

**Data Science with Actuarial Applications****Week 7**

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## 2.6 Parameter Estimation (MLE)



## Taking derivative using the chain rule



## Evaluating each partial derivative



## Remark: saturated model



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5. Estimate  $\phi$  for the severity model.
6. Combine zone 5, 6, 7 into zone 4. Fit a new frequency model with the new zone 4.
7. Test the new frequency model against the previous one.
8. Repeat step 6 and 7 for the severity model.
9. Find the 95% confidence intervals for the parameters and the relativities of the frequency model.
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