

# Maximum Likelihood Estimation

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We have been saying that  $y \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ ,

when what we actually mean is that  $y = \mu + \varepsilon$  where

$$\varepsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2) .$$

That is,  $y$  has some true underlying value  $\mu$ ,

but there is additive measurement error (noise) .

We know that if  $\varepsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$  , then from a linear

transformation of variable, we get  $y \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  .

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Then we have  $y_i = \mu + \varepsilon_i$ ,  $\varepsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$  for  $i=1, \dots, n$ .

Since these are independent observations,

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$$f(y_1, \dots, y_n | \mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{\exp[-(y_1 - \mu)^2 / 2\sigma^2]}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{1/2}} \dots \frac{\exp[-(y_n - \mu)^2 / 2\sigma^2]}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{1/2}}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} f(y_1, \dots, y_n \mid \mu, \sigma^2) &= (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-n/2} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu)^2\right] \\ &= L(\mu, \sigma^2) \end{aligned}$$

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The value of  $\sigma^2$  that maximizes  $L(\mu, \sigma^2)$  is

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

note  $n$  not  $n-1$

$$d_i = y_i - \hat{\mu}$$
$$\text{minimize } \sum_{i=1}^n d_i^2$$

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What we do is differentiate  $L(\mu, \sigma^2)$  wrt  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$ , set = 0 and solve. That is,

$$\left. \frac{\partial L(\mu, \sigma^2)}{\partial \mu} \right|_{\hat{\mu}, \hat{\sigma}^2} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \left. \frac{\partial L(\mu, \sigma^2)}{\partial \sigma^2} \right|_{\hat{\mu}, \hat{\sigma}^2} = 0 \quad .$$

The values of  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$  that maximize  $L(\mu, \sigma^2)$  are the maximum likelihood estimators (MLEs).

# Maximum Likelihood Estimation - Mean

However, this is messy, but we can instead maximize

$$LL(\mu, \sigma^2) = \ln(L(\mu, \sigma^2))$$

$$\text{as } \left. \frac{\partial LL(\mu, \sigma^2)}{\partial \mu} \right|_{\hat{\mu}, \hat{\sigma}^2} = 0 \quad \left. \frac{\partial LL(\mu, \sigma^2)}{\partial \sigma^2} \right|_{\hat{\mu}, \hat{\sigma}^2} = 0$$

to obtain MLEs  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$  because it is a monotonic function.

# Maximum Likelihood Estimation - Mean

With  $y_i = \mu + \varepsilon_i$  and  $\varepsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$ ,  $\varepsilon_i$  independent,

$$f(y_1, \dots, y_n | \mu, \sigma^2) = (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-n/2} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \mu)^2\right]$$

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$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$$



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

note  $n$  not  $n-1$

# Maximum Likelihood Estimation - Mean

Solving for  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$  yields

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

These are MLEs, most probable or modal values.

Note that the denominator is  $n$  and not  $n-1$ .

This is why we use a denominator  $n-1$ .

$\hat{\sigma}^2$  is a biased estimator of  $\sigma^2$ ,  $E(\hat{\sigma}^2) = \frac{(n-1)}{n} \sigma^2$

$$\frac{n\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2(n-1) \longrightarrow E\left(\frac{n\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma^2}\right) = n-1 \longrightarrow E(\hat{\sigma}^2) = \frac{n-1}{n} \sigma^2$$

$$\frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2(n-1) \longrightarrow E\left(\frac{(n-1)s^2}{\sigma^2}\right) = n-1 \longrightarrow E(s^2) = \sigma^2$$

# Maximum Likelihood Estimation - Mean

$$\hat{\mu} \sim N\left(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right)$$

↖  
 $\bar{y}$

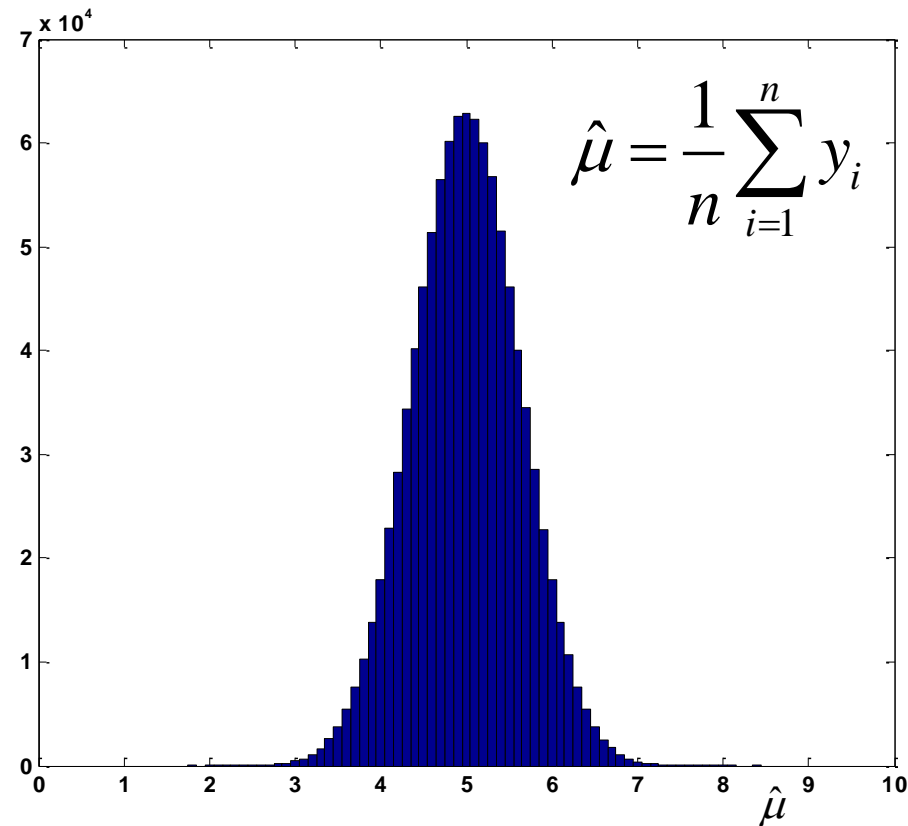
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n=10;; mu=5;; sigma=2;
y=sigma*randn(10^6,n)+mu;
ybar=mean(y,2);
figure(1)
hist(ybar,(0:.1:10)')
axis([0 10 0 70000])
mean(ybar),var(ybar)

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$$\mu = 5 \qquad \sigma^2 / n = 0.4$$

$$\bar{y}_{\hat{\mu}} = 5.0003 \qquad s_{\hat{\mu}}^2 = 0.3987$$



# Maximum Likelihood Estimation - Mean

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 \sim \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \chi^2(n-1)$$

$$(n-1) \frac{\sigma^2}{n} = 3.6 \quad 2(n-1) \frac{\sigma^4}{n^2} = 2.88$$

$$\bar{y}_{\hat{\sigma}^2} = 3.600 \quad s_{\hat{\sigma}^2}^2 = 2.8805$$

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sigma2hat=var(y',1)';
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figure(2)
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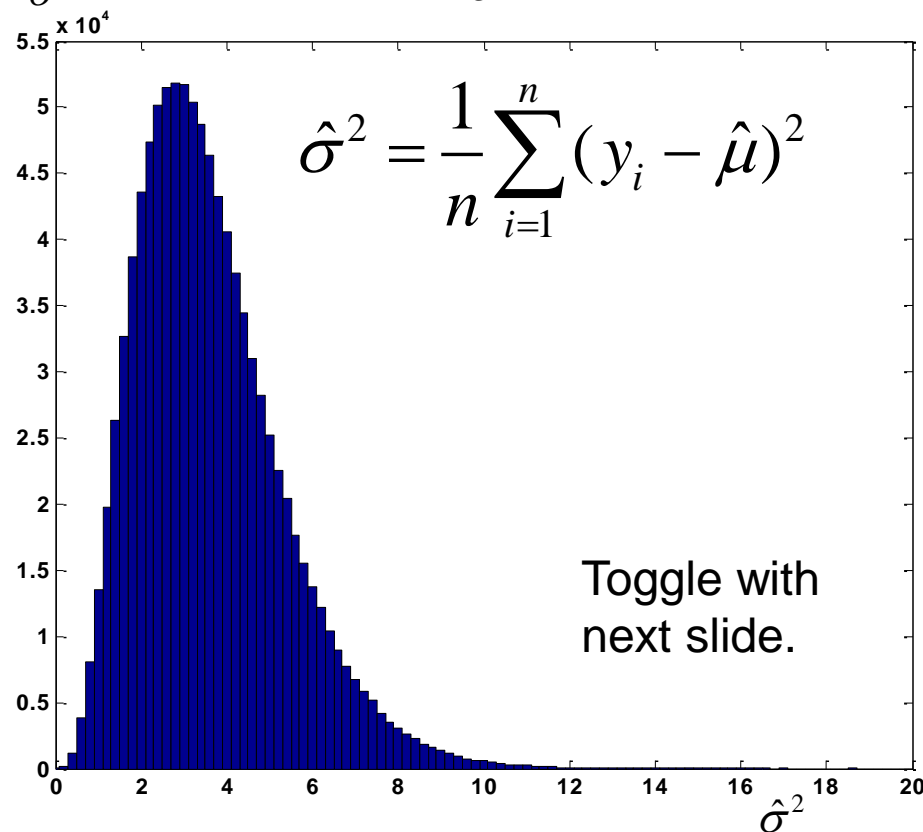
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hist(sigma2hat,(0:.2:20)')
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axis([0 20 0 55000])
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mean(sigma2hat)
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var(sigma2hat)
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horizontal- axis scale →



# Maximum Likelihood Estimation - Mean

$$\hat{\chi}^2 = n \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2(n-1)$$

$$(n-1) = 9$$

$$2(n-1) = 18$$

$$\bar{y}_{\hat{\chi}^2} = 9.000$$

$$s_{\hat{\chi}^2}^2 = 18.0031$$

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chi2=n*sigma2hat/sigma^2;
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figure(3)
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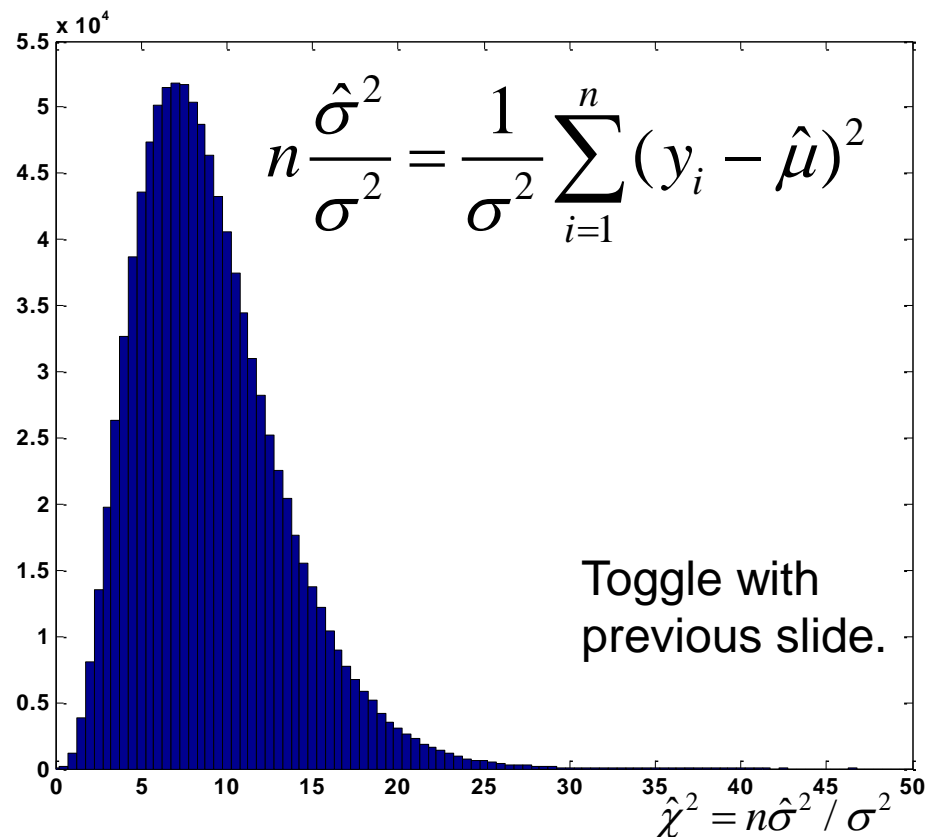
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hist(chi2,(0:.5:50)')
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axis([0 50 0 55000])
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# Maximum Likelihood Estimation - Linear

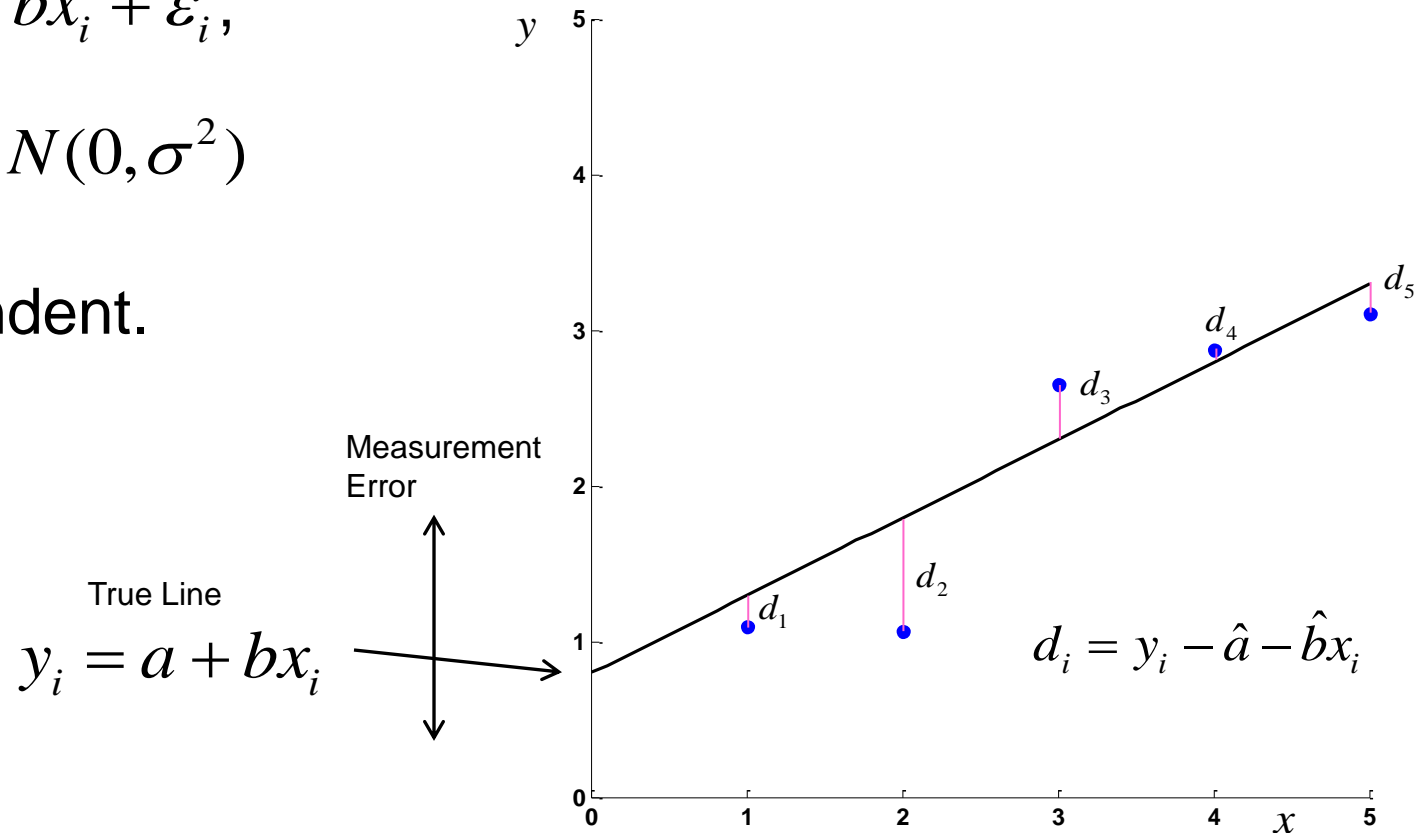
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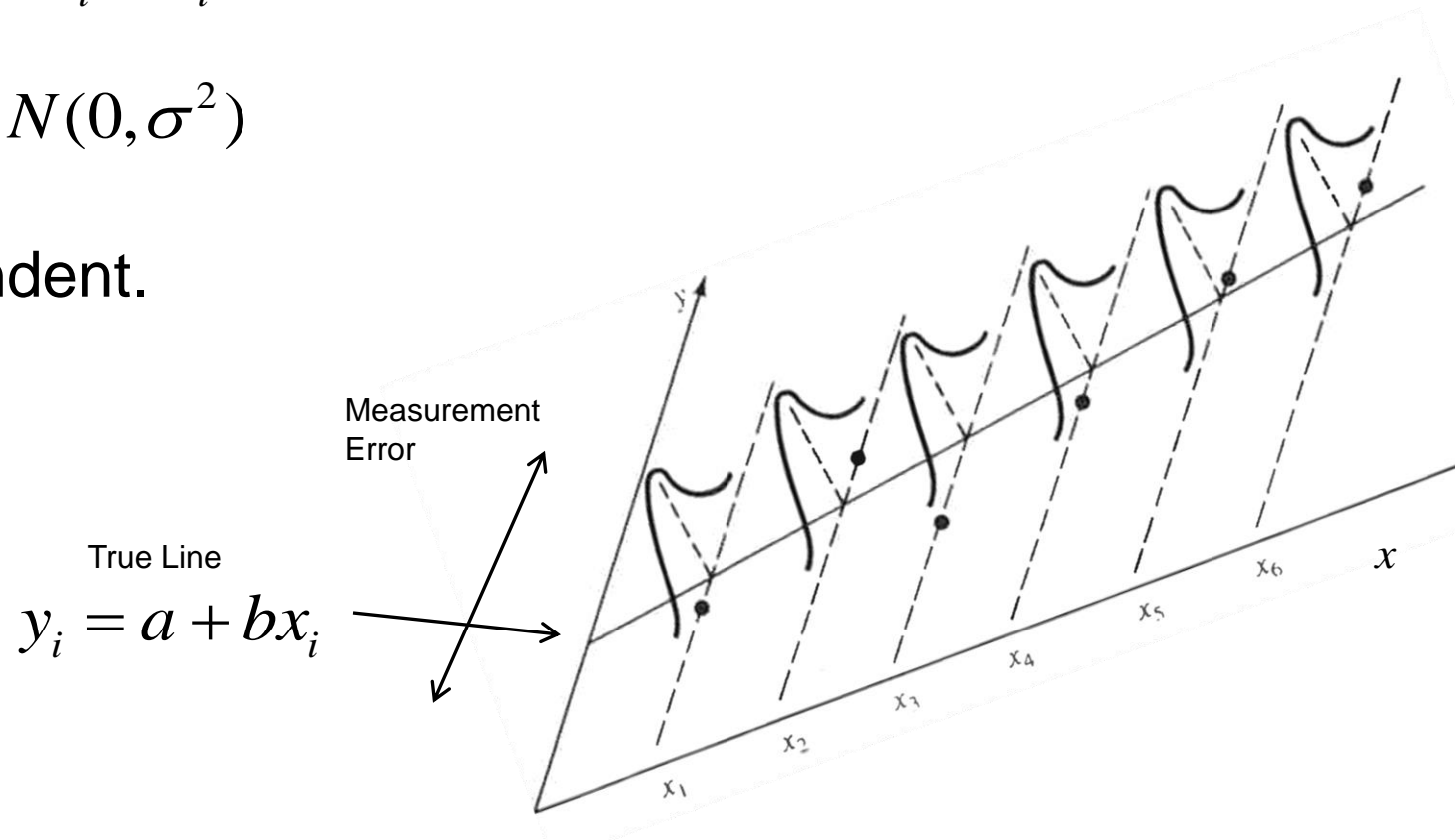
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and the log likelihood is

$$LL(a, b, \sigma^2) = \underbrace{-\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi)}_{\text{no } a \text{ or } b} - \underbrace{\frac{n}{2} \log(\sigma^2)}_{\text{no } a \text{ or } b} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - a - bx_i)^2}_{a \text{ or } b}.$$

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The value of  $\sigma^2$  that maximizes  $L(a, b, \sigma^2)$  is

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

$$\begin{aligned} d_i &= y_i - \hat{a} - \hat{b}x_i \\ \text{minimize } &\sum_{i=1}^n d_i^2 \\ \text{wrt } &a, b \end{aligned}$$

# Maximum Likelihood Estimation - Linear

Differentiate  $LL(a, b, \sigma^2)$  wrt  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $\sigma^2$ , then set = 0

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$$\left. \frac{\partial LL(a, b, \sigma^2)}{\partial b} \right|_{\hat{a}, \hat{b}, \hat{\sigma}^2} = -\frac{1}{2\hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n 2(y_i - \hat{a} - \hat{b}x_i)(-x_i) = 0$$

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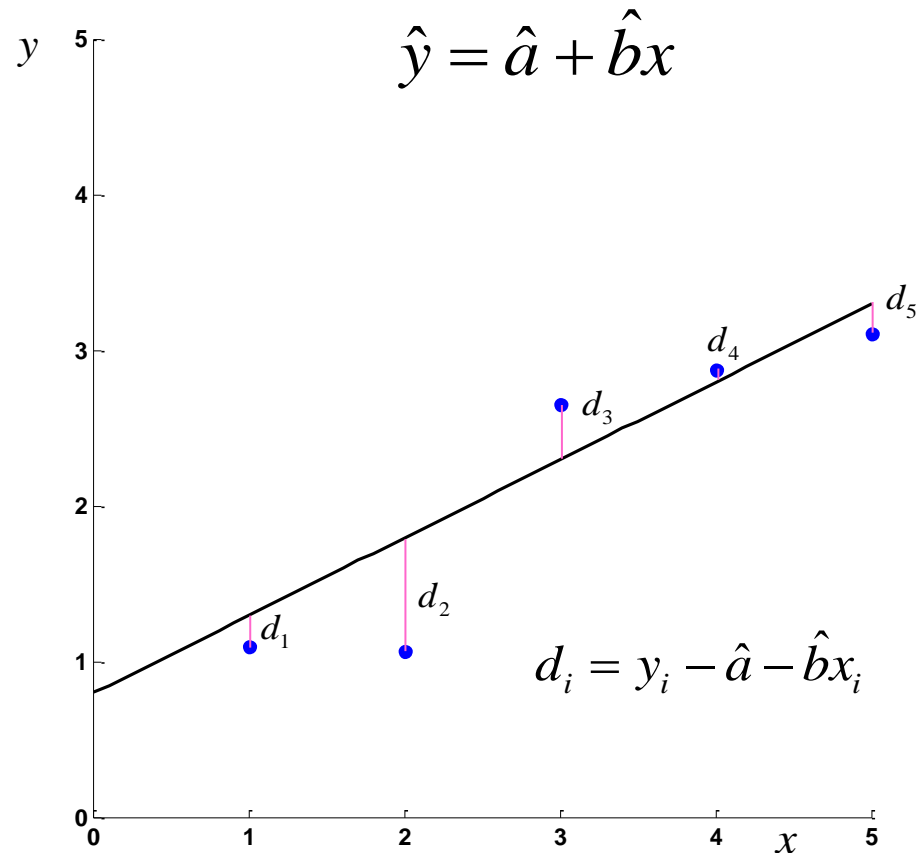
Solving for the estimated parameters yields

$$\hat{b} = \frac{n(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i) - (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i)}{n(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2) - (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)^2}$$

$$\hat{a} = \frac{(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i)(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2) - (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i)}{n(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2) - (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)^2}$$

$$\hat{a} = \bar{y} - \hat{b}\bar{x}$$

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{a} - \hat{b}x_i)^2$$



# Maximum Likelihood Estimation - Linear

The regression model  $y_i = a + bx_i + \varepsilon_i$  where  $\varepsilon_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, \sigma^2)$   
 $i = 1, \dots, n$   
 that we presented, can be equivalently written as

$$y = X\beta + \varepsilon \quad \text{where}$$

$\begin{matrix} \text{measured} \\ \text{data} \end{matrix} \downarrow$ 
 $y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}_{n \times 1},$ 
 $\begin{matrix} \text{design} \\ \text{matrix} \end{matrix} \swarrow$ 
 $X = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_1 \\ 1 & x_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n \end{pmatrix}_{n \times 2},$ 
 $\begin{matrix} \text{regression} \\ \text{coefficients} \end{matrix} \swarrow$ 
 $\beta = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}_{2 \times 1},$ 
 $\begin{matrix} \text{measurement} \\ \text{error} \end{matrix} \swarrow$ 
 $\varepsilon = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \\ \vdots \\ \varepsilon_n \end{pmatrix}_{n \times 1},$

and  $\varepsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2 I_n)$ .  $I_n$  is an  $n$ -dimensional identity matrix.

# Maximum Likelihood Estimation - Linear

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$$\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}_{n \times 1} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_1 \\ 1 & x_2 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n \end{pmatrix}_{n \times 2} \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}_{2 \times 1} + \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \\ \vdots \\ \varepsilon_n \end{pmatrix}_{n \times 1}$$
$$y_i = a + bx_i + \varepsilon_i$$

# Maximum Likelihood Estimation - Linear

With  $y = X\beta + \varepsilon$  and  $\varepsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2 I_n)$   
 $n \times 1$   $n \times 1$

The likelihood is

$$f(y_1, \dots, y_n | a, b, \sigma^2) = (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (y - X\beta)'(y - X\beta)\right]$$

compare to

$$f(y_1, \dots, y_n | a, b, \sigma^2) = (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - a - bx_i)^2\right]$$

and the log likelihood is

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$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} (y - X\hat{\beta})'(y - X\hat{\beta})$$

We need to find  $\hat{\beta}$ .

$$d_i = y_i - \hat{a} - \hat{b}x_i$$

minimize  $(y - X\beta)'(y - X\beta)$   
wrt  $\beta$



# Maximum Likelihood Estimation - Linear

We don't need to take the derivative of  $L(\beta, \sigma^2)$

wrt  $\beta$  (although we could). We can write with algebra

$$(y - X\beta)'(y - X\beta) = (y - X\hat{\beta})'(y - X\hat{\beta}) + (\beta - \hat{\beta})'(X'X)(\beta - \hat{\beta})$$

↙ add and subtract
↖ invertible
↖ does not depend on  $\beta$

where  $\hat{\beta} = (X'X)^{-1}X'y$ . It can be seen that

$\beta = \hat{\beta}$  maximizes  $LL(\beta, \sigma^2)$  because it makes

$$LL(\beta, \sigma^2) = -\frac{n}{2}\log(2\pi) - \frac{n}{2}\log(\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left[ (y - X\beta)'(y - X\beta) + (\beta - \hat{\beta})'(X'X)(\beta - \hat{\beta}) \right]$$

$(y - X\hat{\beta})'(y - X\hat{\beta})$   
 smallest

# Maximum Likelihood Estimation - Linear

More generally, we can have a multiple regression model

$$\underset{n \times 1}{y} = X \underset{n \times 1}{\beta} + \underset{n \times 1}{\varepsilon} \text{ where } \varepsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2 I_n) \text{ and}$$

$$\underset{n \times 1}{y} = \underset{\substack{\text{measured} \\ \text{data}}}{\begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix}}, \quad \underset{n \times (q+1)}{X} = \underset{\substack{\text{design} \\ \text{matrix}}}{\begin{pmatrix} 1 & x_{11} & \cdots & x_{1q} \\ 1 & x_{21} & & x_{2q} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_{n1} & \cdots & x_{nq} \end{pmatrix}}, \quad \underset{(q+1) \times 1}{\beta} = \underset{\substack{\text{regression} \\ \text{coefficients}}}{\begin{pmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_1 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_q \end{pmatrix}}, \quad \underset{n \times 1}{\varepsilon} = \underset{\substack{\text{measurement} \\ \text{error}}}{\begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \varepsilon_2 \\ \vdots \\ \varepsilon_n \end{pmatrix}}.$$

# Maximum Likelihood Estimation - Linear

The MLEs are the same,

$$\hat{\beta}_{(q+1) \times 1} = (X'X)^{-1} X'y \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\sigma}^2_{1 \times 1} = \frac{1}{n} (y - X\hat{\beta})'(y - X\hat{\beta}) .$$

In addition,

$$\hat{\beta}_{(q+1) \times 1} \sim N(\beta, \sigma^2 (X'X)^{-1}) \quad \text{and} \quad n \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2(n - q - 1)$$

$$\underbrace{(y - X\beta)'(y - X\beta)}_{\chi^2(n)} = \underbrace{(y - X\hat{\beta})'(y - X\hat{\beta})}_{\chi^2(n-q-1)} + \underbrace{(\beta - \hat{\beta})'(X'X)(\beta - \hat{\beta})}_{\chi^2(q+1)}$$

could + & -  $X\hat{\beta}$ 
independent

This means we should use a denominator of  $n-q-1$  for unbiased estimator of  $\sigma^2$ .

# Maximum Likelihood Estimation - Linear

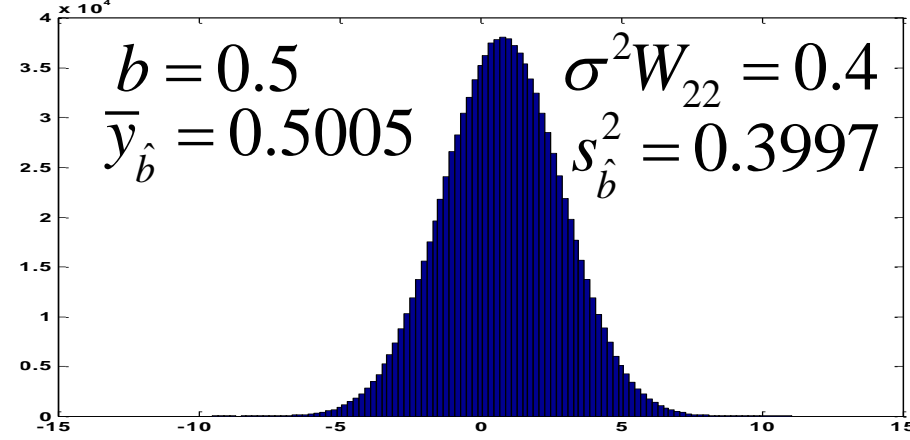
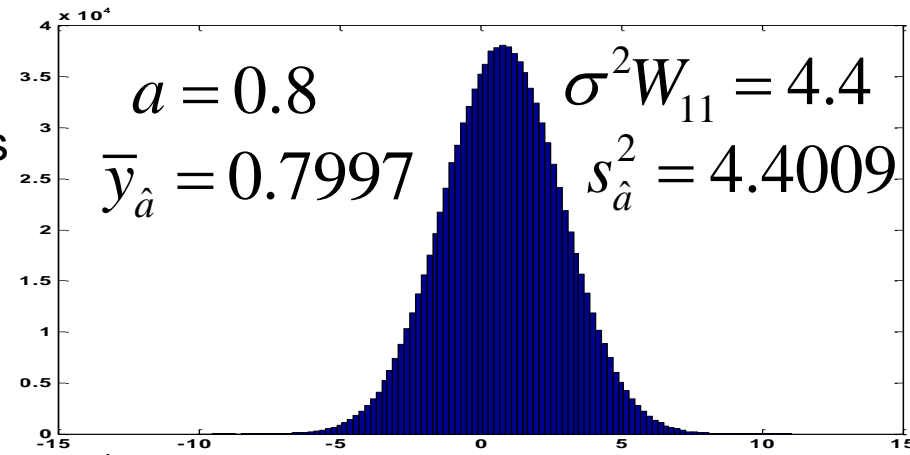
Let  $\beta = (a, b)'$ ,  $X = (1, x)$ , then

$$\hat{\beta}_{(q+1) \times 1} \sim N\left(\beta, \sigma^2 (X'X)^{-1}\right)$$

Column of settings

$$W = (X'X)^{-1}$$

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num=10^6; a=.8;b=.5; sigma=2;
x=[1,2,3,4,5]'; n=length(x);
mu=a+b*x'; X=[ones(n,1),x];
y=sigma*randn(num,n)...
+ones(num,1)*mu;
betahat=inv(X'*X)*X'*y';
figure(1), hist(betahat(1,:),(-10:.2:10)')
figure(2), hist(betahat(2,:),(-5:.1:5)')
betabar=mean(betahat,2);
varbetahat=var(betahat,1,2);
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$cov(a,b) = -1.2$      $corr(a,b) = -0.9045$

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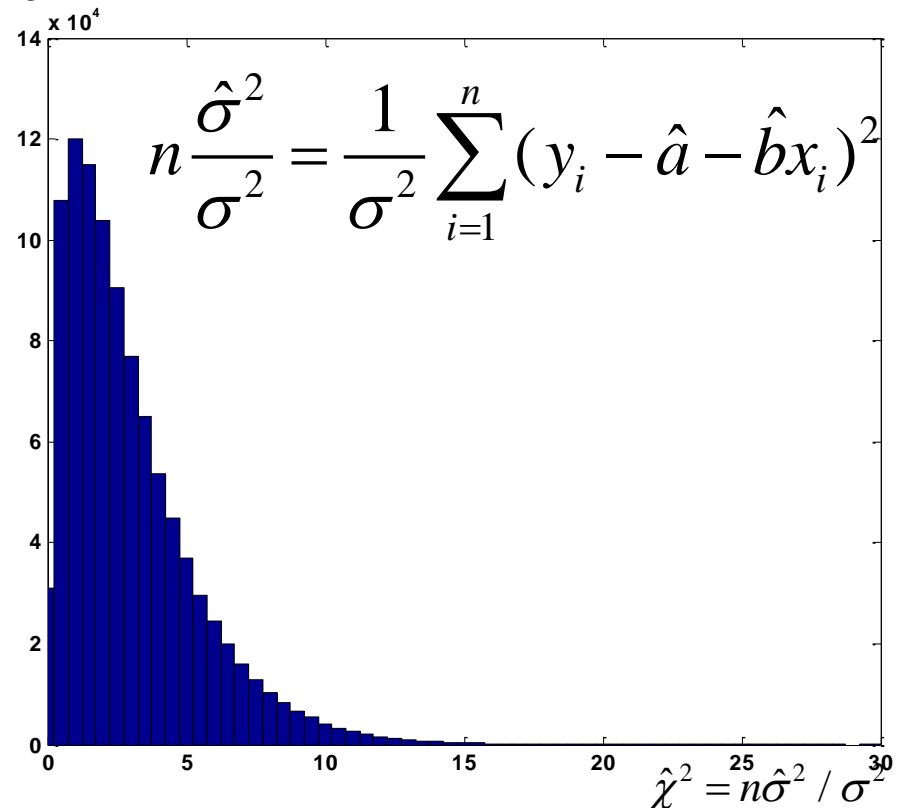
$$\hat{\chi}^2 = n \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2(n-2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} n - q - 1 &= 2(n - q - 1) \\ (n - 2) = 3 &= 2(n - 2) = 6 \\ \bar{y}_{\hat{\sigma}^2} = 3.0006 &= s_{\hat{\sigma}^2}^2 = 6.0038 \end{aligned}$$

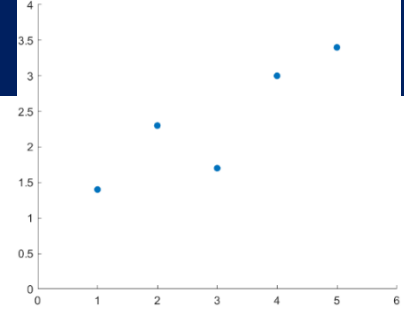
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resid=y-(X*betahat)';
sigma2hat=var(resid',1)';
chi2=n*sigma2hat/sigma^2;
figure(3)
hist(chi2,(0:.5:30)')
xlim([0 30])
mean(chi2), var(chi2)

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# Example



Given observed data (1,1.4), (2,2.3), (3,1.7), (4,3.0), (5,3.4).  
 Estimate the slope, y-intercept, and residual variance.

Method 1

$$y = \begin{bmatrix} 1.4 \\ 2.3 \\ 1.7 \\ 3.0 \\ 3.4 \end{bmatrix} \quad X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$X'X = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 15 \\ 15 & 55 \end{bmatrix} \quad (X'X)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1.1 & -0.3 \\ -0.3 & 0.1 \end{bmatrix}$$

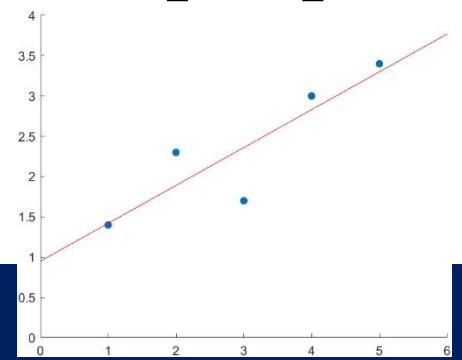
$$(X'X)^{-1}X' = \begin{bmatrix} 0.8 & 0.5 & 0.2 & -0.1 & -0.4 \\ -0.2 & -0.1 & -0.0 & 0.1 & 0.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{\beta} = (X'X)^{-1}X'y = \begin{bmatrix} 0.95 \\ 0.47 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = 0.1286$$

$$\hat{\beta} = (X'X)^{-1}X'y$$

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{a} - \hat{b}x_i)^2$$



# Example

Given observed data (1,1.4), (2,2.3), (3,1.7), (4,3.0), (5,3.4).  
Estimate the slope, y-intercept, and residual variance.

Because the likelihood  $L(a,b,\sigma^2) = (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - a - bx_i)^2\right]$

is maximized when we select  $(a,b)$  to minimize  $\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - a - bx_i)^2$ ,

we can set up a score function  $Q = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - a - bx_i)^2$  (i.e.  $\sigma^2$ )

and try  $(a,b)$  combinations to see which make  $Q$  smallest.

# Example

$$\hat{y} = \hat{a} + \hat{b}x$$

Given observed data (1,1.4), (2,2.3), (3,1.7), (4,3.0), (5,3.4).  
Numerically get slope, y-intercept, and residual variance.

Select  $a_{min}$ ,  $a_{max}$ ,  $b_{min}$ , and  $b_{max}$  values. Use  $\Delta a = \Delta b = .01$ .

Perform an exhaustive brute force grid search.

Compute  $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - a - bx_i)^2$  for each  $(a,b)$  combination.

Find the  $a$  and  $b$  combination that make  $\sigma^2$  the smallest.

The  $a$  and  $b$  that min  $\sigma^2$  are  $\hat{a}$  and  $\hat{b}$ , and the  $\sigma^2$  is  $\hat{\sigma}^2$ .

can make smaller

Method 2



# Example

$$\hat{y} = \hat{a} + \hat{b}x$$

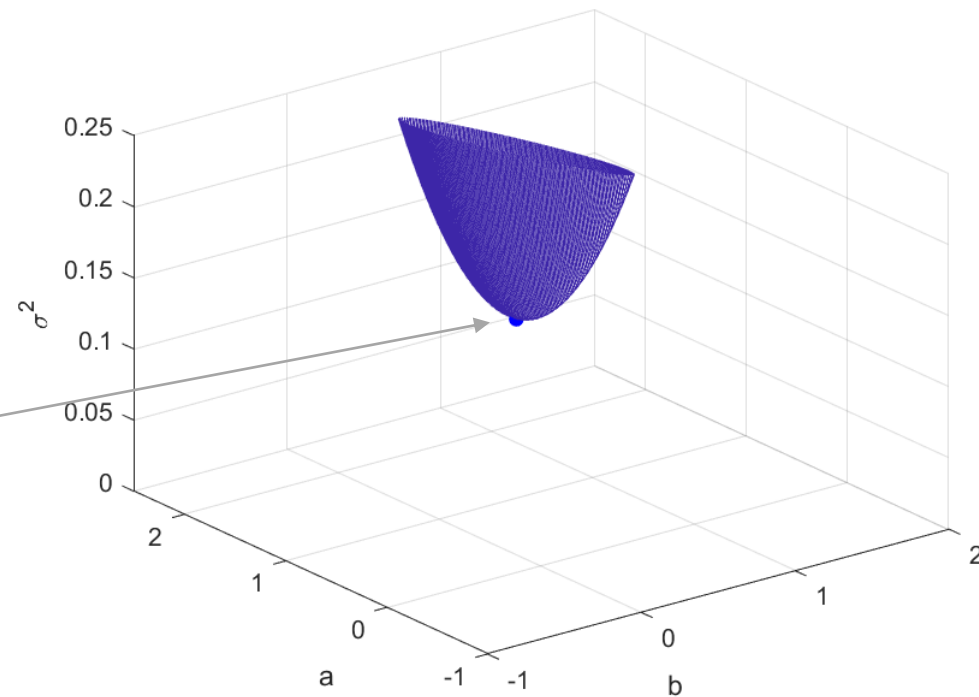
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Numerically get slope, y-intercept, and residual variance.

Method 2

$a_{min} = -1.0$     $a_{max} = 2.0$   
 $b_{min} = -1.0$     $b_{max} = 2.5$

Compute  $\sigma^2$  for each  $(a,b)$  combination. Make surface.

$\hat{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.95 \\ 0.47 \end{bmatrix}$     $\hat{\sigma}^2 = 0.1286$



# Example

Given observed data (1,1.4), (2,2.3), (3,1.7), (4,3.0), (5,3.4).  
Use Gradient Descent to iteratively find the  $(\hat{a}, \hat{b})$  that

that minimize  $Q = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - a - bx_i)^2$ .

$$\frac{dQ}{da} = \frac{2}{n} \left[ -\sum_{i=1}^n y_i + an + b \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right]$$

$$\frac{dQ}{db} = \frac{2}{n} \left[ -\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i + a \sum_{i=1}^n x_i + b \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right]$$

$$S_x = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

$$S_y = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$$

$$S_{xx} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2$$

$$S_{xy} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$$

Method 3

# Example

Given observed data (1,1.4), (2,2.3), (3,1.7), (4,3.0), (5,3.4).  
Use Gradient Descent to iteratively find the  $(\hat{a}, \hat{b})$  that

that minimize  $Q = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - a - bx_i)^2$ .

$$\frac{dQ}{da} = \frac{2}{n} [-S_y + an + bS_x]$$

$$\frac{dQ}{db} = \frac{2}{n} [-S_{xy} + aS_x + bS_{xx}]$$

$$\nabla Q = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{dQ}{da} \\ \frac{dQ}{db} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\nabla Q = \frac{2}{n} \begin{bmatrix} -S_y & n & S_x \\ -S_{xy} & S_x & S_{xx} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$$

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Method 3

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$$\nabla Q(\hat{a}, \hat{b}) = \frac{2}{n} \begin{bmatrix} -S_y & n & S_x \\ -S_{xy} & S_x & S_{xx} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \hat{a} \\ \hat{b} \end{bmatrix}$$

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Start with initial  $(\hat{a}^{(0)}, \hat{b}^{(0)})$  or  $\hat{\beta}^{(0)}$ .

$$\hat{\beta}^{(0)} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \hat{a}^{(0)} \\ \hat{b}^{(0)} \end{bmatrix}$$

step size  
 $\gamma = .0001$

Calculate new  $\hat{\beta}^{(1)} = \hat{\beta}^{(0)} - \gamma \nabla Q(\hat{\beta}^{(0)})$

Calculate new  $\hat{\beta}^{(2)} = \hat{\beta}^{(1)} - \gamma \nabla Q(\hat{\beta}^{(1)})$

Continue until convergence  $\hat{\beta}^{(k+1)} = \hat{\beta}^{(k)} - \gamma \nabla Q(\hat{\beta}^{(k)})$  at  $k=L$ .

Method 3

# Example

Given observed data  $(1, 1.4)$ ,  $(2, 2.3)$ ,  $(3, 1.7)$ ,  $(4, 3.0)$ ,  $(5, 3.4)$ .  
Use Gradient Descent to iteratively find the  $(\hat{a}, \hat{b})$  that

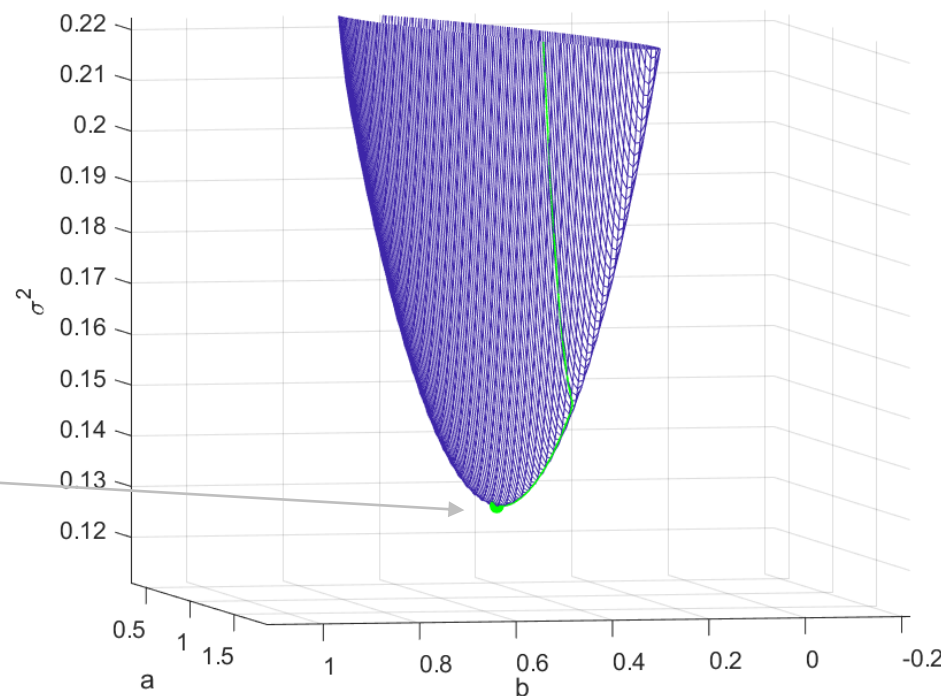
that minimize  $Q = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - a - bx_i)^2$ .

MLE is last value  $\hat{\beta}^{(L)}$   
or  $(\hat{a}^{(L)}, \hat{b}^{(L)})$ .

Just set  $L=5 \times 10^5$ .

$$\hat{\beta} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.95 \\ 0.47 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = 0.1286$$



Method 3

# Maximum Likelihood Estimation - Exponential

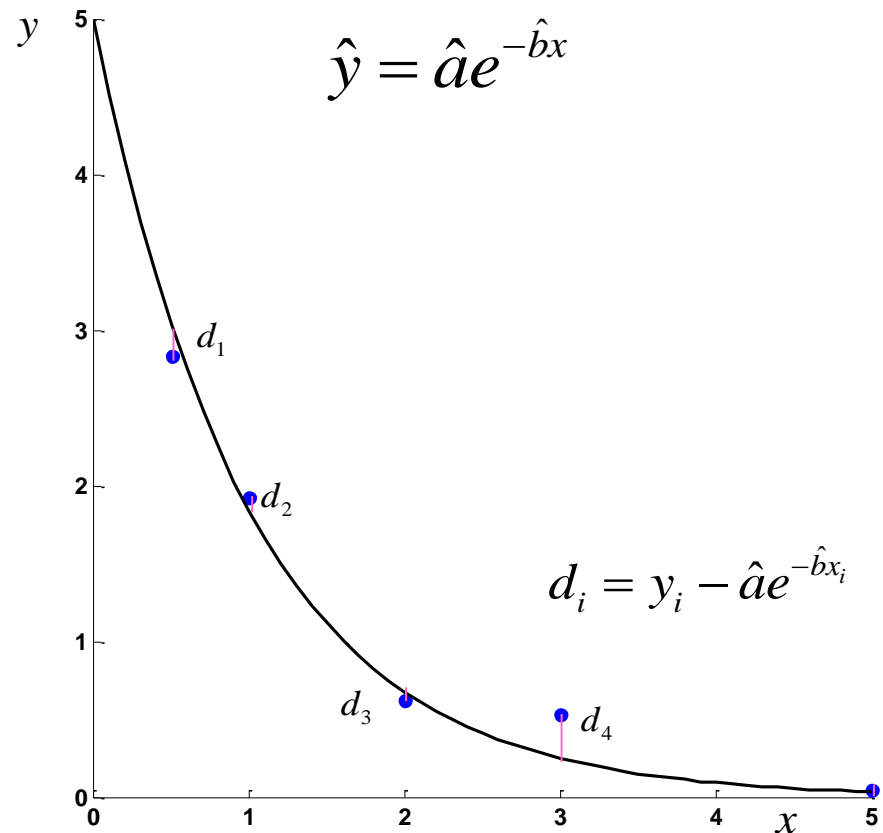
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where  $\varepsilon_i \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$

are independent.

$i = 1, \dots, n$



# Maximum Likelihood Estimation - Exponential

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Then, the likelihood is

$$f(y_1, \dots, y_n | a, b, \sigma^2) = (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - ae^{-bx_i})^2\right]$$

and the log likelihood is

$$LL(a, b, \sigma^2) = -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{n}{2} \log(\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - ae^{-bx_i})^2.$$

# Maximum Likelihood Estimation - Exponential

$L(a, b, \sigma^2)$  is again called the likelihood function.

What we want to do is find the values of  $(a, b, \sigma^2)$

that maximize  $L(a, b, \sigma^2)$ . The values  $(a, b)$  that maximize

$L(a, b, \sigma^2)$  are the values  $(\hat{a}, \hat{b})$  that minimize  $\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - ae^{-bx_i})^2$ .

The value of  $\sigma^2$  that maximizes  $L(a, b, \sigma^2)$  is

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

$$d_i = y_i - \hat{a}e^{-\hat{b}x_i}$$

$$\text{minimize } \sum_{i=1}^n d_i^2$$

$$\text{wrt } a, b$$



# Maximum Likelihood Estimation - Exponential

Differentiate  $LL(a, b, \sigma^2)$  wrt  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $\sigma^2$ , then set = 0

$$LL(a, b, \sigma^2) = -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{n}{2} \log(\sigma^2) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - ae^{-bx_i})^2$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial LL(a, b, \sigma^2)}{\partial a} \right|_{\hat{a}, \hat{b}, \hat{\sigma}^2} = -\frac{1}{2\hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n 2(y_i - \hat{a}e^{-\hat{b}x_i})(-e^{-\hat{b}x_i}) = 0$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial LL(a, b, \sigma^2)}{\partial b} \right|_{\hat{a}, \hat{b}, \hat{\sigma}^2} = -\frac{1}{2\hat{\sigma}^2} \sum_{i=1}^n 2(y_i - \hat{a}e^{-\hat{b}x_i})(-\hat{a}x_i e^{-\hat{b}x_i}) = 0$$

$$\left. \frac{\partial LL(a, b, \sigma^2)}{\partial \sigma^2} \right|_{\hat{a}, \hat{b}, \hat{\sigma}^2} = -\frac{n}{2} \frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}^2} - \frac{-1}{2(\hat{\sigma}^2)^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{a}e^{-\hat{b}x_i})^2 = 0$$

# Maximum Likelihood Estimation - Exponential

Solving for the estimated parameters yields

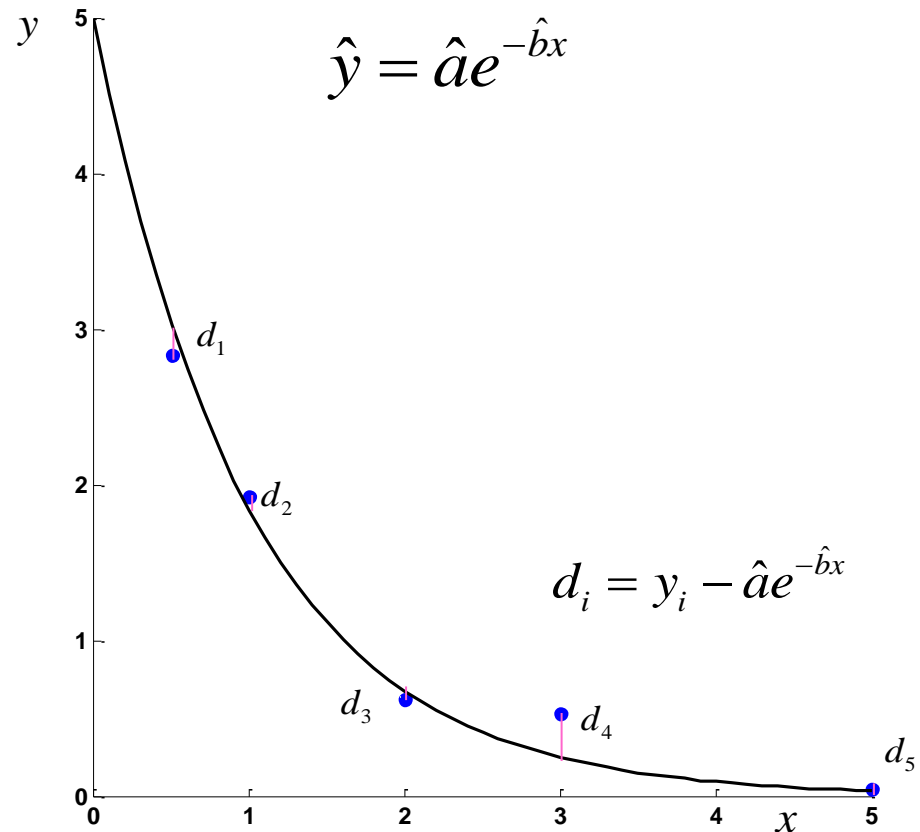
$$\hat{a} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i e^{-\hat{b}x_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^n e^{-\hat{b}x_i}}$$

No analytic solution.

$$\hat{b} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i e^{-\hat{b}x_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i e^{-2\hat{b}x_i}}$$

Need numerical Solution.

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{a}e^{-\hat{b}x_i})^2$$



# Maximum Likelihood Estimation - Exponential

Since we had to numerically maximize the likelihood,

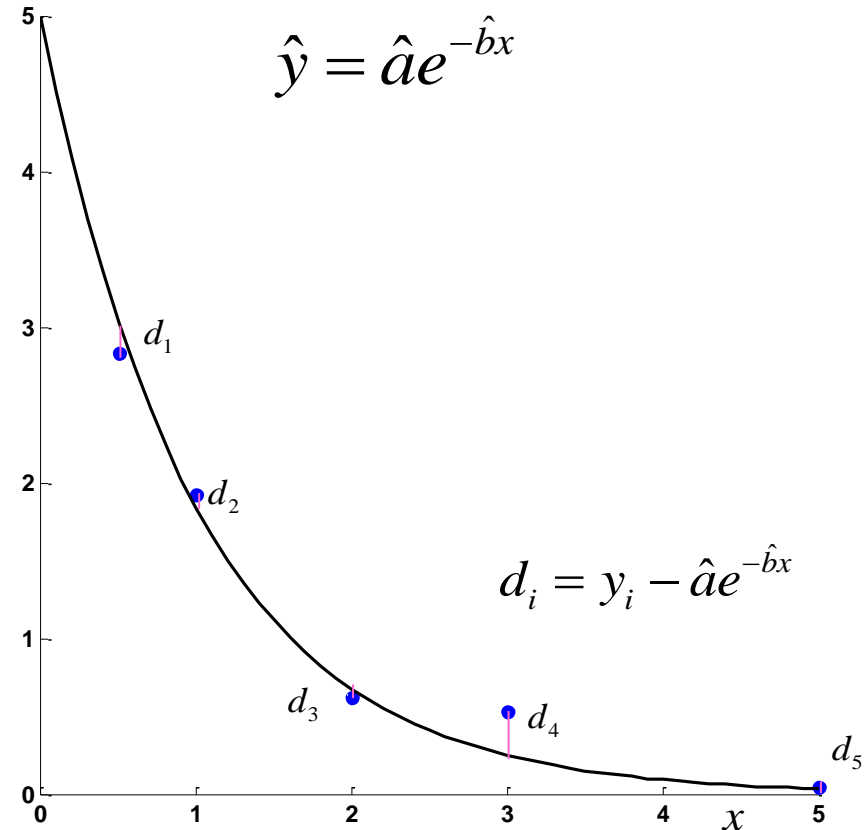
we do not have “nice” formulas

for the mean and variance of

$$(a, b, \sigma^2)$$

$a$  and  $b$  that minimize  $\sum_{i=1}^n d_i^2$

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{a}e^{-\hat{b}x_i})^2$$



# Homework 10:

1) Prove

$$a) (y - X\beta)'(y - X\beta) = (y - X\hat{\beta})'(y - X\hat{\beta}) + (\beta - \hat{\beta})'(X'X)(\beta - \hat{\beta})$$

b) That the MLEs for  $a, b$  and  $\sigma^2$  on slide 29 are the same as those on slide 23.

$$\hat{b} = \frac{n(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i) - (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i)}{n(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2) - (\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)^2}$$

$$\hat{\beta} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{a} \\ \hat{b} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{\beta} = (X'X)^{-1} X'y$$

$$\hat{a} = \bar{y} - \hat{b}\bar{x} \quad \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{a} - \hat{b}x_i)^2 \quad \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} (y - X\hat{\beta})'(y - X\hat{\beta})$$

# Homework 10:

2) Given observed data points (1,1), (3,2), (2,3), (4,4).

a) Plot the points.

b) Analytically estimate the regression slope and y-intercept.  
i.e. find  $\hat{y} = \hat{a} + \hat{b}x$  by estimating  $\hat{a}$  and  $\hat{b}$ .

Use  $\hat{\beta} = (\hat{a}, \hat{b})' = (X'X)^{-1}X'y$  where  $X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $y = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$ .

Estimate the residual variance  $\sigma^2$ ,

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{a} - \hat{b}x_i)^2$$

using the estimated  $\hat{a}$  and  $\hat{b}$ .

Method 1

# Homework 10:

$$\hat{y} = \hat{a} + \hat{b}x$$

2) Given observed data points (1,1), (3,2), (2,3), (4,4).

c) Numerically fit a regression line to the points.

Select  $a_{min}$ ,  $a_{max}$ ,  $b_{min}$ , and  $b_{max}$  values. Use  $\Delta a = \Delta b = .1$ .

Perform an exhaustive brute force grid search.

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Compute  $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - a - bx_i)^2$  for each  $(a,b)$  combination.

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Method 2

# Homework 10:

$$S_y = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$$

2) Given observed data points (1,1), (3,2), (2,3), (4,4).  $S_x = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$

Method 3

d) Use Gradient Descent to iteratively find the  $(\hat{a}, \hat{b})$  that  
 that minimize  $Q = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - a - bx_i)^2$ .

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$$\frac{dQ}{da} = \frac{d}{da} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - a - bx_i)^2 = \frac{2}{n} \left[ -\sum_{i=1}^n y_i + an + b \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right]$$

$$\frac{dQ}{db} = \frac{d}{db} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - a - bx_i)^2 = \frac{2}{n} \left[ -\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i + a \sum_{i=1}^n x_i + b \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right]$$

$$\beta^{(k+1)} = \beta^{(k)} - \gamma \nabla Q(\beta^{(k)})$$

$$\gamma = .0001$$

$$\nabla Q = \frac{2}{n} \begin{bmatrix} -S_y & n & S_x \\ -S_{xy} & S_x & S_{xx} \end{bmatrix} \beta$$

$$\beta = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ a \\ b \end{bmatrix}$$

# Homework 10:

2) Given observed data points (1,1), (3,2), (2,3), (4,4).

$$\hat{\beta} = (\hat{a}, \hat{b})' = (X'X)^{-1} X'y \qquad \hat{y} = \hat{a} + \hat{b}x$$

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - a - bx_i)^2$$

e) Plot the two (three) lines on the same graph as the points.

f) Plot the surface of  $(a, b, \sigma^2)$  values from c).

with the estimated points from b) and c) (and d) ).

g) Comment.



# Homework 10:

- 3) Given observed data points  
 (1/2, 3.21), (1, 1.82), (2, .86), (3, .20), (4, .06), (5, .40).
- Plot the points.
  - Numerically fit a regression single exponential to the points.  
 Find  $\hat{y} = \hat{a}e^{-\hat{b}x}$ .  
 Set up an interval of possible  $a$  and  $b$  values.  
 Select  $\Delta a$  and  $\Delta b$  values. Compute  $\sigma^2 = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - ae^{-bx_i})^2$   
 for each combination. Find  $a$  and  $b$  that make  $\sigma^2$  smallest.  
 The  $a$  and  $b$  that min  $\sigma^2$  are  $\hat{a}$  and  $\hat{b}$  and the  $\sigma^2$  is  $\hat{\sigma}^2$ .
  - Plot the curve  $\hat{y} = \hat{a}e^{-\hat{b}x}$  on the same graph as the points.
  - Plot the surface of  $(a, b, \sigma^2)$  values from b).
  - Comment.

$$\Delta a = \Delta b = .1$$

# Homework 10:

(1/2, 3.21), (1,1.82), (2,.86), (3,.20), (4,.06), (5,.40)

- 4) Given same observed data points as in 3).
  - a) Take the natural log of each  $y$  point,  $y' = \log(y)$ .
  - b) Plot the points ( $y'$  and old  $x$ ).
  - b) Guess where the “best” fit line to the data is.
  - c) Analytically fit a linear regression line to the points.  
i.e. find  $\hat{y}' = \hat{c} + \hat{d}x$ , where  $c = \log(a)$  and  $d = -b$ .
  - d) Plot the curve  $\hat{y} = e^{\hat{c}} e^{\hat{d}x}$  on the same graph as the points and the previous fitted curve from 3).
  - e) Compute  $\hat{\sigma}^2$  from  $y = \exp(y')$  and  $\hat{y} = e^{\hat{c}} e^{\hat{d}x}$ .
  - f) Comment.

# Homework 10:

5) Let  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  be an independent sample from each of the following PDFs. In each case find the MLE  $\hat{\theta}$  of  $\theta$ .

$$\text{a) } f(x | \theta) = \frac{\theta^x e^{-\theta}}{x!}, \quad x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \quad 0 \leq \theta < \infty, \quad f(0 | \theta = 1) \equiv 1.$$

$$\text{b) } f(x | \theta) = \theta x^{\theta-1}, \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad 0 < \theta < \infty.$$

$$\text{c) } f(x | \theta) = \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-x/\theta}, \quad 0 < x < \infty, \quad 0 < \theta < \infty.$$

$f(x|\theta)=0$  where  
not defined

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

$$\text{e) } f(x | \theta) = e^{-(x-\theta)}, \quad \theta \leq x < \infty, \quad -\infty < \theta < \infty.$$

# Homework 10:

- 6) Generate a random sample  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  from each of the pdfs in 5). You choose appropriate  $\theta$  value for each  $f(x|\theta)$ .  $n=25$

Repeat samples so you have a total of  $10^6$  from each  $f(x|\theta)$ .

Calculate the MLE from each so that you have  $10^6$ .

Calculate the mean, variance, and make a hist of MLEs.

\*How do the MLEs of  $\theta$  compare to the means, modes, and medians of  $f(x|\theta)$ .