

# PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS I

## HOMEWORK XI

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# 1

## 1.1

First, since each  $X_i$  has the p.d.f.

$$p(x_i; \theta) = \sqrt{\theta} x^{\sqrt{\theta}-1}, \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad \theta > 0$$

and  $X_i$  are independent, the likelihood function is

$$L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \sqrt{\theta} x_i^{\sqrt{\theta}-1} = \theta^{\frac{n}{2}} \left( \prod_{i=1}^n x_i \right)^{\sqrt{\theta}-1}$$

The logarithmic likelihood function is

$$l(\theta) = \log L(\theta) = \frac{n}{2} \log \theta + (\sqrt{\theta} - 1) \log \left( \prod_{i=1}^n x_i \right).$$

Then determine the differential coefficient of  $l$

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} l(\theta) = \frac{n}{2} \frac{1}{\theta} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\theta}} \log \left( \prod_{i=1}^n x_i \right).$$

By equating it to zero, we obtain that the maximum likelihood estimate  $\hat{\theta}$  is

$$\left( \frac{n}{\log \left( \prod_{i=1}^n x_i \right)} \right)^2$$

and so the maximum likelihood estimator is

$$T(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) = \left( \frac{n}{\log \left( \prod_{i=1}^n x_i \right)} \right)^2.$$

Thus, the problem is solved.

## 1.2

First, since each  $X_i$  has the p.d.f.

$$p(x_i; \theta) = \theta c^\theta x_i^{-(\theta+1)}, \quad x_i > c, \quad c > 0, \quad \text{and } \theta > 1$$

and  $X_i$  are independent, the likelihood function is hence

$$L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \theta c^\theta x_i^{-(\theta+1)} = \theta^n c^{n\theta} \left( \prod_{i=1}^n x_i \right)^{-(\theta+1)}.$$

The logarithmic likelihood function is

$$l(\theta) = \log L(\theta) = n \log \theta + n\theta \log c - (\theta + 1) \log \left( \prod_{i=1}^n x_i \right)$$

Then determine the differential coefficient of  $l$

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} l(\theta) = \frac{n}{\theta} + n \log c - \log \left( \prod_{i=1}^n x_i \right).$$

By equating it to zero, we obtain that the maximum likelihood estimate  $\hat{\theta}$  is

$$\frac{n}{\log(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i) - n \log c}$$

and so the maximum likelihood estimator is

$$T(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) = \frac{n}{\log(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i) - n \log c}$$

Thus, the problem is solved.

### 1.3

First, since each  $X_i$  has the p.d.f.

$$p(x_i; \theta, \mu) = \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-\frac{x_i - \mu}{\theta}}, \quad x > \mu, \theta > 0$$

and  $X_i$  are independent, the likelihood function is hence

$$L(\theta, \mu) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-\frac{x_i - \mu}{\theta}} = \theta^{-n} \exp\left(\frac{n\mu}{\theta} - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{\theta}\right).$$

The logarithmic likelihood function is

$$l(\theta, \mu) = \log L(\theta, \mu) = -n \log \theta + \frac{n\mu}{\theta} - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{\theta}.$$

The partial derivatives of  $l(\theta, \mu)$  are

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{n}{\theta} - \frac{n\mu}{\theta^2} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{\theta^2}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \mu} = \frac{n}{\theta} > 0$$

To maximize the likelihood function, we need to choose  $\mu$  as large as possible. Let  $X_{(j)}$  be the j-th minimum among  $(X_i)_{i=1}^n$ . Since  $x > \mu$ , the maximum likelihood estimator of  $\mu$  is

$$\hat{\mu} = X_{(1)}.$$

Then let  $\frac{\partial l}{\partial \theta} = 0$ , we could get the maximum likelihood estimator of  $\theta$  is

$$\hat{\theta} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n} - x_{(1)}.$$

### 1.4

First, since each  $X_i$  has the p.d.f.

$$p(x_i; \theta) = \frac{1}{2\theta} e^{-|x_i|/\theta}, \quad \theta > 0.$$

and  $X_i$  are independent, the likelihood function is hence

$$L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2\theta} e^{-|x_i|/\theta} = \frac{1}{(2\theta)^n} \exp\left(-\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|}{\theta}\right).$$

The logarithmic likelihood function is

$$l(\theta) = \log L(\theta) = -n \log 2\theta - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|}{\theta}.$$

Then determine the differential coefficient of  $l$

$$\frac{dl}{d\theta} = -\frac{n}{\theta} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|}{\theta^2}.$$

By equating it to zero, we obtain that the maximum likelihood estimate  $\hat{\theta}$  is

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|}{n}$$

and so the maximum likelihood estimator is

$$T(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|}{n}.$$

Thus, the problem is solved.

## 1.5

First, since each  $X_i$  has the p.d.f.

$$p(x_i; \theta) = 1, \quad \theta - \frac{1}{2} < x < \theta + \frac{1}{2}$$

and  $X_i$  are independent, the likelihood function is hence

$$L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n 1 = 1.$$

The logarithmic likelihood function is

$$l(\theta) = \log L(\theta) = 0.$$

Then determine the differential coefficient of  $l$

$$\frac{dl}{d\theta} = 0$$

for any  $\theta \in R$ . But there must be that

$$\theta - \frac{1}{2} < x_i < \theta + \frac{1}{2}, \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Then we could let  $X_{(j)}$  be the  $j$ -th minimum among  $(X_i)_{i=1}^n$ . So we get

$$\theta - \frac{1}{2} < x_{(1)}, \quad \theta + \frac{1}{2} > x_{(n)}.$$

Then we could determine that

$$x_{(n)} - \frac{1}{2} < \theta < x_{(1)} + \frac{1}{2}.$$

Since the likelihood function is constant, to maximize the likelihood function, the M.L.E of  $\theta$  could be any statistic  $u(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  which satisfies that

$$x_{(n)} - \frac{1}{2} < u(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) < x_{(1)} + \frac{1}{2}.$$

## 1.6

First, since each  $X_i$  has the p.d.f.

$$p(x_i; \theta_1, \theta_2) = \frac{1}{\theta_2 - \theta_1}, \quad \theta_1 < x < \theta_2$$

and  $X_i$  are independent, the likelihood function is hence

$$L(\theta_1, \theta_2) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\theta_2 - \theta_1} = \frac{1}{(\theta_2 - \theta_1)^n}.$$

The logarithmic likelihood function is

$$l(\theta) = \log L(\theta) = -n \log(\theta_2 - \theta_1).$$

The partial derivatives of  $l(\theta_1, \theta_2)$  are

$$\frac{dl}{d\theta_1} = \frac{n}{\theta_2 - \theta_1} > 0$$

and

$$\frac{dl}{d\theta_2} = -\frac{n}{\theta_2 - \theta_1} < 0.$$

So to maximize the likelihood function  $L$ , we need to choose  $\theta_1$  as large as possible and choose  $\theta_2$  as small as possible.

Let  $X_{(j)}$  be the  $j$ -th minimum among  $(X_i)_{i=1}^n$ . Then by the relation, we get the maximum likelihood estimators are

$$\hat{\theta}_1 = X_{(1)}, \quad \hat{\theta}_2 = X_{(n)}.$$

## 2

### 2.1

Since  $X$  follows the uniform distribution on  $(\theta, 2\theta)$  for  $\theta > 0$ , we could get the mean and variance of  $X$  is  $\mathbf{E}(X) = \frac{3}{2}\theta$  and  $\mathbf{Var}(X) = \mathbf{E}(X^2) - \mathbf{E}(X)^2 = \frac{1}{12}\theta^2$ . Let  $T = \frac{2}{3}\bar{X}_n$  be a statistic. We could determine that

$$\mathbf{E}(T) = \frac{2}{3}\mathbf{E}(\bar{X}_n) = \frac{2}{3n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{E}(X_i) = \theta.$$

Thus,  $\hat{\theta} = \frac{2}{3}\bar{X}_n$  is an unbiasedness estimator.

We get that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{E}(\hat{\theta}) = \theta$ . Then we could determine that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{Var}(\hat{\theta}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4}{9n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{Var}(X_i) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\theta^2}{27n} = 0$$

By the theorem, we have that  $\hat{\theta} = \frac{2}{3}\bar{X}_n$  is a consistent estimator.

So in a word,  $\hat{\theta} = \frac{2}{3}\bar{X}_n$  is an unbiasedness estimator and consistent estimator.

### 2.2

First, since each  $X_i$  has the p.d.f.

$$f(x; \theta) = \frac{1}{\theta}, \quad 0 < \theta < x < 2\theta$$

and  $X_i$  are independent, the likelihood function is hence

$$L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\theta} = \theta^{-n}, \quad \theta > 0.$$

To let the likelihood function as large as possible, we need to let  $\theta$  as small as possible. Let  $X_{(j)}$  be the  $j$ -th minimum among  $(X_i)_{i=1}^n$ . So there are

$$\frac{X_{(n)}}{2} < \theta < X_{(1)}.$$

So the M.L.E. of  $\theta$  is  $\hat{\theta} = \frac{X_{(n)}}{2}$ .

We could determine that

$$\mathbf{E}(\hat{\theta}) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{E}(X_{(n)})$$

Then we need to determine the p.d.f. of  $X_{(n)}$ . The c.d.f. of  $X_{(n)}$  is

$$F(x_{(n)}) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i \leq x_{(n)}) = \left( \frac{x_{(n)}}{\theta} - 1 \right)^n, \quad \theta < x_{(n)} < 2\theta.$$

Then we could determine that the p.d.f. of  $X_{(n)}$  is

$$f(x_{(n)}) = \frac{dF}{dx_{(n)}} = \frac{n}{\theta} \left( \frac{x_{(n)}}{\theta} - 1 \right)^{n-1}, \quad \theta < x_{(n)} < 2\theta.$$

So we have the expectation of  $X_{(n)}$  is

$$\mathbf{E}(X_{(n)}) = \int_{\theta}^{2\theta} x_{(n)} f(x_{(n)}) dx_{(n)} = 2\theta - \frac{\theta}{n+1}.$$

And we could determine that

$$\mathbf{E}(X_{(n)}^2) = \int_{\theta}^{2\theta} x_{(n)}^2 f(x_{(n)}) dx_{(n)} = 4\theta^2 - \frac{4\theta^2}{n+1} + \frac{2\theta^2}{(n+1)(n+2)}.$$

So that

$$\mathbf{E}(\hat{\theta}) = \theta - \frac{\theta}{2(n+1)} \neq \theta$$

Thus, is is not unbiased.

Then we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{E}(\hat{\theta}) = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{E}(X_{(n)}) = \frac{1}{2} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 2\theta - \frac{\theta}{n+1} \right) = \theta,$$

and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{Var}(\hat{\theta}) = \frac{1}{4} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{Var}(X_{(n)}) = \frac{1}{4} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \mathbf{E}(X_{(n)}^2) - \mathbf{E}(X_{(n)})^2 \right) = \frac{1}{4} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n\theta^2}{(n+1)^2(n+2)} = 0$$

Which means that the M.L.E. of  $\theta$  is consistent.

### 3

Since  $(X_i)_{i=1}^n$  is a random sample from  $\Gamma(\alpha = 3, \beta = \theta)$  distribution,  $\theta \in (0, \infty)$ , we could get the likelihood function is hence

$$L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\theta^3}{2} x_i^2 e^{-\theta x_i} = \frac{\theta^{3n}}{2^n} \left( \prod_{i=1}^n x_i \right)^2 \exp(-\theta \sum_{i=1}^n x_i).$$

The logarithmic likelihood function is

$$l(\theta) = \log L(\theta) = 3n \log \theta - n \log 2 + 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \log x_i - \theta \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right).$$

Then determine the differential coefficient of l

$$\frac{dl}{d\theta} = \frac{3n}{\theta} - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i.$$

By equating it to zero, we obtain that the maximum likelihood estimate  $\hat{\theta}$  is

$$\frac{3n}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}$$

and so the maximum likelihood estimator is

$$T(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) = \frac{3n}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}.$$

## 4

Assume that there exist the M.L.E. of  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$ .

Since  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  and we only have one observation, we could get the likelihood function is

$$L(\mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{x_1 - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right).$$

and  $\sigma$  must be positive. The logarithmic likelihood function is

$$l(\mu, \sigma^2) = \log L(\mu, \sigma^2) = -\log(\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma) - \frac{(x_1 - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}$$

The partial derivatives of  $l(\mu, \sigma)$  are

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \mu} = \frac{x_1 - \mu}{\sigma^2}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \sigma} = \frac{(x_1 - \mu)^2 - \sigma^2}{\sigma^3}.$$

Set both equal to zero and  $\sigma > 0$ , we get that  $\mu = x_1$  and  $\sigma$  has no solution. So the assumption is wrong. Which means that the M.L.E. of  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$  doesn't exist.

## 5

Since  $Y_1 < Y_2 < \dots < Y_n$  are the order statistics of a random sample from the distribution with p.d.f.

$$f(x; \theta) = 1, \text{ for } \theta - \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq \theta + \frac{1}{2}, -\infty < \theta < \infty,$$

there must be that  $Y_i \in (\theta - \frac{1}{2}, \theta + \frac{1}{2})$  for all  $i=1,2,\dots,n$ . Then we get that

$$\theta - \frac{1}{2} \leq Y_1, \theta + \frac{1}{2} \geq Y_n.$$

Thus, we could determine that

$$Y_n - \frac{1}{2} \leq \theta \leq Y_1 + \frac{1}{2}.$$

Since  $X_i$  are independent, we could get the likelihood function is hence

$$L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n 1 = 1, \text{ for } Y_n - \frac{1}{2} \leq \theta \leq Y_1 + \frac{1}{2},$$

which is a constant. To maximize the likelihood function, the estimate  $\hat{\theta}$  could be any real number  $\in [Y_n - \frac{1}{2}, Y_1 + \frac{1}{2}]$ . Which means that every estimate  $u(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  such that

$$Y_n - \frac{1}{2} \leq u(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) \leq Y_1 + \frac{1}{2}$$

is a M.L.E. of  $\theta$ .

Since  $Y_1 + \frac{1}{2} \geq Y_n - \frac{1}{2}$ , we have  $Y_1 + 1 - Y_n \geq 0$ .

We could calculate that

$$\frac{4Y_1 + 2Y_n + 1}{6} - Y_n + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{2}{3}(Y_1 + 1 - Y_n) \geq 0$$

and

$$Y_1 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{4Y_1 + 2Y_n + 1}{6} = \frac{1}{3}(Y_1 + 1 - Y_n) \geq 0.$$

So we get

$$Y_n - \frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{4Y_1 + 2Y_n + 1}{6} \leq Y_1 + \frac{1}{2},$$

which means that  $(4Y_1 + 2Y_n + 1)/6$  is a statistic.

We could calculate that

$$\frac{Y_1 + Y_n}{2} - Y_n + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}(Y_1 + 1 - Y_n) \geq 0$$

and

$$Y_1 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{Y_1 + Y_n}{2} = \frac{1}{2}(Y_1 + 1 - Y_n) \geq 0.$$

So we get that

$$Y_n - \frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{Y_1 + Y_n}{2} \leq Y_1 + \frac{1}{2},$$

which means that  $(Y_1 + Y_n)/2$  is a statistic.

We could calculate that

$$\frac{2Y_1 + 4Y_n - 1}{6} - Y_n + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{3}(Y_1 + 1 - Y_n) \geq 0$$

and

$$Y_1 + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{2Y_1 + 4Y_n - 1}{6} = \frac{2}{3}(Y_1 + 1 - Y_n) \geq 0,$$

which means that  $(2Y_1 + 4Y_n - 1)/6$  is a statistic.

In a word,  $(4Y_1 + 2Y_n + 1)/6$ ,  $(Y_1 + Y_n)/2$  and  $(2Y_1 + 4Y_n - 1)/6$  are three statistics. So uniqueness is not, in general, a property of a M.L.E..

## 6

Since each  $X_i$  has the p.d.f.

$$f(x_i; \theta) = \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-\frac{x_i}{\theta}}, x > 0$$

and  $X_i$  are independent, the likelihood function is hence

$$L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-\frac{x_i}{\theta}} = \theta^{-n} \exp\left(-\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{\theta}\right).$$



The logarithmic likelihood function is

$$l(\theta) = \log L(\theta) = -n \log \theta - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{\theta}.$$

Then determine the differential coefficient of l

$$\frac{dl}{d\theta} = -\frac{n}{\theta} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{\theta^2}.$$

By equating it to zero, we obtain that the maximum likelihood estimate  $\hat{\theta}$  is

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n}$$

and so the maximum likelihood estimator is

$$T(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{n}.$$

Then we could determine that

$$\mathbf{P}(X \leq 2) = \int_0^2 \frac{1}{\hat{\theta}} e^{-\frac{x}{\hat{\theta}}} = 1 - \exp\left(-\frac{2n}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}\right)$$

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Since  $(X_i)_{i=1}^{55}$  is a random sample from the Poisson distribution, we could get the p.d.f. of X is

$$p(x; \lambda) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!}, \quad x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

zero elsewhere and  $X_i$  are independent, the likelihood function is hence

$$L(\lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^{55} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{x_i}}{x_i!} = e^{-55\lambda} \lambda^{\sum_{i=1}^{55} x_i} / \left( \prod_{i=1}^{55} x_i! \right).$$

The logarithmic likelihood function is

$$l(\lambda) = \log L(\lambda) = -55\lambda + \left( \sum_{i=1}^{55} x_i \right) \log \lambda - \log \left( \prod_{i=1}^{55} x_i! \right).$$

Then determine the differential coefficient of l

$$\frac{dl}{d\theta} = -55 + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{55} x_i}{\lambda}.$$

By equating it to zero, we obtain that the maximum likelihood estimate  $\hat{\lambda}$  is

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{55} x_i}{55}$$

Based on the data given by the table, we could calculate that

$$\hat{\lambda} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{55} x_i}{55} = \frac{116}{55}.$$

Then we could get that

$$\mathbf{P}(X = 2) = \frac{e^{-\hat{\lambda}} \hat{\lambda}^2}{2!} \approx 0.27$$

## 8

Since  $(X_i)_{i=1}^n$  is a random sample from the Poisson distribution with unknown parameter  $\theta \in (0, 2]$ , we could get the p.d.f. of X is

$$p(x; \theta) = \frac{e^{-\theta} \theta^x}{x!}, \text{ for } x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

zero elsewhere and  $X_i$  are independent, the likelihood function is hence

$$L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{e^{-\theta} \theta^{x_i}}{x_i!} = e^{-n\theta} \theta^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} / \left( \prod_{i=1}^n x_i! \right).$$

The logarithmic likelihood function is

$$l(\theta) = \log L(\theta) = -n\theta + \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right) \log \theta - \log \left( \prod_{i=1}^n x_i! \right).$$

Then determine the differential coefficient of l

$$\frac{dl}{d\theta} = -n + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{\theta}.$$

Then we need to talk about the relationship of the value of  $\bar{X}_n$  and 2.

If  $2 \geq \bar{X}_n$ , to maximize the likelihood function, we need to let  $\frac{dl}{d\theta} = 0$ , then we get that the maximum likelihood estimate of  $\theta$  is

$$\hat{\theta} = \bar{X}_n.$$

If  $2 < \bar{X}_n$ , we get that  $\frac{dl}{d\theta} > 0$  all the time. So  $l(\theta)$  increases with  $\theta$  increasing. To maximize the likelihood function, we need to get the largest value as the estimate of  $\theta$ . Which means that the maximum likelihood estimate of  $\theta$  is

$$\hat{\theta} = 2$$

In a word, the maximum likelihood estimate of  $\theta$  is

$$\hat{\theta} = \min\{\bar{X}_n, 2\}.$$

## 9

If  $\theta = 1$ , we have the p.d.f. of X is

$$f(x; \theta = 1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right), \text{ for } -\infty < x < \infty.$$

Since  $(X_i)_{i=1}^n$  are independent, we could get the likelihood function is

$$L_1 = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{x_i^2}{2}\right) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}{2}\right).$$

The logarithmic likelihood function is

$$l_1 = \log L_1 = -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}{2}.$$

If  $\theta = 2$ , we have the p.d.f. of X is

$$f(x, \theta = 2) = \frac{1}{\pi(1+x^2)}, \text{ for } -\infty < x < \infty.$$

Since  $(X_i)_{i=1}^n$  are independent, we could get the likelihood function is

$$L_2 = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\pi(1+x_i^2)} = \pi^{-n} \prod_{i=1}^n (1+x_i^2)^{-1}.$$

The logarithmic likelihood function is

$$l_2 = \log L_2 = -n \log \pi - \sum_{i=1}^n \log(1+x_i^2).$$

To determine the maximum likelihood estimate of  $\theta$ , we need to let the likelihood function as large as possible. Which means that let the logarithmic likelihood function as large as possible.

If  $l_1 > l_2$ , which means that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \log(1+x_i^2) < n(\log \pi - \log 2),$$

we have that the M.L.E of  $\theta$  is  $\hat{\theta} = 1$ .

If  $l_1 < l_2$ , which means that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \log(1+x_i^2) > n(\log \pi - \log 2),$$

we have that the M.L.E of  $\theta$  is  $\hat{\theta} = 2$ .

If  $l_1 = l_2$ , which means that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \log(1+x_i^2) = n(\log \pi - \log 2),$$

we have that the M.L.E. of  $\theta$  are  $\hat{\theta} = 1, \hat{\theta} = 2$ .