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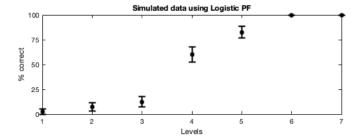
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clear; close all; clc;
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#### Q1.

Here I have simulated data for an observer performing a 2AFC method of constant stimuli task. This task has 7 levels with 4 being the level at which the subject performs by chance. The simulated data has been created using a logistic psychometric function (PF).

```
alpha = 4;
beta = 1.5;
levels = 7;
x = 1:1:levels;
n_{trials} = 40;
rand values = rand(levels, n trials);
prob_x = (1 ./ (1 + exp(-beta * (x - alpha))));
ans_choice = rand_values < prob_x';</pre>
y = mean(ans_choice, 2);
yerr = std(ans_choice, [], 2)./sqrt(n_trials);
figure();
subplot(2, 1, 1)
errorbar(x,y*100,yerr*100,"vertical","ks", 'MarkerSize', 5, 'LineWidth', 2)
ylabel('% correct')
xlabel('Levels')
xticks(x)
yticks(0:25:100)
title('Simulated data using Logistic PF')
```



## Q2.

Here the simulated data is fit using logistic PF by minimizing the negative log-likelihood.

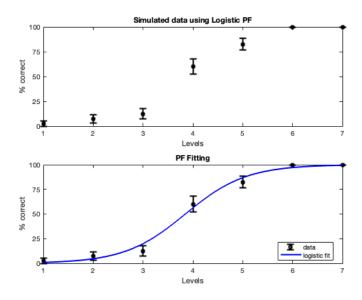
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psychometric_function = @(params, x) (1 ./ (1 + exp(-params(2) * (x - params(1)))));
neg_log_likelihood = @(params) -sum(y' .* log(psychometric_function(params, x)) + (1 - y') .* log(1 - psychometric_function(params, x)));
initial_params = [1, 1];
fitted_params = fminsearch(neg_log_likelihood, initial_params);

% Extract the fitted parameters
alpha_fit = fitted_params(1);
beta_fit = fitted_params(2);
fprintf('Fitted Parameters:\n');
fprintf('Alpha: %f\n', alpha_fit);
fprintf('Beta: %f\n', beta_fit);

% Plot the original data and the fitted psychometric function
x_values = 1:0.01:levels;
y_fit = psychometric_function(fitted_params, x_values);
subplot(2, 1, 2)
errorbar(x,y*100,yerr*100,"vertical","ks", 'MarkerSize', 5, 'LineWidth', 2, 'DisplayName', 'data');
```

```
hold on;
plot(x_values, y_fit * 100, 'b-', 'LineWidth', 2, 'DisplayName', 'logistic fit');
xlabel('Levels');
xticks(x)
yticks(0:25:100)
ylabel('% correct');
legend('Location', 'Best');
title('PF Fitting');
```

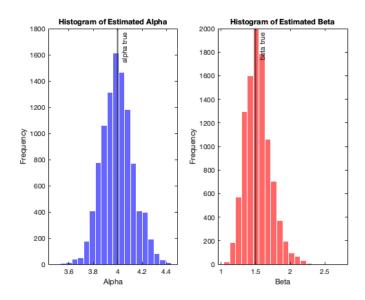
Fitted Parameters: Alpha: 3.849148 Beta: 1.639007

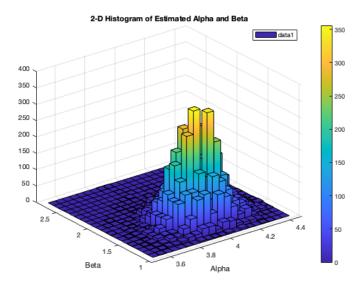


#### Q3.

I have repeated the simulations above using Monte-Carlo method. The distribution of estimated alpha and beta parameters are plotted alongside the actual alpha and beta parameters used to simulate the data. Number of Monte Carlo simulations

```
num_simulations = 10000;
estimated_params = zeros(num_simulations, 2);
for i = 1:num_simulations
    % Simulated data
    rand_values = rand(levels, n_trials);
   prob_x = 1 ./ (1 + exp(-beta * (x - alpha)));
ans_choice = rand_values < prob_x';</pre>
   y = mean(ans_choice, 2);
   % Fitting the psychometric function
    psychometric function = @(params, x) (1 ./ (1 + exp(-params(2) * (x - params(1)))));
   neg_log_likelihood = @(params) -sum(y' .* log(psychometric_function(params, x)));
    initial params = [1, 1];
    fitted params = fminsearch(neg log likelihood, initial params);
    estimated params(i, :) = fitted params(1:2);
% Plot a histogram of the estimated parameters (alpha and beta)
figure();
subplot(1, 2, 1);
histogram(estimated_params(:, 1), 20, 'FaceColor', 'b', 'EdgeColor', 'w'); hold on; xline(alpha,'-',{'alpha true'}, 'LineWidth', 2);
xlabel('Alpha');
ylabel('Frequency');
title('Histogram of Estimated Alpha');
subplot(1, 2, 2);
histogram(estimated_params(:, 2), 20, 'FaceColor', 'r', 'EdgeColor', 'w'); hold on;
xline(beta,'-',{'beta true'}, 'LineWidth', 2);
xlabel('Beta');
ylabel('Frequency');
title('Histogram of Estimated Beta');
hist3(estimated_params, [20, 20], 'CDataMode', 'auto', 'FaceColor', 'interp');
xlabel('Alpha');
ylabel('Beta');
title('2-D Histogram of Estimated Alpha and Beta');
colorbar;
legend('Location', 'Best');
```

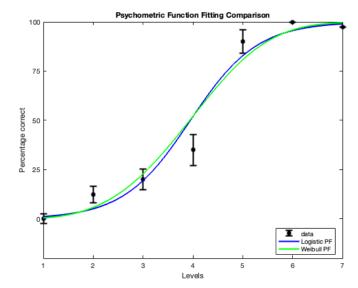




## Q4.

Here I repeated the data simulation and model fitting using logistic PF. This was followed by fitting the data using Weibull PF. Simulated data

```
rand_values = rand(levels, n_trials);
prob_x = 1 ./ (1 + exp(-beta * (x - alpha)));
ans choice = rand values < prob x';
y = mean(ans_choice, 2);
% Log PF
logistic_function = @(params, x) (1 ./ (1 + exp(-params(2) * (x - params(1)))));
logistic_neg_log_likelihood = @(params) -sum(y' .* log(logistic_function(params, x)) + (1 - y') .* log(1 - logistic_function(params, x)));
\label{eq:weibull_function} \texttt{weibull\_function} \texttt{ @ (params, x) (1 - exp(-(x./params(1)).^params(2)));}
weibull_neg_log_likelihood = @(params) -sum(y' .* log(weibull_function(params, x)) + (1 - y') .* log(1 - weibull_function(params, x)));
% Parameter estimates
initial_params = [1, 1, 1];
logistic_fitted_params = fminsearch(logistic_neg_log_likelihood, initial_params);
weibull_fitted_params = fminsearch(weibull_neg_log_likelihood, initial_params);
x values = 1:0.01:levels;
logistic fit = logistic function(logistic fitted params, x values);
weibull_fit = weibull_function(weibull_fitted_params, x_values);
% Plot the original data, the logistic fit, and the Weibull fit
errorbar(x,y*100,yerr*100,"vertical","ks", 'MarkerSize', 5, 'LineWidth', 2, 'DisplayName', 'data');
plot(x_values, logistic_fit * 100, 'b-', 'LineWidth', 2, 'DisplayName', 'Logistic_PF'); plot(x_values, weibull_fit * 100, 'g-', 'LineWidth', 2, 'DisplayName', 'Weibull_PF');
xticks(x)
yticks(0:25:100)
xlabel('Levels');
ylabel('Percentage correct');
legend('Location', 'Best');
title('Psychometric Function Fitting Comparison');
```



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