

HOMEWORK SOLUTIONS #7

1. Poor 4.20:

(a) Note that Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n , are independent and that $Y_k \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1 + \theta s_k^2)$. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log p_{\theta}(\underline{y}) &= \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} \log(1 + \theta s_k^2) - \frac{y_k^2}{2(1 + \theta s_k^2)} \right\} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n \left\{ \frac{s_k^2}{1 + \theta s_k^2} - \frac{y_k^2 s_k^2}{(1 + \theta s_k^2)^2} \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

from which the likelihood equation becomes

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{s_k^2 (y_k^2 - 1 - \hat{\theta}_{\text{ML}}(\underline{y}) s_k^2)}{(1 + \hat{\theta}_{\text{ML}}(\underline{y}) s_k^2)^2} = 0.$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} I_{\theta} &= -E_{\theta} \left\{ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \log p_{\theta}(\underline{Y}) \right\} = \sum_{k=1}^n \left\{ \frac{s_k^4 E_{\theta} \{Y_k^2\}}{(1 + \theta s_k^2)^3} - \frac{s_k^4}{2(1 + \theta s_k^2)^2} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{s_k^4}{(1 + \theta s_k^2)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

So the CRLB is

$$\frac{2}{\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{s_k^4}{(1 + \theta s_k^2)^2}}.$$

(c) With $s_k^2 = 1$, the likelihood equation yields the solution

$$\hat{\theta}(\underline{y}) = \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n y_k^2 \right) - 1,$$

which is seen to yield a maximum of the likelihood function.

(d) We have

$$E_{\theta} \left\{ \hat{\theta}_{\text{ML}}(\underline{Y}) \right\} = \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n E_{\theta} \{Y_k^2\} \right) - 1 = \theta.$$

Similarly, since the Y_k 's are independent,

$$\text{Var}_{\theta} \left(\hat{\theta}_{\text{ML}}(\underline{Y}) \right) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n \text{Var}_{\theta} (Y_k^2) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n 2(1 + \theta)^2 = \frac{2(1 + \theta)^2}{n}.$$

Thus, the MLE is unbiased and the variance of the MLE equals the CRLB. (Hence, the MLE is an MVUE in this case.)

2. **Poor 4.21:**

Recall that

$$p_\lambda(\underline{y}) = p_\lambda(y_1)p_\lambda(y_2) = \frac{\lambda^{(y_1+y_2)}e^{-2\lambda}}{y_1!y_2!}I_{\{y_1 \geq 0, y_2 \geq 0\}}$$

and that $\theta = e^{-\lambda}$.

(d) To find the maximum likelihood estimator of θ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (\log p_\lambda(\underline{y})) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} ((y_1 + y_2) \log \lambda - 2\lambda - \log(y_1! y_2!)) \\ &= \frac{y_1 + y_2}{\lambda} \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial \theta} - 2 \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial \theta} \\ \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial \theta} &= -\frac{1}{\theta} \end{aligned}$$

Setting the derivative equal to zero,

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\frac{y_1 + y_2}{-\log \theta} - 2 \right] \left(\frac{-1}{\theta} \right) \Big|_{\theta = \hat{\theta}_{\text{ML}}} &= 0 \\ \hat{\theta}_{\text{ML}}(\underline{y}) &= e^{-\frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}} \\ \mathbf{E}_\lambda \left\{ \hat{\theta}_{\text{ML}}(\underline{Y}) \right\} &= \mathbf{E}_\lambda \left\{ e^{-\frac{T}{2}} \right\} \text{ for } T \sim \text{poisson}(2\lambda) \\ &= \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{t}{2}} \frac{(2\lambda)^t e^{-2\lambda}}{t!} = e^{-2\lambda} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{(2\lambda/\sqrt{e})^t}{t!} = e^{-2\lambda} e^{\frac{2\lambda}{\sqrt{e}}} \\ &= e^{-\lambda \cdot 2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}\right)} \text{ **biased**} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{note that } 2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}\right) \approx 0.7869$$

However, if we create the MLE for λ directly,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \log p_\lambda(\underline{y}) &= \frac{y_1 + y_2}{\lambda} - 2 \\ \Rightarrow \hat{\lambda}_{\text{ML}}(\underline{y}) &= \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \\ \mathbf{E}_\lambda \left\{ \hat{\lambda}_{\text{ML}}(\underline{Y}) \right\} &= \lambda \text{ **unbiased**} \end{aligned}$$

(e) To determine the CRLB, we first calculate Fisher's information:

$$\begin{aligned} I_\theta &= \mathbf{E}_\theta \left\{ -\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \log p_\theta(\underline{Y}) \right\} \\ &= \mathbf{E}_\theta \left\{ \frac{1}{\theta^2} \left[\frac{Y_1 + Y_2}{\log \theta} + 2 + \frac{Y_1 + Y_2}{(\log \theta)^2} \right] \right\} \\ \mathbf{E}_\theta \{Y_1 + Y_2\} &= 2\lambda = -2 \log \theta \\ \Rightarrow I_\theta &= -\frac{2}{\theta^2 \log \theta} \end{aligned}$$

Finally, the CRLB for the variance of unbiased estimators of θ is $1/I_\theta$.

3. Poor 4.23

(a) The log-likelihood is

$$\log p(\underline{y}|A, \phi) = -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{k=1}^n \left[y_k - A \sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{2} + \phi\right) \right]^2 - \frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi\sigma^2)$$

and, differentiating with respect to the unknown parameters A and ϕ , we obtain the likelihood equations

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n \left[y_k - \hat{A} \sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{2} + \hat{\phi}\right) \right] \sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{2} + \hat{\phi}\right) &= 0 \\ \hat{A} \sum_{k=1}^n \left[y_k - \hat{A} \sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{2} + \hat{\phi}\right) \right] \cos\left(\frac{k\pi}{2} + \hat{\phi}\right) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Using the identities $\sin(\alpha + \beta) = \sin \alpha \cos \beta + \cos \alpha \sin \beta$ and $\cos(\alpha + \beta) = \cos \alpha \cos \beta - \sin \alpha \sin \beta$, and defining the quantities

$$\begin{aligned} y_s &= \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n y_k \sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{2}\right) \\ y_c &= \frac{2}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n y_k \cos\left(\frac{k\pi}{2}\right), \end{aligned}$$

we find that the likelihood equations can be rewritten as the pair

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{A} &= y_s \cos(\hat{\phi}) + y_c \sin(\hat{\phi}) \\ 0 &= y_c \cos(\hat{\phi}) - y_s \sin(\hat{\phi}) \end{aligned}$$

For this last step we took advantage of the facts that, for even n ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{n}{2} &= \sum_{k=1}^n \sin^2\left(\frac{k\pi}{2}\right) = \sum_{k=1}^n \cos^2\left(\frac{k\pi}{2}\right) \\ 0 &= \sum_{k=1}^n \sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{k\pi}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Putting the likelihood equations together we find

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{A}^2 &= y_s^2 \cos^2(\hat{\phi}) + y_c^2 \sin^2(\hat{\phi}) + 2y_s y_c \cos(\hat{\phi}) \sin(\hat{\phi}) \\ &= y_s^2 \cos^2(\hat{\phi}) + y_c^2 \sin^2(\hat{\phi}) + y_s^2 \sin^2(\hat{\phi}) + y_c^2 \cos^2(\hat{\phi}) \\ &= y_s^2 + y_c^2 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{A} &= \sqrt{y_s^2 + y_c^2} \\ \hat{\phi} &= \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{y_c}{y_s}\right) \end{aligned}$$

(b) The joint MAP estimator of $[A, \phi]$ solves

$$\begin{aligned}
\{\hat{A}_{\text{MAP}}, \hat{\phi}_{\text{MAP}}\} &= \arg \max_{a, \phi} w(a, \phi | \underline{y}) \\
&= \arg \max_{a, \phi} \log w(a, \phi | \underline{y}) \\
&= \arg \max_{a, \phi} \log \frac{p(\underline{y} | a, \phi) w_A(a) w_{\Phi}(\phi)}{p(\underline{y})} \\
&= \arg \max_{a, \phi} \log p(\underline{y} | a, \phi) + \log w_A(a) + \log w_{\Phi}(\phi) \\
&= \arg \max_{a, \phi \in [-\pi, \pi)} \log p(\underline{y} | a, \phi) + \log w_A(a)
\end{aligned}$$

We now search for the maximum of $\log p(\underline{y} | a, \phi) + \log w_A(a)$ by setting the gradient with respect to $[a, \phi]$ to zero. Similar to before, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=1}^n \left[y_k - \hat{A} \sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{2} + \hat{\phi}\right) \right] \sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{2} + \hat{\phi}\right) + \frac{\sigma^2}{\hat{A}} - \frac{\hat{A}\sigma^2}{\beta^2} &= 0 \\
\hat{A} \sum_{k=1}^n \left[y_k - \hat{A} \sin\left(\frac{k\pi}{2} + \hat{\phi}\right) \right] \cos\left(\frac{k\pi}{2} + \hat{\phi}\right) &= 0.
\end{aligned}$$

Using the previously mentioned trig identities and definitions of y_s and y_c , we can obtain the pair of equations

$$\begin{aligned}
\hat{A}(1 + \alpha) - \frac{2\sigma^2}{n\hat{A}} &= y_s \cos(\hat{\phi}) + y_c \sin(\hat{\phi}) \\
0 &= y_c \cos(\hat{\phi}) - y_s \sin(\hat{\phi})
\end{aligned}$$

for $\alpha = \frac{2\sigma^2}{n\beta^2}$. Putting the previous equations together (as before) we find that

$$\hat{A}(1 + \alpha) - \frac{2\sigma^2}{n\hat{A}} = \frac{\sqrt{y_s^2 + y_c^2}}{\hat{A}_{\text{ML}}}$$

and a simple application of the quadratic equation yields

$$\hat{A}_{\text{MAP}} = \frac{\hat{A}_{\text{ML}} + \sqrt{\hat{A}_{\text{ML}}^2 + \frac{8\sigma^2(1+\alpha)}{n}}}{2(1+\alpha)}$$

It can be seen quite easily that $\hat{\phi}_{\text{MAP}} = \hat{\phi}_{\text{ML}}$.

(c) Note that, when $\beta \rightarrow \infty$, the MAP estimate of A does not approach the ML estimate of A . However, as $n \rightarrow \infty$, the MAP estimate does approach the ML estimate.