

Activity: Fisher information

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Let $Y_1, \dots, Y_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$. We have previously shown that the MLE is $\hat{\lambda} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i$.

1. Compute $\text{Var}(\hat{\lambda})$.
2. For the Poisson, the derivative of the log-likelihood for a single observation is $\frac{d}{d\lambda} \log f(Y|\lambda) = -1 + \frac{Y}{\lambda}$. Compute the Fisher information, and compare with your answer to question 1.