

Homework 1

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1. a. Estimate Maximum Likelihood for

$$f(x) = \frac{x}{\Theta^2} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2\Theta^2}\right)$$

$$\text{so Maximum Likelihood function (ML)} = \prod_1^N \frac{x_i}{\Theta^2} \exp\left(-\frac{x_i^2}{2\Theta^2}\right)$$

$$\implies \text{Maximum Log Likelihood function (MLL)} =$$

$$\sum_1^N [\log x_i - 2 \log \Theta - \frac{x_i^2}{2\Theta^2}]$$

$$\text{To maximize MLL we need to set } \frac{\partial MLL}{\partial \Theta} = 0 \implies \sum_1^N [0 - \frac{2}{\Theta} - \frac{x_i^2}{2\Theta^3}] = 0$$

$$\implies \sum_1^N [-\frac{2}{\Theta} + \frac{x_i^2}{\Theta^3}] = 0 \implies \frac{1}{\Theta} \sum_1^N [2 + \frac{x_i^2}{\Theta^2}] = 0$$

$$\implies \sum_1^N [-2 + \frac{x_i^2}{\Theta^2}] = 0$$

$$\implies \sum_1^N -2 + \sum_1^N \frac{x_i^2}{\Theta^2} = 0$$

$$\implies -2N + \frac{1}{\Theta^2} \sum_1^N x_i^2 = 0$$

$$\implies \frac{1}{\Theta^2} \sum_1^N x_i^2 = 2N$$

$$\implies \frac{\sum_1^N x_i^2}{2N} = \Theta^2$$

$$\implies \Theta = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_1^N x_i^2}{2N}}$$