

Gamma MLE by nlm() and by Fisher Scoring

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> gamma.mlen
function (xx, shape0, rate0)
{
  negLL <- function(p, x) ifelse(p[1] <= 0 | p[2] <= 0, 1e+50,
    -sum(log(dgamma(x, p[1], p[2]))))
  nlm(negLL, p = c(shape0, rate0), hessian = T, x = xx)
}

> gamma.mlles
function (xx, shape0, rate0)
{
  n <- length(xx)
  xbar <- mean(xx)
  logxbar <- mean(log(xx))
  theta <- c(shape0, rate0)
  repeat {
    theta0 <- theta
    shape <- theta0[1]
    rate <- theta0[2]
    S <- n * matrix(c(log(rate) - digamma(shape) + logxbar,
      shape/rate - xbar), ncol = 1)
    I <- n * matrix(c(trigamma(shape), -1/rate, -1/rate,
      shape/rate^2), ncol = 2)
    theta <- theta0 + solve(I) %*% S
    if (max(abs(theta - theta0)) < 1e-08)
      break
  }
  list(estimate = theta, infmat = I)
}

> gamma.mlles1
function (xx, shape0, rate0)
{
  n <- length(xx)
  xbar <- mean(xx)
  logxbar <- mean(log(xx))
  theta <- c(shape0, rate0)
  repeat {
    theta0 <- theta
    shape <- theta0[1]
    rate <- theta0[2]
    S <- n * matrix(c(log(rate) - digamma(shape) + logxbar,
      shape/rate - xbar), ncol = 1)
    I <- n * matrix(c(trigamma(shape), -1/rate, -1/rate,
      shape/rate^2), ncol = 2)
    theta <- theta0 + solve(I) %*% S
    repeat {
      if (min(theta) > 0)
        break
      theta <- (theta0 + theta)/2
    }
    if (max(abs(theta - theta0)) < 1e-08)
      break
  }
  list(estimate = theta, infmat = I)
}
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