

Atlas-PS 3

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Problem 1

We define the likelihood function $L(\hat{\alpha}; X)$:

$$L(\alpha; X) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{(\alpha_1 b_{i,1} + \alpha_2 b_{i,2})^{x_i} e^{-(\alpha_1 b_{i,1} + \alpha_2 b_{i,2})}}{x_i!},$$

and the log-likelihood function $l(\hat{\alpha}; X)$:

$$l(\alpha; X) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \log \alpha_1 b_{i,1} + \alpha_2 b_{i,2} - \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_1 b_{i,1} - \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_2 b_{i,2} - \sum_{i=1}^n \log(x_i!).$$

a)

Derive the Newton Raphson update for finding the MLEs of α_1 and α_2 .

First, we take the first derivative of l' with respect to $\hat{\alpha}$. This leaves us with a 2x1 matrix of first derivatives.

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i b_{i,1}}{\alpha_1 b_{i,1} + \alpha_2 b_{i,2}} - \sum_{i=1}^n b_{i,1} \\ \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i b_{i,2}}{\alpha_1 b_{i,1} + \alpha_2 b_{i,2}} - \sum_{i=1}^n b_{i,2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

We find the Hessian:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{-x_i b_{i,1}^2}{(\alpha_1 b_{i,1} + \alpha_2 b_{i,2})^2} & \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{-x_i b_{i,1} b_{i,2}}{(\alpha_1 b_{i,1} + \alpha_2 b_{i,2})^2} \\ \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{-x_i b_{i,1} b_{i,2}}{(\alpha_1 b_{i,1} + \alpha_2 b_{i,2})^2} & \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{-x_i b_{i,2}^2}{(\alpha_1 b_{i,1} + \alpha_2 b_{i,2})^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

The Newton-Raphson update is $h = -l''(\theta)^{-1}l'(\theta)$. We combine the two of them below:

$$h(\alpha) = - \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{-x_i b_{i,1}^2}{(\alpha_1 b_{i,1} + \alpha_2 b_{i,2})^2} & \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{-x_i b_{i,1} b_{i,2}}{(\alpha_1 b_{i,1} + \alpha_2 b_{i,2})^2} \\ \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{-x_i b_{i,1} b_{i,2}}{(\alpha_1 b_{i,1} + \alpha_2 b_{i,2})^2} & \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{-x_i b_{i,2}^2}{(\alpha_1 b_{i,1} + \alpha_2 b_{i,2})^2} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i b_{i,1}}{\alpha_1 b_{i,1} + \alpha_2 b_{i,2}} - \sum_{i=1}^n b_{i,1} \\ \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{x_i b_{i,2}}{\alpha_1 b_{i,1} + \alpha_2 b_{i,2}} - \sum_{i=1}^n b_{i,2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

b)

Derive the Fisher Scoring update.

We take the Hessian calculated above. We site the textbook for expected value for a $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ distribution: $E(X) = \lambda$. We also point out that the expected value of a sum is equal to the sum of expected values, or $\sum_{i=1}^n E(X) = E(\sum_{i=1}^n x)$.

As such, we can write the Fisher Information $I(\alpha) = -E(l''(\alpha))$ as:

$$\begin{aligned}
& - \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{-E(x_i) b_{i,1}^2}{(\alpha_1 b_{i,1} + \alpha_2 b_{i,2})^2} & \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{-E(x_i) b_{i,1} b_{i,2}}{(\alpha_1 b_{i,1} + \alpha_2 b_{i,2})^2} \\ \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{-E(x_i) b_{i,1} b_{i,2}}{(\alpha_1 b_{i,1} + \alpha_2 b_{i,2})^2} & \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{-E(x_i) b_{i,2}^2}{(\alpha_1 b_{i,1} + \alpha_2 b_{i,2})^2} \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{-(\alpha_1 b_{i,1} + \alpha_2 b_{i,2}) b_{i,1}^2}{(\alpha_1 b_{i,1} + \alpha_2 b_{i,2})^2} & \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{-(\alpha_1 b_{i,1} + \alpha_2 b_{i,2}) b_{i,1} b_{i,2}}{(\alpha_1 b_{i,1} + \alpha_2 b_{i,2})^2} \\ \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{-(\alpha_1 b_{i,1} + \alpha_2 b_{i,2}) b_{i,1} b_{i,2}}{(\alpha_1 b_{i,1} + \alpha_2 b_{i,2})^2} & \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{-(\alpha_1 b_{i,1} + \alpha_2 b_{i,2}) b_{i,2}^2}{(\alpha_1 b_{i,1} + \alpha_2 b_{i,2})^2} \end{bmatrix} \\
& = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{b_{i,1}^2}{(\alpha_1 b_{i,1} + \alpha_2 b_{i,2})} & \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{b_{i,1} b_{i,2}}{(\alpha_1 b_{i,1} + \alpha_2 b_{i,2})} \\ \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{b_{i,1} b_{i,2}}{(\alpha_1 b_{i,1} + \alpha_2 b_{i,2})} & \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{b_{i,2}^2}{(\alpha_1 b_{i,1} + \alpha_2 b_{i,2})} \end{bmatrix}
\end{aligned}$$