Exercises October 16

STA 4508S (Fall, 2018)

- 1. SM 4.9.2 Let $\eta(\theta)$ be a 1-1 transformation of θ , and consider a model with log-likelihoods $\ell(\theta)$ and $\ell^*(\eta) = \ell(\theta(\eta))$ in the two parametrizations respectively. Assume that $\ell(\cdot)$ has a unique maximum at which the score equation is satisfied.
 - (a) Show that the Fisher information transforms as

$$i^*(\eta) = \frac{\partial \theta^{\mathrm{T}}}{\partial \eta} i(\theta) \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial \eta},$$

and that a similar equation holds for observed information $j(\theta)$, but not for the observed information function $j(\theta)$.

(b) Show that the log-likelihood ratio statistic $w(\theta)$ and the standardized score statistic $w_u(\theta)$ are parametrization invariant, but that the standardized maximum likelihood statistic $w_e(\theta)$ is not, where

$$w(\theta) = 2\{\ell(\hat{\theta}) - \ell(\theta)\},\$$

$$w_u(\theta) = U(\theta)^{\mathrm{T}} j^{-1}(\hat{\theta}) U(\theta),\$$

$$w_e(\theta) = (\hat{\theta} - \theta)^{\mathrm{T}} j(\hat{\theta}) (\hat{\theta} - \theta)$$

2. Suppose that y_1, \ldots, y_n are independent, identically distributed random variables from an exponential family distribution

$$f(y_i; \theta) = \exp\{\theta^{\mathrm{T}} s(y_i) - c(\theta) - d(y_i)\}.$$

Show that the distribution of $S = \sum_{i=1}^{n} s(y_i)$ follows an exponential family distribution, with log-likelihood function

$$\ell(\theta; s) = \theta^{\mathrm{T}} s - nc(\theta),$$

and that the maximum likelihood estimate of θ is given by

$$\mathcal{E}_{\hat{\theta}}(S) = s.$$

3. This is a journal reading exercise.

- (a) Find a paper in one of the theoretical statistics journals (e.g. Annals of Statistics, Biometrika, JASA Theory & Methods, JRSS B, Bernoulli) with "likelihood" as one of the key words. Explain how likelihood is used in the paper.
- (b) Find a paper in one of the applied statistics journals (e.g. Annals of Applied Statistics, Biometrics, JASA applications, JRSS C) with "likelihood" as one of the key words. Explain briefly how likelihood is used in the paper.