

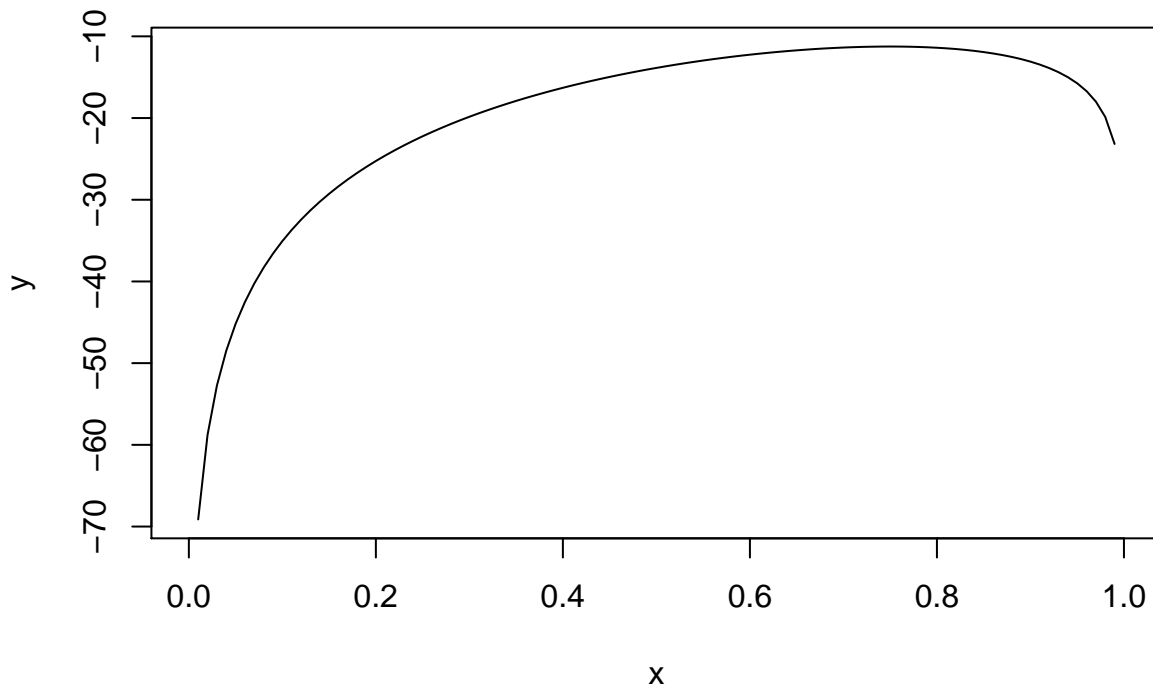
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1. Exercise 1: Comparison of drugs

In a crossover trial comparing a new drug to a standard, π denotes the probability that the new one is judged better. It is desired to estimate π and test $H_0 : \pi = 0.50$ against $H_1 : \pi \neq 0.50$. The new drug is found to be better in 15 out of 20 independent observations.

- (a) Find and sketch the log-likelihood function. Is it close to the quadratic shape that large-sample normal approximations utilize?

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l = function(x){15*log(x)+5*log(1-x)}  
curve(l, from=0, to=1, xlab="x", ylab="y")
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- (b) Give the ML estimate of π .

$$\begin{aligned} f(15|\pi) &= \binom{20}{15} \pi^{15} (1-\pi)^5 \\ \mathcal{L}(\pi|15) &= \binom{20}{15} \pi^{15} (1-\pi)^5 \\ &\propto \pi^{15} (1-\pi)^5 \\ \ell(\pi|15) &= 15 \log \pi + 5 \log (1-\pi) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \pi} = \frac{15}{\pi} + \frac{5}{\pi - 1}$$

$$0 = \frac{15}{\pi} + \frac{5}{\pi - 1}$$

$$-\frac{5}{\pi - 1} = \frac{15}{\pi}$$

$$\frac{\pi - 1}{\pi} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$1 - \frac{1}{\pi} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$-\frac{1}{\pi} = -\frac{4}{3}$$

$$\hat{\pi}_{MLE} = \frac{3}{4}$$

(c) Wald test

- Conduct a Wald test, report the p -value and state your conclusion.

Expected Information:

$$\begin{aligned} I^{-1}(\pi) &= \left(-E \left[\frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial \pi^2} \right] \right)^{-1} \\ &= \left(-E \left[-\frac{15}{\pi^2} - \frac{5}{(\pi - 1)^2} \right]_{\pi = \hat{\pi}} \right)^{-1} \\ &= \left(-E \left[-\frac{15}{.75^2} - \frac{5}{(.75 - 1)^2} \right] \right)^{-1} \\ &= \frac{3}{320} \end{aligned}$$

Wald test:

$$H_0 : \pi = 0.5$$

$$W = \frac{(\hat{\pi} - \pi_0)^2}{\text{Var}(\hat{\pi})} = \frac{\left(\frac{3}{4} - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2}{\frac{3}{320}} = \frac{20}{3} \sim \chi_1^2$$