

# Likelihood

1. Likelihood  $L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(y_i; \theta)$

Log likelihood  $l(\theta; y) = \log L(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log f(y_i; \theta)$

Score  $U(\theta) = l'(\theta)$ , MLE  $U(\hat{\theta}) = 0$

Observed information  $J(\theta) = -\frac{dU}{d\theta} = -\frac{d^2l}{d\theta^2}$

Fisher's information  $I(\theta) = E[J(\theta)] = -E\left[\frac{d^2l}{d\theta^2}\right]$

$E[U] = 0$ ,  $Var(U) = E[U^2] - E[U]^2 = E[U^2] = -E[U'] = I$

$Var(\hat{\theta}) \approx \frac{1}{I(\hat{\theta})}$ ,  $ESE(\hat{\theta}) = \sqrt{Var(\hat{\theta})}$

2. When  $\theta$  is a  $p$ -dimensional parameter,

$\mathbf{U}(\theta)$  is a vector,  $\mathbf{I}(\theta)$  and  $\mathbf{J}(\theta)$  are matrices.

Let  $p = 2$ ,  $Var(\hat{\theta}) = I^{-1}(\theta_1, \theta_2) = \begin{pmatrix} Var(\hat{\theta}_1) & cov(\hat{\theta}_1, \hat{\theta}_2) \\ cov(\hat{\theta}_1, \hat{\theta}_2) & Var(\hat{\theta}_2) \end{pmatrix}$

3. Score test:  $\frac{U(\theta)}{\sqrt{I(\theta)}} \sim N(0, 1)$  and  $\frac{U^2(\theta)}{I(\theta)} \sim \chi_1^2$

Wald test:  $\frac{\hat{\theta} - \theta_0}{\sqrt{I^{-1}(\theta_0)}} \sim N(0, 1)$  and  $\frac{(\hat{\theta} - \theta_0)^2}{I^{-1}(\theta_0)} \sim \chi_1^2$

Likelihood Ratio test:  $LR = \frac{L(\theta_0)}{L(\hat{\theta})}$ ,  $-2 \log(LR) = -2(l(\theta_0) - l(\hat{\theta}))$ ,  $2(l(\hat{\theta}) - l(\theta_0)) \sim \chi_1^2$

$qnorm(0.975, 0, 1) = 1.96$ ,  $qchisq(0.95, 1) = 3.84$

4. Fisher's method of scoring  $\theta_{r+1} = \theta_r + \frac{U(\theta_r)}{I(\theta_r)}$

Multiparameter case:  $\theta_{r+1} = \theta_r + I^{-1}(\theta_r)U(\theta_r)$

5. Exponential family of distributions  $f(y; \theta) = \exp\{a(y)b(\theta) + c(\theta) + d(y)\}$

$E\{a(Y)\} = -\frac{c'(\theta)}{b'(\theta)}$ ,  $Var\{a(Y)\} = \frac{b''(\theta)c'(\theta) - c''(\theta)b'(\theta)}{\{b'(\theta)\}^3}$

6. Generalised Linear Models

Link function  $\mu_i = E(Y_i)$ ,  $g(\mu_i) = \mathbf{x}_i^T \beta$

Exponential family:  $f(y; \theta) = \exp\{yb(\theta) + c(\theta) + d(y)\}$

Canonical link:  $g(\mu_i) = b(\theta_i)$

Deviance:  $D = -2 \left\{ l(\hat{\beta}) - l(\text{maximal model}, \Omega) \right\}$ , where  $\hat{\mu}_i = y_i$  in model  $\Omega$

Pearson residuals:  $r_i = \frac{y_i - \hat{\mu}_i}{\sqrt{V(\hat{\mu}_i)}}$ , where  $V(\mu_i) = Var(Y_i)$