

1 Question 1

(a). Because $x, y \geq 1$, $\lambda, \mu > 0$ and $Z = \min\{X, Y\}$. According to $F_X(x; \lambda)$ and $F_Y(y; \mu)$ we can get F_Z that for any $z \geq 1$. Then Z is Pareto-distributed with parameters λ and μ . We can find the density function of Z:

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_Z(z) &= P(Z \leq z; \lambda, \mu) \\
 &= P(\min\{X, Y\} \leq z) \\
 &= 1 - P(\min\{X, Y\} > z) \\
 &= 1 - P(X > z \text{ and } Y > z) \\
 &= 1 - P(X > z; \lambda) P(Y > z; \mu) \\
 &= 1 - (1 - P(X \leq z))(1 - P(Y \leq z)) \\
 &= 1 - (1 - F_X(z))(1 - F_Y(z)) \\
 &= 1 - \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{z^\lambda}\right)\right) \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{z^\mu}\right)\right) \\
 &= 1 - \frac{1}{z^{\lambda+\mu}}
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

we then differentiate $F_Z(z)$ to obtain the density function of Z as:

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_Z(z; \lambda, \mu) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial z} \left(1 - \frac{1}{z^{\lambda+\mu}}\right) \\
 &= (\lambda + \mu) z^{-\lambda-\mu-1}
 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

From the given cumulative distributions of X and Y, we can find the density functions of X and Y:

$$f_X(x) = \lambda x^{-\lambda-1} \tag{3}$$

$$f_Y(y) = \mu y^{-\mu-1} \tag{4}$$

We then need to find the frequency function of $\delta(f_\delta)$:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(\delta = 1) &= P(X < Y) \\
 &= \iint_{X < Y} f_X f_Y dy dx \\
 &= \int_1^\infty \int_x^\infty \lambda x^{-\lambda-1} \mu y^{-\mu-1} dy dx \\
 &= \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + \mu}
 \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

thus, the frequency function is:

$$\begin{aligned} S(1) &= P(\delta = 1) \\ &= \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + \mu} \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

$$\begin{aligned} S(0) &= P(\delta = 0) \\ &= 1 - P(\delta = 1) \\ &= \frac{\mu}{\lambda + \mu} \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

After the above analysis we can consider the distribution of Z to be a Pareto distribution with parameters λ and μ , and the distribution of δ to be a Bernoulli distribution with parameter $p = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + \mu}$.

(b). From (a) we get $f_Z(z; \lambda, \mu) = (\lambda + \mu)z^{-\lambda-\mu-1}$. Now, let $Z_1 \dots Z_n$ be random sample from $f_Z(z; \theta)$, the log likelihood is thus of the form

$$\begin{aligned} \log L(\theta; z, d) &= \log \prod_{i=1}^n f_Z(z; \lambda, \mu) \\ &= \log \prod_{i=1}^n f_Z(z; \theta) \\ &= \log \prod_{i=1}^n \theta z_i^{-\theta-1} \\ &= \log [\theta^n \prod_{i=1}^n z_i^{-\theta-1}] \\ &= n \log(\theta) + (-\theta - 1) \sum_{i=1}^n \log(z_i) \\ &= n \log(\theta) - \theta \sum_{i=1}^n \log(z_i) - \sum_{i=1}^n \log(z_i) \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

The score function of θ is given by

$$\begin{aligned} U(\theta) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(n \log(\theta) - \theta \sum_{i=1}^n \log(z_i) - \sum_{i=1}^n \log(z_i) \right) \\ &= \frac{n}{\theta} - \sum_{i=1}^n \log(z_i) \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

we then have

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$$U(\hat{\theta}) = 0 \quad (11)$$

$$\hat{\theta} = \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n \log z_i} \quad (12)$$

Let $\delta_1 \dots \delta_n$ be random sample from $f_\delta(d; p)$, with $p = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + \mu}$, the log likelihood is thus of the form:

$$\begin{aligned} \log L(p; z, d) &= \log \prod_{i=1}^n f_\delta(d; \lambda, \mu) \\ &= \log \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda + \mu} \right)^{d_i} \left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda + \mu} \right)^{1-d_i} \\ &= \log \prod_{i=1}^n p^{d_i} (1-p)^{1-d_i} \\ &= \log \prod_{i=1}^n f_\delta(d; p) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n d_i \log p + \sum_{i=1}^n (1-d_i) \log(1-p) \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

The score function of p is given by

$$\begin{aligned} U(p) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n d_i \log p + \sum_{i=1}^n (1-d_i) \log(1-p) \right) \\ &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n d_i}{p} - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (1-d_i)}{1-p} \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

$$U(\hat{p}) = 0 \quad (15)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{p} &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n d_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n d_i + \sum_{i=1}^n (1-d_i)} \\ &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n d_i}{n} \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

(c). Under certain conditions, the maximum likelihood estimate approximates a normal distribution with a mean equal to the true value of the parameter and a variance equal to the inverse of the Fisher information.

$$\begin{aligned} I(\theta) &= -E \left[\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \log L(\theta, p; z, d) \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{n}{\theta^2} \end{aligned} \tag{17}$$

Thus, the asymptotic distribution of $\hat{\theta}$ is $N \left(\theta, \frac{\theta^2}{n} \right)$. The Fisher information $I(p)$ is:

$$\begin{aligned} I(p) &= -E \left[\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial p^2} \log L(\theta, p; z, d) \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{n}{p(1-p)} \end{aligned} \tag{18}$$

Thus, the asymptotic distribution of \hat{p} is $N \left(p, p \frac{1-p}{n} \right)$.

For the 95% confidence interval, we used the standard normal distribution and the asymptotic normality of the maximum likelihood estimator, for θ obtained:

$$\left[\hat{\theta} - 1.96 \times \sqrt{\frac{\hat{\theta}^2}{n}}, \hat{\theta} + 1.96 \times \sqrt{\frac{\hat{\theta}^2}{n}} \right] \tag{19}$$

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These confidence intervals are only approximations and so may be inaccurate for small sample sizes or when regularity conditions are not met.

2 Question 2

(a). According to the conditions given in the question, we have $\phi(x_i; \mu, \sigma^2)$ from noncensored observation and $P(X < D; \mu, \sigma^2) = \Phi(x_i; \mu, \sigma^2)$ from censored observa-

tion. Thus the log likelihood of the observed data is:

$$\begin{aligned}
\log L(\mu, \sigma^2; x, r) &= \log \prod_{i=1}^n \{(\phi(x_i; \mu, \sigma^2))^{r_i} (\Phi(x_i; \mu, \sigma^2))^{1-r_i}\} \\
&= \log \{(\phi(x_i; \mu, \sigma^2))^{\sum_{i=1}^n r_i} (\Phi(x_i; \mu, \sigma^2))^{\sum_{i=1}^n (1-r_i)}\} \quad (21) \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n \{r_i \log(\phi(x_i; \mu, \sigma^2)) + (1 - r_i) \log(\Phi(x_i; \mu, \sigma^2))\}
\end{aligned}$$

(b). See the code in GitHub. The maximum likelihood estimate of μ based on the data available in the file dataex2.Rdata is 5.5328 under $\sigma^2 = 1.5^2$.

3 Question 3

The missing data mechanism is negligible for likelihood inference in the following cases:

- the missing data is MAR or MCAR
- the parameters ϕ and θ are disjoint

(a). $\text{logit}\{P(R = 0 \mid y_1, y_2, \theta, \psi)\} = \psi_0 + \psi_1 y_1$, $\psi = (\psi_0, \psi_1)$, the missingness only depends on Y_1 which is fully observed. The missing data mechanism is MAR. $\psi = (\psi_0, \psi_1)$ is distinct from θ . So, it is ignorable for likelihood-based estimation.

(b). $\text{logit}\{P(R = 0 \mid y_1, y_2, \theta, \psi)\} = \psi_0 + \psi_1 y_2$, $\psi = (\psi_0, \psi_1)$, the missingness only depends on Y_2 which has some missing values. The missing data mechanism is MNAR. For likelihood-based estimation, it is not ignorable, as missing data can be ignorable, while it does not depend on itself.

(c). $\text{logit}\{P(R = 0 \mid y_1, y_2, \theta, \psi)\} = 0.5(\mu_1 + \psi y_1)$, the missingness only depends on Y_1 which is fully observed and a constant. The missing data mechanism is MAR. The missingness also depends on μ_1 . Although the scalar ϕ is different from θ , μ_1 is included in the parameter space of the models ψ and θ . Therefore, it is ignorable for likelihood-based estimation.

4 Question 4

The log likelihood of β is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \log L(\beta) &= \log \prod_{i=1}^n p_i \beta^{y_i} (1 - p_i \beta)^{1-y_i} \\
 &= \log \prod_{i=1}^n \left[\left(\frac{e^{\beta_0 + x_i \beta_1}}{1 + e^{\beta_0 + x_i \beta_1}} \right)^{y_i} + \left(\frac{1}{1 + e^{\beta_0 + x_i \beta_1}} \right)^{1-y_i} \right] \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n \left[y_i \log \left(\frac{e^{\beta_0 + x_i \beta_1}}{1 + e^{\beta_0 + x_i \beta_1}} \right) + (1 - y_i) \log \left(\frac{1}{1 + e^{\beta_0 + x_i \beta_1}} \right) \right] \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^n [y_i(\beta_0 + x_i \beta_1) - \log(1 + e^{\beta_0 + x_i \beta_1})]
 \end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

Now we proceed to E-step. We can assuming first m values of Y are observed and remaining $n - m$ are missing. Since $Y \stackrel{\text{i.i.d}}{\sim} \text{Bern}[p_i(\beta)]$ and $E_{Y_i} = p_i(\beta) = \frac{e^{\beta_0 + x_i \beta_1}}{1 + e^{\beta_0 + x_i \beta_1}}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q[\beta | \beta^{(t)}] &= E_{Y_{mis}}[\log L(\beta | y_{obs}, y_{mis}) | y_{obs}, x, \beta^{(t)}] \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^m [y_i(\beta_0 + x_i \beta_1)] + \sum_{i=1}^n \log(1 + e^{\beta_0 + x_i \beta_1}) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{i=m+1}^n [y_i(\beta_0 + x_i \beta_1)] E_{Y_{mis}}[y_i | y_{obs}, x, \beta^{(t)}] \\
 &= \sum_{i=1}^m y_i(\beta_0 + x_i \beta_1) - \sum_{i=1}^n \log(1 + e^{\beta_0 + x_i \beta_1}) + \sum_{i=1}^m (\beta_0 + x_i \beta_1) p_i(\beta)
 \end{aligned} \tag{23}$$

Code in GitHub and we get result(β): Estimate(s): 0.9755261 -2.480384.

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Maximum Likelihood estimation
Newton-Raphson maximisation, 5 iterations
Return code 1: gradient close to zero (gradtol)
Log-Likelihood: -185.7986 (2 free parameter(s))
Estimate(s): 0.9755261 -2.480384

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5 Question 5

(a). First we convert the CDF to its PDF based on the given $F_X(x; \lambda)$ and $F_Y(y; \mu)$: $f_X(x; \lambda) = \lambda x^{-\lambda-1}$ and $f_Y(y; \mu) = \mu y^{-\mu-1}$. We define an augmented complete dataset

where $\mathbf{y}_{\text{obs}} = (y_1, \dots, y_n)$ and $\mathbf{y}_{\text{mis}} = (z_1, \dots, z_n)$ is a vector of unobserved/latent group data indicator, such that

$$z_i = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } y_i \text{ belongs to the first component (short waiting times)} \\ 0 & \text{if } y_i \text{ belongs to the second component (long waiting times)}. \end{cases} \quad (24)$$

Note that $Z \stackrel{\text{i.i.d}}{\sim} \text{Bern}(p)$ and then the complete data likelihood is

$$L(\theta \mid y, z) = \prod_{i=1}^n \{ [pf_X(x; \lambda)]^{z_i} [(1-p)f_Y(y; \mu)]^{1-z_i} \} \quad (25)$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \log L(\theta \mid y, z) &= \sum_{i=1}^n z_i \{ \log p + \log f_X(x; \lambda) \} + \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - z_i) \{ \log(1 - p) + \log f_Y(y; \mu) \} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n z_i \{ \log p + \log(\lambda x^{-\lambda-1}) \} + \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - z_i) \{ \log(1 - p) + \log(\mu y^{-\mu-1}) \} \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

For the E-step we should need to compute:

$$\begin{aligned} Q(\theta \mid \theta^{(t)}) &= E_Z [\log L(\theta \mid y, z) \mid y, \theta^{(t)}] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n E [Z_i \mid y, \theta^{(t)}] \{ \log p + \log(f_X(x; \lambda)) \} \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - E [Z_i \mid y, \theta^{(t)}]) \{ \log(1 - p) + \log(f_Y(y; \mu)) \} \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n E [Z_i \mid y, \theta^{(t)}] \{ \log p + \log(\lambda x^{-\lambda-1}) \} \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - E [Z_i \mid y, \theta^{(t)}]) \{ \log(1 - p) + \log(\mu y^{-\mu-1}) \} \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
E[Z_i | y, \theta^{(t)}] &= E[Z_i | y_i, \theta^{(t)}] \\
&= 1 \times \Pr(Z_i = 1 | y_i, \theta^{(t)}) + 0 \times \Pr(Z_i = 0 | y_i, \theta^{(t)}) \\
&= \frac{p^{(t)} f_X(x; \lambda)}{p^{(t)} f_X(x; \lambda) + (1 - p^{(t)}) f_Y(y; \mu)} \\
&= \frac{p^{(t)} (\lambda x^{-\lambda-1})}{p^{(t)} (\lambda x^{-\lambda-1}) + (1 - p^{(t)}) (\mu y^{-\mu-1})} \\
&= \tilde{p}_i^{(t)}
\end{aligned} \tag{28}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
Q(\theta | \theta^{(t)}) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{p}_i^{(t)} \{\log p + \log f_X(x; \lambda)\} + \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - \tilde{p}_i^{(t)}) \{\log(1 - p) + \log f_Y(y; \mu)\} \\
&= \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{p}_i^{(t)} \{\log p + \log(\lambda x^{-\lambda-1})\} + \sum_{i=1}^n (1 - \tilde{p}_i^{(t)}) \{\log(1 - p) + \log(\mu y^{-\mu-1})\}
\end{aligned} \tag{29}$$

For the M-step,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial p} Q(\theta | \theta^{(t)}) = 0 \Rightarrow p^{(t+1)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{p}_i^{(t)}}{n} \tag{30}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} Q(\theta | \theta^{(t)}) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda^{(t+1)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{p}_i^{(t)}}{\sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{p}_i^{(t)} \log(y)} \tag{31}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} Q(\theta | \theta^{(t)}) = 0 \Rightarrow \mu^{(t+1)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (1 - \tilde{p}_i^{(t)})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (1 - \tilde{p}_i^{(t)}) \log(y)} \tag{32}$$

(b). See the code and get result in GitHub.

As can be seen, $\hat{p} = 0.7939337$, $\hat{\lambda} = 0.9762783$ and $\hat{\mu} = 6.670599$, we also draw the histogram of the data with the estimated density superimposed:

