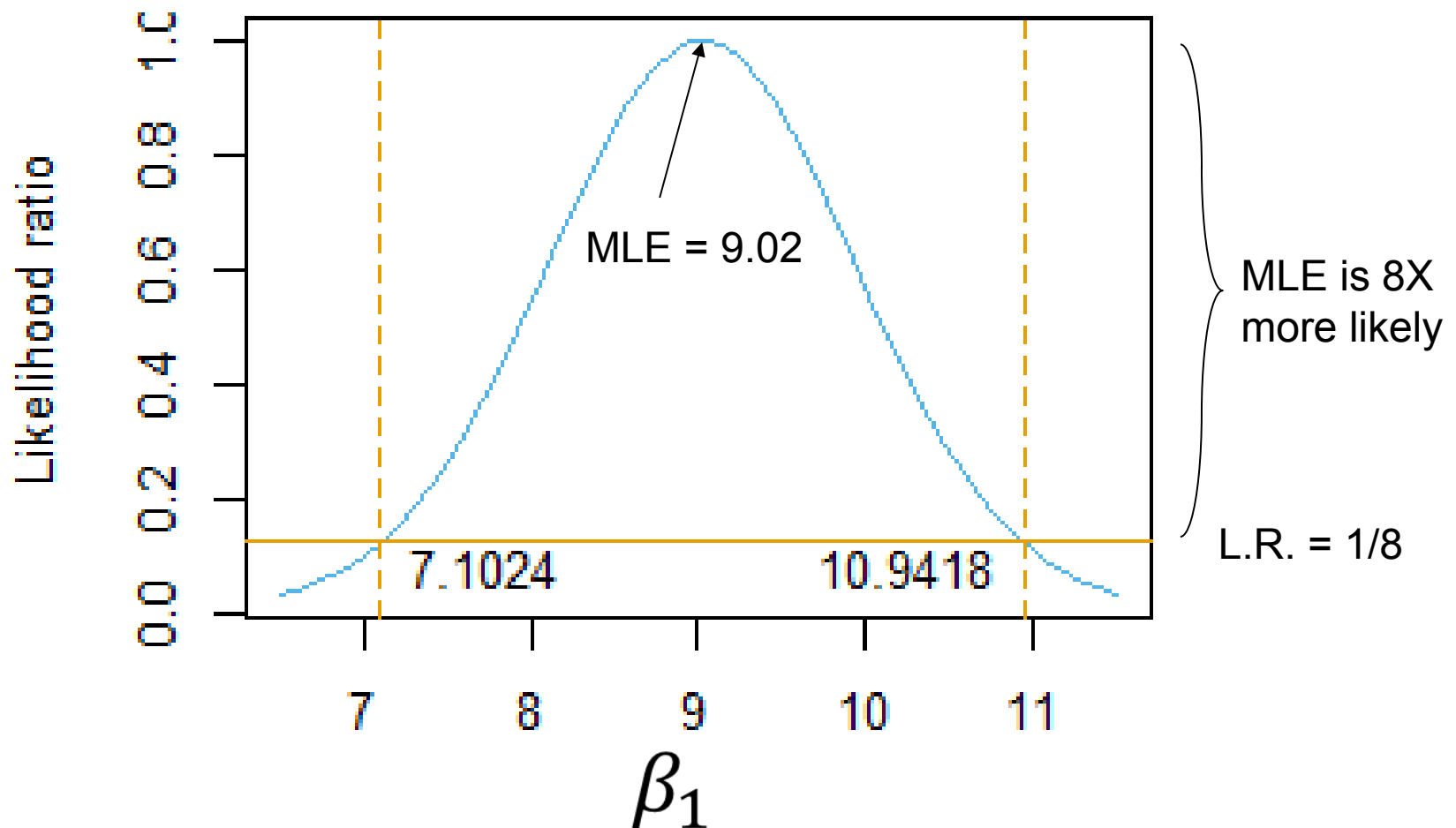
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Likelihood profile & interval

Grid search β_1 while optimizing β_0



Coding likelihood intervals

- Do it for your data
- Code at end of
06_3_likelihood_inference.Rmd

Confidence
interval

vs

Likelihood
interval

95%

1/8

99%

1/32

Notation (equivalent variants)

$$L(\theta) = \mathcal{L} = P(y | \theta)$$

← Probability of the data given the model parameters

“The likelihood of the model is the probability of the data given the model”

The following is equivalent:

$$L(y; \theta) = P(y | \theta)$$

Notice that we use a semicolon or comma here rather than a vertical bar

“The likelihood function is the probability of the data given the model”

Sometimes you may see it this way (e.g. Edwards 1992. "Likelihood".):

$$L(\theta | y) = P(y | \theta)$$

The vertical bar is the conditional operator.

“The likelihood of the model given the data ...”

Hilborn and Mangel (1997) and some other places in ecology/evolution:

$$L(y | \theta) = P(y | \theta)$$

This is probably not technically correct.

But **DON'T** read it thus “The likelihood of the data given the model ...”

Common DGP models

Normal

Poisson

Binomial

$$y_i \sim \text{Normal}(\mu_i, \sigma)$$

$$y_i \sim \text{Poisson}(\mu_i)$$

$$y_i \sim \text{Binomial}(\mu_i, n)$$

Key properties:

y : $-\infty$ to ∞ , continuous
 μ : $-\infty$ to ∞ , continuous

y : 0 to ∞ , discrete, integer
 μ : 0 to ∞ , continuous

y : 0, 1, discrete, binary
 μ : 0 to 1, probability

Generalized linear models

Normal
+
Identity link

$$y_i \sim \text{Normal}(\mu_i, \sigma)$$

$$\mu_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i$$

Poisson
+
Log link

$$y_i \sim \text{Poisson}(\mu_i)$$

$$\log(\mu_i) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i$$

Binomial
+
Logit link

$$y_i \sim \text{Binomial}(\mu_i, n)$$

$$\log\left(\frac{\mu_i}{1 - \mu_i}\right) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i$$

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Bayes rule to the rescue

$$\frac{P(\theta_2|y)}{P(\theta_1|y)} = \frac{k P(\theta_2|y)}{k P(\theta_1|y)} = \frac{P(y|\theta_2)}{P(y|\theta_1)} = \text{LR}$$