

$$P(X=k|\lambda) = \frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!}$$

$$b) L(\lambda | k_1, \dots, k_n) = \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{\lambda^{k_j} e^{-\lambda}}{k_j!}$$

$$l(\lambda | k_1, \dots, k_n) = \ln \left( \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{\lambda^{k_j} e^{-\lambda}}{k_j!} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n \ln \left( \frac{\lambda^{k_j} e^{-\lambda}}{k_j!} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n [\ln(\lambda^{k_j}) + \ln(e^{-\lambda}) - \ln(k_j!)]$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^n [k_j \ln(\lambda) - \lambda - \ln(k_j!)]$$

$$= -n\lambda + \ln(\lambda) \sum_{j=1}^n k_j - \sum_{j=1}^n \ln(k_j!)$$

$$\frac{d}{d\lambda} l(\lambda | k_1, \dots, k_n) = \frac{d}{d\lambda} (-n\lambda + \ln(\lambda) \sum_{j=1}^n k_j - \sum_{j=1}^n \ln(k_j!))$$

$$\frac{d}{d\lambda} l(\lambda | k_1, \dots, k_n) = -n + \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_{j=1}^n k_j$$

$$-n + \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_{j=1}^n k_j = 0$$

$$c) \quad \hat{\lambda} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n k_j$$

$$\frac{d}{d\lambda} \left( -n + \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_{j=1}^n k_j \right) = -\frac{1}{\lambda^2} \sum_{j=1}^n k_j < 0 \text{ max}$$

negative everywhere b/c  $\lambda > 0$  &  $k > 0$