

# Johns Hopkins Engineering

## 625.464 Computational Statistics

Fisher Scoring, the Secant Method, and  
Fixed Point-Iteration

Module 2 Lecture 2E



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## Fisher Scoring

$$L(\theta)$$

$$\ell'(\theta) = 0$$

$$\theta^{(t+1)} = \theta^{(t)} - \frac{\ell'(\theta^{(t)})}{\ell''(\theta^{(t)})}$$

$$-\ell''(\theta)$$

$$I(\theta)$$

Fisher Scoring

$$\theta^{(t+1)} = \theta^{(t)} + \ell'(\theta^{(t)}) I(\theta)^{-1}$$

## Secant Method

$$\beta = 1.62$$

$$g''(x^{(t)})$$

$$\frac{g'(x^{(t)}) - g'(x^{(t-1)})}{x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}}$$

Secant  
method

$$x^{(t+1)} = x^{(t)} - g'(x^{(t)}) \frac{x^{(t)} - x^{(t-1)}}{g'(x^{(t)}) - g'(x^{(t-1)})}$$

for  $t \geq 1$

# Fixed-Point Iteration

fixed point

$$x \Rightarrow G(x) = x$$

$$G(x) = x \iff g'(x) = 0$$

$$G(x) = g'(x) + x$$

## Fixed-Point Iteration

$$x^{(t+1)} = x^{(t)} + g'(x^{(t)})$$

$G$   $[a, b]$

$G$  is contractive on  $[a, b]$  if

①

$G(x) \in [a, b]$  whenever  $x \in [a, b]$

②

$$|G(x_1) - G(x_2)| \leq \lambda |x_1 - x_2|$$

$\forall x_1, x_2 \in [a, b]$  & some  $\lambda \in [0, 1)$

## Fixed-Point Iteration

$$[a, b] \quad G(x)$$

$$x^* \text{ on } [a, b]$$

$$|x^{(t)} - x^*| \leq \frac{\lambda^t}{1-\lambda} |x^{(1)} - x^{(0)}|$$

$$g'(x) \quad [a, b]$$

$$\alpha \neq 0 \quad G(x) = \alpha g'(x) + x$$