

# Statistical Inference

## Assignment 1

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1)

$X_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Exponential}(\lambda)$

$$f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$$

$$L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n (\lambda e^{-\lambda x_i})$$

$$L(\theta) = \lambda^n e^{-\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n x_i}$$

Log likelihood function  
=  $\log(L(\theta))$

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$$\ln(L(\theta)) = \log(\lambda^n e^{-\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n x_i})$$

$$\ln(L(\theta)) = n \log \lambda - \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

In order to obtain maximum

$$\frac{d(\ln(L(\theta)))}{d\lambda} = 0$$

$$\therefore 0 = \frac{n}{\Lambda} - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

$$\therefore \Lambda = \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}$$

$$\therefore \hat{\Lambda} = \frac{1}{\bar{x}}$$

To check for maximum

$$\frac{d^2 (\ln(L(\theta)))}{d\Lambda^2}$$

$$= -\frac{n}{\Lambda^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow -n(\bar{x})^2$$

$\therefore$  As  $n, \bar{x}$  are +ve

$$\frac{d^2 (\ln(L(\theta)))}{d\Lambda^2} < 0$$



Using Method of moments estimation

$$X_i \sim \text{Exponential}(\lambda)$$

$$E[X] = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

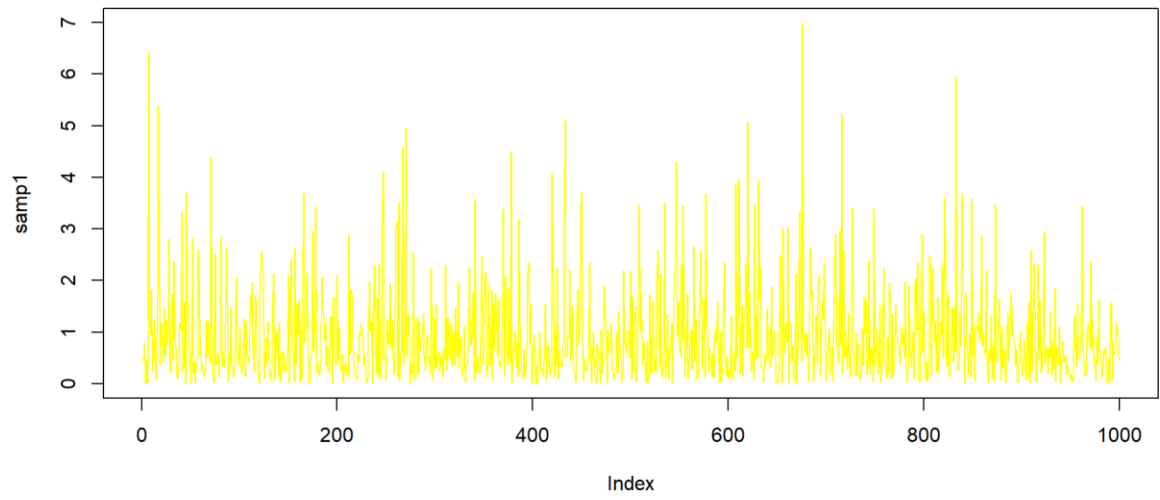
$$\therefore \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n} = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

$$\therefore \lambda = \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}$$

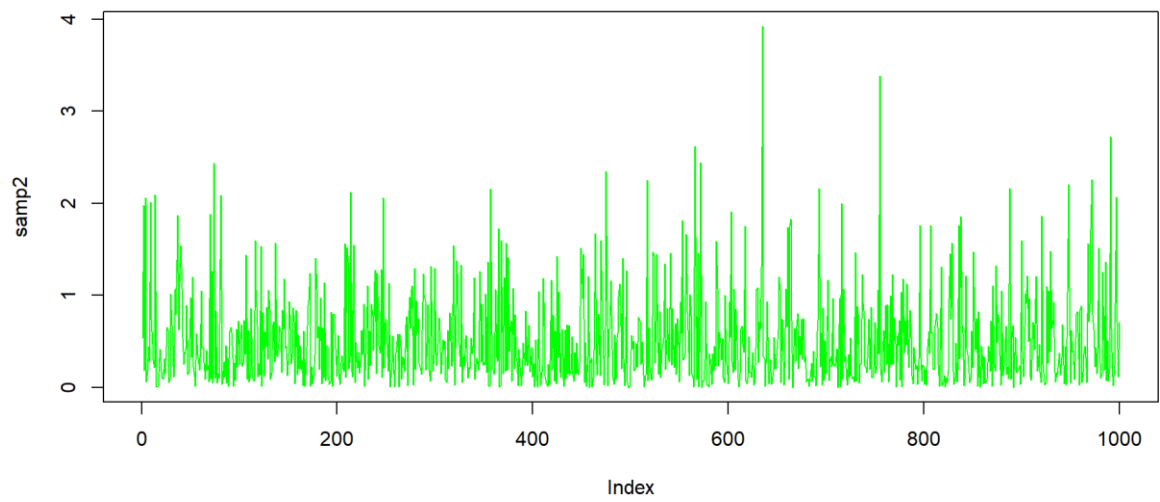
$$\therefore \hat{\lambda} = \frac{1}{\bar{x}}$$

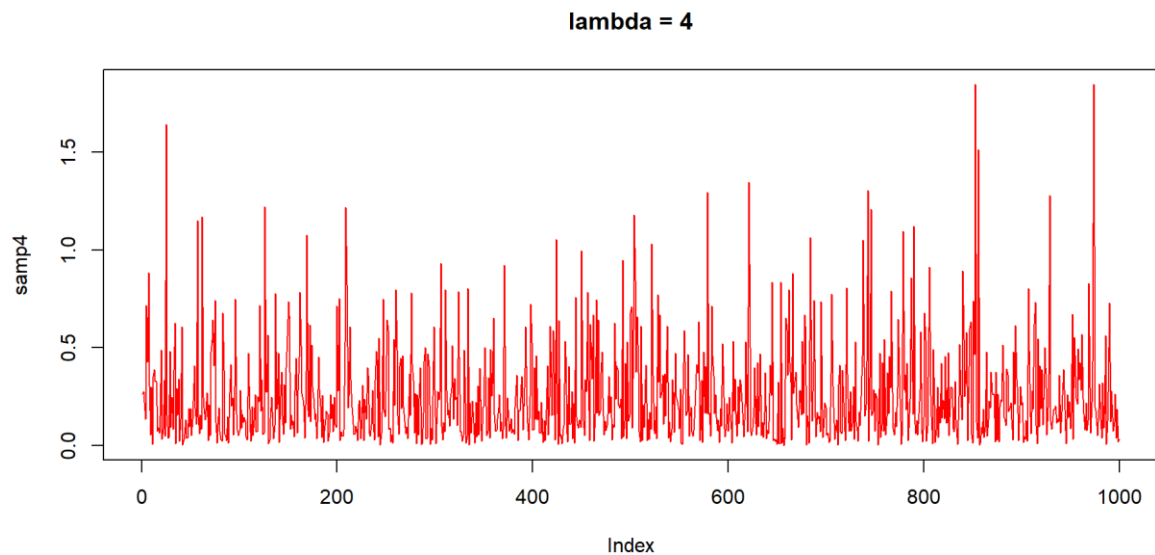
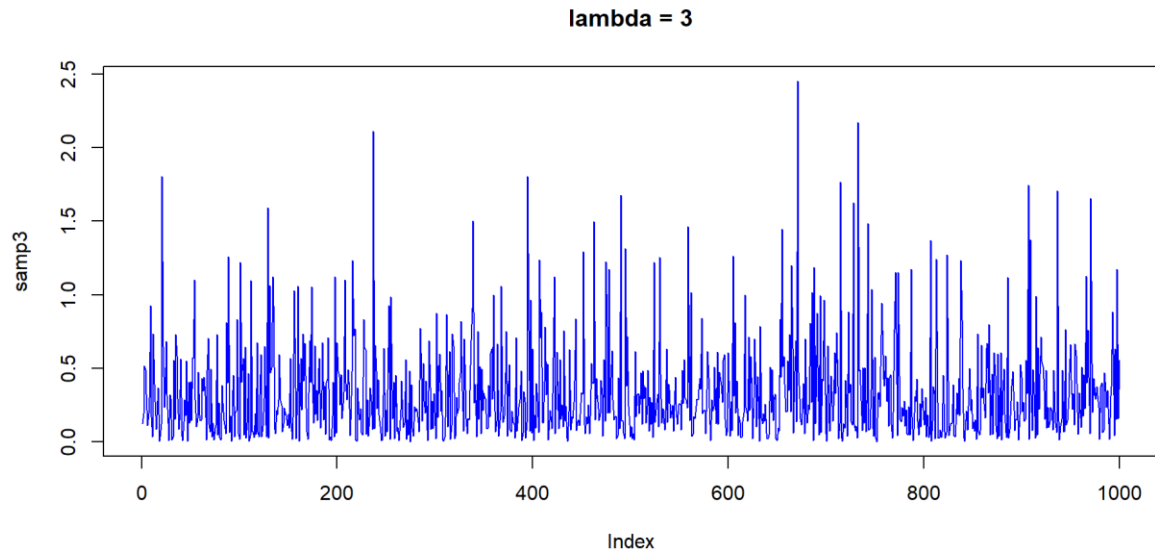
We have simulated four random samples of size 1000 by using the rexp function with lambda = 1,2,3,4. Their graphs are as follows:

**lambda = 1**



**lambda = 2**





For finding the Maximum Likelihood Estimate, we use function `nlminb()`, in order to minimise the negative of log likelihood which is equivalent to maximising the log likelihood of the random samples.

For  $\lambda = 1$ :

The Maximum Likelihood Estimate ( $\lambda=1$ ) is 1.058466. The value of log likelihood is -943.1797

The Maximum Likelihood Estimate using Method of Moments ( $\lambda = 1/\text{mean}$ ) is 1.058466. The value of log likelihood is -943.1797

The Maximum Likelihood Estimate with third set of values ( $\lambda=0.5$ ) is 1.058466. The value of log likelihood is -943.1797

For  $\lambda = 2$ :

The Maximum Likelihood Estimate ( $\lambda=2$ ) is 1.947926. The value of log likelihood is -333.2347

The Maximum Likelihood Estimate using Method of Moments( $\lambda = 1/\text{mean}$ ) is 1.947926. The value of log likelihood is -333.2347.

The Maximum Likelihood Estimate with third set of values ( $\lambda=1.5$ ) is 1.947926. The value of log likelihood is -333.2347.

For  $\lambda = 3$ :

The Maximum Likelihood Estimate ( $\lambda=3$ ) is 2.97426. The value of log likelihood is 89.9953

The Maximum Likelihood Estimate using Method of Moments( $\lambda = 1/\text{mean}$ ) is 2.97426. The value of log likelihood is 89.9953.

The Maximum Likelihood Estimate with third set of values( $\lambda=2.5$ ) is 2.97426. The values of log likelihood is 89.9953.

For  $\lambda = 4$ :

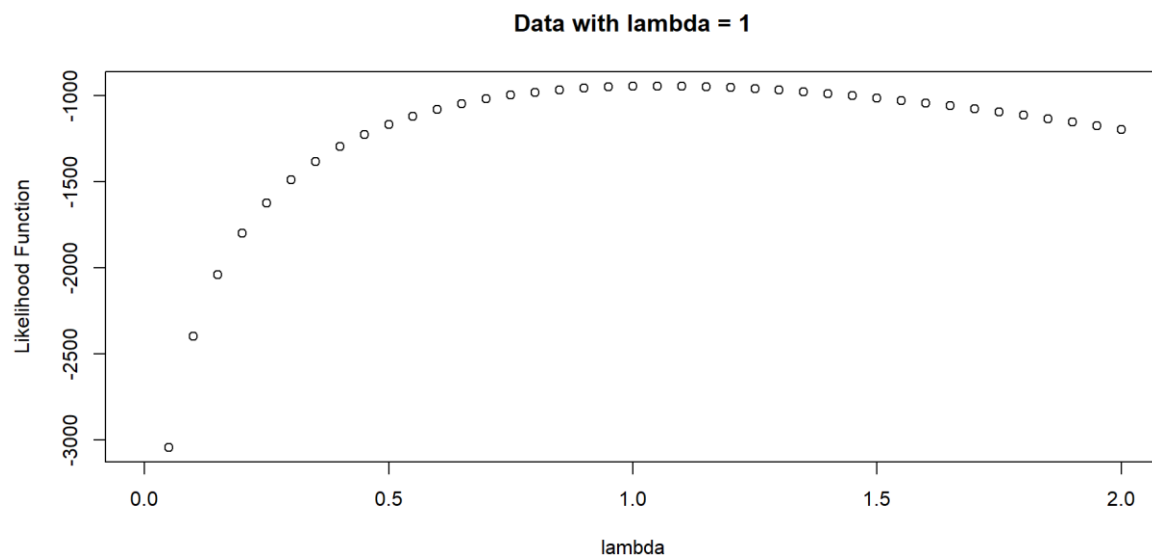
The Maximum Likelihood Estimate( $\lambda=4$ ) is 3.894381. The value of log likelihood is 359.5348

The Maximum Likelihood Estimate using Method of Moments( $\lambda = 1/\text{mean}$ ) is 3.894381. The value of log likelihood is 359.5348

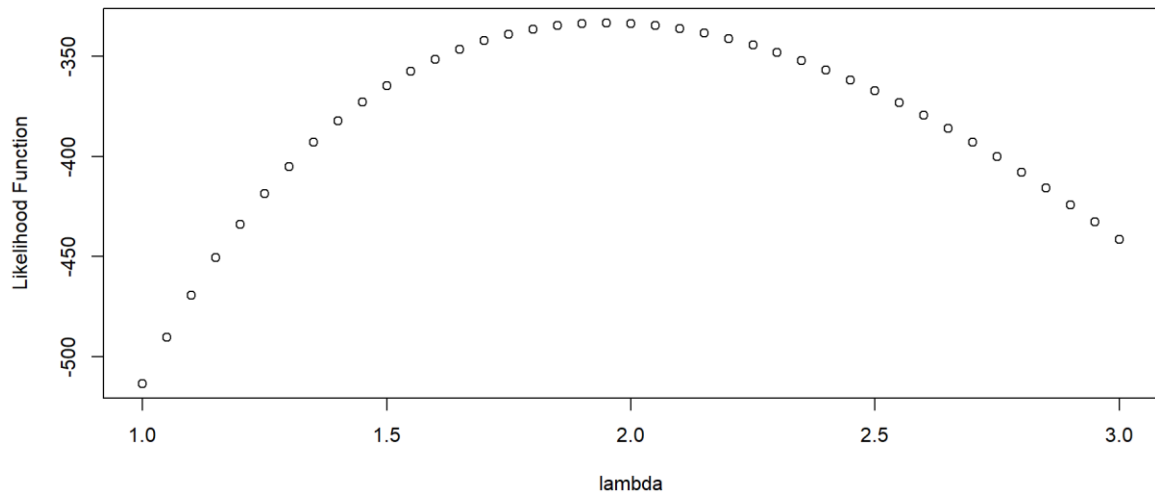
The Maximum Likelihood Estimate with third set of values( $\lambda=3.5$ ) is 3.89438. The value of log likelihood is 359.5348

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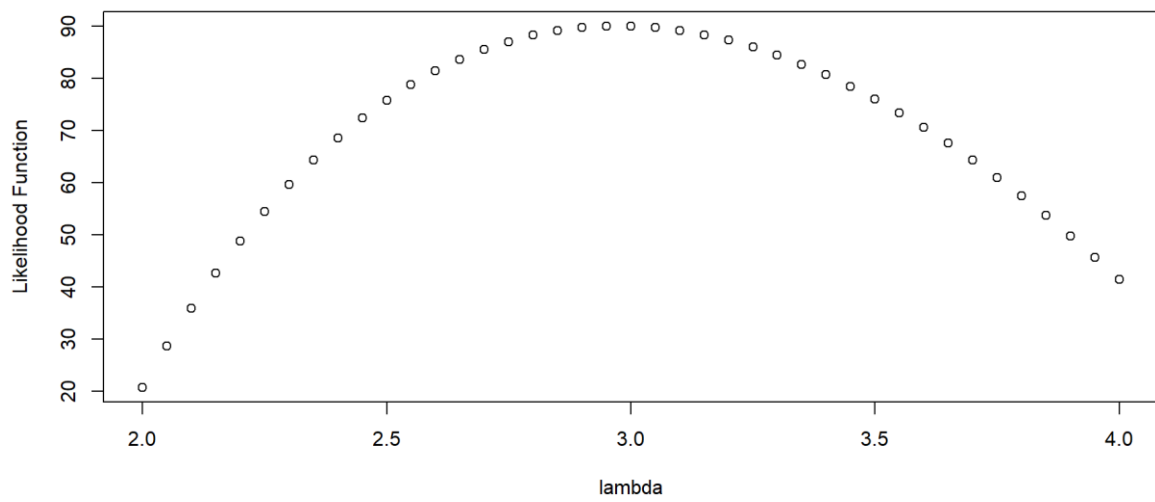
These are the plot of varying  $\lambda$  against the log likelihood function. We can see that the log likelihood function reaches its maximum at values of  $\lambda$  which agrees with what we got through the use of nlmnb function and through theoretical calculations.



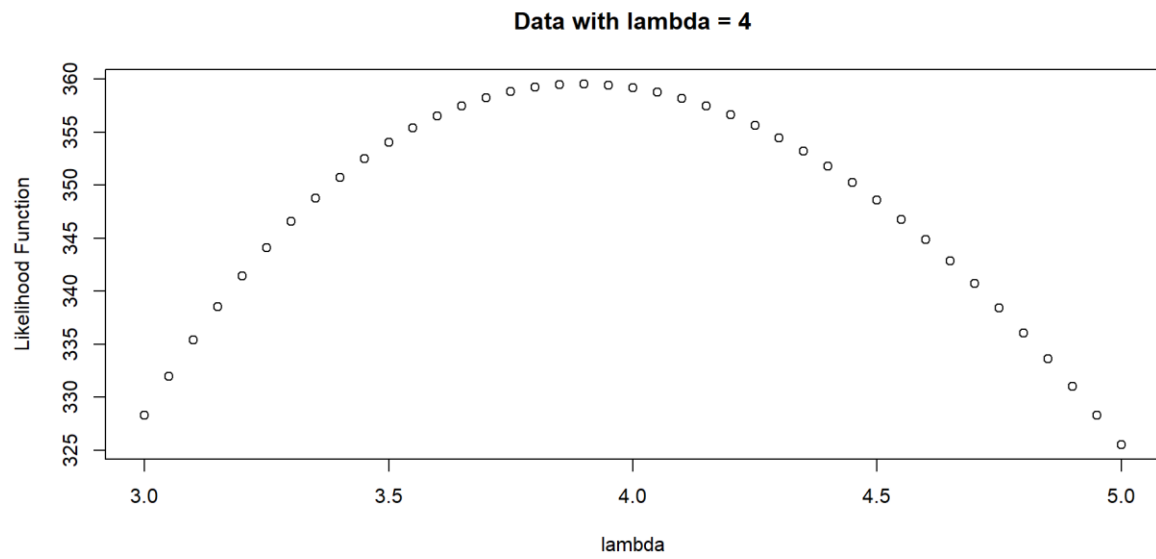
**Data with lambda = 2**



**Data with lambda = 3**







Therefore, we can see from the graphs that the log likelihood reaches its maximum at the values that we received through the usage of `nlminb` function and through the theoretical calculations.

2)

$$2) \quad X \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Normal}(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

$$\therefore f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left(\frac{x_i - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right)$$

$$\therefore L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i)$$

$$= \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2})^n} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right)$$

Log likelihood function

$$\Rightarrow \log(L(\theta))$$

$$\log(L(\theta)) = -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2)$$

$$- \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^2$$

$$= -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2$$

To obtain maximum

$$\frac{d}{d\mu} \log(L(\theta)) = 0$$

$$\frac{d}{d\sigma} \log(L(\theta)) = 0$$



∴ Differentiate wrt  $\sigma$

$$\frac{d(\log(L(\sigma)))}{d\sigma}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-n}{\sigma} + \frac{1}{\sigma^3} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore \sigma^2 = \frac{\sum (x_i - \mu)^2}{n}$$

$$\therefore \sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (x_i - \mu)^2}{n}}$$

For checking maximum

$$\frac{d^2(\log(L(\sigma)))}{d\sigma^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n}{\sigma^2} - \frac{3}{\sigma^4} \sum (x_i - \mu)^2$$

substitute value of  $\sigma$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n}{\frac{\sum (x_i - \mu)^2}{n}} - \frac{3}{\left(\frac{\sum (x_i - \mu)^2}{n}\right)^2} \sum (x_i - \mu)^2$$

$$= \frac{n^2}{\sum (x_i - \mu)^2} - \frac{3n^2}{\sum (x_i - \mu)^2}$$

$$= \frac{-2n^2}{\sum (x_i - \mu)^2}$$

As  $n^2$  and  $\sum (x_i - \mu)^2$  are +ve

$$\frac{d^2 (\log(L(\theta)))}{d\theta^2} < 0$$

∴ We have verified maximum

$$\sigma_{MLE} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (x_i - \mu)^2}{n}}$$

Now, we will differentiate w.r.t  $\mu$

$$\frac{d(\log(L(\theta)))}{d\mu} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-1}{\sigma^2} \left( \sum (x_i - \mu) \right)$$

~~Substituted~~

Substitute value of  $\sigma_{MLE}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-1}{\frac{\sum (x_i - \mu)^2}{n}} \left( \sum (x_i - \mu) \right) = 0$$

$$\sum x_i - n\mu = 0$$

$$\mu = \frac{\sum x_i}{n}$$

$$\mu = \bar{x}$$



For checking maximum

$$\frac{d^2(\log(L(\theta)))}{d\mu^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{1}{\sigma^2}(\mu) = -\frac{n}{\sigma^2}$$

As  $n, \sigma^2$  are +ve

$$\frac{d^2(\log(L(\theta)))}{d\mu^2} < 0$$

∴ We have verified maximum

$$\mu_{MLE} = \bar{X}$$

c) We already determined that ML estimate of  $\mu$  will be 4000.04371  
We need to find the ML estimate of  $\exp(-\mu)$ ;

∴ we will use invariance property.

The ML estimate of  $\exp(-\mu)$  will be  $\exp(-\hat{\mu}_{MLE})$

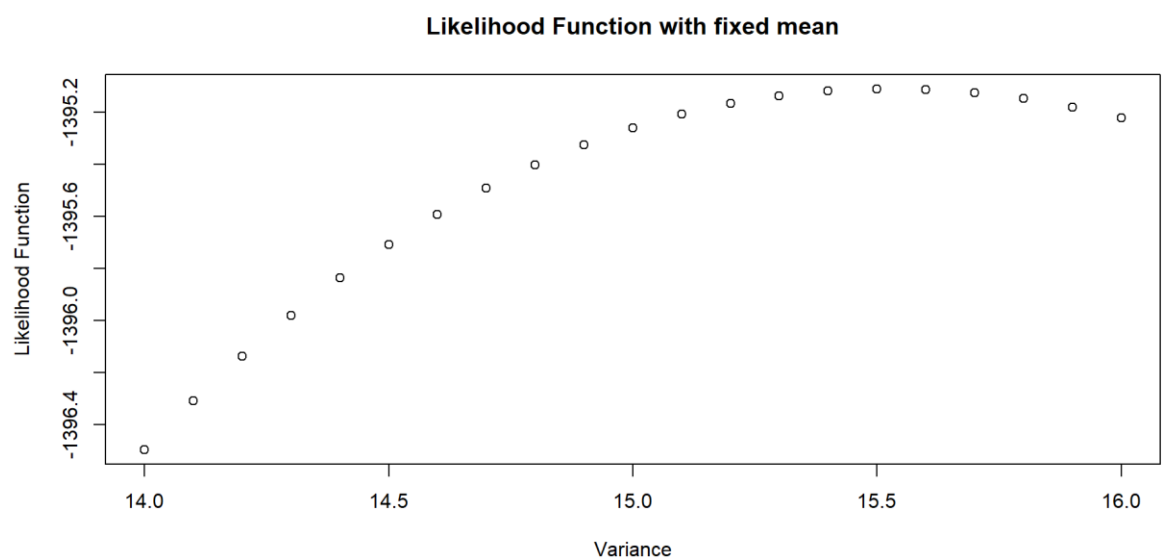
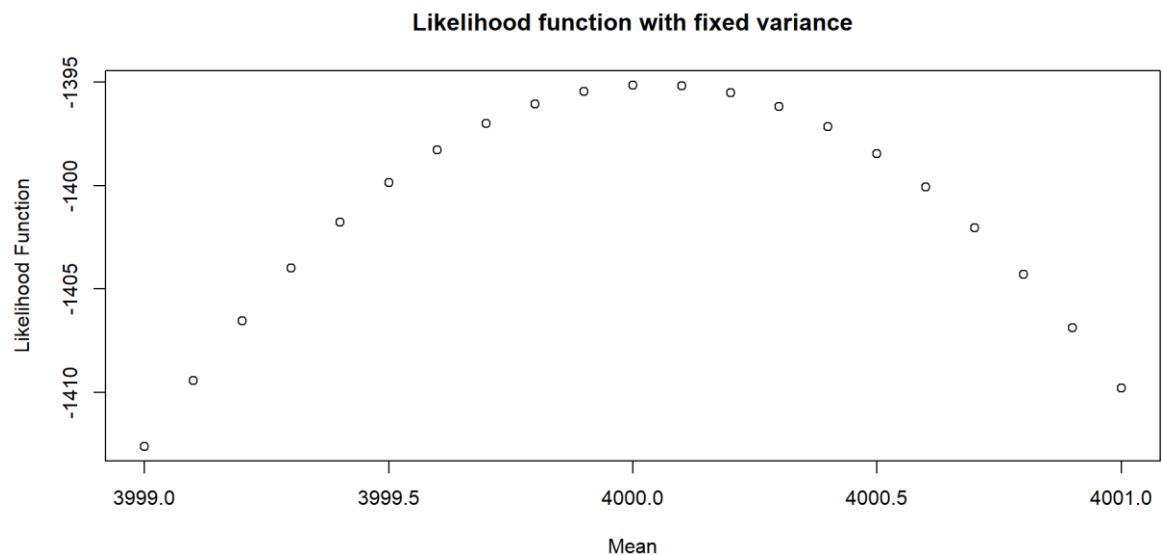
∴ Thus solved



I have successfully written a function in R that obtains the maximum likelihood estimate of the parameters. We find the Maximum likelihood estimates as mean ( $\mu$ ) = 4000.04371 and variance ( $\sigma^2$ ) = 15.52669. The value of the log likelihood at these values of the parameters is - 1395.109.

b)

We have plotted two curves, one with varying values of variance and a fixed mean, and the other with varying values of mean and a fixed variance against the log likelihood values. We keep the log likelihood function on the y axis, and the mean and variance on the x axis.



We can see that the likelihood function achieves its maximum at approximately mean = 4000 and variance = 15.5. Thus, we can see that the value of maximum likelihood estimators we get from the function we made gives us results that are consistent with the theoretical calculations.