

Practical_maximum_likelihood_estimation_ Oscar_Contreras_Rafael_Castilla

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Resolve the following exercise in groups of two students. Write your solution in a Word, Latex or Mark-down document and generate a pdf file with your solution. Upload the pdf file with your solution to the corresponding task at the Moodle environment of the course, no later than the hand-in date.

1.(16p) ML estimation of a one-parameter distribution.

Let X be a random variable with probability density $f(x|\beta) = \beta x^{\beta-1}$ with $x \geq 1$, $\beta > 0$ we consider a random sample of n observation of this distribution.

a) (2p) Write down the likelihood function for a sample of n observations of this distribution.

Answer: $L(\beta|x) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i|\beta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \beta x_i^{\beta-1} = \beta^n \prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{\beta-1}$

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likeli<-function(b,x){  
  n<-row(x)  
  l<-b^n*prod(x^(b-1))  
  return(l)  
}
```

b) (1p) Obtain the log-likelihood function

Answer: $\log(L(\beta|x_i)) = n\log(\beta) + \sum_{i=1}^n (\beta-1)\log(x_i) = n\log(\beta) + n(\beta-1) \sum_{i=1}^n \log(x_i)$

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loglike<-function(b,x){  
  n<-nrow(x)  
  l<-n*log(b)+(n*(b-1))*sum(log(x))  
  return(l)  
}
```

c) (2p) Find the stationary point(s) of the log-likelihood function analytically.

Answer: $\frac{d\log(L(\beta|x))}{d\beta} = \frac{n}{\beta} + n \sum_{i=1}^n \log(x_i)$
for find the stationary point the derivative equal to 0

$$0 = \frac{n}{\beta} + n \sum_{i=1}^n \log(x_i)$$
$$\beta = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n \log(x_i)}$$

d)(1p) Determine whether the stationary point(s) are maxima or minima.

Answer: for know if the stationary point is maxima or minima we need the 2nd derivative
 $\frac{d^2l}{d\beta^2} = -\frac{n}{\beta^2}$
and if the result is positive is the minimum and if is negative is a maximum

- e) 1p) Download the file Sample.dat, which contains sample of observations from this probability distribution. Determine the sample size and calculate the value of the ML estimator for this sample.

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x<-read.table('~/Statistic/Sample.dat')
print(paste0("the sample size is: ", nrow(x)))
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## [1] "the sample size is: 500"
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#if use the derivate of loglikelihood
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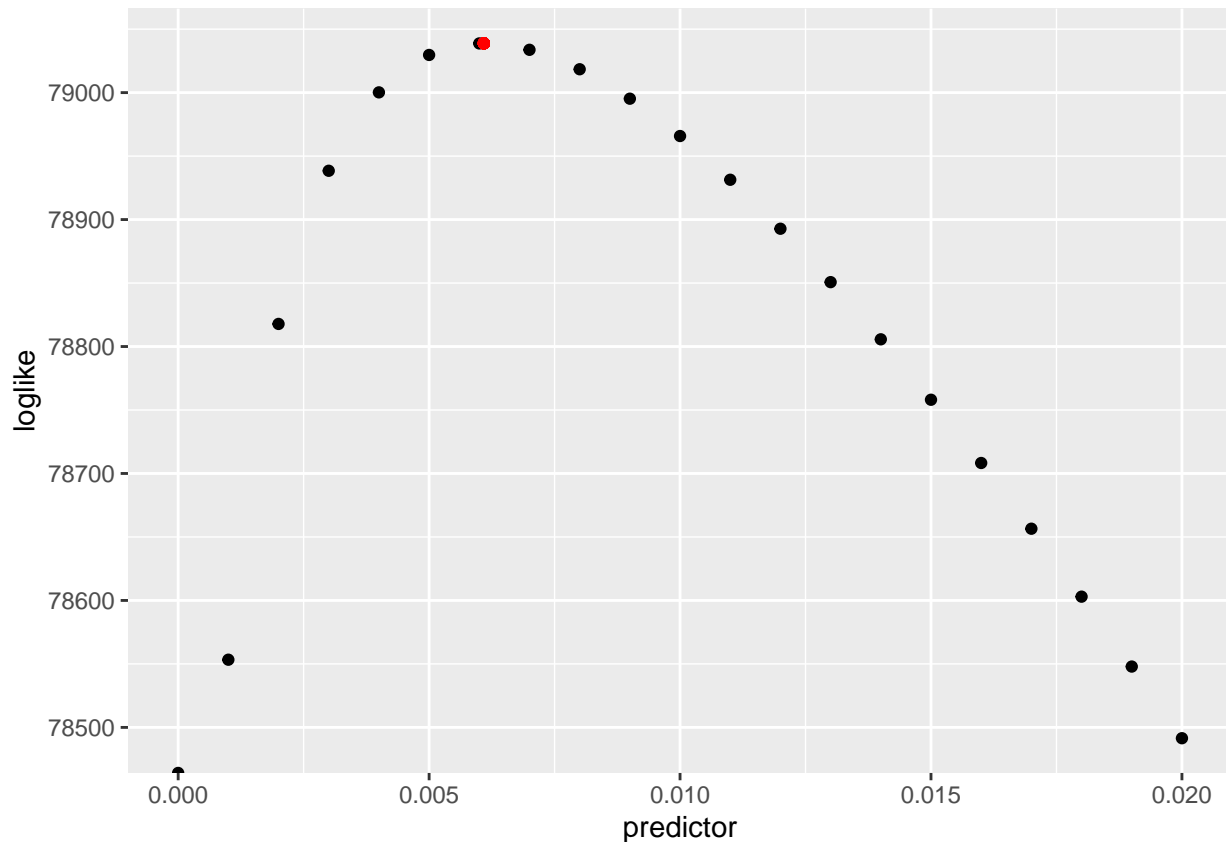
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ml<--1/sum(log(x))
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print(paste0("the ML estimator is: ",ml))
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## [1] "the ML estimator is: 0.00609092952042536"
```

- f) 2p) Plot the log-likelihood function, and assess graphically if your ML estimate coincides with the maximum of this function.

```
library(ggplot2)
b<-seq(0.0,0.02,by=0.001)
d<-data.frame("predictor"=b,"loglike"=loglike(b,x))
ggplot(d,aes(y=loglike,x=predictor))+
  geom_point()+geom_point(aes(ml,loglike(ml,x)),colour="red")
```



Answer: the maximum correspond with the graph

- g) (1p) Determine an expression for the Fisher information by calculating

Answer: $-E\left(\frac{d^2 l}{d\beta^2}\right)$
 $-E\left(\frac{n}{\beta^2}\right)$

- h) (1p) Use the Fisher information for obtaining an expression for the variance of the maximum likelihood

estimator β ML.

Answer: $(\sigma, \frac{1}{l(\beta)})$
 $(\sigma, \frac{\beta^2}{n})$
the variance is $\frac{\beta^2}{n}$

- i) (1p) Using the asymptotic normality of the ML estimator, give an expression of a confidence interval for .

Answer: A classic example of asymptotic normality is $N \sim (\mu, \sigma^2) | CI(\mu)_{1-\alpha} = \bar{x} \pm Z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} * \sqrt{V(\hat{\beta})}$
 $CI(\mu)_{1-\alpha} = \bar{x} \pm Z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} * \sqrt{\frac{\beta^2}{n}}$

- j) (1p) Calculate a 95% confidence interval for parameter , using the dataset that you have downloaded

Answer: $CI(\mu)_{1-\alpha} = \bar{x} \pm Z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} * \sqrt{\frac{\beta^2}{n}}$

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v=sqrt(ml^2/nrow(x))
CIp=ml+1.96*v
CIn=ml-1.96*v
print(paste0("the confidence interval is ",paste0(round(CIn,5),paste0(" : ",round(CIp,5)))))

## [1] "the confidence interval is 0.00556 : 0.00662"
```

- k) (1p) Do you think it is tenable that $\beta = 1$? Argue your answer.

Answer: Have 95% chance of 0.00556 and 0.00662 and $\beta = 1$ is not between into the coefficient

- l) (2p) Make a histogram of the data, using function hist, using the argument freq=FALSE. Overplot the histogram with the estimated probability density $f(x|\beta)$, using the maximum likelihood estimate. What do you observe?

Answer: $f(x|\beta) = \beta x^{b-1}$

```
f=ml*x^{ml-1}
hist(f[,1])
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