

# Mini\_homework

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- You want to know the density of fish in a set of experimental ponds:
- You observe the following counts in ten ponds: 5,6,7,3,6,5,8,4,4,3
- What is your process model?

My process model is  $f(x) = \text{fish density}$

- What is your data model?

I thought that the poisson distribution would be a good fit, because it's sampling in a fixed space.

$$P(y|\lambda) = e^{-\lambda} \lambda^y$$

Because I have multiple data points:

$$P(y_i|\lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{y_i}}{y_i!}$$

- Solve for the analytical MLE

$$\ln(f(y_i)) = \sum_{i=1}^n \ln\left(\frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{y_i}}{y_i!}\right)$$

$$\ln(f(y_i)) = -\lambda n + \left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i\right) \ln(\lambda) - \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \ln(y_i!)\right)$$

Taking the derivative:

$$\frac{d}{d\lambda}(\ln(f(y))) = -n + \left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i\right) \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

$$0 = -n + \left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i\right) * \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

$$\lambda = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i\right) * \frac{1}{n}$$

Aka the mean!

- What is the estimate for this population?

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obs<-c(5,6,7,3,6,5,8,4,4,3)
mean(obs)
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## [1] 5.1
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My estimate is 5.1 fish per pond.