

Random experiment:

A random experiment is an experiment whose set of possible outcomes is known in advance but the actual outcome is unknown.

Example: Toss a coin, Roll a die, Choosing a card at random from a deck of cards.

Sample space: A sample space is the set of all possible outcomes of a random experiment. It is denoted by  $S$ .

FACT: If  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  are mutually exclusive finite sets, then,  
$$\# \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \# A_i .$$

Event: Any subset of a sample space is an event.

Probability axioms:

(1)  $P: P(S) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ .

(2)  $P(\emptyset) = 0, P(\Omega) = 1$ .

(3) For any  $E \subseteq S, 0 \leq P(E) \leq 1$ .

(4) For mutually exclusive events  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$ .

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i).$$

P 2:

### Inclusion Exclusion Principle:

Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  be any events. Then

$$\begin{aligned} P(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n) &= \sum_{1 \leq i \leq n} P(A_i) - \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 \leq n} P(A_{i_1} \cap A_{i_2}) \\ &\quad + \sum_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < i_3 \leq n} P(A_{i_1} \cap A_{i_2} \cap A_{i_3}) - \dots \\ &\quad + (-1)^{n+1} P(A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^n (-1)^{j+1} \sum_{\substack{i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_j \\ i_1, \dots, i_j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}}} P(A_{i_1} \cap A_{i_2} \cap \dots \cap A_{i_j}) \end{aligned}$$

FACT: (1)  $P(A \cup B) \leq P(A) + P(B)$ .

(2)  $P(A \cup B) \geq P(A) + P(B) - 1$ .

### Random variable:

A function defined on a sample space to the real line is called a random variable.

Example: • Tossing a coin:  $X: \Omega \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$

$$X(H) = 1, X(T) = 0.$$

$$\& P(X=1) = \frac{1}{2} = P(X=0).$$

• Total number obtained in two rolls of a fair die

$$P(X=3) = \frac{2}{36} \text{ \& so on.}$$

### Distribution of a random variable

Let  $X$  be a r.v. (i.e.  $X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ). &  $x_1, x_2, \dots$  be the values which it takes.

The event  $\{X=x_j\}$  means that the set contains all sample points on which  $X$  takes the value  $x_j$ ;

Its probability is

$$f_X(x_j) = P(X=x_j) \quad \forall j \in \mathbb{N}.$$

$$\text{So, } f_X: \text{Im}(X) \rightarrow [0, 1].$$

is called the probability distribution or prob. mass function of the random variable  $X$ .

$$\text{Clearly } 0 \leq f_X(x_j) \leq 1 \quad \forall j \in \mathbb{N} \text{ \&}$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} f_X(x_j) = 1.$$

### Example: Bernoulli( $p$ ) r.v.

Let  $X: \Omega \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  be a r.v. The prob. mass function is  $f(1) = P(X=1) = p$  &  $f(0) = P(X=0) = 1-p$ .

We say tossing a coin is a particular example of Bernoulli r.v.

## P-4: Binomial r.v. (Bin $(n, p)$ ).

Let  $X: \Omega \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n\}$  be a r.v. such that the prob. mass function is

$$f(k) = P(X=k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} \quad \text{for } 1 \leq k \leq n.$$

Suppose there are 10 (=n) true/false questions & picking the ~~prob.~~ option 'true' w.p.  $\frac{1}{3}$  (=p) & false with prob.  $\frac{2}{3}$  (=1-p). Then choosing exactly  $k$  (=k) many true options is a Binomial  $(10, \frac{1}{3})$  r.v.

## Geometric (p) r.v.:

Case 1 Let  $X: \Omega \rightarrow \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  be a r.v. s.t. the prob. mass function is

$$f(k) = P(X=k) = (1-p)^k p \quad \forall k \geq 0,$$

Case 2 Let  $X: \Omega \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots\} = \mathbb{N}$  be a r.v. s.t. the prob. mass function is

$$f(k) = P(X=k) = (1-p)^{k-1} p \quad \forall k \geq 1.$$

## Uniform (discrete Univ)

Let  $X: \Omega \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  be a r.v. such that the prob. mass function is  $f(k) = P(X=k) = \frac{1}{n} \quad \forall k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

## Negative Binomial: NB $(r, p)$ , $r > 0$ .

$$f(k) = P(X=k) = \binom{k+r-1}{k} (1-p)^k p^r \quad k \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

1-5: Suppose that  $X$  is a r.v. Define a function

$F_X: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  by

$$F_X(x) = P(X \leq x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R} \quad (\text{recall } X: \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R})$$

The function  $F$  is called the cumulative distribution function abbreviated as C.D.F. of  $X$ .

Theorem: If  $F$  is the CDF of a r.v.  $X$ , then

(1)  $F$  is non-decreasing.

(2)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x) = 0$  &  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(x) = 1$ . and

(3)  $F$  is right continuous.

Remember:

pmf

$$f(k) := P(X=k) \quad \forall k \in A \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$$

CDF

$$F(x) := P(X \leq x) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Example: Let  $X \sim \text{geom}(p)$ . Find  $P(X \leq n) = ?$

Expectation: Suppose that the random variable  $X$  takes the values  $x_1, x_2, \dots$  with probabilities  $p_1, p_2, \dots$ . The expectation of  $X$  is

$$E(X) := \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} x_i p_i$$

which is defined only when  $\sum_{i \geq 1} |x_i| p_i < \infty$ .

Example: Bern ( $p$ ).  $E(X) = p$ .

$$\text{Binomial}(n, p) \quad E(X) = \sum k P(X=k).$$

$$\frac{1-b!}{k!} = \sum_{k=1}^n k \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^n p^n \binom{n-1}{k-1} p^{k-1} (1-p)^{\{(n-1)-(k-1)\}}$$

$$= p^n (p + (1-p))^{n-1}$$

$$= p^n$$

Identity:

$$k \binom{n}{k} = n \binom{n-1}{k-1}$$

### Poisson distribution:

Let  $X$  be a r.v. taking values  $0, 1, 2, \dots$ . Let  $\lambda \in (0, \infty)$  such that  $P(X=k) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \quad \forall k \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ .

The r.v.  $X$  is called a Poisson r.v. with parameter  $\lambda$ .

### Poisson Limit Theorem:

Let  $\{X_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be a sequence of Binomial r.v. s.t.

$X_n \sim \text{Bin}(n, p_n) \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} np_n = \lambda \in (0, \infty),$$

then the prob. mass function of  $X_n$  converges to the same of the  $\text{Poi}(\lambda)$  r.v. i.e.

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(X_n = k) = P(\text{Poi}(\lambda) = k) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \quad \forall k \in \{0, 2, 2, \dots\}$$

1-7: Theorem! Let  $X, Y$  be r.v.s. with finite expectation, defined on the same prob. space. Then  $X+Y$  has expectation

and 
$$E(X+Y) = E(X) + E(Y).$$

$$E(\alpha X) = \alpha E(X) \quad \forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Defn: If  $X$  is a r.v. with expectation  $\mu$ , its variance is defined as

$$\text{Var}(X) = E((X-\mu)^2).$$

FACT: 
$$\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - (E(X))^2$$

Corollary! For a r.v.  $(E(X))^2 \leq E(X^2).$

FACT: 
$$E(f(X)) = \sum_{k \geq 1} f(x_k) P(X=x_k).$$

⊗  $E(|X|^n)$  is called the  $n$ -th moment if exists.

⊗ MAF, CHF to be discussed later.

1-8 : Extremes  $\gamma$  vs.:

Suppose we want to choose a number from the set  $[a, b]$ .

Now the sample space is  $\Omega = [a, b]$ .

We want to assign prob. to each subset of sample space

s.t.,  $A \subseteq \Omega \Rightarrow P(A) \in [0, 1]$ .

$$P(\Omega) = 1, \quad P(\emptyset) = 0.$$

for disjoint  $A_1, A_2, \dots \subseteq [a, b]$ , it should be

$$P\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n\right) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(A_n)$$

$$\& P([a, b]) = b - a \quad \forall a \leq b \leq b.$$

Caution: The above is not possible for any event.

Definition: (CDF)

A function  $F: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is a cumulative distribution function

(CDF) if it has the following properties:

1. If  $x < y$ , then  $F(x) \leq F(y)$ .

2.  $F$  is right continuous.

3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x) = 0$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(x) = 1$ .

FACT: (Fundamental Theorem of probability):

If  $F$  is a CDF, i.e. satisfies 1-3, above, then  $\exists$  a random variable  $X$ , defined on some sample space s.t.

Defn: A random variable  $X$  is continuous iff. its CDF is continuous.

Defn: Let  $X$  be a r.v. with CDF  $F$ . A function  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  is a density of  $X$  if

$$\int_{-\infty}^x f(t) dt = F(x), \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Expectation:  $E(X) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} x f(x) dx$ .  
density.

Moments:  $E(|X|^n) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} x^n f(x) dx$ .

Uniform r.v.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{b-a} \quad \forall a \leq x \leq b$   
 $= 0 \quad \text{o.w.}$

Normal r.v.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$

Exponential r.v.  $f(x; \lambda) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & x < 0 \end{cases}$

## Conditional Probability:

Suppose we have the data set:

Persons	married		happy		total married persons
	yes	no	yes	no	
Bipasha	yes	no	yes	no	65
Palash	yes	yes	yes	no	
Saptami	no	yes	no	yes	35
Ali	no	no	no	yes	
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	100
			total happy persons		

$\Omega$  := the set of all persons; so  $\#\Omega = 100$

$H$  = { the chosen person is happy }

$M$  = { married }

$$P(H) = \frac{48}{100} \quad \& \quad P(M) = \frac{65}{100}$$

$$P(H|M) = \frac{40}{65} = \frac{40/100}{65/100} = \frac{P(H \cap M)}{P(M)}$$

Defn: (conditional prob):

Theorem: If  $A_1, \dots, A_n$  are mutually exclusive and exhaustive events with  $P(A_i) > 0$ , then for any  $E$ ,

$$P(E) = \sum_{i=1}^n P(E|A_i) P(A_i).$$

Sayes-Thm! Let  $A, B_1, \dots, B_n$  are events s.t.

$$P(A) > 0 \text{ \& } P(B_i) > 0 \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$$

Assume  $B_1, \dots, B_n$ 's are mutually exclusive & exhaustive.

Then

$$P(B_i | A) = \frac{P(A | B_i) P(B_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^n P(A | B_j) P(B_j)}$$

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Example! Two balls are drawn from an urn containing  $W$  white &  $B$  black balls. Given the second ball is black what is the <sup>conditional</sup> prob. that the first <sup>drawn</sup> ball is white?

Ans! Let  $w_i = \begin{cases} i\text{th drawn ball is white} & i=1, 2. \\ B_i = \begin{cases} \text{black} \end{cases} \end{cases}$

$$\begin{aligned} P(W_1 | B_2) &= \frac{P(B_2 | W_1) P(W_1)}{\cancel{P(B_2 | W_1) P(W_1)} + P(B_2 | B_1) P(B_1)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{B}{W+B-1} \cdot \frac{W}{W+B}}{\frac{B}{W+B-1} \cdot \frac{W}{W+B} + \frac{B-1}{W+B-1} \cdot \frac{B}{W+B}} \\ &= \frac{W}{W+B-1} \end{aligned}$$

Characteristic function:

For any random variable  $X$ , its characteristic function is defined as  $\phi_X(t) = E(e^{itX})$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Example 1: Let  $X \sim \text{Bern}(p)$ .  $\therefore X = 0$  w.p.  $p$   
 $= 1$  w.p.  $1-p$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{So, } \phi_X(t) &= E(e^{itX}) \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^1 e^{itk} P(X=k) \\
&= 1 \times P(X=0) + e^{it} P(X=1) \\
&= p + (1-p)e^{it} \quad \square
\end{aligned}$$

Example 2: Let  $X$  be a r.v. whose density function is

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-x} & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Then, } \phi_X(t) &= E(e^{itX}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{itx} f(x) dx \\
&= \int_0^{\infty} e^{itx} e^{-x} dx = \int_0^{\infty} e^{(it-1)x} dx \\
&= \left[ \frac{e^{(it-1)x}}{(it-1)} \right]_0^{\infty} = \left[ \frac{e^{itx} \cdot e^{-x}}{(it-1)} \right]_0^{\infty} = \frac{1}{it-1} \\
&\quad (\because |e^{itx}| = 1)
\end{aligned}$$

H.W. Find  $\phi_X(t)$  where  $X$  has density function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1-|x| & \text{if } |x| < 1 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Find CHF of all known distributions.

Theorem: Every probability distribution on  $\mathbb{R}$  has a unique characteristic function. The CHF of two different distributions are always different.

Theorem: Let  $X, Y$  be two independent r.v.s. with CHF  $\phi_X(t)$  and  $\phi_Y(t)$  respectively then the CHF of  $Z = X + Y$  is

$$\phi_{X+Y}(t) (= \phi_Z(t)) = \phi_X(t) \phi_Y(t).$$

Moment generating function

The moment generating function (MGF) of a r.v.  $X$  is defined as  $M_X(t) = E(e^{tx})$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$

whenever the expectation exists finitely.

Try to find MGF of all known r.v.s.

Example: Find MGF of  $X$  where  $X$  has density  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}e^{-|x|}$ ,

$$-\infty < x < \infty.$$

$$\text{So, } M_X(t) = E(e^{tx}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} f(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} \cdot \frac{1}{2} e^{-|x|} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^0 e^{tx+x} dx + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^{\infty} e^{tx-x} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{e^{(t+1)x}}{(t+1)} \right]_{-\infty}^0 + \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{e^{(t-1)x}}{(t-1)} \right]_0^{\infty}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{t+1} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{1-t} & \text{if } |t| < 1 \\ \infty & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore M_X(t) = \frac{1}{1-t^2} \text{ if } |t| < 1.$$

FACT:  $e^{tX} = 1 + tX + \frac{t^2 X^2}{2!} + \frac{t^3 X^3}{3!} + \dots$

$$\therefore M_X(t) = E(e^{tX}) = 1 + tE(X) + \frac{t^2}{2!} E(X^2) + \frac{t^3}{3!} E(X^3) + \dots$$

$$M_X'(t) = E(X) + tE(X^2) + \frac{t^2}{2!} E(X^3) + \dots$$

$$\therefore M_X(0) = 1$$

$$\therefore M_X'(0) = E(X)$$

$$M_X''(t) = E(X^2) + tE(X^3) + \dots$$

$$\therefore M_X''(0) = E(X^2)$$

$$\therefore M_X^{(n)}(0) = E(X^n) \quad \forall n \geq 1.$$

Example: Find MGF of  $X$  where  $X$  has density

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{2} e^{-|x|}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty.$$

Hence show that  $\text{Var}(X) = 2$ .

So, we get,

$$M_X(t) = E(e^{tX}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tX} f_X(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} e^{tx} e^{-|x|} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{1-t^2} \quad \text{if } |t| < 1,$$

$$\text{Now } M_X'(t) = \frac{2t}{(1-t^2)^2}$$

$$\therefore E(X) = M_X'(0) = 0$$

$$M_X''(t) = \frac{2(1-t^2)^{-2} + 8t^2(1-t^2)^{-3}}{(1-t^2)^2}$$

$$\therefore E(X^2) = M_X''(0) = 2$$

$$\therefore \text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - E(X)^2 = 2 - 0^2 = 2.$$

Estimation:

କେ କୁହାଯାଏ?  $\theta = \{ \theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3 \}$

କେଉଁ କୁହାଯାଏ ସମ୍ଭାବନା ଫଙ୍କ୍ସନ୍,

Statistics କୁ କହାଯାଏ Likelihood ଫଙ୍କ୍ସନ୍, written as  $L(\theta)$ .

ଏ  $\theta$  କୁ କହାଯାଏ  $L(\theta)$  ସମ୍ଭାବନା ଫଙ୍କ୍ସନ୍ ଉପରେ ଥିବା  $\theta$  କୁ MLE or maximum likelihood estimate.

Example: Coin tossed 5 times independently, and got H, H, T, H, T.

Find MLE for  $f(H)$ .

Let  $\theta = f(H)$ . Then  $L(\theta) = \theta \times \theta \times (1-\theta) \times \theta \times (1-\theta)$   
 $= \theta^3(1-\theta)^2$ .

$\therefore L'(\theta) = 3\theta^2(1-\theta)^2 - 2\theta^3(1-\theta)$

$L'(\theta) = 6\theta(1-\theta)^2 - 6\theta^2(1-\theta) - 6\theta^2(1-\theta) + 2\theta^3$

$\therefore L'(\theta) = 0 \Rightarrow 3(1-\theta) = 2\theta \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{3}{5}, 0, 1$

$L''(\frac{3}{5}) < 0$   $L(0) = L(1) = 0$ .

$\therefore \theta = \frac{3}{5}$  is a point of maxima &  $L(\frac{3}{5}) = (\frac{3}{5})^3(1-\frac{3}{5})^2 > 0$ .

Hence MLE for  $f(H)$  is  $\frac{3}{5}$ .

## The method of MLE:

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Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be random samples from a distribution belonging to a given family with PMF or PDF  $f_\theta(x)$ . Here  $\theta$  is an unknown parameter, that belongs to some known parameter space  $\Theta$ .

MLE is a procedure to estimate  $\theta$  based on  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ .

We define the likelihood of the data as

$$L(\theta) = f_\theta(x_1) \cdots f_\theta(x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n f_\theta(x_i)$$

Then the MLE of  $\theta$  is  $\hat{\theta} = \hat{\theta}(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \Theta$  such that

$$\hat{\theta} = \underset{\theta \in \Theta}{\operatorname{argmax}} L(\theta), \quad \text{if it exists.}$$

In general, this  $\operatorname{argmax}$  may not exist or be unique.

The MLE,  $\hat{\theta}$ , (if exists) may be considered as a value of the parameter that makes the observed data most likely.

Problem: Consider a sample of unit size from the population of a normal distribution  $(m, \sigma)$ , find MLE of  $m$  assuming  $\sigma$  is known.

Ans: Let  $X \sim N(m, \sigma)$ .  $m \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\sigma > 0$ .

The likelihood function  $L(m) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-m)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$

$\therefore \log x$  is strictly increasing function of  $x$ , maximizing  $L(m)$  is same as maximizing  $\log L(m) = l(m)$  (say).

$$l(m) = \log(L(m)) = -\frac{1}{2} \log(2\pi) - \log \sigma - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (x-m)^2.$$

$\because \sigma^2 > 0$ , this is same as minimizing  $(x-m)^2$  w.r.t.  $m \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$\because (x-m)^2 \geq 0$  the minimum value of  $m$  is,  $x$ .

$\therefore L(m)$  is maximum when  $m = x$ .

So, the required MLE of  $m$  is,  $\hat{m} = x$ .

Problem! Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be IID  $N(m, \sigma)$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\sigma > 0$  is known.

Then show that the MLE of  $m$  is  $\hat{m} = \bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ .

Ans! minimize  $\sum (x_i - m)^2$ , diff.  $-2\sum (x_i - m) = 0 \Rightarrow m = \frac{\sum x_i}{n}$ .

Problem! Find the MLE of  $\sigma^2$  of a normal  $(m, \sigma)$  population when  $m$  is known.

Ans! Our random sample is  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{\text{IID}}{\sim} N(m, \sigma)$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\sigma > 0$   
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known unknown

Let  $\theta = \sigma^2$ . The MLE of  $\theta = \sigma^2$  is

$$L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\theta}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x_i - m)^2}{2\theta}\right)$$

Since  $\log$  is a strictly increasing fn., it is equivalent to maximize the log-likelihood  $l(\theta) = \log L(\theta)$  w.r.t.  $\theta$ .

$$l(\theta) = -\frac{n}{2} [\log(2\pi) + \log \theta] - \frac{1}{2\theta} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - m)^2$$

$$\therefore l'(\theta) = -\frac{n}{2\theta} + \frac{1}{2\theta^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - m)^2, \text{ solving } l'(\theta) = 0, \hat{\theta} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - m)^2$$

$$l''(\theta) = \frac{n}{2\theta^2} - \frac{1}{\theta^3} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - m)^2 < 0.$$

$\therefore$  The required MLE of  $\theta = \sigma^2$  is  $\hat{\theta} = \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - m)^2$

Problem: The MLE of  $\mu$  in  $\text{Poi}(\mu)$ .

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So,  $f_{\mu}(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-\mu} \frac{\mu^x}{x!} & \text{if } x=0,1,2,\dots \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$ ,  $\mu > 0$  is a parameter.

Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \text{Poi}(\mu)$ ,  $\mu \in (0, \infty)$ .

So the likelihood  $f_n$  is  $L(\mu) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(X_i) = \prod_{i=1}^n e^{-\mu} \frac{\mu^{X_i}}{X_i!}$   
 $= e^{-n\mu} \frac{\mu^{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}}{\prod_{i=1}^n X_i!}$

The log-likelihood is

$$l(\mu) = \log L(\mu) = -\sum \log(X_i!) - n\mu + (\sum X_i) \log \mu$$

$$\therefore l'(\mu) = -n + \frac{\sum X_i}{\mu} \quad \therefore l'(\mu) = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum X_i$$

$$l''(\mu) = -\frac{\sum X_i}{\mu^2} < 0 \quad \text{if } \sum X_i > 0, \quad \text{if } \sum X_i = 0 \Rightarrow \text{each } X_i = 0.$$

So the MLE of  $\mu$  is  $\hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ .