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Derive Score and Hessian for the Cauchy distribution:

1. Likelihood Function: Given a random sample  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  from the Cauchy distribution, the likelihood function  $L(\theta; y)$  is the product of the probability density functions (pdf) for each observation:

$$L(\theta; y) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(y_i; \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\pi(1 + (y_i - \theta)^2)}$$

2. Log-likelihood Function: Taking the natural logarithm of the likelihood function gives the log-likelihood function  $l(\theta; y)$ :

$$l(\theta; y) = \ln(L(\theta; y)) = \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(f(y_i; \theta)) = -n \ln(\pi) - \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(1 + (y_i - \theta)^2)$$

3. Score Function: The score function is the gradient (first derivative) of the log-likelihood function with respect to the parameter  $\theta$ . Let's differentiate the log-likelihood:

$$S(\theta; y) = \frac{\partial l(\theta; y)}{\partial \theta} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{-2(y_i - \theta)}{(1 + (y_i - \theta)^2)}$$

4. Hessian Matrix: The Hessian matrix is the second derivative of the log-likelihood function, which in this case will be a scalar because we only have one parameter ( $\theta$ ). Let's differentiate the score function:

$$H(\theta; y) = \frac{\partial^2 l(\theta; y)}{\partial \theta^2} = \frac{\partial(S(\theta; y))}{\partial \theta} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{2(1 - (y_i - \theta)^2)}{(1 + (y_i - \theta)^2)^2}$$

So, the score function and the Hessian matrix provide important information about the shape of the log-likelihood function, which is used to estimate the parameter  $\theta$ . The score function (gradient) gives the direction of the steepest ascent, while the Hessian provides information about the curvature of the function.