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Maximum Likelihood Estimation-II

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Agenda

- This lecture will provide understanding intuition behind the MLE using Theory and examples.

Example1: Estimation of parameters of normal distribution

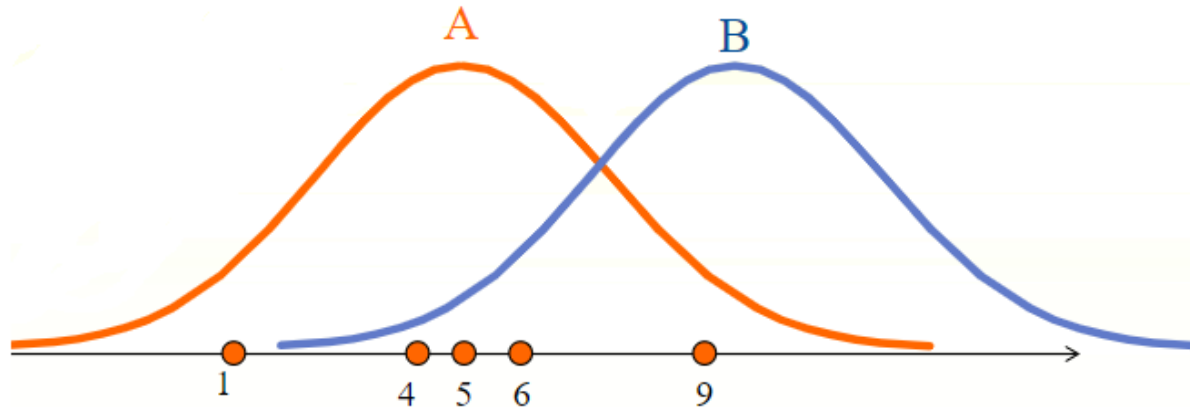
- Let us explain basic idea of MLE using simple problems.
- Let us make assumption that variable x follows normal distributed
- Density function of normal distribution with mean μ and variance σ^2 is given by:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-(x-\mu)^2/2\sigma^2} \quad \text{for } -\infty < x < \infty$$

Id	x
1	1
2	4
3	5
4	6
35	9

Example 1: Estimation of parameters of normal distribution

- The data is plotted on a horizontal line
- Think which distribution, either A or B, is more likely to have generated the data?



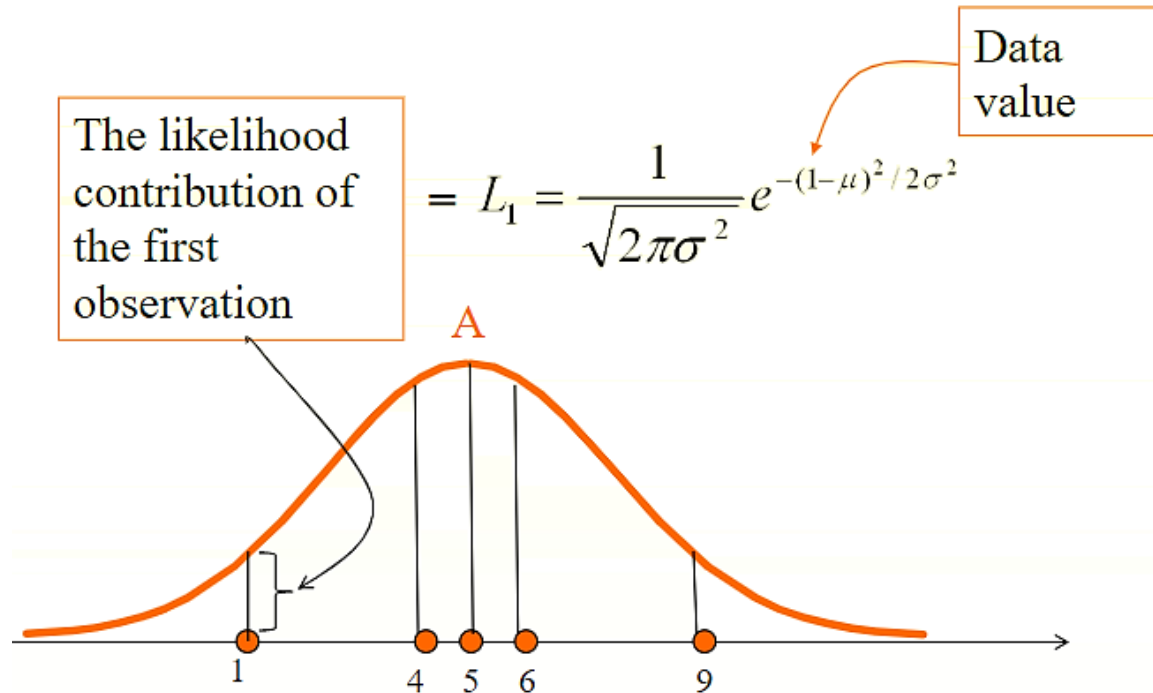
Interpretation

- Answer to this question is A, because the data are cluster around the center of the distribution A, but not around the center of the distribution B
- This example illustrate that, by looking at the data, it is possible to find the distribution that is most likely to have generated the data
- Now, I will explain exactly how to find the distribution in practice


The illustration of the estimation procedure

- MLE starts with computing the likelihood contribution of each observation
- The likelihood contribution is the height of the density function.
- We use L_i to denote the likelihood contribution of i^{th} observation.

Graphical illustration of likelihood contribution



The illustration of the estimation procedure

- Then, you multiply the likelihood contributions of all the observations. this is called the likelihood function. We use the notation L
- Likelihood function $L = \prod_{i=1}^n L_i$  This notation means you multiply from $i= 1$ through n
- In our example, $n= 5$

The illustration of the estimation procedure

- In our example, the likelihood function looks like:

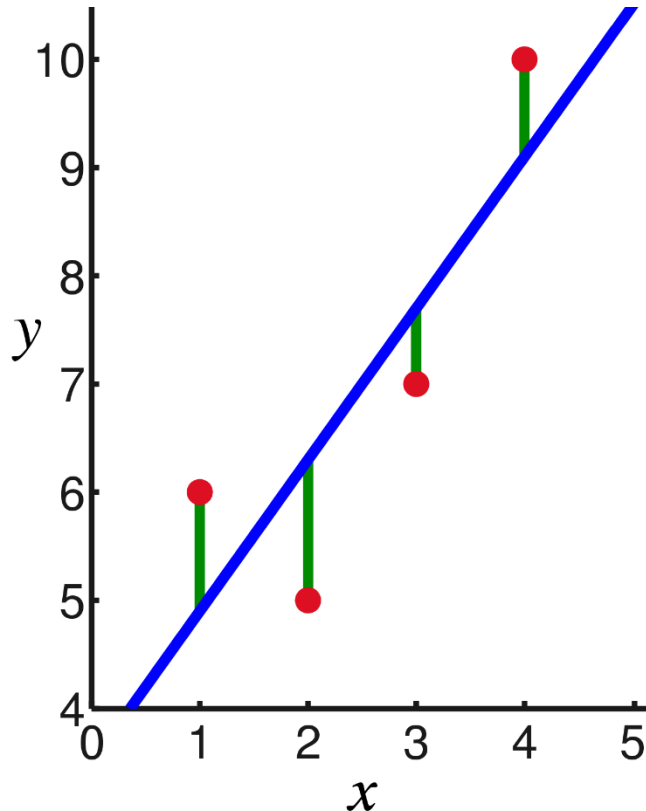
$$\begin{aligned} L(\mu, \sigma) &= \prod_{i=1}^5 L_i = L_1 \times L_2 \times L_3 \times L_4 \times L_5 \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-(1-\mu)^2/\sigma^2} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-(4-\mu)^2/\sigma^2} \\ &\times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-(5-\mu)^2/\sigma^2} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-(6-\mu)^2/\sigma^2} \\ &\times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-(9-\mu)^2/\sigma^2} \end{aligned}$$

- The likelihood function depends on mean μ and variance σ^2

The illustration of the estimation procedure

- The value of mean μ and σ that maximise the likelihood function is found.
- The values of mean μ and σ which are obtained this way are called the maximum likelihood estimators of mean μ and σ
- Most of the MLE cannot be solved 'by hand'. Thus, you need to write an iterative procedure to solve it on computer

Method of Least-squares vs MLE



Model for the expectation
(fixed part of the model):

$$E[Y_i] = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i$$

Residuals: $r_i = y_i - E[Y_i]$

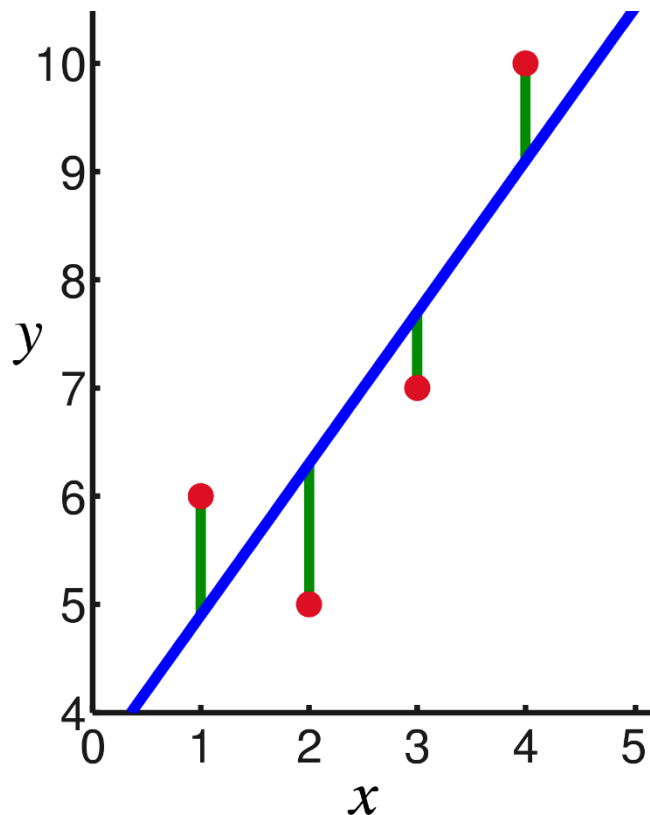
The method of least-squares:

Find the values for the parameters (β_0 and β_1) that makes the sum of the squared residuals ($\sum r_j^2$) as small as possible.

Can only be used when the error term is normal (residuals are assumed to be drawn from a normal distribution)

$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_i + \varepsilon_i, \text{ where } \varepsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma)$$

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The maximum likelihood method is more general!

- Can be applied to models with any probability distribution

Estimation of Regression Parameter

- We are interested in estimating a model like this:

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + u$$

- Estimating such a model can be done using MLE

Estimation of Regression Parameters

- Suppose that we have the following data and we are interested in estimating the model:
 $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x + u$
- Let us make an assumption that u follows the normal distribution with mean 0 and variance σ^2

Id	Y	X
1	2	1
2	6	4
3	7	5
4	9	6
5	15	9

Estimation of Regression Parameters

- We can write the model as :

$$u = y - (\beta_0 + \beta_1 x)$$

- This means that $y - (\beta_0 + \beta_1 x)$ follows the normal distribution with mean 0 and variance σ^2
- The likelihood contribution of each data point is the height of the density function at the data points $(y - \beta_0 - \beta_1 x)$

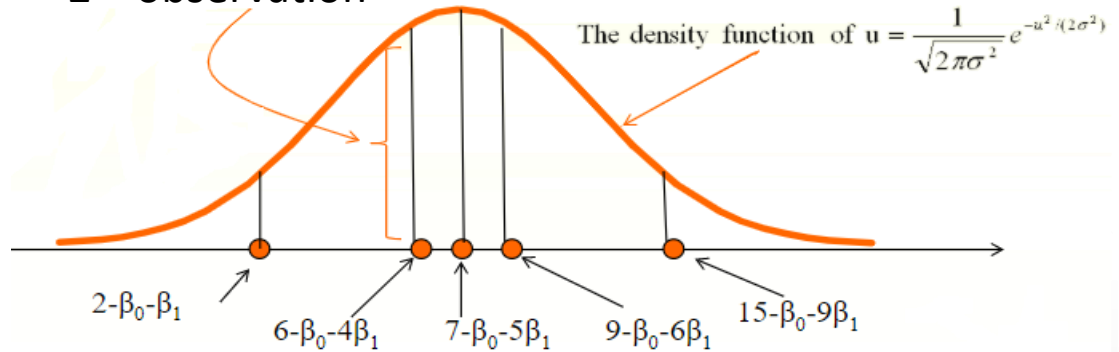
Estimation of Regression Parameters

- The likelihood contribution in this example, of the 2nd observation is given by:

$$L_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-(6-\beta_0-4\beta_1)^2/2\sigma^2}$$

Data point

The likelihood contribution of the 2nd observation



Estimation of Regression Parameters

- Then the likelihood function is given by

Id	Y	X
1	2	1
2	6	4
3	7	5
4	9	6
5	15	9

$$\begin{aligned} L(\beta_0, \beta_1, \sigma) &= \prod_{i=1}^n L_i = L_1 \times L_2 \times L_3 \times L_4 \times L_5 \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(2-\beta_0-\beta_1)^2}{\sigma^2}} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(6-\beta_0-4\beta_1)^2}{\sigma^2}} \\ &\quad \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(7-\beta_0-5\beta_1)^2}{\sigma^2}} \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(9-\beta_0-6\beta_1)^2}{\sigma^2}} \\ &\quad \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(15-\beta_0-9\beta_1)^2}{\sigma^2}} \end{aligned}$$

- The likelihood function is a function of β_0 , β_1 and σ .

Estimation of Regression Parameters

- You choose the values of β_0 , β_1 and σ that maximizes the likelihood function.



Python Demo for MLE

```
In [1]: import numpy as np  
        from scipy.optimize import minimize  
        import scipy.stats as stats
```

```
In [2]: import pandas as pd  
        tbl = pd.read_excel('mle.xlsx')  
        tbl
```

Out[2]:

	Id	Y	X
0	1	2	1
1	2	6	4
2	3	7	5
3	4	9	6
4	5	15	9

```
In [3]: import statsmodels.api as sm
x= tbl['X']
y =tbl['Y']
x2 = sm.add_constant(x)
mod1 = sm.OLS(y,x2)
modl2 = mod1.fit()
print(modl2.summary())
```


C:\Users\HP\Anaconda3\lib\site-packages\statsmodels\compat\pandas.py:56: FutureWarning: The recated and will be removed in a future version. Please use the pandas.tseries module instead from pandas.core import datetools

OLS Regression Results

```
=====
Dep. Variable:          Y    R-squared:                0.980
Model:                OLS    Adj. R-squared:           0.973
Method:             Least Squares    F-statistic:        145.9
Date:                Wed, 11 Sep 2019    Prob (F-statistic):    0.00122
Time:                10:05:16    Log-Likelihood:       -4.5811
No. Observations:      5    AIC:                13.16
Df Residuals:          3    BIC:                12.38
Df Model:              1
Covariance Type:      nonrobust
=====
```

	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]
const	-0.2882	0.755	-0.382	0.728	-2.692	2.115
X	1.6176	0.134	12.079	0.001	1.191	2.044

```
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Omnibus:                nan    Durbin-Watson:           1.405
Prob(Omnibus):          nan    Jarque-Bera (JB):         0.551
Skew:                   0.089    Prob(JB):                 0.759
Kurtosis:               1.384    Cond. No.                  12.5
=====
```



$$b_0 = -0.2882 \text{ and } b_1 = 1.6176$$

Parameter estimation by MLE

```
In [9]: e=modl2.resid
```

```
In [10]: e
```

```
Out[10]: 0    0.670588  
         1   -0.182353  
         2   -0.800000  
         3   -0.417647  
         4    0.729412  
         dtype: float64
```

```
In [6]: hp.std(e)
```

```
Out[6]: 0.6048820983804831
```

Parameter estimation by MLE

```
In [11]: import numpy as np
from scipy.optimize import minimize
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

def lik(parameters):
    m = parameters[0]
    b = parameters[1]
    sigma = parameters[2]
    for i in np.arange(0, len(x)):
        y_exp = m * x + b
    L = (len(x)/2 * np.log(2 * np.pi) + len(x)/2 * np.log(sigma ** 2) + 1 /
        (2 * sigma ** 2) * sum((y - y_exp) ** 2))
    return L

x = np.array([1,4,5,6,9])
y = np.array([2,6,7,9,15])
lik_model = minimize(lik, np.array([2,2,2]), method='L-BFGS-B')
```

```
In [12]: lik_model
```

```
Out[12]:      fun: 4.581084072762135
      hess_inv: <3x3 LbfgsInvHessProduct with dtype=float64>
      jac: array([1.24344979e-06, 2.84217094e-06, 1.33226763e-06])
      message: b'CONVERGENCE: NORM_OF_PROJECTED_GRADIENT_<= _PGTOL'
      nfev: 108
      nit: 17
      status: 0
      success: True
      x: array([ 1.61764689, -0.28823426,  0.60488214])
```

Example 2

```
In [1]: import numpy as np  
        from scipy.optimize import minimize  
        import scipy.stats as stats
```

```
In [2]: import pandas as pd  
        tbl = pd.read_excel('regcar.xlsx')  
        tbl
```

Out[2]:

	TV Ads	car Sold
0	1	14
1	3	24
2	2	18
3	1	17
4	3	27


```
In [3]: import statsmodels.api as sm
x= tbl['TV Ads']
y =tbl['car Sold']
x2 = sm.add_constant(x)
mod1 = sm.OLS(y,x2)
mod12 = mod1.fit()
print(mod12.summary())
```

```

=====
                        OLS Regression Results
=====
Dep. Variable:          car Sold      R-squared:                0.877
Model:                  OLS          Adj. R-squared:            0.836
Method:                 Least Squares   F-statistic:             21.43
Date:                  Wed, 11 Sep 2019   Prob (F-statistic):      0.0190
Time:                  11:11:23         Log-Likelihood:          -9.6687
No. Observations:      5              AIC:                     23.34
Df Residuals:          3              BIC:                     22.56
Df Model:              1
Covariance Type:       nonrobust
=====

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	coef	std err	t	P> t	[0.025	0.975]
const	10.0000	2.366	4.226	0.024	2.469	17.531
TV Ads	5.0000	1.080	4.629	0.019	1.563	8.437

```

=====
Omnibus:                nan      Durbin-Watson:              1.214
Prob(Omnibus):           nan      Jarque-Bera (JB):          0.674
Skew:                    0.256     Prob(JB):                  0.714
Kurtosis:                1.276     Cond. No.:                  6.33
=====

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```
## b0 = 10 and b1 = 5
```

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In [4]: e=modl2.resid
```

```
In [5]: e
```

```
Out[5]: 0    -1.0  
        1    -1.0  
        2    -2.0  
        3     2.0  
        4     2.0  
        dtype: float64
```

```
In [9]: np.std(e)
```

```
Out[9]: 1.6733200530681507
```

```

In [10]: import numpy as np
         from scipy.optimize import minimize
         import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

         def lik(parameters):
             m = parameters[0]
             b = parameters[1]
             sigma = parameters[2]
             for i in np.arange(0, len(x)):
                 y_exp = m * x + b
             L = (len(x)/2 * np.log(2 * np.pi) + len(x)/2 * np.log(sigma ** 2) + 1 /
                 (2 * sigma ** 2) * sum((y - y_exp) ** 2))
             return L

         x = np.array([1,3,2,1,3])
         y = np.array([14,24,18,17,27])
         lik_model = minimize(lik, np.array([2,2,2]), method='L-BFGS-B')

```

```

In [11]: lik_model

```

```

Out[11]: fun: 9.668741208976929
         hess_inv: <3x3 LbfgsInvHessProduct with dtype=float64>
         jac: array([-5.32907052e-07, -1.77635684e-07, -2.30926389e-06])
         message: b'CONVERGENCE: NORM_OF_PROJECTED_GRADIENT_<=_PGTOL'
         nfev: 104
         nit: 22
         status: 0
         success: True
         x: array([ 5.          ,  9.99999989, -1.67332066])

```

Thank you

