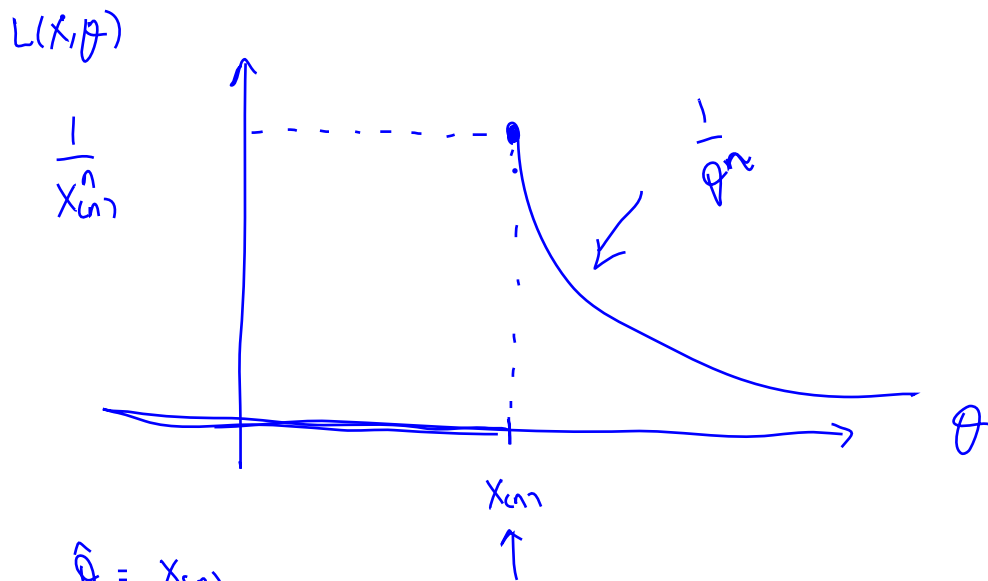


Example 5.37

$$L(X, \theta) = \frac{1}{\theta^n} I_{(X_{(n)}, \infty)}(\theta)$$

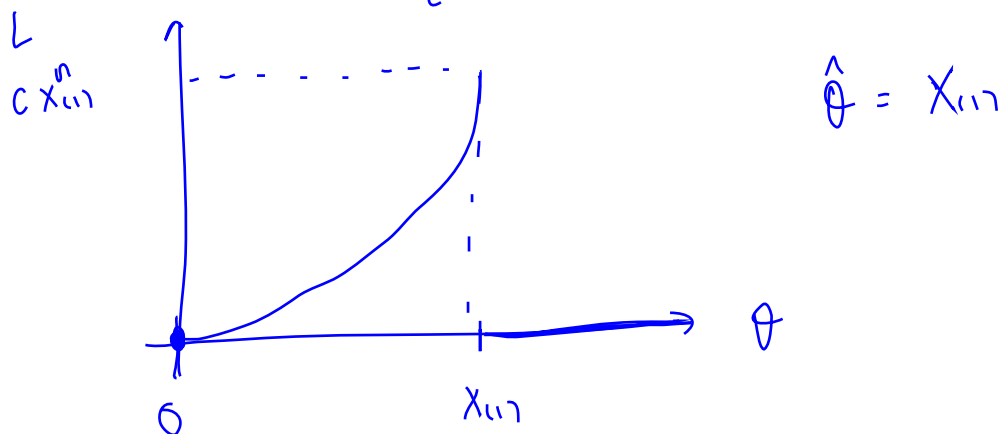


Hence  $\hat{\theta} = X_{(n)}$

Example 5.21

$$L(X, \theta) = \underbrace{\theta^n \left( \prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{-2} \right)}_{= c \theta^n} I_{(-\infty, X_{(n)})}(\theta)$$

$\theta > 0$



### Example 5.42 (Variance stabilization)

$$X_1, \dots, X_n \text{ iid Poisson}(\lambda) \Rightarrow L(\lambda) = \frac{e^{-n\lambda} \lambda^{\sum X_i}}{\prod X_i!}$$

$$\log L(\lambda) = -n\lambda + \log \lambda^{\sum X_i} - \sum \log X_i!$$

$$v(\lambda) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \log L(\lambda) = -n + \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum X_i \stackrel{\text{set } 0}{\Rightarrow} \hat{\lambda}_{MLE} = \bar{X}$$

Furthermore,

$$E\left(-\frac{\partial^2 \log L(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda^2}\right) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2} E(\sum X_i) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2} n\lambda = \frac{n}{\lambda} = I_n(\lambda)$$

$$\text{and } I_1(\lambda) = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

Hence, the asymptotic distribution of  $\hat{\lambda}_{MLE} = \bar{X}$  is

$$\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \lambda) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \lambda)$$

Note that the asymptotic variance is  $\lambda$  and it depends on the unknown parameter and in that sense it is not stable.

The transformation  $h(\lambda) = \sqrt{\lambda}$  is a variance stabilizing transformation since the asymptotic variance of

$$\sqrt{n}(h(\hat{\lambda}) - h(\lambda))$$

turns out to be constant (in fact  $1/4$ ):

$$\text{We have } h(\lambda)_{MLE} = h(\hat{\lambda}_{MLE}) = h(\bar{X}) = \sqrt{\bar{X}} \quad \text{and} \quad h'(\lambda) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\lambda}}$$

then the delta method yields:

$$\sqrt{n}(\sqrt{\bar{X}} - \sqrt{\lambda}) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, (h'(\lambda))^2 I_1(\lambda))$$

$$\xrightarrow{d} N(0, \frac{1}{4\lambda} \cdot \lambda)$$

$$\xrightarrow{d} N(0, \frac{1}{4})$$

$$\sqrt{\bar{X}} \stackrel{a}{\sim} N(0, \frac{1}{4n})$$

We can construct asymptotic variance stabilizing CI's:

- First for  $\sqrt{\lambda}$ :  $\sqrt{\bar{x}} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}}$



- Then for  $\lambda$ :  $\left( \left( \sqrt{\bar{x}} - z_{\alpha/2} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}} \right)^2, \left( \sqrt{\bar{x}} + z_{\alpha/2} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{n}} \right)^2 \right)$

### Exercise 5.22

(i) The Likelihood function

$$L(X, \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \theta x_i^{\theta-1} = \theta^n (\prod_{i=1}^n x_i)^{\theta-1}$$

With log-likelihood function:

$$\log L(X, \theta) = n \log \theta + (\theta-1) \sum_{i=1}^n \log x_i$$

Setting the score to zero we obtain:

$$V(X, \theta) = \frac{n}{\theta} + \sum_{i=1}^n \log x_i \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0 \Rightarrow \hat{\theta} = - \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n \log x_i}$$

then applying the transformation invariance property:

$$\tau(\hat{\theta})_{MLE} = \tau(\hat{\theta}_{MLE}) = \frac{\hat{\theta}}{\hat{\theta} + 1}$$

(ii) We have

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta} - \theta) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, I_{\hat{\theta}}^{-1}(\theta))$$

$\parallel$   
 $\theta^2$

where  $I_{\hat{\theta}}(\theta) = \frac{1}{\theta^2}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } \tau'(\theta) &= \frac{d}{d\theta} \theta(1+\theta)^{-1} = 1 \cdot (1+\theta)^{-1} + \theta(-1)(1+\theta)^{-2} \\ &= \frac{1}{1+\theta} - \frac{\theta}{(1+\theta)^2} = \frac{1+\theta}{(1+\theta)^2} - \frac{\theta}{(1+\theta)^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{(1+\theta)^2} \end{aligned}$$

Hence the delta method gives:

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{n}(\hat{\tau} - \tau) &\xrightarrow{d} N(0, (\tau'(\theta))^2 I_{X_1}^{-1}(\theta)) \\ &\xrightarrow{d} N(0, \frac{1}{(1+\theta)^4} \cdot \theta^2) \\ &\xrightarrow{d} N(0, \frac{\theta^2}{(1+\theta)^4})\end{aligned}$$

### Exercise 5.23

(i) The MLE of  $\lambda$  is  $\bar{X}$  hence the MLE of  $\tau(\lambda) = \frac{1}{\lambda}$  is  $\frac{1}{\bar{X}}$ .

$$(ii) E\left[\frac{1}{\bar{X}}\right] = \sum_{\{\bar{x}: \bar{x} > 0\}} \frac{1}{\bar{x}} \cdot P(\bar{X} = \bar{x}) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{0} P(\bar{X} = 0)}_{\rightarrow \infty} + \sum_{\{\bar{x}: \bar{x} > 0\}} \frac{1}{\bar{x}} P(\bar{X} = \bar{x})$$

$$P(\bar{X} = 0) = P(X_1 = 0, \dots, X_n = 0) = P(X_1 = 0)^n = (e^{-\lambda})^n = e^{-n\lambda} \neq 0 \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} 0$$

Since  $P(\bar{X} = 0) > 0$  we get the first moment of the MLE is infinite (not to mention the second) and hence there is no finite variance.

(iii) Here we have  $h(\lambda) = \frac{1}{\lambda}$  and so  $h'(\lambda) = -\frac{1}{\lambda^2}$ . We also know that  $I_{X_1}(\lambda) = \frac{1}{\lambda}$ . Hence the delta method gives

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{n}\left(\frac{1}{\bar{X}} - \frac{1}{\lambda}\right) &\xrightarrow{d} N(0, (h'(\lambda))^2 \cdot I_{X_1}^{-1}(\lambda)) \\ &\xrightarrow{d} N(0, \frac{1}{\lambda^4} \cdot \lambda) \\ &\xrightarrow{d} N(0, \frac{1}{\lambda^3})\end{aligned}$$

By comparing (ii) and (iii) we see that although the finite variance does not exist, the asymptotic variance is well defined.

### Exercise 5.24

(i) The density of a single observation

$\mu$  - known //

$$f(x; \mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x-\mu)^2}$$

$$L(X, \sigma^2) = (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-n/2} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2\right)$$

$$\log L(X, \sigma^2) = -\frac{n}{2} \log 2\pi - \frac{n}{2} \log \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2$$

$$v(X, \sigma^2) = -\frac{n}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2\sigma^4} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2 = \frac{\partial \log L(X, \sigma^2)}{\partial \sigma^2}$$

Setting this to zero:

$$\hat{\sigma}_{MLE}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2$$

Information:

$$I_X(\sigma^2) = -E \left[ \frac{n}{2\sigma^4} - \frac{2}{2\sigma^6} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2 \right]$$

$$= -\frac{n}{2\sigma^4} + \frac{1}{\sigma^6} \sum_{i=1}^n \underbrace{E[(x_i - \mu)^2]}_{\text{Var } x_i}$$

$$x_i \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

$$x_i - \mu \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

$$= -\frac{n}{2\sigma^4} + \frac{n\sigma^2}{\sigma^6} = -\frac{n}{2\sigma^4} + \frac{n}{\sigma^4} = \frac{n}{2\sigma^4}$$

$$I_{X_1}(\sigma^2) = \frac{1}{2\sigma^4}$$

$$\text{Hence, } \sqrt{n}(\hat{\sigma}^2 - \sigma^2) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 2\sigma^4)$$

(ii) First notice  $\hat{\sigma}_{MLE} = \sqrt{\hat{\sigma}^2} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2} = h(\hat{\sigma}^2)$

and since  $h(\sigma^2) = \sqrt{\sigma^2}$  we have  $h'(\sigma^2) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\sigma^2}} = \frac{1}{2\sigma}$

Then the delta method:

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{n}(\hat{\sigma} - \sigma) &\xrightarrow{d} N\left(0, \frac{1}{4\sigma^2} \cdot 2\sigma^4\right) \\ &\xrightarrow{d} N\left(0, \frac{\sigma^2}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

### Example 5.44

$$\text{First, } \log L(X, \mu) = \frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2$$

and the MLE is  $\hat{\mu} = \bar{X}$

The deviance is

$$\begin{aligned} D(\mu) &= -2 \log \frac{L(X, \mu)}{L(X, \hat{\mu})} \\ &= -2 [\log L(X, \mu) - \log L(X, \bar{X})] \\ &= -2 \left[ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2 + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{2}{2\sigma^2} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{n(\bar{X} - \mu)^2}{\sigma^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2 & = & \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 & + & n(\bar{X} - \mu)^2 \\ \text{"} & & \text{"} & = & \text{"} \end{array}$$

$$\text{Since } \bar{X} \sim N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right) \Rightarrow \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} = \sqrt{n} \frac{(\bar{X} - \mu)}{\sigma} \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n(\bar{X} - \mu)^2}{\sigma^2} = D(\mu) \sim N(0, 1)^2 = \chi_1^2$$

and this distribution is exact.

Example 5.45

$$D(\theta) = 2n \left[ \frac{\bar{x}}{\theta} - \log \frac{\bar{x}}{\theta} - 1 \right]$$

$$\text{Now } \log \frac{\bar{x}}{\theta} = \log \left( 1 + \frac{\bar{x} - \theta}{\theta} \right) \approx \frac{\bar{x} - \theta}{\theta} - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\bar{x} - \theta}{\theta} \right)^2$$

$$D(\theta) = 2n \left[ \frac{\bar{x}}{\theta} - \left( \left( \frac{\bar{x} - \theta}{\theta} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\bar{x} - \theta}{\theta} \right)^2 \right) - 1 \right]$$

$$= 2n \left[ \frac{\bar{x}}{\theta} - \frac{\bar{x}}{\theta} + 1 + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\bar{x} - \theta}{\theta} \right)^2 - 1 \right]$$

$$= n \frac{(\bar{x} - \theta)^2}{\theta^2}$$

and this is very close asymptotically to  
since  $\bar{x} \approx \theta$  for large  $n$ .

$$\frac{n(\theta - \bar{x})^2}{\bar{x}^2}$$