

02424 Week 2

Exercise 1

The following are heart rate measurements (beats/minute) of one person measured throughout the day.

71 74 82 76 91 82 82 75 79 82 72 90

Assume that the data are an iid sample from $N(\theta, \sigma^2)$, where σ^2 is assumed to be known at the observed sample variance. Sketch the likelihood function for θ if

- the whole data are reported.
- only the sample mean \bar{y} is reported.

Find the MLE, $\hat{\theta}$, and the Hessian (for case a)) using the `optim` function in R.

Exercise 2

The measurements y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n are an iid sample from the Poisson distribution with density

$$f(y) = \frac{\lambda^y \exp(-\lambda)}{y!}.$$

- Write down the combined likelihood function, the log-likelihood function, $l'_\lambda(\lambda; \mathbf{y})$ and $j(\lambda; \mathbf{y})$.
- Derive the MLE, $\hat{\lambda}$, and calculate the observed information.

Exercise 3

The following data are number of customers arriving at a cafe per 10 minutes:

4 6 3 7 2 4

Assume that the data are an iid sample from the Poisson distribution. Plot the log-likelihood function and the quadratic approximation. Set the maximum of the log-likelihood to zero and check a range of λ such that the log-likelihood is approximately between between -4 and 0. Do the same plot again but this time not on log-scale.