

Best Estimate d_0

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Best value Estimate

$$P(d_0|\{d_k = 1, N\}) = \prod_{k=1}^N \frac{De^{-(d_k/d_0)^D}}{d_0(k-1)!} \left(\frac{d_k}{d_0}\right)^{Dk-1} \quad (1)$$

Taking the log of P

$$L = \log(P) = \log\left(\prod_{k=1}^N \frac{De^{-(d_k/d_0)^D}}{d_0(k-1)!} \left(\frac{d_k}{d_0}\right)^{Dk-1}\right) \quad (2)$$

Taking into account that $\log(a \cdot b) = \log(a) + \log(b)$.

$$L = \log(P) = \sum_{k=1}^N \log\left(\frac{De^{-(d_k/d_0)^D}}{d_0(k-1)!} \left(\frac{d_k}{d_0}\right)^{Dk-1}\right) \quad (3)$$

Re ordering terms using log properties.

$$L = \sum_{k=1}^N \left(\log(D) - \left(\frac{d_k}{d_0}\right)^D - \log(d_0) - \log(k-1)! + \log(d_k^{Dk-1}) - \log(d_0^{Dk-1}) \right) \quad (4)$$

Now we derive L in order to find the best estimate of d_0

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial d_0} = \sum_{k=1}^N \left[\frac{Dd_k^D}{d_0^{D+1}} - \frac{1}{d_0} - \frac{(Dk-1)d_0^{Dk-2}}{d_0^{Dk-1}} \right] = 0 \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial d_0} = \sum_{k=1}^N \left[\frac{Dd_k^D}{d_0^{D+1}} - \frac{1}{d_0} - \frac{(Dk-1)}{d_0} \right] = 0 \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial d_0} = \sum_{k=1}^N \left[\frac{Dd_k^D}{d_0^{D+1}} - \frac{Dk}{d_0} \right] = 0 \quad (7)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial d_0} = \frac{D}{d_0} \sum_{k=1}^N \left[\frac{d_k^D}{d_0^D} - k \right] = 0 \quad (8)$$

$$d_0^D = \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{d_k^D}{k} \quad (9)$$

$$d_0 = \left(\sum_{k=1}^N \frac{d_k^D}{k} \right)^{1/D} \quad (10)$$

Now in order to study the errors we take the second derivative of L respect to d_0 i.e:

$$\frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial d_0^2} = \sum_{k=1}^N -\frac{(D+1)Dd_k^D}{d_0^{D+2}} + \frac{Dk}{d_0^2} = 0 \quad (11)$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 L}{\partial d_0^2} = \frac{D}{d_0^2} \sum_{k=1}^N -\frac{(D+1)d_k^D}{d_0^D} + k = \sum_{k=1}^N \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \quad (12)$$

$$\frac{D}{d_0^2} \sum_{k=1}^N -\frac{(D+1)d_k^D}{d_0^D} + k = \frac{N}{\sigma^2} \quad (13)$$

$$\sigma = \left(\frac{d_0^2 N}{D \sum_{k=1}^N \left[-\frac{(D+1)d_k^D}{d_0^D} + k \right]} \right)^{1/2} \quad (14)$$