

$\ln L$  is the logarithm of the likelihood function

We write the log-likelihood function for the general linear model

$$Y = X\beta + e, \quad e \sim \underline{N}(0, \sigma^2 I_T)$$

$$\ln L = -\frac{T}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{T}{2} \ln \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (Y - X\beta)'(Y - X\beta)$$

example

$$1. \quad Y_t = \beta + e_t \quad e_t \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$$

$$\ln L = -\frac{T}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{T}{2} \ln \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum (Y_t - \beta)^2$$

$$\theta = \begin{bmatrix} \beta \\ \sigma^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{d \ln L}{d\beta} = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^T (Y_i - \beta)$$

$$\frac{d \ln L}{d\sigma^2} = -\frac{T}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2\sigma^4} \sum_{i=1}^T (Y_i - \beta)^2$$

$$I(\theta) \equiv I \begin{pmatrix} \beta \\ \sigma^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

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$$\bullet \frac{\partial^2 \ln L}{\partial \beta^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \left[ \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum y_t - \frac{1}{\sigma^2} T \cdot \beta \right]$$

$$= -\frac{T}{\sigma^2}$$

$$\text{E} - \frac{\partial^2 \ln L}{\partial \beta^2} = \frac{T}{\sigma^2}$$

$$\bullet \frac{\partial^2 \ln L}{\partial (\sigma^2)^2} = \frac{T}{2\sigma^4} - \frac{1}{\sigma^6} \sum (y_t - \beta)^2$$

because  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left( \frac{1}{2x^2} = \frac{1}{2} x^{-2} \right) =$   
 $-2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot x^{-3}$

$$\text{E} - \frac{\partial^2 \ln L}{\partial (\sigma^2)^2} = - \left[ \frac{T}{2\sigma^4} - \frac{1}{\sigma^6} \cdot T\sigma^2 \right]$$

because  $\text{E} \sum (y_t - \beta)^2 = \text{E} \sum e_t^2$   
 $= T\sigma^2$

$$= - \left[ \frac{T}{2\sigma^4} - \frac{T}{\sigma^4} \right] = \frac{T}{2\sigma^4}$$

$$I \begin{pmatrix} \beta \\ \sigma^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{T}{\sigma^2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{T}{2\sigma^4} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$I^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \beta \\ \sigma^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2/T & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2\sigma^4}{T} \end{bmatrix}$$

$\frac{\sigma^2}{T}$  is the minimum variance an estimator of  $\beta$  can have

$\frac{2\sigma^4}{T}$  is the minimum variance, an estimator of  $\sigma^2$  can have.

• IF we estimate  $\beta$  by OLS or ML we would get

$$b = \tilde{\beta}_{ML} = \frac{\sum y_t}{T}, \quad \text{var}(b) = \frac{1}{T^2} \cdot \sum \text{var} y_t = \frac{1}{T^2} \cdot T\sigma^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{T} \quad \checkmark$$

# MLE examples.

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sample of size  $T$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{vote for A} \\ \text{vote for B} \end{array} \Rightarrow y_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{vote for A} \\ 0 & \text{vote for B} \end{cases}$$

$\theta$ : probability individual  $i$  votes  $y_i = 1$

$$P(y_i = 1) = \theta$$

$$P(y_i = 0) = 1 - \theta$$

$$y_i \sim B(1, \theta)$$

$$f(y_i) = \begin{cases} \theta & \text{if } y_i = 1 \\ 1 - \theta & \text{if } y_i = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$f(y_i) = \theta^{y_i} (1 - \theta)^{1 - y_i}$$

$$\underline{l(y_1, \dots, y_T)} = \prod_{i=1}^T f(y_i) = f(y_1) \cdot f(y_2) \cdot \dots \cdot f(y_T) =$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^T \theta^{y_i} (1 - \theta)^{1 - y_i}$$

$$= \theta^{\sum y_i} (1 - \theta)^{T - \sum y_i}$$

$$\log l = \sum y_i \log \theta + (T - \sum y_i) \log(1 - \theta)$$

$$\frac{\partial \log l}{\partial \theta} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{\sum y_i}{\theta} - \frac{T - \sum y_i}{1 - \theta} = 0$$

$$\frac{\sum y_i}{\theta} = \frac{T - \sum y_i}{1 - \theta}$$

$$\hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \frac{\sum y_i}{T} = \bar{y}$$

$$E \hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \frac{T \cdot \theta}{T} = \theta$$

$$\text{var } \hat{\theta} = \frac{1}{T} T \cdot \theta (1 - \theta) = \boxed{\frac{\theta(1 - \theta)}{T}}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \log l}{\partial \theta^2} = - \frac{\sum y_i}{\theta^2} - \frac{T - \sum y_i}{(1 - \theta)^2}$$

$$I = E \left[ - \frac{\partial^2 \log l}{\partial \theta^2} \right] = E \left[ \frac{\sum y_i}{\theta^2} + \frac{T - \sum y_i}{(1 - \theta)^2} \right]$$

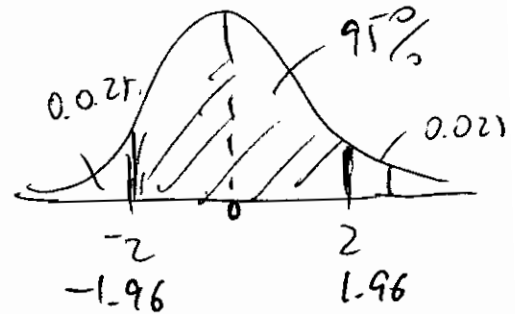
$$= \frac{T \theta}{\theta^2} + \frac{T(1 - \theta)}{(1 - \theta)^2}$$

$$= \frac{T}{\theta} + \frac{T}{1 - \theta} = \frac{T}{\theta(1 - \theta)}$$

$$\text{var } (\hat{\theta}) = \underline{I^{-1}} = \boxed{\frac{\theta(1 - \theta)}{T}}$$

$$\left( \begin{aligned} \sqrt{T} (\hat{\theta} - \theta) &\approx N(0, \theta(1-\theta)) \\ \hat{\theta} &\approx N\left(\theta, \frac{\theta(1-\theta)}{T}\right) \end{aligned} \right)$$

$$\frac{\hat{\theta} - \theta}{\sqrt{\frac{\theta(1-\theta)}{T}}} \approx N(0, 1)$$



$$|\hat{\theta} - \theta| < 2 \sqrt{\frac{\theta(1-\theta)}{T}}$$

$$\left( \theta \in \left[ \hat{\theta} \pm 2 \sqrt{\frac{\theta(1-\theta)}{T}} \right] \text{ with proba } \underline{\underline{95\%}} \right)$$

but  $\theta$  is not known, replace by  $\hat{\theta}$

$$\left[ \theta \in \left( \hat{\theta} \pm 2 \sqrt{\frac{\hat{\theta}(1-\hat{\theta})}{T}} \right) \right]$$

where  $\hat{\theta} = \bar{y}$

Max  $\theta(1-\theta) = \frac{1}{4}$   
 $0 < \theta < 1$

$$\bar{y} \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{T}}$$

Ex 2.  $Y_1, \dots, Y_T$  iid  $\sim P(\lambda)$

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$$f(y_i; \lambda) = \exp(-\lambda) \frac{\lambda^{y_i}}{y_i!}$$

$$l(y_i; \lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^T f(y_i; \lambda)$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^T \left[ \exp(-\lambda) \frac{\lambda^{y_i}}{y_i!} \right] = \exp(-T\lambda) \frac{\lambda^{\sum y_i}}{\prod_{i=1}^T y_i!}$$

$$\log l(y_i; \lambda) = -T\lambda + \sum y_i \log \lambda - \log \left( \prod_{i=1}^T y_i! \right)$$

$$\frac{\partial \log l}{\partial \lambda} = 0 \Leftrightarrow -T + \frac{\sum y_i}{\hat{\lambda}} = 0$$

$$\hat{\lambda} = \frac{\sum y_i}{T} = \bar{y}$$

$$E \hat{\lambda} = E \bar{y} = \lambda$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{mean} = \lambda \\ \text{variance} = \lambda \end{array} \right.$$

$$\text{var}(\hat{\lambda}) = \text{var}(\bar{y}) = \frac{1}{T} \text{var}(y_i) = \frac{\lambda}{T}$$

$$I: \frac{\partial^2 \log l(y_i; \lambda)}{\partial \lambda^2} = -\frac{\sum y_i}{\lambda^2}$$

$$I(\lambda) = E \left( -\frac{\partial^2 \log l(y_i; \lambda)}{\partial \lambda^2} \right) = E \left( \frac{\sum y_i}{\lambda^2} \right) = \frac{T\lambda}{\lambda^2} = \frac{T}{\lambda}$$

$$\text{var } \hat{\lambda} = I(\lambda)^{-1} = \frac{\lambda}{T}$$

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$$\sqrt{T}(\hat{\lambda} - \lambda) \overset{a}{\rightsquigarrow} N(0, \lambda)$$

$$\hat{\lambda} \underset{a}{\sim} N\left(\lambda, \frac{\lambda}{T}\right)$$

$$\left[ \hat{\lambda} \pm 2 \sqrt{\frac{\hat{\lambda}}{T}} \right]$$

$$\left[ \hat{\lambda} \pm \frac{2}{\sqrt{T}} \sqrt{\hat{\lambda}} \right]$$

Fisher Theorem  $\hat{\mu}$  and  $\hat{\sigma}^2$  are independent.

$$\frac{(n-1) s^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2(n-1) \text{ Cochran.}$$



$$\log l = -\frac{T}{2} \log \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2} \log \pi - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^T (y_i - \mu)^2 \quad (6)$$

$$\frac{\partial \log l}{\partial \mu} = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^T (y_i - \mu)$$

$$\frac{\partial \log l}{\partial \sigma^2} = -\frac{T}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2\sigma^4} \sum_{i=1}^T (y_i - \mu)^2$$

to see that  $I(\mu, \sigma^2) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{T}{\sigma^2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{T}{2\sigma^4} \end{bmatrix}$

$$E \left[ \frac{\partial^2 \log l(\mu, \sigma^2)}{\partial \mu^2} \right] = \frac{T}{\sigma^2}$$

$$E \left[ \frac{-\frac{\partial^2 \log l(\mu, \sigma^2)}{(\partial \sigma^2)^2}}{(\partial \sigma^2)^2} \right] = \frac{T}{2\sigma^4}$$

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{\sum (y_i - \hat{\mu})^2}{T}$$

$$I^{-1}(\mu, \sigma^2) = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2\sigma^4}{T} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{var} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\mu} \\ S^2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sigma^2}{T} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2\sigma^4}{T-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$S^2 = \frac{\sum (y_i - \hat{\mu})^2}{T-1}$$

$$\text{var } S^2 = \text{var} \left[ \frac{1}{T-1} \sum_{i=1}^T (y_i - \hat{\mu})^2 \right] = \frac{1}{(T-1)^2} \sum_{i=1}^T \sigma^4 \left( \frac{1}{T-1} \right)$$