

STATS 2107  
Statistical Modelling and Inference II  
Tutorial 5

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1. Suppose  $y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$  are independent  $Po(\lambda_i)$  observations with

$$\lambda_i = \theta x_i$$

where  $\theta > 0$  is the unknown parameter and  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are given positive constants.

- (a) Find the log-likelihood,  $\ell(\theta; \mathbf{y})$ , and the score function,  $S(\theta; \mathbf{y})$ .
  - (b) Find the maximum likelihood estimate,  $\hat{\theta}$ , and the Fisher information,  $I_\theta$ .
2. Consider a **single** binomial observation  $y$  from  $\text{Bin}(n, \theta)$  where the number of trials is  $n$  and the probability of success is  $\theta$ . Assume  $n$  is known.
- (a) Give the log-likelihood  $\ell(\theta; y)$ .
  - (b) Find the Score function and the Fisher information about  $\theta$ .
  - (c) Find the MLE  $\hat{\theta}$ .
  - (d) Find expressions for the score test statistic,  $U$ , and the log-likelihood ratio test statistic,  $G^2$ , for testing the null hypothesis  $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$  versus  $H_a : \theta \neq \theta_0$ .
  - (e) State the asymptotic distributions of  $U$  and  $G^2$ , respectively, under  $H_0$ .
3. Consider the simple linear regression model with no intercept, that is,

$$Y_i = \beta x_i + \epsilon_i, \quad \epsilon_i \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

where  $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\beta, \sigma^2)$  are the unknown parameters.

- (a) Write down the log-likelihood  $\ell(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \mathbf{y})$
  - (b) Find the score vector  $S(\boldsymbol{\theta}; \mathbf{y})$ .
  - (c) Find the Fisher information matrix  $I_{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$ .
  - (d) Find the MLEs  $\hat{\beta}$  and  $\hat{\sigma}^2$ .
4. Suppose that  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n$  are independent and identically distributed with density function

$$f(y; \theta) = e^{-(y-\theta)}, \quad y \geq \theta$$

and  $f(y; \theta) = 0$  otherwise.

Find the MLE of  $\theta$ . **Hint: Take note of the region  $y \geq \theta$  where the density is positive.**

5. Suppose  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} \text{Exp}(\lambda)$  so that the density function is

$$f_{Y_i}(y; \lambda) = \lambda e^{-\lambda y_i}.$$

Consider the equivalent parameterisation in terms of  $\theta = \frac{1}{\lambda}$  where

$$f_{Y_i}(y; \theta) = \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-\frac{1}{\theta} y_i}.$$

By considering the transformation  $\Phi(\lambda) = \frac{1}{\lambda} = \theta$ , do the following:

- (a) Calculate the log-likelihoods  $\ell_\lambda(\lambda; \mathbf{y})$  and  $\ell_\theta(\theta; \mathbf{y})$ . Verify directly that  $\ell_\lambda(\lambda; \mathbf{y}) = \ell_\theta(\Phi(\lambda); \mathbf{y})$  and  $\ell_\theta(\theta; \mathbf{y}) = \ell_\lambda(\Phi^{-1}(\theta); \mathbf{y})$ .
- (b) Calculate  $\hat{\lambda}$ , the maximum likelihood estimate of  $\lambda$ . Hence, calculate the the maximum likelihood estimate of  $\theta$ .