

Likelihood

$$\prod_{i=1}^n P(Y_i = y_i \mid x_i \text{'s} \ \& \ \beta \text{'s})$$

$\in (0, 1)$

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(also probably
closer to 0)

$\log(\text{likelihood})$

$$\log(1) = 0$$

$$-\infty < \log(<1) < 0$$

Take the example of flipping coin H T T
What is the maximum Likelihood estimate of p ?

$$\text{Likelihood} = p(1-p)(1-p) = p^1(1-p)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}\log\text{-likelihood} &= \ln(p^1(1-p)^2) \\ &= \ln(p^1) + \ln((1-p)^2)\end{aligned}$$

$$\ell = 1 \ln p + 2 \ln(1-p)$$

$$\ell' = \frac{1}{p} + \frac{2}{1-p}(-1)$$

$$\frac{1}{p} - \frac{2}{1-p}$$

set $= 0$ solve for p

$$\frac{1}{p} = \frac{2}{1-p}$$

$$1-p = 2p$$

$$1 = 3p$$

$$p = \frac{1}{3}$$