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Let $f(x; \theta)$ be the probability density function of the random variable \mathbb{X} conditioned on the parameter θ . The Fisher information measures the amount of information that an observation of \mathbb{X} carries about the unknown parameter θ . The partial derivative of the natural logarithm of the likelihood function is called **score** (S):

$$S(x, \theta) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log [f(x; \theta)] . \quad (1)$$

Fisher information is defined as the variance of the score S :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{I}(\theta) = \mathbb{E}[S^2 | \theta] &= \mathbb{E} \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log [f(x; \theta)] \right)^2 \middle| \theta \right] \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log [f(x; \theta)] \right)^2 f(x; \theta) \, dx \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

If $\log [f(x; \theta)]$ is twice differentiable with respect to θ and under certain regularity conditions, Fisher information can be written as

$$\mathcal{I}(\theta) = \mathbb{E} \left[-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \log [f(x; \theta)] \middle| \theta \right] . \quad (3)$$

Let \mathbb{X} be a scalar Gaussian random variable *i.e.* $\mathbb{X} \sim \mathbb{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$. Then the probability density function is parameterized by the parameters μ and σ :

$$f(x; \mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left[-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] . \quad (4)$$

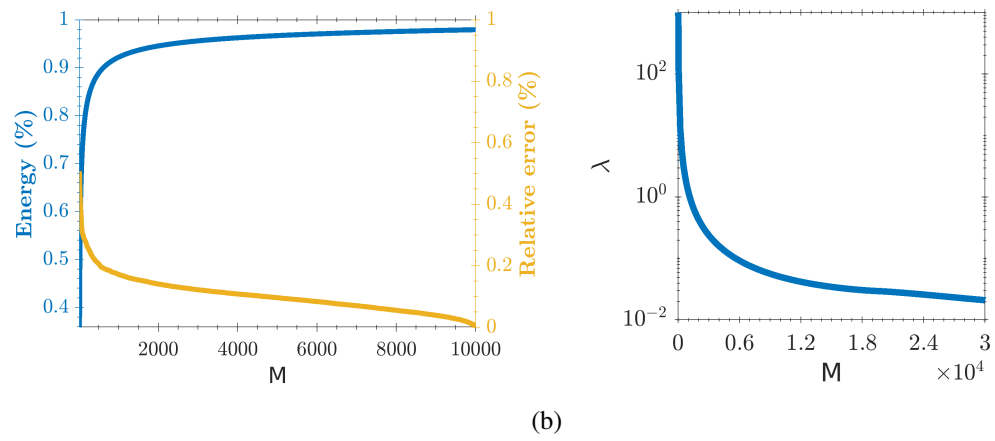
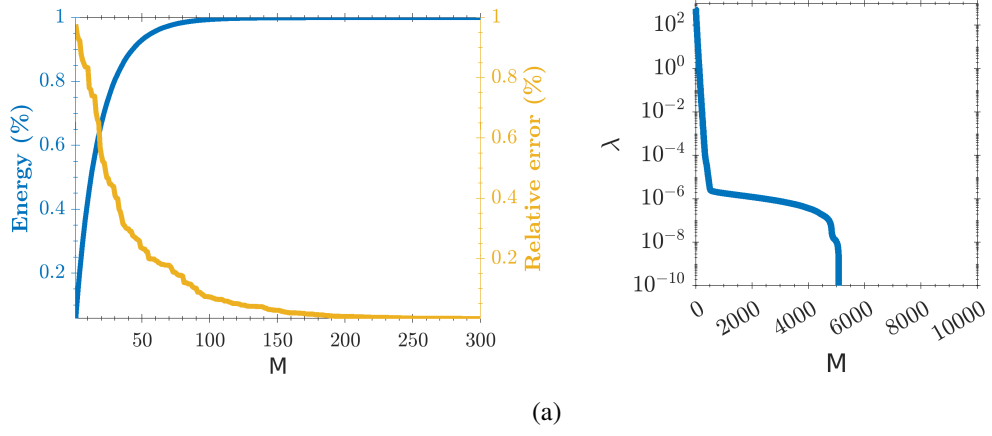
Substituting Eq. (4) in Eq. (3) where $\theta = \mu$ or σ we can compute the Fisher information for a Gaussian variable as:

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$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{I}(\mu) &= \mathbb{E} \left[-\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \mu^2} \left[\log \left(\frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\mathbb{X} - \mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 \right] \middle| \mu \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[-\frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \left(-\frac{\mathbb{X} - \mu}{\sigma^2} \right) \middle| \mu \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[\frac{1}{\sigma^2} \right] = \frac{1}{\sigma^2}\end{aligned}\tag{5}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{I}(\sigma) &= \mathbb{E} \left[-\frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma} \left[-\frac{1}{\sigma} + \frac{(\mathbb{X} - \mu)^2}{\sigma^3} \right] \middle| \sigma \right] \\ &= \mathbb{E} \left[-\frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{3(\mathbb{X} - \mu)^2}{\sigma^4} \middle| \sigma \right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{3\sigma^2}{\sigma^4} = \frac{2}{\sigma^2}\end{aligned}\tag{6}$$

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