

## Expectation and variance of $y$ in terms of the canonical parameter

The canonical form the pdf is given by

$$f_{\theta}(y) = \exp \left[ \frac{y\theta - b(\theta)}{\phi} + c(y, \phi) \right]$$

(1) The log-likelihood is

$$l(\theta) = \frac{y\theta - b(\theta)}{\phi} + c(y, \phi) = 0$$

So

$$E \left[ \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial \theta} \right] = E \left[ \frac{y - b'(\theta)}{\phi} \right] = 0$$

So

$$E(y) = b'(\theta)$$

(2) The two expression of the Fisher Information of  $\theta^{MLE}$  are equal:

$$\text{Var} \left[ \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial \theta} \right] = -E \left[ \frac{\partial^2 l(\theta)}{\partial \theta^2} \right]$$

On the left hand side

$$\text{Var} \left[ \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial \theta} \right] = E \left( \left[ \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial \theta} \right]^2 \right) - \left( E \left[ \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial \theta} \right] \right)^2 = E \left( \left[ \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial \theta} \right]^2 \right) - 0$$

so

$$E \left( \left[ \frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial \theta} \right]^2 \right) = -E \left[ \frac{\partial^2 l(\theta)}{\partial \theta^2} \right]$$

$$\left[ \frac{y - b'(\theta)}{\phi} \right]^2 + \frac{-b''(\theta)}{\phi} = \left[ \frac{y - E(y)}{\phi} \right]^2 - \frac{b''(\theta)}{\phi} = 0$$

so

$$\frac{\text{Var}(y)}{\phi^2} = \frac{b''(\theta)}{\phi}$$

i.e.,

$$\text{Var}(y) = b''(\theta) \phi$$