

# **APTS**

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**Solutions to example sheet questions**

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## Solution to Question 1

(a) Sample  $y_1, \dots, y_n \stackrel{\text{IID}}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ .

$$L(\lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n \left\{ \frac{\lambda^{y_i} e^{-\lambda}}{y_i!} \right\} = \exp \left\{ \left( \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \right) \log \lambda - n\lambda - \log \left( \prod_{i=1}^n y_i! \right) \right\}.$$

This is a (1, 1) exponential family with natural parameter  $\theta = \log \lambda$  and natural statistic  $\sum_{i=1}^n y_i$ .

(b) Sample  $y_1, \dots, y_n \stackrel{\text{IID}}{\sim} \text{Binomial}(n, p)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} L(p) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \left\{ \binom{m}{y_i} p^{y_i} (1-p)^{m-y_i} \right\} \\ &= \exp \left\{ \left( \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \right) \log \left( \frac{p}{1-p} \right) + nm \log(1-p) + \log \left( \prod_{i=1}^n \binom{m}{y_i} \right) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

This is a (1, 1) exponential family with natural parameter  $\theta = \log(p/(1-p))$  and natural statistic  $\sum_{i=1}^n y_i$ .

(c) Sample  $y_1, \dots, y_n \stackrel{\text{IID}}{\sim} \text{Geometric}(p)$ .

$$L(p) = \prod_{i=1}^n (1-p)p^{y_i} = \exp \left\{ n \log(1-p) + \left( \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \right) \log p \right\}.$$

This is a (1, 1) exponential family with natural parameter  $\theta = \log p$  and natural statistic  $\sum_{i=1}^n y_i$ .

(d) Sample  $y_1, \dots, y_n \stackrel{\text{IID}}{\sim} \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$ .  $\alpha$  known.

$$\begin{aligned} L(\beta) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \left\{ \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} y_i^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta y_i} \right\} \\ &= \exp \left\{ -\beta \sum_{i=1}^n y_i + (\alpha-1) \sum_{i=1}^n \log y_i + n \log \left( \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \right) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

This is a (1, 1) exponential family with natural parameter  $\theta = -\beta$  and natural statistic  $\sum_{i=1}^n y_i$ .

(e) Sample  $y_1, \dots, y_n \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$ .  $\alpha, \beta$  unknown.

$$\begin{aligned} L(\alpha, \beta) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \left\{ \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} y_i^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta y_i} \right\} \\ &= \exp \left\{ -\beta \sum_{i=1}^n y_i + (\alpha - 1) \sum_{i=1}^n \log y_i + n \log \left( \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \right) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

This is a  $(2, 2)$  exponential family with natural parameter  $\theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2)^\top$  where  $\theta_1 = -\beta$  and  $\theta_2 = \alpha - 1$ , and natural statistic  $t = (t_1, t_2)^\top$  where

$$t_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \quad \text{and} \quad t_2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \log y_i.$$

(f) The negative binomial probability mass function is

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y = y) &= \int_{\lambda=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^y e^{-\lambda}}{y!} \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \lambda^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta\lambda} d\lambda \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + y)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(y + 1)} \frac{\beta^\alpha}{(\beta + 1)^{\alpha+y}}. \end{aligned}$$

This is *not* exponential family when  $\alpha$  is unknown because  $\Gamma(\alpha + y)$ , which depends on both the parameter  $\alpha$  and the observation  $y$ , cannot be factorised in the required fashion.

### Solution to Question 2

Sample  $y_1, \dots, y_n \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} N(\mu, \mu^2)$ .

So

$$\begin{aligned} L(\mu) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \left\{ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\mu^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(y_i - \mu)^2}{\mu^2}\right) \right\} \\ &= \exp \left\{ \frac{1}{\mu} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i - \frac{1}{2\mu^2} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 - \frac{n}{2} - \frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi\mu^2) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

This is  $(2, 1)$  exponential family with natural statistic  $t = (t_1, t_2)^\top$ , where

$$t_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \quad \text{and} \quad t_2 = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2$$

and the natural parameter  $\theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2)^\top$  is a function of the real-valued parameter,  $\mu$ , and is given by

$$\theta_1 \equiv \theta_1(\mu) = \frac{1}{\mu} \quad \text{and} \quad \theta_2 \equiv \theta_2(\mu) = -\frac{1}{2\mu^2}.$$

Consequently, this is a  $(2, 1)$  exponential family.

### Solution to Question 3

Let  $\Theta$  denote the parameter space and let  $g: \Theta \rightarrow \Theta$  denote a function which is 1 : 1 and onto.

Suppose  $L(\theta)$  is the likelihood for  $\theta$ . Then, since  $g$  is 1 : 1 and onto, there exists an  $\tilde{L}: \Theta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\tilde{L}(g(\theta))$  is the likelihood for  $g(\theta)$  and, in particular,  $\tilde{L}(g(\theta)) \equiv L(\theta)$  for all  $\theta \in \Theta$ .

If  $\hat{\theta}$  is the MLE for  $\theta$ , then by definition,

$$L(\hat{\theta}) = \sup_{\theta \in \Theta} L(\theta).$$

But  $L(\hat{\theta}) = \tilde{L}(g(\hat{\theta}))$  and

$$\begin{aligned} \sup_{\theta \in \Theta} L(\theta) &= \sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \tilde{L}(g(\theta)) \\ \implies \tilde{L}(g(\hat{\theta})) &= \sup_{\theta \in \Theta} \tilde{L}(g(\theta)) = \sup_{g(\theta) \in \Theta} \tilde{L}(g(\theta)). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $g(\hat{\theta})$  is the MLE of  $g(\theta)$ , so the MLE is equivariant.

### Solution to Question 4

$$y_1 \sim N(\mu, \tau(1 - \rho^2))$$

$$y_j = \mu + \rho(y_{j-1} - \mu) + \epsilon_j, \quad j = 2, \dots, n, \quad \epsilon_i \stackrel{\text{IID}}{\sim} N(0, \tau).$$

Then by direct calculation or from standard results in time series analysis,

$$E(y_i) = \mu, \quad i = 1, \dots, n,$$

$$\begin{aligned} V = \text{cov} \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} &= \frac{\tau}{1 - \rho^2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho & \rho^2 & \dots & \rho^{n-1} \\ \rho & 1 & & & \\ \rho^2 & & \ddots & & \\ \vdots & & & \ddots & \\ \rho^{n-1} & \dots & \dots & \dots & 1 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \frac{\tau}{1 - \rho^2} R. \end{aligned}$$

From standard theory for an AR(1) process,

$$R^{-1} = \frac{1}{1 - \rho^2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\rho & 0 & \dots & \dots & 0 \\ -\rho & 1 + \rho^2 & -\rho & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & -\rho & 1 + \rho^2 & & & 0 \\ \vdots & 0 & \vdots & \ddots & 1 + \rho^2 & -\rho \\ \vdots & \vdots & & & & \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & -\rho & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\det(R^{-1}) = (1 - \rho^2)^{-n+1}.$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} V^{-1} &= \tau^{-1}(1 - \rho^2)R^{-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{\tau} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\rho & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ -\rho & 1 + \rho^2 & & & \\ 0 & & \ddots & & \\ \vdots & & & 1 + \rho^2 & -\rho \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & -\rho & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \end{aligned}$$

Consequently, the log-likelihood is given by

$$l(\mu, \tau, \rho) = -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{n}{2} \log \tau + \frac{1}{2} \log(1 - \rho^2)$$

$$-\frac{1}{2\tau}\{(y_1 - \mu)^2 + (y_n - \mu)^2\} - \frac{1}{2\tau} \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} (y_i - \mu)^2 (1 + \rho^2) + \frac{\rho}{\tau} \sum_{i=2}^n (y_i - \mu)(y_{i-1} - \mu).$$

When  $\mu = 0$  this reduces to

$$l(\tau, \rho) = -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{n}{2} \log \tau + \frac{1}{2} \log(1 - \rho^2) + \theta_1(\tau, \rho) S_1(y) + \theta_2(\tau, \rho) S_2(y) + \theta_3(\tau, \rho) S_3(y)$$

where

$$\theta_1(\tau, \rho) = -\frac{1}{2\tau}, \quad \theta_2(\tau, \rho) = -\frac{(1 + \rho^2)}{2\tau}, \quad \theta_3(\tau, \rho) = \frac{\rho}{\tau},$$

$$S_1(y) = y_1^2 + y_n^2, \quad S_2(y) = \sum_{i=2}^{n-1} y_i^2, \quad S_3(y) = \sum_{i=2}^n y_i y_{i-1}.$$

This is a (3.2) exponential family with natural statistics  $\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3$ , which depend on  $\rho$  and  $\tau$ .

### Solution to Question 5

Sample  $y_1, \dots, y_n \stackrel{\text{IID}}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(\theta)$ . New parametrisation:  $\psi = e^{-\theta}$ .

The log-likelihood for  $\theta$  is

$$\begin{aligned} l(\theta) &= \sum_{i=1}^n \log \left\{ \frac{\theta^{y_i} e^{-\theta}}{y_i!} \right\} \\ &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \right) \log \theta - n\theta - \sum_{i=1}^n \log(y_i!) \\ S(\theta) &= \frac{\partial l}{\partial \theta}(\theta) = \theta^{-1} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \right) - n \\ j(\theta) &= -\frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \theta^2}(\theta) = \theta^{-2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \right) \\ i(\theta) &= E_\theta[j(\theta)] = \theta^{-2} \times n\theta = n/\theta. \end{aligned}$$

In the new parametrisation:  $\theta = \log \left( \frac{1}{\psi} \right)$ .

Define  $\tilde{l}(\psi) = l\{\theta(\psi)\}$ . Then

$$\tilde{l}(\psi) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \right) \log \log \left( \frac{1}{\psi} \right) - n \log \left( \frac{1}{\psi} \right) - \sum_{i=1}^n \log(y_i!).$$

Noting that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \psi} \log \log \left( \frac{1}{\psi} \right) = \frac{1}{\log \left( \frac{1}{\psi} \right)} \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi} \log \left( \frac{1}{\psi} \right) = -\frac{1}{\psi \log \left( \frac{1}{\psi} \right)}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \psi^2} \log \log \left( \frac{1}{\psi} \right) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \psi} \frac{1}{\psi \log \left( \frac{1}{\psi} \right)} = \frac{1}{\psi^2 \log \left( \frac{1}{\psi} \right)} - \frac{1}{\psi^2 \left\{ \log \left( \frac{1}{\psi} \right) \right\}^2},$$

it is seen that

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{S}(\psi) &= \frac{\partial \tilde{l}}{\partial \psi}(\psi) = -\left( \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \right) \times \frac{1}{\psi \log \left( \frac{1}{\psi} \right)} + \frac{n}{\psi}, \\ \tilde{j}(\psi) &= -\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{l}}{\partial \psi^2}(\psi) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \right) \times \frac{1}{\psi^2 \left\{ \log \left( \frac{1}{\psi} \right) \right\}^2} - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i}{\psi^2 \log \left( \frac{1}{\psi} \right)} + \frac{n}{\psi^2} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{i}(\psi) &= E_{\psi}[\tilde{j}(\psi)] = \frac{n \log \left( \frac{1}{\psi} \right)}{\psi^2 \left\{ \log \left( \frac{1}{\psi} \right) \right\}^2} - \frac{n \log \left( \frac{1}{\psi} \right)}{\psi^2 \log \left( \frac{1}{\psi} \right)} + \frac{n}{\psi^2} \\ &= \frac{n}{\psi^2 \log \left( \frac{1}{\psi} \right)}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$S(\theta)$  and  $\tilde{S}(\psi)$  are different  
 $j(\theta)$  and  $\tilde{j}(\psi)$  are different  
 $i(\theta)$  and  $\tilde{i}(\psi)$  are different

but

$$\tilde{S}(\psi) = S\{\theta(\psi)\}\theta'(\psi)$$

and

$$\tilde{i}(\psi) = i(\theta(\psi))\{\theta'(\psi)\}^2.$$

Also, setting

$$\begin{aligned} S(\hat{\theta}) = 0 \text{ gives } \hat{\theta} &= n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \\ \tilde{S}(\hat{\psi}) = 0 \text{ gives } \hat{\psi} &= e^{-n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i} = e^{-\hat{\theta}}, \end{aligned}$$

so the MLE is equivariant; see Question 3.

### Solution to Question 6

Let the cell totals be  $n_1, n_2, n_3$  and  $n_4$  and write  $n = n_1 + n_2 + n_3 + n_4$ . The pmf is given by

$$f(n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4 | \theta) = \binom{n}{n_1 n_2 n_3 n_4} \pi_1(\theta)^{n_1} \pi_2(\theta)^{n_2} \pi_3(\theta)^{n_3} \pi_4(\theta)^{n_4}.$$

A statistic  $S = S(n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4)$  is minimal sufficient if

$$\frac{f_S(S(n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4) = s)}{f_S(S(m_1, m_2, m_3, m_4) = s)} \text{ independent of } \theta \Leftrightarrow S(n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4) = S(m_1, m_2, m_3, m_4).$$

Let us see whether the full sample  $(n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4)$  is minimal sufficient.

Clearly we have  $\Leftarrow$  because  $m_1 = n_1, \dots, m_4 = n_4$  implies that the likelihood ratio is independent of  $\theta$ .

Conversely, for the likelihood ratio to be independent of  $\theta$  we must have

$$(1 - \theta)^{m_1 - n_1} (1 + \theta)^{m_2 - n_2} (2 - \theta)^{m_3 - n_3} (2 + \theta)^{m_4 - n_4}$$

independent of  $\theta$ . But if any of  $m_i - n_i$  is non-zero, then the likelihood ratio is a non-constant rational function of  $\theta$ , and so cannot be independent of  $\theta$ . Therefore, the minimal sufficient statistic is the full sample  $(n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4)$ .



### Solution to Question 7

Write  $l(\psi, \chi)$  for the log-likelihood in the  $(\psi, \chi)$  parametrisation. Then

$$\psi \text{ and } \chi \text{ orthogonal} \Leftrightarrow E_{\psi, \chi} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \psi \partial \chi}(\psi, \chi) \right] = 0.$$

Suppose now we transform to  $\psi = g(\alpha)$  and  $\chi = h(\beta)$ , where  $g$  and  $h$  are 1 : 1 and smooth.

As these transformations are 1 : 1 and smooth,  $g'$  and  $h'$  are finite and non-zero for all  $\alpha, \beta$  respectively.

Define

$$\tilde{l}(\alpha, \beta) = l(g(\alpha), h(\beta)).$$

Then

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{l}(\alpha, \beta)}{\partial \alpha} = g'(\alpha) \frac{\partial l}{\partial \psi}(g(\alpha), h(\beta))$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{l}(\alpha, \beta)}{\partial \alpha \partial \beta} &= g'(\alpha) h'(\beta) \frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \psi \partial \chi}(g(\alpha), h(\beta)) \\ &= g'(\alpha) h'(\beta) l_{\psi, \chi}(\psi, \chi). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, since  $g'(\alpha)$  and  $h'(\beta)$  are finite and non-zero,

$$E_{\psi, \chi} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 l(\psi, \chi)}{\partial \psi \partial \chi} \right] = 0 \Leftrightarrow E_{\alpha, \beta} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{l}(\alpha, \beta)}{\partial \alpha \partial \beta} \right] = 0.$$

So if  $\psi$  and  $\chi$  are orthogonal, so are  $\alpha = g^{-1}(\psi)$  and  $\beta = h^{-1}(\chi)$ .

### Solution to Question 8

$\theta = (\psi, \lambda)$ . Switch to parametrisation  $(\psi, \phi)$  where  $\lambda = \lambda(\psi, \phi)$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{l}(\psi, \phi) &= l(\psi, \lambda(\psi, \phi)) \\ &= s_1(y)^\top c_1(\psi) + s_2(y)^\top c_2(\psi, \lambda(\psi, \phi)) - k(\psi, \lambda(\psi, \phi)).\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{l}}{\partial \phi} = s_2(y)^\top \frac{\partial c_2}{\partial \lambda^\top} \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial \phi^\top} - \frac{\partial k}{\partial \lambda^\top} \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial \phi^\top}.$$

So

$$E_{\psi, \phi} \left[ \frac{\partial \tilde{l}}{\partial \phi} \right] = 0 \Rightarrow \phi^\top \frac{\partial c_2}{\partial \lambda^\top} \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial \phi^\top} = \frac{\partial k}{\partial \lambda^\top} \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial \phi^\top} \quad (*)$$

since  $E(s_2(y)) = \phi$  by definition.

Now differentiate (\*) with respect to  $\psi$ , noting that  $\psi$  and  $\phi$  are functionally independent in the new parametrisation, to obtain

$$\phi^\top \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi} \left[ \frac{\partial c_2}{\partial \lambda^\top} \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial \phi^\top} \right] = \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi} \left[ \frac{\partial k}{\partial \lambda^\top} \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial \phi^\top} \right]. \quad (**)$$

But

$$\frac{\partial^2 \tilde{l}}{\partial \psi \partial \phi^\top} = s_2(y)^\top \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi} \left[ \frac{\partial c_2}{\partial \lambda^\top} \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial \phi^\top} \right] - \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi} \left[ \frac{\partial k}{\partial \lambda^\top} \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial \phi^\top} \right]$$

so

$$\begin{aligned}E_{\psi, \phi} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 \tilde{l}}{\partial \psi \partial \phi^\top} \right] &= \phi^\top \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi} \left[ \frac{\partial c_2}{\partial \lambda^\top} \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial \phi^\top} \right] - \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi} \left[ \frac{\partial k}{\partial \lambda^\top} \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial \phi^\top} \right] \\ &= 0,\end{aligned}$$

due to (\*\*). So  $\psi$  and  $\phi$  are orthogonal.

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We may write

$$f(y; \psi, \phi) = \exp \left\{ (\psi - 1) \log y - \frac{1}{\phi} y - \psi \log \phi - \log \Gamma(\psi) \right\}.$$

The mean of  $y$  is  $\psi\phi$  and  $\psi - 1$ , or  $\psi$ , is the natural parameter for  $\log y$ .

So from the first part of the question,  $\psi$  and  $\psi\phi$  are orthogonal.

### Solution to Question 9

$$f(y|\lambda, \gamma) = a(\lambda, y) \exp\{\lambda t(y; \gamma)\} \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \gamma \in \mathbb{R}^k$$

$$l(\lambda, \gamma) = \log\{a(\lambda, y)\} + \lambda t(y; \gamma)$$

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \lambda} = t(y; \gamma), \quad \frac{\partial l}{\partial \gamma} = \lambda \frac{\partial t}{\partial \gamma}, \quad \frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \lambda \partial \gamma} = \frac{\partial t}{\partial \gamma}$$

We know that  $E\left(\frac{\partial l}{\partial \lambda}\right) = 0$ ,  $E\left(\frac{\partial l}{\partial \gamma}\right) = 0$ , so, assuming  $\lambda \neq 0$ , it must also be the case that

$$E\left(\frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \lambda \partial \gamma}\right) = \frac{1}{\lambda} E\left(\frac{\partial l}{\partial \gamma}\right) = 0.$$

This implies that  $\lambda$  and  $\gamma$  are orthogonal.

$$\begin{aligned} t(y; \gamma) &= \gamma^\top y - k(\gamma) \\ \implies f(y|\lambda, \gamma) &= a(\lambda, y) \exp\{\lambda \gamma y - \lambda k(\gamma)\} \\ \implies \int a(\lambda, y) e^{\lambda \gamma y} dy &= e^{\lambda k(\gamma)}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \int a(\lambda, y) e^{\lambda \gamma y} e^{\theta y} dy &= \int a(\lambda, y) e^{\lambda(\gamma + \frac{\theta}{\lambda})y} dy \\ &= e^{\lambda k(\gamma + \frac{\theta}{\lambda})} \end{aligned}$$

from which it follows that

$$\int f(y|\lambda, \gamma) e^{\theta y} dy = e^{\lambda k(\gamma + \frac{\theta}{\lambda}) - \lambda k(\gamma)}$$

which implies that the cumulant generating function of  $y$  is

$$\lambda \left\{ k\left(\gamma + \frac{\theta}{\lambda}\right) - k(\gamma) \right\}.$$

The mean of  $y$  is

$$E(y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \lambda \left\{ k\left(\gamma + \frac{\theta}{\lambda}\right) - k(\gamma) \right\} \Big|_{\theta=0} = \lambda \cdot \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{\partial k}{\partial \gamma} \left(\gamma + \frac{\theta}{\lambda}\right) \Big|_{\theta=0} = \frac{\partial k}{\partial \gamma} = \mu(\gamma).$$

The variance of  $y$ ,  $V(\mu)$ , is

$$\text{Var}(y) = V(\mu) = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \lambda \left\{ k\left(\gamma + \frac{\theta}{\lambda}\right) - k(\gamma) \right\} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{\partial^2 k}{\partial \gamma^2} \Big|_{\gamma=\gamma(\mu)}$$

$$P(y; \phi, \lambda) = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{\sqrt{2\pi}} y^{-\frac{3}{2}} e^{\sqrt{\lambda\phi}} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\lambda}{y} + \phi y\right)\right\}.$$

Put  $\phi = -2\lambda\psi$ . Then

$$\int \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{2\pi}} y^{-\frac{3}{2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{\lambda}{2y}\right\} \exp\{\lambda\psi y\} = e^{-\lambda\sqrt{-2\psi}}.$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} \int \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{2\pi}} y^{-\frac{3}{2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{\lambda}{2y}\right\} \exp\{\lambda\psi y\} \exp(\theta y) dy &= \exp\{-\lambda\sqrt{-2(\psi + \theta/\lambda)}\} \\ \implies E(e^{\theta y}) &= \exp\left[-\lambda\sqrt{-2(\psi + \theta/\lambda)} + \lambda\sqrt{-2\psi}\right]. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $k(\psi) = -\sqrt{-2\psi}$  and  $a(\lambda, y) = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{2\pi}} y^{-\frac{3}{2}} e^{-\lambda/(2y)}$ .

Moreover

$$E(y) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{-2\psi}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-2\psi}} = \mu = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{\phi}},$$

$$\text{Var}(y) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(\sqrt{-\psi})^3} = \frac{1}{\lambda} \mu^3 = \sigma^2 V(\mu) = \frac{\sqrt{\lambda}}{(\sqrt{\phi})^3}$$

where  $\sigma^2 = 1/\lambda$  and  $V(\mu) = \mu^3$ .

$y_i$  has pdf

$$f_i(y|\gamma, \lambda) = a(\lambda w_i, y_i) e^{\lambda w_i (\gamma y_i - k(\gamma))}$$

so joint pdf of  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  is

$$\prod_{i=1}^n a(\lambda w_i, y_i) \exp\left\{\lambda \left(\gamma \sum_{i=1}^n w_i y_i - w_+ k(\gamma)\right)\right\} = \left\{\prod_{i=1}^n a(\lambda w_i, y_i)\right\} \exp\{\lambda w_+ (\gamma t - k(\gamma))\}$$

where  $t = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i y_i / w_+$ .

The marginal pdf of  $t$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \int \left(\prod_{i=1}^n a(\lambda w_i, y_i)\right) \exp\{\lambda w_+ (\gamma t - k(\gamma))\} dy_1 \dots dy_n \\ \{y_1, \dots, y_n: \sum w_i y_i / w_+ = t\} \end{aligned}$$

$$= a_+(\lambda, t) \exp\{\lambda w_+(\gamma t - k(\gamma))\}$$

where

$$a_+(\lambda, t) = \int_{(y_1, \dots, y_n)^\top \in A_t} \prod_{i=1}^n a(\lambda w_i, y_i) \, dy_1 \dots dy_n,$$

and  $A_t = \{(y_1 \dots y_n)^\top : \sum w_i y_i / w_+ = t\}$ . Finally, choose  $w_i = 1$ ; then  $w_+ = n$ . We have

$$y_i \sim ED(\mu, \sigma^2 V(\mu))$$

and so

$$\bar{y} \sim ED\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n} V(\mu)\right).$$

From above,

$$\mu = \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{\phi}} = \sqrt{\frac{n\lambda}{n\phi}}$$

and

$$\frac{\sigma^2}{n} V(\mu) = \frac{1}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{\lambda} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\phi}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{n\lambda}}{(\sqrt{n\phi})^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

$$\implies \phi \mapsto n\phi, \quad \lambda \mapsto n\lambda.$$

Consequently,

$$\bar{y} = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \sim IG(n\phi, n\lambda).$$

### Solution to Question 10

$y_i \sim \text{Poisson}\{\exp(\lambda + \psi x_i)\}$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ;  $y_i$  independent.

Joint pmf (by independence) is

$$p_{\mathbf{Y}}(y_1, \dots, y_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\{\exp(\lambda + \psi x_i)\}^{y_i} \exp(-e^{\lambda + \psi x_i})}{y_i!}.$$

Pmf of sum  $S = \sum_{j=1}^n Y_j$  is

$$p_S(s) = \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^n \exp(\lambda + \psi x_i))^s \exp(-\sum_{i=1}^n e^{\lambda + \psi x_i})}{s!}.$$

Conditional distribution of  $\mathbf{Y} = (Y_1, \dots, Y_n) \mid S = s$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{p_{\mathbf{Y}}(y_1, \dots, y_n)}{p_S(s)} &= \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{\{\exp(\lambda + \psi x_i)\}^{y_i} \exp(-e^{\lambda + \psi x_i})}{y_i!} \right]}{\frac{(\sum_{i=1}^n e^{\lambda + \psi x_i})^s \exp(-\sum_{i=1}^n e^{\lambda + \psi x_i})}{s!}} \\ &= \frac{s!}{\prod_{i=1}^n y_i!} \prod_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{\exp(\lambda + \psi x_i)}{\sum_{j=1}^n \exp(\lambda + \psi x_j)} \right)^{y_i} = \frac{s!}{\prod_{i=1}^n y_i!} \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{e^{\psi x_i y_i}}{(\sum_{i=1}^n e^{\psi x_j})^{y_i}}. \end{aligned}$$

This is independent of  $\lambda$ .

The conditional log-likelihood  $l_c(\psi \mid s)$  is given by

$$l_c(\psi \mid s) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \psi x_i y_i \right) - s \log \left( \sum_{j=1}^n e^{\psi x_j} \right) + \text{const.}$$

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To find the profile log likelihood  $l_P(\psi)$ , first define

$$\begin{aligned} l(\psi, \lambda) &= \log p_{\mathbf{Y}}(y_1, \dots, y_n) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n [y_i(\lambda + \psi x_i) - e^{\lambda + \psi x_i}] + \text{const.} \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \lambda} = s - e^{\lambda} \sum_{i=1}^n e^{\psi x_i}$$

and further work shows that the MLE of  $\lambda$  for fixed  $\psi$  satisfies

$$\frac{s}{\sum_{i=1}^n e^{\psi x_i}} = e^{\hat{\lambda}\psi}, \quad \hat{\lambda}_\psi = \log s - \log \left( \sum_{i=1}^n e^{\psi x_i} \right).$$

Substituting,

$$l(\psi, \hat{\lambda}_\psi) = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i x_i \psi - s \log \left( \sum_{i=1}^n e^{\psi x_i} \right) + \text{const.}$$

which agrees with the conditional log-likelihood.

### Solution to Question 11

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

$$l_P(\mu) = \sup_{\sigma^2 > 0} l(\mu, \sigma^2) = l(\mu, \hat{\sigma}_\mu^2)$$

where  $\hat{\sigma}_\mu^2$  maximises the log-likelihood for  $\mu$ . Straightforward calculation shows that  $\hat{\sigma}_\mu^2 = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu)^2$  and therefore

$$l_P(\mu) = -\frac{n}{2} \log \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu)^2 \right\} + \text{const.}$$

An asymptotically correct confidence interval for  $\mu$  based on the profile log-likelihood  $l_P(\mu)$  will be of the form

$$\{\mu: 2[l_P(\hat{\mu}) - l_P(\mu)] \leq c_{1-\alpha}\},$$

where  $c_{1-\alpha}$  is such that  $P[\chi_1^2 \leq c_{1-\alpha}] = 1 - \alpha$ . Since  $N(0, 1)^2 \stackrel{d}{=} \chi_1^2$ , it follows that  $c_{1-\alpha} = z_{1-\alpha/2}^2$  where  $z_{1-\alpha/2}$  is such that  $P[N(0, 1) \leq z_{1-\alpha/2}] = 1 - \alpha/2$ . Noting that  $\hat{\mu} = \bar{y} = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$  and writing  $\hat{\sigma}^2 = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2$  for the full MLE of  $\sigma^2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} 2[l_P(\hat{\mu}) - l_P(\mu)] &= n \log \left\{ \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2} \right\} \\ &= n \log \left\{ \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 + n(\bar{y} - \mu)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2} \right\} \\ &= n \log \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{n} \frac{n(\bar{y} - \mu)^2}{\hat{\sigma}^2} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
2[l_P(\hat{\mu}) - l_P(\mu)] &\leq z_{1-\alpha/2}^2 \\
\iff 1 + \frac{(\bar{y} - \mu)^2}{\hat{\sigma}^2} &\leq e^{z_{1-\alpha/2}^2/n} \\
\iff \frac{|\bar{y} - \mu|}{\hat{\sigma}} &\leq \sqrt{e^{z_{1-\alpha/2}^2/n} - 1} \\
\iff \mu &\in \left( \bar{y} - \hat{\sigma} \sqrt{e^{z_{1-\alpha/2}^2/n} - 1}, \bar{y} + \hat{\sigma} \sqrt{e^{z_{1-\alpha/2}^2/n} - 1} \right).
\end{aligned}$$

Note that this is not the same as the standard  $t$ -interval for  $\mu$ ,

$$\left( \bar{y} - \frac{\hat{\sigma}}{\sqrt{n}} t_{n-1, 1-\alpha/2}, \bar{y} + \frac{\hat{\sigma}}{\sqrt{n}} t_{n-1, 1-\alpha/2} \right).$$

However, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\sqrt{e^{z_{1-\alpha/2}^2/n} - 1} &= (1 + z_{1-\alpha/2}^2/n - 1 + O(n^{-2}))^{\frac{1}{2}} \\
&= \frac{z_{1-\alpha/2}}{\sqrt{n}}.
\end{aligned}$$

So as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , the confidence interval for  $\mu$  converges to

$$\left( \bar{y} - \frac{\hat{\sigma} z_{1-\alpha/2}}{\sqrt{n}}, \bar{y} + \frac{\hat{\sigma} z_{1-\alpha/2}}{\sqrt{n}} \right).$$

This interval is asymptotically correct as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  but it does not fully account for the extra uncertainty due to the estimation of  $\sigma^2$  (unlike the  $t$ -interval, which does fully account for this uncertainty).



## Solution to Question 12

Recall from the slides (see Part III on Edgeworth expansions) that, by definition,

$$H_r(y) = (-1)^r \frac{d^r \phi(y)}{dy^r} / \phi(y)$$

or, equivalently,

$$H_r(y)\phi(y) = (-1)^r \frac{d^r \phi(y)}{dy^r}.$$

The identity follows from repeated integration by parts (use induction to make it fully rigorous). In particular, consider

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ty} H_r(y) \phi(y) dy = t^r e^{\frac{1}{2}t^2}.$$

Integrating the LHS by parts (integrate  $e^{ty}$ , differentiate  $\phi(y)H_r(y)$ ), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \left[ \frac{1}{t} e^{ty} H_r(y) \phi(y) \right]_{-\infty}^{\infty} - \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{t} e^{ty} \frac{d}{dy} (H_r(y) \phi(y)) dy \\ = 0 - \frac{1}{t} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ty} \frac{d}{dy} (-1)^r \frac{d^r \phi(y)}{dy^r} dy \\ = \frac{1}{t} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ty} (-1)^{r+1} \frac{d^{r+1} \phi(y)}{dy^{r+1}} dy = \frac{1}{t} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ty} H_{r+1}(y) \phi(y) dy. \end{aligned}$$

So

$$t^{-1} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ty} H_{r+1}(y) \phi(y) dy = t^r e^{\frac{1}{2}t^2},$$

and, multiplying both sides by  $t$ , the identity follows.

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Recall that

$$S_n^* = \frac{S_n - n\mu}{n^{\frac{1}{2}}\sigma},$$

where  $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i$  and  $E(Y_i) = \mu$ ,  $\text{Var}(Y_i) = \sigma^2$ .

Let  $\kappa_1(= \mu)$ ,  $\kappa_2(= \sigma^2)$ ,  $\kappa_3, \dots$  denote the cumulants of  $Y_1$ . Then

$$\text{cum}_1(S_n^*) \equiv E(S_n^*) = 0,$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{cum}_2(S_n^*) &\equiv \text{Var}(S_n^*) = 1, \\ \text{cum}_3(S_n^*) &= \frac{n\kappa_3}{(n^{\frac{1}{2}}\sigma)^3} = n^{-\frac{1}{2}}\frac{\kappa_3}{\sigma^3} = n^{-\frac{1}{2}}\rho_3\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\text{cum}(S_n^*) = \frac{n\kappa_j}{(n^{\frac{1}{2}}\sigma)^j} = n^{1-j/2}\rho_j,$$

where  $\rho_j$  is the  $j$ th standardised cumulant of  $Y_1$ .

It follows from the definition of the CGF that

$$K_{S_n^*}(t) = \frac{1}{2}t^2 + \frac{1}{6}n^{-\frac{1}{2}}\rho_3t^3 + \frac{n^{-1}}{24}\rho_4t^4 + O(n^{-\frac{3}{2}}).$$

Therefore, from the relationship between MGF and CGF,

$$\begin{aligned}M_{S_n^*}(t) &= \exp\{K_n^*(t)\} \\ &= \exp\left\{\frac{1}{2}t^2 + \frac{n^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{6}\rho_3t^3 + \frac{n^{-1}}{24}\rho_4t^4 + O(n^{-\frac{3}{2}})\right\} \\ &= e^{\frac{1}{2}t^2} \exp\left\{\frac{n^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{6}\rho_3t^3 + \frac{n^{-1}}{24}\rho_4t^4 + O(n^{-\frac{3}{2}})\right\} \\ &= e^{\frac{1}{2}t^2} \left[1 + \frac{n^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{6}\rho_3t^3 + \frac{n^{-1}}{24}\rho_4t^4 + \frac{n^{-1}}{72}\rho_3^2t^6 + O(n^{-\frac{3}{2}})\right] \quad (*)\end{aligned}$$

as required. Note that in the final step, we used a second-order Taylor expansion, assuming that  $n$  is large.

Note that if we define

$$f_{S_n^*}(y) = \phi(y) \left[1 + \frac{n^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{6}\rho_3H_3(y) + \frac{n^{-1}}{24}\rho_4H_4(y) + \frac{n^{-1}}{72}\rho_3^2H_6(y) + O(n^{-\frac{3}{2}})\right]$$

then

$$M_{S_n^*}(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ty} f_{S_n^*}(y) dy = \text{RHS of } (*).$$

### Solution to Question 13

The result will follow if we can show that, for all integers  $r \geq 1$ ,

$$\int_{-\infty}^y H_r(x)\phi(x) dx = -\phi(y)H_{r-1}(y).$$

From the defining property of Hermite polynomials,

$$\phi(x)H_r(x) = (-1)^r \frac{d^r}{dx^r} \phi(x).$$

So from the fundamental theorem of calculus,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\infty}^y H_r(x)\phi(x) dx &= \int_{-\infty}^y (-1)^r \frac{d^r}{dx^r} \phi(x) dx \\ &= (-1)^r \left[ (-1)^{r-1} \frac{d^{r-1}}{dx^{r-1}} \phi(x) \right]_{-\infty}^y \\ &= -\phi(y)H_{r-1}(y), \quad \text{as required.} \end{aligned}$$

### Solution to Question 14

Here,  $K_{S_n}(t) = n\mu t + \frac{n}{2}\sigma^2 t^2$  and

$$\hat{f}_S(s) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi K''_{S_n}(\hat{t})}} e^{K_{S_n}(\hat{t}) - \hat{t}s} \quad (*)$$

where  $\hat{t}$  solves  $K'_{S_n}(\hat{t}) = s$ .

Now  $K'_{S_n}(t) = n\mu + n\sigma^2 t$ , so

$$s = n\mu + n\sigma^2 \hat{t} \Rightarrow \hat{t} = \frac{S - n\mu}{n\sigma^2}.$$

Also,  $K''_{S_n}(t) = n\sigma^2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} K_{S_n}(\hat{t})s - \hat{t}(s) &= n\mu \left( \frac{S - n\mu}{n\sigma^2} \right) + \frac{n\sigma^2}{2} \left( \frac{S - n\mu}{n\sigma^2} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{S - n\mu}{n\sigma^2} \right) s \\ &= \frac{(S - n\mu)^2}{2n\sigma^2} = \frac{(S - n\mu)^2}{n\sigma^2} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{(S - n\mu)^2}{n\sigma^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Substituting into (\*), we obtain

$$\hat{f}_{S_n}(s) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi n\sigma^2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \frac{(S - n\mu)^2}{n\sigma^2} \right\}$$

which is exactly equal to the pdf of  $N(n\mu, n\sigma^2)$ .

### Solution to Question 15

$$M_{Y_1}(t) = E(e^{tY_1}) = (1-t)^{-1},$$

so  $M_{S_n}(t) = (1-t)^{-n} = \exp\{K_{S_n}(t)\}$  where  $K_{S_n}(t) = -n \log(1-t)$ . So

$$K'_{S_n}(t) = \frac{n}{1-t}, \quad K''_{S_n}(t) = \frac{n}{(1-t)^2}$$

$$K'_{S_n}(\hat{t}) = s \Rightarrow \hat{t} - 1 = \frac{n}{s}.$$

The saddlepoint approximation at  $S_n = s$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{f}_{S_n}(s) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi K''_{S_n}(\hat{t})}} \exp\{K_{S_n}(\hat{t}) - \hat{t}s\} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi s^2/n}} \exp\left\{-n \log\left(\frac{n}{s}\right) - s - n\right\} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{n}{2\pi}} \times \frac{e^{-n}}{n^n} s^{n-1} e^{-s} \\ &= \frac{1}{\hat{\Gamma}(n)} s^{n-1} e^{-s} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\hat{\Gamma}(n)$  is Stirling's application to  $\Gamma(n)$ .

But the true pdf of  $S_n$  is Gamma with index  $n$  and scale parameter 1, i.e.

$$f(y) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n)} s^{n-1} e^{-y}.$$

So  $\hat{f}_{S_n}(y)$  is exact up to the normalising constant.

### Solution to Question 16

This is covered in considerable detail in the preliminary notes and the slides (see part III).

### Solution to Question 17

Consider the integral

$$I = \int_a^b e^{-\lambda g(x)} dx,$$

where  $g(x)$  has a unique stationary minimum at  $x = \hat{x} \in (a, b)$ . Put  $z = \lambda^{\frac{1}{2}}(x - \hat{x})$ . Then

$$I = \int_a^b e^{-\lambda g(x)} dx = \lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}} \int_{\lambda^{\frac{1}{2}}(a-\hat{x})}^{\lambda^{\frac{1}{2}}(b-\hat{x})} e^{-\lambda g(\hat{x} + \lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}}z)} dz.$$

Now

$$g(\hat{x} + \lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}}z) = g(\hat{x}) + 0 + \frac{1}{2!}g''(\hat{x})\frac{z^2}{\lambda} + \frac{1}{3!}g^{(3)}(\hat{x})\frac{z^3}{\lambda^{\frac{3}{2}}} + \frac{1}{4!}g^{(4)}(\hat{x})\frac{z^4}{\lambda^2} + O(\lambda^{-\frac{5}{2}}).$$

Consequently, writing  $\hat{g} = g(\hat{x})$ ,  $\hat{g}^{(j)} = g^{(j)}(\hat{x})$  etc,

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}} \int_{\lambda^{\frac{1}{2}}(a-\hat{x})}^{\lambda^{\frac{1}{2}}(b-\hat{x})} \exp \left\{ -\lambda \hat{g} - \frac{1}{2} \hat{g}^{(2)} z^2 - \frac{\lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{6} g^{(3)} z^3 - \frac{\lambda^{-1}}{24} \hat{g}^{(4)} + O(\lambda^{-\frac{3}{2}}) \right\} dz \\ &\sim \frac{e^{-\lambda \hat{g}}}{\lambda^{\frac{1}{2}}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \hat{g}^{(2)} z^2} \left[ 1 - \frac{\lambda^{-\frac{1}{2}}}{6} \hat{g}^{(3)} z^3 - \frac{\lambda^{-1}}{24} g^{(4)} z^4 + \frac{\lambda^{-1}}{72} (\hat{g}^{(3)})^2 z^6 + O(\lambda^{-\frac{3}{2}}) \right] dz. \end{aligned}$$

By symmetry,

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}az^2} z^3 dz = 0$$

and also

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}az^2} z^{2j} dz = O(1)$$

for any fixed integer  $j \geq 1$ . Consequently

$$I = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\lambda \hat{g}^{(2)}}} e^{-\lambda \hat{g}} [1 + O(\lambda^{-1})],$$

using the Gaussian integral

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\hat{g}^{(2)}z^2} dz = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{\hat{g}^{(2)}}}.$$

### Solution to Question 18

$$y_1, \dots, y_n \stackrel{\text{IID}}{\sim} \exp(1/\mu)$$

$$\Rightarrow l(\mu) = -n \log \mu - \sum_{i=1}^n y_i/\mu$$

$$l'(\mu) = -\frac{n}{\mu} + \frac{1}{\mu^2} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$$

$$l'(\hat{\mu}) = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{\mu} = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i/n$$

So

$$l(\mu) = -n \log \mu - n\hat{\mu}/\mu$$

$$l(\hat{\mu}) = -n \log \hat{\mu} - n$$

$$\Rightarrow l(\mu) - l(\hat{\mu}) = n \log \hat{\mu}/\mu - n\hat{\mu}/\mu + n$$

$$j(\mu) = -l''(\mu) = -\frac{n}{\mu^2} + \frac{2n}{\mu^3} \hat{\mu}.$$

So

$$|j(\hat{\mu})|^{1/2} = \frac{n^{1/2}}{\hat{\mu}},$$

and

$$p^*(\hat{\mu}) \propto |j|^{1/2} e^{l(\mu) - l(\hat{\mu})} \propto \left(\frac{\hat{\mu}}{\mu}\right)^n \frac{1}{\hat{\mu}} e^{-n\hat{\mu}/\mu}$$

$$\Rightarrow p^*(\hat{\mu}) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(n)} \left(\frac{n}{\mu}\right)^n \hat{\mu}^{n-1} e^{-n\hat{\mu}/\mu}.$$

Note that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n y_i \sim \text{Gamma}(n, 1/\mu)$$

and so

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \sim \text{Gamma}(n, n/\mu).$$

Therefore the  $p^*$  formula is exact in this case.

### Solution to Question 19

$$x_1, \dots, x_n \stackrel{\text{IID}}{\sim} \exp(\lambda) \quad y_1, \dots, y_n \stackrel{\text{IID}}{\sim} \exp(\psi\lambda)$$

$$l(\psi, \lambda) = n \log \lambda - \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n x_i + n \log(\lambda\psi) - \lambda\psi \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$$

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \psi} = \frac{n}{\psi} - \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n y_i, \quad \frac{\partial l}{\partial \lambda} = \frac{2n}{\lambda} - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - \psi \sum_{i=1}^n y_i,$$

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \psi} = 0 \text{ and } \frac{\partial l}{\partial \lambda} = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{\lambda} = \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}, \quad \hat{\psi} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i}.$$

Therefore we may write

$$l(\psi, \lambda) = 2n \log \lambda + n \log \psi - n\lambda\hat{\lambda}^{-1} - n\psi\lambda\hat{\psi}^{-1}\hat{\lambda}^{-1}$$

$$-\frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \psi^2} = \frac{n}{\psi^2}, \quad -\frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \lambda^2} = \frac{2n}{\lambda^2}, \quad -\frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \psi \partial \lambda} = n\hat{\psi}^{-1}\hat{\lambda}^{-1}.$$

Therefore

$$\hat{j} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{n}{\hat{\psi}^2} & \frac{n}{\hat{\psi}\hat{\lambda}} \\ \frac{n}{\hat{\psi}\hat{\lambda}} & \frac{2n}{\hat{\lambda}^2} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad |\hat{j}|^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{n}{\hat{\psi}\hat{\lambda}}.$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} p^*(\hat{\psi}, \hat{\lambda}) &\propto |\hat{j}|^{\frac{1}{2}} \exp\{l(\psi, \lambda) - l(\hat{\psi}, \hat{\lambda})\} \\ &= \frac{n e^{2n}}{\hat{\psi}\hat{\lambda}} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\hat{\lambda}}\right)^{2n} \left(\frac{\psi}{\hat{\psi}}\right)^n \exp\left\{-\frac{n\lambda}{\hat{\lambda}} \left(1 + \frac{\psi}{\hat{\psi}}\right)\right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Let us evaluate

$$I = \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \left(\frac{\lambda}{\hat{\lambda}}\right)^{2n} \left(\frac{\psi}{\hat{\psi}}\right)^n \frac{1}{\hat{\psi}\hat{\lambda}} \exp\left\{-\frac{n\lambda}{\hat{\psi}} \left(1 + \frac{\psi}{\hat{\psi}}\right)\right\} d\hat{\lambda} d\hat{\psi}.$$

Put  $u = \lambda/\hat{\lambda}$ , so  $u^{-1} du = -\hat{\lambda}^{-1} d\hat{\lambda}$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow I &= \int_0^\infty \left(\frac{\psi}{\hat{\psi}}\right)^n \frac{1}{\hat{\psi}} \left[ \int_0^\infty u^{2n-1} e^{-nu(1+\frac{\psi}{\hat{\psi}})} du \right] d\hat{\psi} \\ &= \int_0^\infty \left(\frac{\psi}{\hat{\psi}}\right)^n \frac{1}{\hat{\psi}} \frac{\Gamma(2n)}{n^{2n}} \left(1 + \frac{\psi}{\hat{\psi}}\right)^{2n} d\hat{\psi} \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(2n)}{n^{2n}} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\hat{\psi}} \left(\frac{\hat{\psi}}{\psi}\right)^{n-1} \left(1 + \frac{\hat{\psi}}{\psi}\right)^{-2n} d\hat{\psi} \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(2n)}{n^{2n}} \frac{\Gamma(n)^2}{\Gamma(2n)} = \frac{\Gamma(n)^2}{n^{2n}}, \end{aligned}$$

using the normalising constant for the  $F$  distribution given in the question.

Therefore the  $p^*$  approximation to the pdf of  $(\hat{\psi}, \hat{\lambda})$  is

$$p^*(\hat{\psi}, \hat{\lambda}) = \frac{n^{2n}}{\Gamma(n)^2} \frac{1}{\hat{\psi}\hat{\lambda}} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\hat{\lambda}}\right)^{2n} \left(\frac{\psi}{\hat{\psi}}\right)^n \exp\left\{-n\frac{\lambda}{\hat{\lambda}}\left(1 + \frac{\psi}{\hat{\psi}}\right)\right\}$$

and repeating the first step in the calculation of  $I$  above,

$$\begin{aligned} p^*(\hat{\psi}) &= \frac{n^{2n}}{\Gamma(n)^2} \frac{\Gamma(2n)}{n^{2n}} \frac{1}{\psi} \left(\frac{\hat{\psi}}{\psi}\right)^{n-1} \left(1 + \frac{\hat{\psi}}{\psi}\right)^{-2n} \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(2n)}{\Gamma(n)^2} \frac{1}{\psi} \left(\frac{\hat{\psi}}{\psi}\right)^{n-1} \left(1 + \frac{\hat{\psi}}{\psi}\right)^{-2n} \end{aligned}$$

which is exact, with the correct normalising constant.

## Solution to Question 20

$$y_1, \dots, y_n \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

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

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

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \mu} = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{\mu} = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$$

$$\Rightarrow l_P(\sigma^2) = -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{\mu})^2$$

$$\frac{\partial l_P}{\partial \sigma^2}(\sigma^2) = -\frac{n}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2\sigma^4} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{\mu})^2$$

$$E \left[ \frac{\partial l_P}{\partial \sigma^2}(\sigma^2) \right] = -\frac{n}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2\sigma^4} E \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{\mu})^2 \right]$$



But

$$E \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{\mu})^2 \right] = (n-1)\sigma^2$$

$$\Rightarrow E \left[ \frac{\partial l_P}{\partial \sigma^2}(\sigma^2) \right] = -\frac{n}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{(n-1)\sigma^2}{2\sigma^4} = -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \neq 0$$

so the profile score is biased in this case.

The modified profile likelihood is given by

$$\tilde{L}_P(\psi) = L_P(\psi)M(\psi).$$

First of all note that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu)^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{\mu})^2 + n(\hat{\mu} - \mu)^2 \\ &= n\hat{\sigma}^2 + n(\hat{\mu} - \mu)^2, \end{aligned}$$

and  $(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\sigma}^2)$  is minimal sufficient for the data  $y_1, \dots, y_n$ . Therefore we may write

$$\begin{aligned} l(\mu, \sigma^2) &= -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu)^2 \\ &= -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (n\hat{\sigma}^2 + n(\hat{\mu} - \mu)^2) \\ l_{\mu;\hat{\mu}} &= \frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \mu \partial \hat{\mu}} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \left[ -\frac{n(\hat{\mu} - \mu)}{\sigma^2} \right] = \frac{n}{\sigma^2} \\ j_{\mu\mu} &= -\frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \mu^2} = \frac{n}{\sigma^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Recall from the slides that  $M(\psi) = |l_{\chi;\hat{\chi}}(\psi, \hat{\chi}_\psi; \hat{\psi}, \hat{\chi})|^{-1} \times |j_{\chi\chi}(\psi, \hat{\chi}_\psi; \hat{\psi}, \hat{\chi})|^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

Here,  $\psi = \sigma^2$  and  $\chi = \mu$ , so

$$M(\sigma^2) = \sigma^2/n / (\sigma^2/n)^{\frac{1}{2}} = (\sigma^2/n)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Also,  $\hat{\mu}_{\sigma^2} = \hat{\mu}$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{L}_P(\sigma^2) &= L_P(\sigma^2)M(\sigma^2) \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \right)^{n/2} e^{-n\hat{\sigma}^2/(2\sigma^2)} (\sigma^2/n)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{2\pi} \right)^{n/2} \left( \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \right)^{(n-1)/2} e^{-n\hat{\sigma}^2/(2\sigma^2)} \\ \tilde{l}_P(\sigma^2) &= \log \tilde{L}_P(\sigma^2) \\ &= -\frac{(n-1)}{2} \log \sigma^2 - \frac{n\hat{\sigma}^2}{2\sigma^2} + \text{constant}. \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{l}_P}{\partial \sigma^2}(\sigma^2) = -\frac{(n-1)}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{n\hat{\sigma}^2}{2\sigma^4}.$$

But

$$E[n\hat{\sigma}^2] = E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{\mu})^2\right] = (n-1)\sigma^2$$

so

$$E\left[\frac{\partial \tilde{l}_P}{\partial \sigma^2}(\sigma^2)\right] = -\frac{(n-1)}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{(n-1)\sigma^2}{2\sigma^4} = 0.$$

Consequently, we may conclude that the modified profile score is unbiased.

### Solution to Question 21

$y_i$  has pdf  $\mu_i^{-1} e^{-y_i/\mu_i}$ ,  $\mu_i = \lambda e^{\psi x_i}$

$\implies$  log-likelihood  $l(\psi, \lambda)$  is

$$l(\psi, \lambda) = -n \log \lambda - \psi \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - \lambda^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i e^{-\psi x_i}$$

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \lambda} = -\frac{n}{\lambda} + \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i e^{-\psi x_i}$$

$\implies$  MLE of  $\lambda$  for fixed  $\psi$  is

$$\hat{\lambda}_\psi = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i e^{-\psi x_i}$$

$$\implies l_p(\psi) = -n \log \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i e^{-\psi x_i} \right) - \psi \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - n$$

and

$$L_P(\psi) = \left( \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i e^{-\psi x_i}} \right)^n e^{-\psi \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - n}.$$

Modified profile likelihood is

$$L_{MP}(\psi) = L_P(\psi)M(\psi)$$

where

$$M(\psi) = |l_{\lambda;\hat{\lambda}}(\psi, \hat{\lambda}_\psi; \hat{\psi}, \hat{\lambda})|^{-1} |l_{\lambda\lambda}(\psi, \hat{\lambda}_\psi; \hat{\psi}, \hat{\lambda})|^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

where  $\hat{\psi}$  and  $\hat{\lambda}$  are the full MLEs.

As  $\hat{\psi}, \hat{\lambda}$  are not sufficient for the data  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  we need to consider an ancillary statistic:

$$a = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \quad \text{where} \quad a_i = \log y_i - \log \hat{\lambda} - \hat{\psi}x_i.$$

Consider transforming from  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  to  $a_1, \dots, a_{n-2}, \hat{\psi}, \hat{\lambda}$ . [Later we shall see that it makes no difference which subset of  $n - 2$   $a_i$ 's we choose.] Then

$$y_i = e^{a_i} \hat{\lambda} e^{\hat{\psi}x_i}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n - 2$$

and

$$y_{n-1} = y_{n-1}(a_1, \dots, a_{n-2}, \hat{\psi}, \hat{\lambda})$$

and

$$y_n = y_n(a_1, \dots, a_{n-2}, \hat{\psi}, \hat{\lambda}).$$

From the score equations we have

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \lambda} = 0 \implies -\frac{n}{\hat{\lambda}} + \frac{1}{\hat{\lambda}^2} \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} e^{a_i} \hat{\lambda} e^{\hat{\psi}x_i} e^{-\hat{\psi}x_i} + \hat{\lambda}^{-2} y_{n-1} e^{-\hat{\psi}x_{n-1}} + \hat{\lambda}^{-2} y_n e^{-\hat{\psi}x_n}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \psi} = 0 \implies -\sum_{i=1}^n x_i + \hat{\lambda}^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n-2} e^{a_i} \hat{\lambda} e^{\hat{\psi}x_i} e^{-\hat{\psi}x_i} x_i + \hat{\lambda}^{-1} x_{n-1} y_{n-1} e^{-\hat{\psi}x_{n-1}} + \hat{\lambda}^{-1} x_n y_n e^{-\hat{\psi}x_n}.$$

Thus we have simultaneous equations in  $y_{n-1}$  and  $y_n$ . It is easily checked that the solution is of the form

$$y_{n-1} = \hat{\lambda} g_{n-1}(a_1, \dots, a_{n-2}, \hat{\psi})$$

$$y_n = \hat{\lambda} g_n(a_1, \dots, a_{n-2}, \hat{\psi}),$$

where  $g_{n-1}$  and  $g_n$  do not depend on  $\hat{\lambda}$ . Thus

$$\frac{\partial y_{n-1}}{\partial \hat{\lambda}} = y_{n-1}/\hat{\lambda} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial y_n}{\partial \hat{\lambda}} = y_n/\hat{\lambda}.$$

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned}
 l_{\lambda; \hat{\lambda}}(\psi, \lambda; \hat{\psi}, \hat{\lambda}) &= \frac{\partial l}{\partial \hat{\lambda}} \left( -\frac{n}{\lambda} + \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i e^{-\psi x_i} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial y_i}{\partial \hat{\lambda}} e^{-\psi x_i} = \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \frac{1}{\hat{\lambda}} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i e^{-\psi x_i} \\
 \implies l_{\lambda; \hat{\lambda}}(\psi, \hat{\lambda}_\psi; \hat{\psi}, \hat{\lambda}) &= \frac{n}{\hat{\lambda} \hat{\lambda}_\psi}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Also,

$$\begin{aligned}
 -l_{\lambda\lambda} &= -\frac{n}{\lambda^2} + \frac{2}{\lambda^3} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i e^{-\psi x_i} \\
 \implies -l_{\lambda\lambda}(\psi, \hat{\lambda}_\psi; \hat{\psi}, \hat{\lambda}) &= \frac{2n}{\hat{\lambda}_\psi^2} - \frac{n}{\hat{\lambda}_\psi^2} = \frac{n}{\hat{\lambda}_\psi^2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

So

$$M(\psi) = \left( \frac{\hat{\lambda}}{n \hat{\lambda}_\psi} \right) \sqrt{\frac{n}{\hat{\lambda}_\psi^2}} = n^{-\frac{1}{2}} \hat{\lambda}.$$

Note that in this example,  $M(\psi)$  does not depend on  $\psi$ .

## Solution to Question 22

Let

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

denote the log-likelihood. From standard calculations, the maximised log-likelihood under  $H_0$  is given by

$$l(\mu_0, \hat{\sigma}_0^2) = -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi\hat{\sigma}_0^2) - \frac{n}{2},$$

where

$$\hat{\sigma}_0^2 = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu_0)^2;$$

and the maximised log-likelihood under the alternative is given by

$$l(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\sigma}^2) = -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi\hat{\sigma}^2) - \frac{n}{2},$$

where

$$\hat{\mu} = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\sigma}^2 = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{\mu})^2.$$

So twice the log of the ratio of maximised likelihoods is given by

$$\begin{aligned} w &= 2[l(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\sigma}^2) - l(\mu_0, \hat{\sigma}_0^2)] \\ &= n \log \left( \frac{\hat{\sigma}_0^2}{\hat{\sigma}^2} \right). \end{aligned}$$

But

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\sigma}_0^2 &= n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu_0)^2 = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{\mu} + \hat{\mu} - \mu_0)^2 \\ &= n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{\mu})^2 + (\hat{\mu} - \mu_0)^2 \\ &= \hat{\sigma}^2 + (\hat{\mu} - \mu_0)^2. \end{aligned}$$

So

$$w = n \log \left( \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2 + (\hat{\mu} - \mu_0)^2}{\hat{\sigma}^2} \right) = n \log \left( 1 + \frac{t^2}{n-1} \right),$$

where  $t^2 \equiv (\hat{\mu} - \mu_0)^2 / \{\hat{\sigma}^2 / (n-1)\}$  is the  $t$ -statistic. For  $n$  large,

$$\log \left( 1 + \frac{t^2}{n-1} \right) = \frac{t^2}{n-1} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{t^4}{(n-1)^2} + O(n^{-3}).$$

Also, from standard results for the  $t$ -distribution with  $n-1$  degrees of freedom, which you can try to derive or look up,

$$E[T^2] = \frac{n-1}{n-3} = 1 + \frac{2}{n} + O(n^{-2})$$

and

$$E[T^4] = \frac{3(n-1)^2}{(n-3)(n-5)} = 3 + O(n^{-1}).$$

Putting these results together,

$$\begin{aligned} E \left[ n \log \left( 1 + \frac{T^2}{n-1} \right) \right] &= \left[ 1 + \frac{2}{n} + O(n^{-2}) \right] (1 - n^{-1})^{-1} - \frac{1}{2} (3 + O(n^{-1})) \frac{1}{n} (1 - n^{-1})^{-2} \\ &= 1 + \frac{3}{n} + O(n^{-2}) - \frac{3}{2n} + O(n^{-2}) = 1 + \frac{3}{2n} + O(n^{-2}). \end{aligned}$$

So  $b \equiv \frac{3}{2}$  in this case.

The Bartlett correction generally improves the  $\chi^2$  approximation.

### Solution to Question 23

The details are similar to those given for the logistic regression example in Part III of the slides. In particular, writing  $\beta_p = \gamma$ , the approximation to the marginal posterior of  $\gamma$  is given by

$$\hat{\pi}(\gamma|y) = \frac{L(\hat{\beta}_\gamma)}{(2\pi)^{\frac{1}{2}} L(\hat{\beta})} \left\{ \frac{|j(\hat{\beta})|}{|j_{p-1}(\hat{\beta}_\gamma)|} \right\}^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

where

$$L(\beta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \left\{ \frac{e^{y_i \beta^\top x_i} \exp(-e^{\beta^\top x_i})}{y_i!} \right\}$$

is the likelihood for the model;

$\hat{\beta}_\gamma$  is the MLE of  $\beta$  under  $H_0: \beta_p = \gamma, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_{p-1}$  unrestricted;

$\hat{\beta}$  is the MLE under the general alternative  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_p$  all unrestricted;

$$j(\beta) = -\frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \beta \partial \beta^\top} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i x_i^\top e^{\beta^\top x_i}$$

is the observed information matrix for the full model;

$$j_{p-1}(\beta) = \left\{ -\frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \beta_i \partial \beta_j} \right\}_{i,j=1}^{p-1}$$

is the observed information under the model  $H$ , obtained by remaining the  $p$ th row and  $p$ th column of  $j(\beta)$ ; and  $|\cdot|$  denotes determinant.

### Solution to Question 24

$$l(\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n, \sigma^2) = -n \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \{(x_i - \mu_i)^2 + (y_i - \mu_i)^2\}$$

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \mu_i} = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} [(x_i - \mu_i) + (y_i - \mu_i)]$$

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \mu_i} = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{\mu}_i = \frac{x_i + y_i}{2}.$$

So

$$l(\hat{\mu}_1, \dots, \hat{\mu}_n, \sigma^2) = -n \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{4\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - y_i)^2$$

and

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \sigma^2}(\hat{\mu}_1, \dots, \hat{\mu}_n, \sigma^2) = -\frac{n}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{4\sigma^4} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - y_i)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{4n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - y_i)^2.$$

But  $E(x_i - y_i)^2 = 2\sigma^2$ , so

$$E(\hat{\sigma}^2) = \frac{\sigma^2}{2}.$$

By the weak law of large numbers,

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 \xrightarrow{p} \sigma^2/2 \neq \sigma^2,$$

so  $\hat{\sigma}^2$  is *not* a consistent estimator of  $\sigma^2$ .

Use

$$m(\psi) = |l_{\chi\hat{\chi}}(\psi, \hat{\chi}_\psi; \hat{\psi}, \hat{\chi})|^{-1} |j_{\chi\chi}(\psi, \hat{\chi}_\psi; \hat{\psi}, \hat{\chi})|^{\frac{1}{2}},$$

where  $\chi = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)^\top$  and  $\psi = \sigma^2$ .

Now

$$\begin{aligned} (x_i - \mu_i)^2 + (y_i - \mu_i)^2 &= (x_i - \hat{\mu}_i + \hat{\mu}_i - \mu_i)^2 + (y_i - \hat{\mu}_i + \hat{\mu}_i - \mu_i)^2 \\ &= (x_i - \hat{\mu}_i)^2 + (y_i - \hat{\mu}_i)^2 + 2(\hat{\mu}_i - \mu_i)^2. \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned}
l(\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n, \sigma^2) &= -n \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \{(x_i - \mu_i)^2 + (y_i - \mu_i)^2\} \\
&= -n \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \{(x_1 - \hat{\mu}_i)^2 + (y_2 - \hat{\mu}_i)^2\} - \frac{n}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\mu}_i - \mu_i)^2 \\
&= -n \log(2\pi\sigma^2) - \frac{n\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma^2} - \frac{n}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\mu}_i - \mu_i)^2.
\end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \mu_i \partial \hat{\mu}_i} &= \frac{2n}{\sigma^2}, & \frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \mu_i \partial \hat{\mu}_k} &= 0 \quad (i \neq k) \\
j_{\mu_p \mu_q} &= -\frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \mu_p \partial \mu_q} = \begin{cases} 2n/\sigma^2 & p = q \\ 0 & p \neq q \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

so

$$|l_{\mu_j \hat{\mu}}(\sigma^2, \hat{\mu}_{\sigma^2}; \hat{\sigma}^2, \hat{\mu})|^{-1} = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\sigma^2}{2n} = \frac{\sigma^{2n}}{(2n)^n}$$

and  $|j|^{1/2} = \left(\frac{2n}{\sigma^2}\right)^{n/2}$ .

Therefore

$$M(\sigma^2) = \frac{\sigma^{2n}}{(2n)^n} \bigg/ \frac{\sigma^n}{(2n)^{n/2}} = c(\sigma^2)^{n/2},$$

where  $c$  is a constant.

Consequently, the log modified profile likelihood is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
\tilde{l}_P(\sigma^2) &= \log L_P(\sigma^2) + \log M(\sigma^2) \\
&= -n \log \sigma^2 - \frac{n\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma^2} - \frac{n}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\mu}_i - \hat{\mu}_i)^2 + \frac{n}{2} \log \sigma^2 + \text{constant} \\
&= -\frac{n}{2} \log \sigma^2 - \frac{n\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma^2} + \text{constant},
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{l}_P}{\partial \sigma^2}(\sigma^2) = -\frac{n}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{n\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma^4}.$$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{l}_P}{\partial \sigma^2}(\hat{\sigma}_p^2) = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{\sigma}_p^2 = 2\hat{\sigma}^2$$

$\Rightarrow \hat{\sigma}_p^2$  is unbiased and consistent.



Distribution of  $S$  is

$$2\sigma^2\chi_n^2 \sim \text{Gamma}\left(\frac{n}{2}, \frac{1}{4\sigma^2}\right).$$

So the marginal log-likelihood  $l_M(\sigma^2)$  for  $\sigma^2$  based on  $S$  is

$$l_M(\sigma^2) = -\frac{n}{2} \log \sigma^2 - \frac{S}{4\sigma^2}.$$

But

$$n\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{S}{4} \Rightarrow l_m(\sigma^2) = -\frac{n}{2} \log \sigma^2 - \frac{n\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma^2}.$$

So  $l_M$  agrees with the modified profile log-likelihood up to an additive constant.