# 1 Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE, 最光法) — Review

- 1. We have random variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ , which are assumed to be mutually independently and identically distributed.
- 2. The distribution function of  $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^n$  is  $f(x; \theta)$ , where  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  and  $\theta = (\mu, \Sigma)$ .

Note that *X* is a vector of random variables and *x* is a vector of their realizations (i.e., observed data).

Likelihood function  $L(\cdot)$  is defined as  $L(\theta; x) = f(x; \theta)$ .

Note that  $f(x;\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} f(x_i;\theta)$  when  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are mutually indepen-

dently and identically distributed.

The maximum likelihood estimator (MLE) of  $\theta$  is  $\theta$  such that:

$$\max_{\theta} L(\theta; X). \qquad \Longleftrightarrow \qquad \max_{\theta} \log L(\theta; X).$$

MLE satisfies the following two conditions:

(a) 
$$\frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta} = 0.$$
  
(b)  $\frac{\partial^2 \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'}$  is a negative definite matrix.

3. Fisher's information matrix (フィッシャーの情報行列) is defined as:

$$I(\theta) = -\mathrm{E}\Big(\frac{\partial^2 \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'}\Big),$$

where we have the following equality:

$$-\mathrm{E}\Big(\frac{\partial^2 \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'}\Big) = \mathrm{E}\Big(\frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta'}\Big) = \mathrm{V}\Big(\frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta}\Big)$$

**Proof of the above equality:** 

$$\int L(\theta; x) \mathrm{d}x = 1$$

Take a derivative with respect to  $\theta$ .

$$\int \frac{\partial L(\theta; x)}{\partial \theta} \mathrm{d}x = 0$$

(We assume that (i) the domain of x does not depend on  $\theta$  and (ii) the derivative  $\frac{\partial L(\theta; x)}{\partial \theta}$  exists.)

Rewriting the above equation, we obtain:

$$\int \frac{\partial \log L(\theta; x)}{\partial \theta} L(\theta; x) \mathrm{d}x = 0,$$

i.e.,

$$\mathrm{E}\left(\frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta}\right) = 0.$$

Again, differentiating the above with respect to  $\theta$ , we obtain:

$$\int \frac{\partial^2 \log L(\theta; x)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'} L(\theta; x) dx + \int \frac{\partial \log L(\theta; x)}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial L(\theta; x)}{\partial' \theta} dx$$
$$= \int \frac{\partial^2 \log L(\theta; x)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'} L(\theta; x) dx + \int \frac{\partial \log L(\theta; x)}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial \log L(\theta; x)}{\partial \theta'} L(\theta; x) dx$$
$$= E\Big(\frac{\partial^2 \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'}\Big) + E\Big(\frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta'}\Big) = 0.$$

Therefore, we can derive the following equality:

$$-\mathrm{E}\left(\frac{\partial^2 \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'}\right) = \mathrm{E}\left(\frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta'}\right) = \mathrm{V}\left(\frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta}\right),$$

where the second equality utilizes  $E\left(\frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta}\right) = 0.$ 

4. Cramer-Rao Lower Bound (クラメール・ラオの下限):  $(I(\theta))^{-1}$ 

Suppose that an unbiased estimator of  $\theta$  is given by s(X).

Then, we have the following:

$$V(s(X)) \ge (I(\theta))^{-1}$$

# **Proof:**

The expectation of s(X) is:

$$\mathbf{E}(s(X)) = \int s(x)L(\theta; x)\mathrm{d}x.$$

Differentiating the above with respect to  $\theta$ ,

$$\frac{\partial E(s(X))}{\partial \theta'} = \int s(x) \frac{\partial L(\theta; x)}{\partial \theta'} dx = \int s(x) \frac{\partial \log L(\theta; x)}{\partial \theta'} L(\theta; x) dx$$
$$= Cov\left(s(X), \frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta}\right)$$

For simplicity, let s(X) and  $\theta$  be scalars.

Then,

$$\begin{split} \left(\frac{\partial \mathrm{E}(s(X))}{\partial \theta}\right)^2 &= \left(\mathrm{Cov}\left(s(X), \frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta}\right)\right)^2 = \rho^2 \mathrm{V}\left(s(X)\right) \mathrm{V}\left(\frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta}\right) \\ &\leq \mathrm{V}\left(s(X)\right) \mathrm{V}\left(\frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta}\right), \end{split}$$

where  $\rho$  denotes the correlation coefficient between s(X) and  $\frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta}$ , i.e.,

$$\rho = \frac{\operatorname{Cov}\left(s(X), \frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta}\right)}{\sqrt{\operatorname{V}\left(s(X)\right)}\sqrt{\operatorname{V}\left(\frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta}\right)}}.$$

Note that  $|\rho| \leq 1$ .

Therefore, we have the following inequality:

$$\left(\frac{\partial \mathrm{E}(s(X))}{\partial \theta}\right)^2 \leq \mathrm{V}(s(X)) \, \mathrm{V}\left(\frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta}\right),$$

i.e.,

$$V(s(X)) \ge \frac{\left(\frac{\partial E(s(X))}{\partial \theta}\right)^2}{V\left(\frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta}\right)}$$

Especially, when  $E(s(X)) = \theta$ ,

$$V(s(X)) \ge \frac{1}{-E\left(\frac{\partial^2 \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta^2}\right)} = (I(\theta))^{-1}.$$

Even in the case where s(X) is a vector, the following inequality holds.

$$V(s(X)) \ge (I(\theta))^{-1},$$

where  $I(\theta)$  is defined as:

$$\begin{split} I(\theta) &= -\mathrm{E}\left(\frac{\partial^2 \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'}\right) \\ &= \mathrm{E}\left(\frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta'}\right) = \mathrm{V}\left(\frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta}\right). \end{split}$$

The variance of any unbiased estimator of  $\theta$  is larger than or equal to  $(I(\theta))^{-1}$ .

5. Asymptotic Normality of MLE:

Let  $\tilde{\theta}$  be MLE of  $\theta$ .

As *n* goes to infinity, we have the following result:

$$\sqrt{n}(\tilde{\theta}-\theta) \longrightarrow N\left(0,\lim_{n\to\infty}\left(\frac{I(\theta)}{n}\right)^{-1}\right),$$

where it is assumed that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \left(\frac{I(\theta)}{n}\right)$  converges.

That is, when *n* is large,  $\tilde{\theta}$  is approximately distributed as follows:

$$\tilde{\theta} \sim N\left(\theta, \left(I(\theta)\right)^{-1}\right).$$

Suppose that  $s(X) = \tilde{\theta}$ .

When *n* is large, V(s(X)) is approximately equal to  $(I(\theta))^{-1}$ .

Practically, we utilize the following approximated distribution:

$$\tilde{\theta} \sim N\left(\theta, \left(I(\tilde{\theta})\right)^{-1}\right).$$

Then, we can obtain the significance test and the confidence interval for  $\theta$ 

6. **Central Limit Theorem:** Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be mutually independently distributed random variables with mean  $E(X_i) = \mu$  and variance  $V(X_i) = \sigma^2 < \infty$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

Define  $\overline{X} = (1/n) \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i$ .

Then, the central limit theorem is given by:

$$\frac{\overline{X} - \mathrm{E}(\overline{X})}{\sqrt{\mathrm{V}(\overline{X})}} = \frac{\overline{X} - \mu}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}} \longrightarrow N(0, 1).$$

Note that  $E(\overline{X}) = \mu$  and  $V(\overline{X}) = \sigma^2/n$ .

That is,

$$\sqrt{n}(\overline{X} - \mu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_i - \mu) \longrightarrow N(0, \sigma^2).$$
  
Note that  $E(\overline{X}) = \mu$  and  $nV(\overline{X}) = \sigma^2$ .

In the case where  $X_i$  is a vector of random variable with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\Sigma < \infty$ , the central limit theorem is given by:

$$\sqrt{n}(\overline{X}-\mu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_i - \mu) \longrightarrow N(0, \Sigma).$$

Note that  $E(\overline{X}) = \mu$  and  $nV(\overline{X}) = \Sigma$ .

7. Central Limit Theorem II: Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be mutually independently distributed random variables with mean  $E(X_i) = \mu$  and variance  $V(X_i) = \sigma_i^2$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

Assume:

$$\sigma^2 = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i^2 < \infty.$$

Define  $\overline{X} = (1/n) \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i$ .

Then, the central limit theorem is given by:

$$\frac{\overline{X} - E(\overline{X})}{\sqrt{V(\overline{X})}} = \frac{\overline{X} - \mu}{\sigma / \sqrt{n}} \longrightarrow N(0, 1),$$

i.e.,

$$\sqrt{n}(\overline{X} - \mu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_i - \mu) \longrightarrow N(0, \sigma^2).$$
  
Note that  $E(\overline{X}) = \mu$  and  $nV(\overline{X}) \longrightarrow \sigma^2$ .

In the case where  $X_i$  is a vector of random variable with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\Sigma_i$ , the central limit theorem is given by:

$$\sqrt{n}(\overline{X}-\mu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_i - \mu) \longrightarrow N(0, \Sigma),$$

where 
$$\Sigma = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \Sigma_i < \infty$$
.  
Note that  $E(\overline{X}) = \mu$  and  $nV(\overline{X}) \longrightarrow \Sigma$ .

## [Review of Asymptotic Theories]

• Convergence in Probability ( $\mathfrak{a} \approx \mathbb{Q} \mathfrak{x}$ )  $X_n \rightarrow a$ , i.e., X converges in probability to *a*, where *a* is a fixed number.

• Convergence in Distribution (分布収束)  $X_n \rightarrow X$ , i.e., X converges in distribution to X. The distribution of  $X_n$  converges to the distribution of X as n goes to infinity.

## **Some Formulas**

 $X_n$  and  $Y_n$ : Convergence in Probability

 $Z_n$ : Convergence in Distribution

• If 
$$X_n \longrightarrow a$$
, then  $f(X_n) \longrightarrow f(a)$ .

- If  $X_n \longrightarrow a$  and  $Y_n \longrightarrow b$ , then  $f(X_n Y_n) \longrightarrow f(ab)$ .
- If  $X_n \longrightarrow a$  and  $Z_n \longrightarrow Z$ , then  $X_n Z_n \longrightarrow aZ$ , i.e., aZ is distributed with mean E(aZ) = aE(Z) and variance  $V(aZ) = a^2V(Z)$ .

# [End of Review]

8. Weak Law of Large Numbers (大数の弱法則) — Review:

Suppose that  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are distributed.

As  $n \to \infty, \overline{X} \to \lim_{n \to \infty} E(\overline{X})$  under  $\lim_{n \to \infty} nV(\overline{X}) < \infty$ , which is called the weak law of large numbers.

- $\rightarrow$  Convergence in probability
- $\rightarrow$  Proved by Chebyshev's inequality
  - (i) Suppose that  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are assumed to be mutually independently and identically distributed with  $E(X_i) = \mu$  and  $V(X_i) = \sigma^2 < \infty$ . Consider  $\overline{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ . Then,  $\overline{X} \longrightarrow \mu$  as  $n \longrightarrow \infty$ .

Note that  $E(\overline{X}) = \mu$  and  $nV(\overline{X}) = \sigma^2$ .

(ii) Suppose that  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are assumed to be mutually independently distributed with  $E(X_i) = \mu_i$  and  $V(X_i) = \sigma_i^2$ .

Assume that

(a) 
$$E(\overline{X}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mu_i \longrightarrow \mu$$
, i.e.,  $\lim_{n \to \infty} E(\overline{X}) = \mu$ , and  
(b)  $nV(\overline{X}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sigma_i^2 \longrightarrow \sigma^2 < \infty$ , ie.,  $\lim_{n \to \infty} nV(\overline{X}) = \sigma^2 < \infty$ .

Then, 
$$\overline{X} \longrightarrow \mu$$
 as  $n \longrightarrow \infty$ ,

Note that 
$$E(\overline{X}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mu_i$$
 and  $nV(\overline{X}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sigma_i^2$ .

(iii) Suppose that  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are assumed to be serially correlated with  $E(X_i) = \mu_i$  and  $Cov(X_i, X_j) = \sigma_{ij}$ .

Assume that

(a) 
$$E(\overline{X}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mu_i \longrightarrow \mu$$
, i.e.,  $\lim_{n \to \infty} E(\overline{X}) = \mu$ , and  
(b)  $nV(\overline{X}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sigma_{ij} \longrightarrow \sigma^2 < \infty$ , i.e.,  $\lim_{n \to \infty} nV(\overline{X}) = \sigma^2 < \infty$ .

Then, 
$$\overline{X} \longrightarrow \mu$$
 as  $n \longrightarrow \infty$ ,  
Note that  $E(\overline{X}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \mu_i$  and  $nV(\overline{X}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \sigma_{ij}$ .

# 9. Some Formulas of Expectaion and Variance in Multivariate Cases — Review:

A vector of randam variable X:  $E(X) = \mu$  and  $V(X) \equiv E((X - \mu)(X - \mu)') = \Sigma$ Then,  $E(AX) = A\mu$  and  $V(AX) = A\Sigma A'$ .

#### **Proof:**

$$\begin{split} E(AX) &= AE(X) = A\mu \\ V(AX) &= E((AX - A\mu)(AX - A\mu)') = E(A(X - \mu)(A(X - \mu))') \\ &= E(A(X - \mu)(X - \mu)'A') = AE((X - \mu)(X - \mu)')A' = AV(X)A' = A\Sigma A' \end{split}$$

## 10. Asymptotic Normality of MLE — Proof:

The density (or probability) function of  $X_i$  is given by  $f(x_i; \theta)$ .

The likelihood function is:  $L(\theta; x) \equiv f(x; \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} f(x_i; \theta)$ ,

where  $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ .

MLE of  $\theta$  results in the following maximization problem:

$$\max_{\theta} \log L(\theta; x).$$

A solution of the above problem is given by MLE of  $\theta$ , denoted by  $\tilde{\theta}$ .

That is,  $\tilde{\theta}$  is given by the  $\theta$  which satisfies the following equation:

$$\frac{\partial \log L(\theta; x)}{\partial \theta} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\partial \log f(x_i; \theta)}{\partial \theta} = 0$$

Replacing  $x_i$  by the underlying random variable  $X_i$ ,  $\frac{\partial \log f(X_i; \theta)}{\partial \theta}$  is taken as the *i*th random variable, i.e.,  $X_i$  in the **Central Limit Theorem II**.

Consider applying Central Limit Theorem II as follows:

$$\frac{\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}\frac{\partial\log f(X_{i};\theta)}{\partial\theta} - \mathrm{E}\left(\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}\frac{\partial\log f(X_{i};\theta)}{\partial\theta}\right)}{\sqrt{\mathrm{V}\left(\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}\frac{\partial\log f(X_{i};\theta)}{\partial\theta}\right)}} = \frac{\frac{1}{n}\frac{\partial\log L(\theta;X)}{\partial\theta} - \mathrm{E}\left(\frac{1}{n}\frac{\partial\log L(\theta;X)}{\partial\theta}\right)}{\sqrt{\mathrm{V}\left(\frac{1}{n}\frac{\partial\log L(\theta;X)}{\partial\theta}\right)}}.$$

Note that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\partial \log f(X_i; \theta)}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta}$$

In this case, we need the following expectation and variance:

$$\mathrm{E}\Big(\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}\frac{\partial\log f(X_{i};\theta)}{\partial\theta}\Big)=\mathrm{E}\Big(\frac{1}{n}\frac{\partial\log L(\theta;X)}{\partial\theta}\Big)=0,$$

and

$$V\Big(\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}\frac{\partial\log f(X_{i};\theta)}{\partial\theta}\Big)=V\Big(\frac{1}{n}\frac{\partial\log L(\theta;X)}{\partial\theta}\Big)=\frac{1}{n^{2}}I(\theta).$$

Note that 
$$E\left(\frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta}\right) = 0$$
 and  $V\left(\frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta}\right) = I(\theta)$ .

Thus, the asymptotic distribution of

$$\frac{1}{n}\frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}\frac{\partial \log f(X_i; \theta)}{\partial \theta}$$

is given by:

$$\begin{split} &\sqrt{n} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\partial \log f(X_{i}; \theta)}{\partial \theta} - \mathrm{E} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\partial \log f(X_{i}; \theta)}{\partial \theta} \right) \right) \\ &= \sqrt{n} \left( \frac{1}{n} \frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta} - \mathrm{E} \left( \frac{1}{n} \frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta} \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta} \longrightarrow N(0, \Sigma) \end{split}$$

where

$$n \operatorname{V} \left( \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\partial \log f(X_i; \theta)}{\partial \theta} \right) = \frac{1}{n} \operatorname{V} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\partial \log f(X_i; \theta)}{\partial \theta} \right) = \frac{1}{n} \operatorname{V} \left( \frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta} \right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{n} I(\theta) \longrightarrow \Sigma.$$

That is,

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta} \longrightarrow N(0, \Sigma),$$

where  $X = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ .

Now, replacing  $\theta$  by  $\tilde{\theta}$ , consider the asymptotic distribution of

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\frac{\partial \log L(\tilde{\theta};X)}{\partial \theta},$$

which is expanded around  $\tilde{\theta} = \theta$  as follows:

$$0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \frac{\partial \log L(\tilde{\theta}; X)}{\partial \theta} \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \frac{\partial^2 \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'} (\tilde{\theta} - \theta).$$

Therefore,

$$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\frac{\partial^2 \log L(\theta;X)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'}(\tilde{\theta}-\theta) \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\frac{\partial \log L(\theta;X)}{\partial \theta} \longrightarrow N(0,\Sigma).$$

The left-hand side is rewritten as:

$$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\frac{\partial^2 \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'}(\tilde{\theta} - \theta) = \sqrt{n} \left(-\frac{1}{n}\frac{\partial^2 \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'}\right)(\tilde{\theta} - \theta).$$

Then,

$$\begin{split} \sqrt{n}(\tilde{\theta} - \theta) &\approx \Big( -\frac{1}{n} \frac{\partial^2 \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'} \Big)^{-1} \Big( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta} \Big) \\ &\longrightarrow N(0, \Sigma^{-1} \Sigma \Sigma^{-1}) = N(0, \Sigma^{-1}). \end{split}$$

Using the law of large number, note that

$$\begin{array}{ccc} -\frac{1}{n} \frac{\partial^2 \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'} & \longrightarrow & \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n} \left( -\mathrm{E} \left( \frac{\partial^2 \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'} \right) \right) \\ & = & \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n} \left( \mathrm{V} \left( \frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial} \right) \right) = & \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n} I(\theta) = \Sigma, \end{array}$$

and 
$$\left(\frac{1}{n}\frac{\partial^2 \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'}\right)^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta}\right)$$
 has the same asymptotic distribution as  $\Sigma^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\frac{\partial \log L(\theta; X)}{\partial \theta}\right)$ .

11. Optimization (最適化):

MLE of  $\theta$  results in the following maximization problem:

$$\max_{\theta} \log L(\theta; x).$$

We often have the case where the solution of  $\theta$  is not derived in closed form.

 $\implies$  Optimization procedure

$$0 = \frac{\partial \log L(\theta; x)}{\partial \theta} = \frac{\partial \log L(\theta^*; x)}{\partial \theta} + \frac{\partial^2 \log L(\theta^*; x)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'} (\theta - \theta^*).$$

Solving the above equation with respect to  $\theta$ , we obtain the following:

$$\theta = \theta^* - \left(\frac{\partial^2 \log L(\theta^*; x)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'}\right)^{-1} \frac{\partial \log L(\theta^*; x)}{\partial \theta}.$$

Replace the variables as follows:

$$\theta \longrightarrow \theta^{(i+1)}, \qquad \theta^* \longrightarrow \theta^{(i)}.$$

Then, we have:

$$\theta^{(i+1)} = \theta^{(i)} - \left(\frac{\partial^2 \log L(\theta^{(i)}; x)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'}\right)^{-1} \frac{\partial \log L(\theta^{(i)}; x)}{\partial \theta}$$

 $\implies$  Newton-Raphson method (ニュートン・ラプソン法)

Replacing  $\frac{\partial^2 \log L(\theta^{(i)}; x)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'}$  by  $E\left(\frac{\partial^2 \log L(\theta^{(i)}; x)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'}\right)$ , we obtain the following optimization algorithm:

$$\theta^{(i+1)} = \theta^{(i)} - \left( E\left(\frac{\partial^2 \log L(\theta^{(i)}; x)}{\partial \theta \partial \theta'}\right) \right)^{-1} \frac{\partial \log L(\theta^{(i)}; x)}{\partial \theta}$$
$$= \theta^{(i)} + \left( I(\theta^{(i)}) \right)^{-1} \frac{\partial \log L(\theta^{(i)}; x)}{\partial \theta}$$

 $\implies$  Method of Scoring (スコア法)