

Problem 3

Exercise 30, on page 360.

a)

The mles are

$$\hat{\lambda} = \frac{n}{\sum x_i + n \cdot \min(x_i)} \quad \hat{\theta} = \min(x_i)$$

The joint PMF is

$$L(\lambda, \theta) = f(x_1, \dots, x_n; \lambda, \theta) = (\lambda e^{-\lambda(x_1 - \theta)}) \dots (\lambda e^{-\lambda(x_n - \theta)}) = \begin{cases} \lambda^n e^{-\lambda \sum x_i - \lambda n \theta}, & x \geq \theta \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\ln(L(\lambda, \theta)) = \begin{cases} n \ln \lambda - \lambda \sum x_i - \lambda n \theta, & x \geq \theta \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

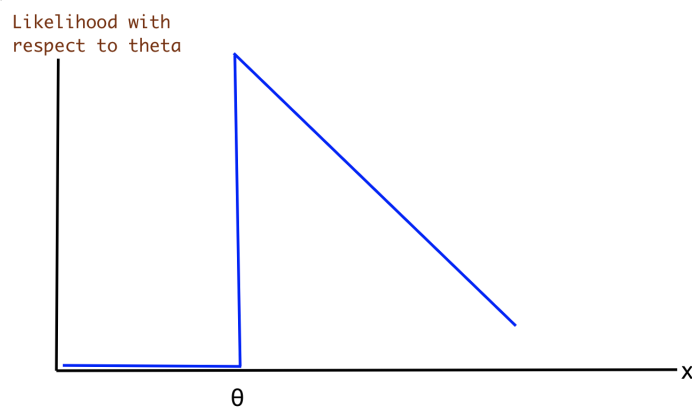
Set the partial derivative to 0 to get an equation for the maximum likelihood

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} (n \ln \lambda - \lambda \sum x_i - \lambda n \theta) &= \frac{n}{\lambda} - \sum x_i - n \theta = 0 \\ \implies \lambda &= \frac{n}{\sum x_i + n \theta} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Setting the partial derivative with respect to θ would not work well

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (n \ln \lambda - \lambda \sum x_i - \lambda n \theta) = -\lambda n = 0$$

Plotting the likelihood with respect to θ , it can be seen that it is maximized by choosing the $\hat{\theta} = \min(x_i)$



Substitute into equation 3 to get the estimator for λ

$$\hat{\lambda} = \frac{n}{\sum x_i + n \cdot \min(x_i)}$$

b)

$$\hat{\theta} = \min(x_i) = 0.64$$

$$\hat{\lambda} = \frac{n}{\sum x_i + n \cdot \min(x_i)} = \frac{10}{55.8 + 10 \times 0.64} = 0.161$$