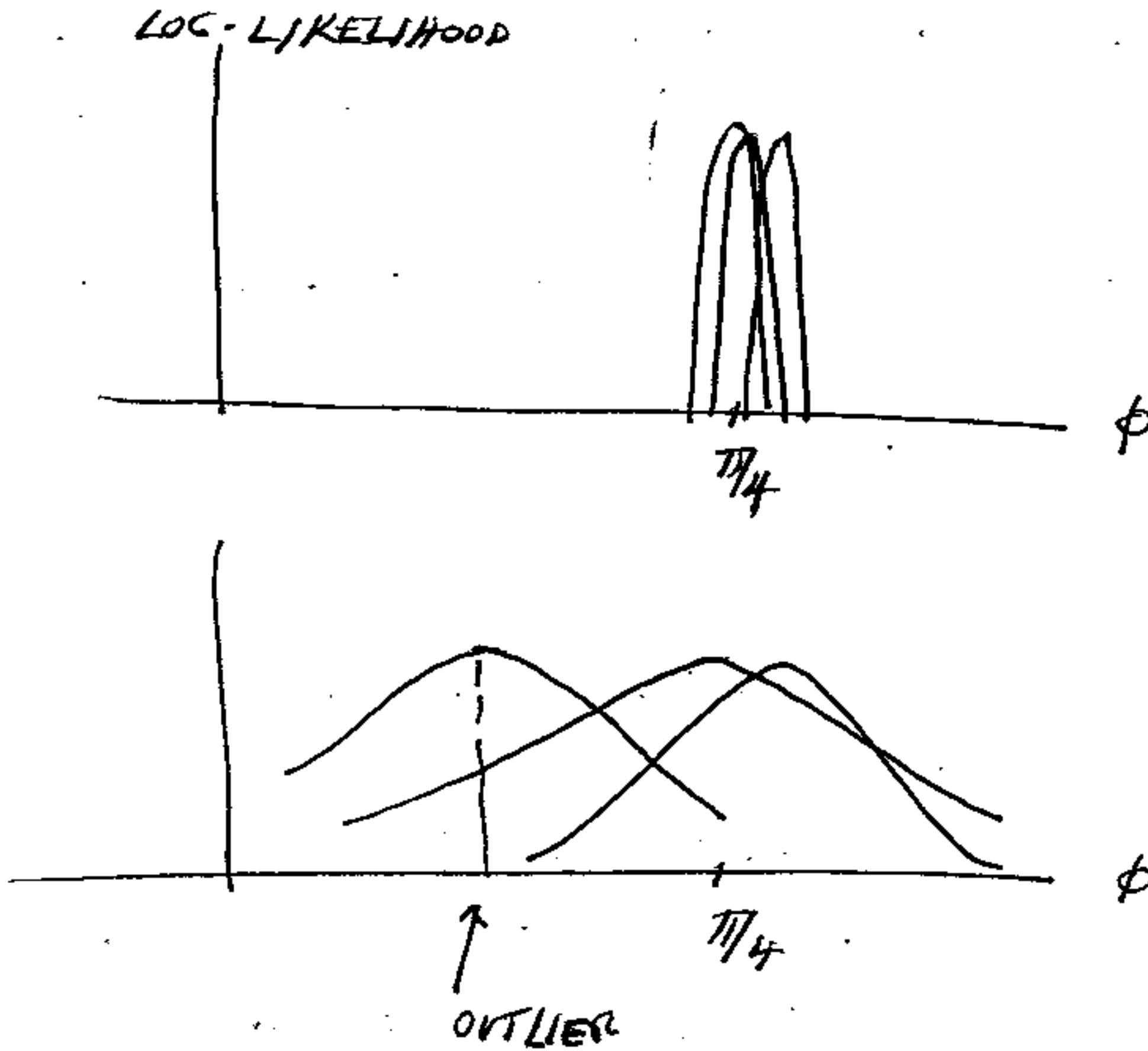
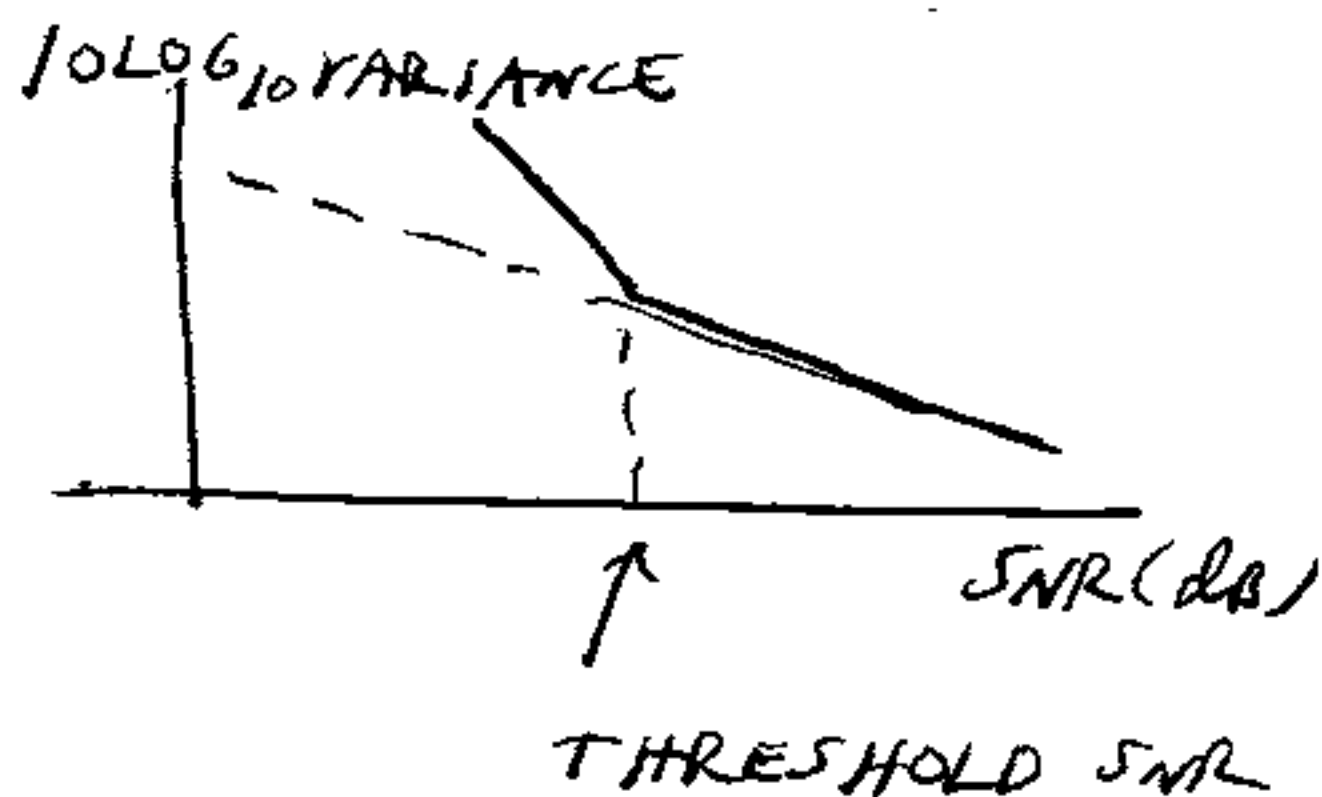


AT LOWER SNR'S A THRESHOLD EFFECT OCCURS.



OUTLIERS GIVE RISE TO INCREASED VARIANCE  
(MORE THAN PREDICTED BY CRLB)



THIS BEHAVIOR IS CHARACTERISTIC OF  
ALL NONLINEAR ESTIMATORS.

FOR SIGNAL IN NOISE PROBLEMS THE CRLB IS ATTAINED EVEN FOR SHORT DATA RECORDS IF SNR IS HIGH ENOUGH. WHY?

$$\hat{\phi} = -\text{ARCTAN} \frac{\sum_n (A \cos(2\pi f_0 n + \phi) + W L_n) \sin 2\pi f_0 n}{\sum_n (A \cos(2\pi f_0 n + \phi) + W L_n) \cos 2\pi f_0 n}$$

$$\approx -\text{ARCTAN} \frac{-\frac{NA}{2} \sin \phi + \sum_n W L_n \sin 2\pi f_0 n}{\frac{NA}{2} \cos \phi + \sum_n W L_n \cos 2\pi f_0 n}$$

$$= \text{ARCTAN} \frac{\sin \phi + E_s}{\cos \phi + E_c}$$

$$\text{WHERE } E_s = -\frac{2}{NA} \sum_n W L_n \sin 2\pi f_0 n$$

$$E_c = \frac{2}{NA} \sum_n W L_n \cos 2\pi f_0 n$$

IF  $E_s = E_c = 0$  (NO NOISE),  $\hat{\phi} = \phi$ .

ASYMPTOTIC PDF WILL BE VALID WHEN  $E_s, E_c$  ARE SMALL. THEN, ARCTAN TRANSFORMATION  $\approx$  LINEAR

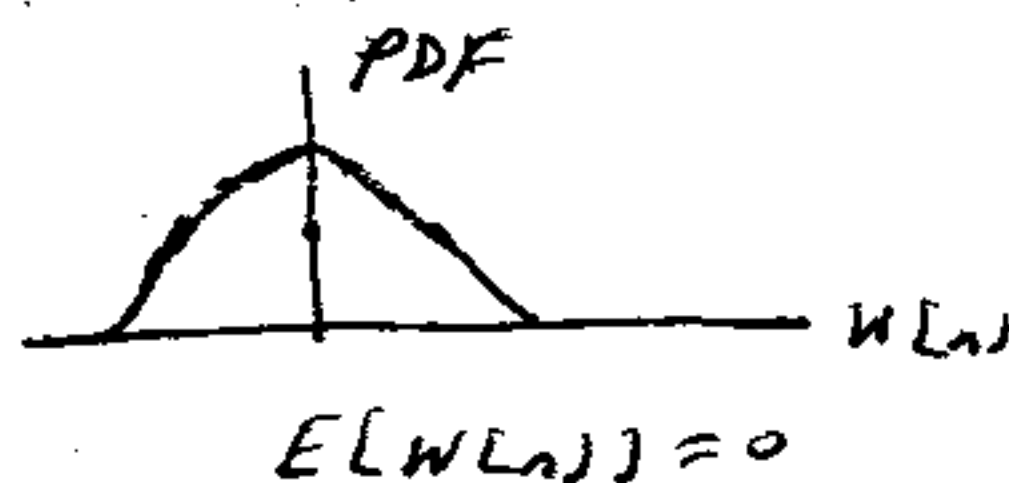
IN GENERAL, ASYMPTOTIC PDF HOLDS WHEN ERROR IS SMALL, EITHER  $N \rightarrow \infty$

OR  $A \rightarrow \infty$  (HIGH SNR) OR BOTH.

ASYMPTOTIC PDF INVALID WHEN ESTIMATION ERROR CANNOT BE MADE SMALL AS  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .

EXAMPLE: DC IN NONINDEPENDENT  
NON-GAUSSIAN NOISE

$$x[n] = A + w[n]$$

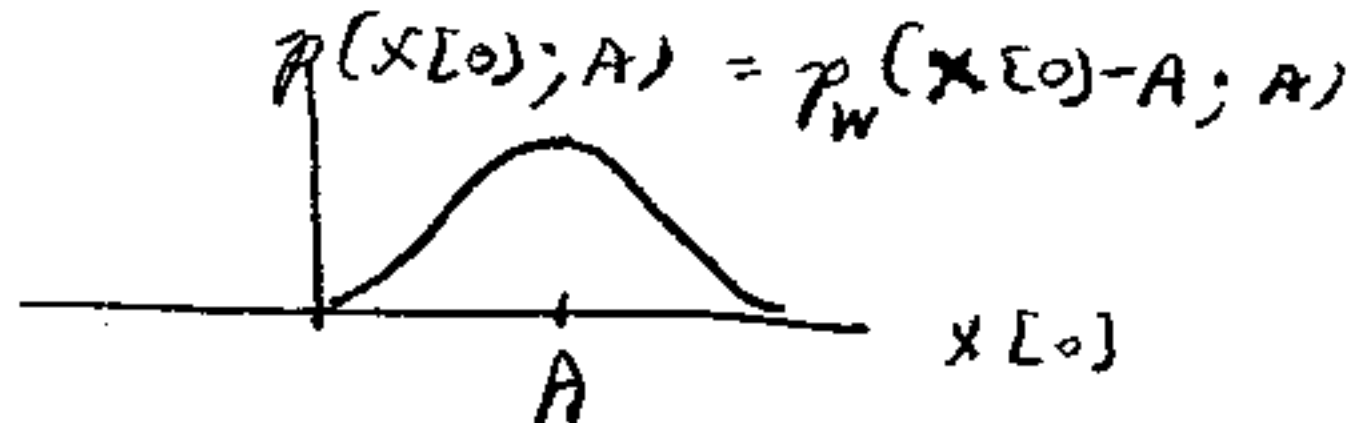


OBSERVE  $x[0], x[1], \dots, x[N-1]$  BUT

$w[0] = w[1] = \dots = w[N-1] \Rightarrow$  ALL NOISE

SAMPLES THE SAME: DISCARD  $x[1], \dots, x[N-1]$

MLE OF  $A$  FOUND BY MAXIMIZING  $p(x[0]; A)$ .



$\Rightarrow \hat{A} = x[0] \Rightarrow$  PDF IS NONGAUSSIAN  
EVEN AS  $N \rightarrow \infty$

ALSO NOT CONSISTENT SINCE  $\text{VAR}(\hat{A}) = \text{VAR}(x[0])$   
 $\not\rightarrow 0$  AS  $N \rightarrow \infty$

## MLE FOR TRANSFORMED PARAMETERS

HOW DO WE FIND THE MLE FOR A FUNCTION OF  $\theta$ , FOR EXAMPLE,  $A^2$  INSTEAD OF  $A$ ?

EXAMPLE :  $X(L) = A + W(L)$   
 $\uparrow$  WGN

WANT MLE OF  $\alpha = e^A$ , WHICH IS A 1-1 TRANSFORMATION OF  $A$ .

$$p(\underline{x}; A) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{N/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_n (x(L) - A)^2} \quad -\infty < A < \infty$$

THIS PDF IS PARAMETERIZED BY  $A$ . SINCE  $\alpha$  IS 1-1 TRANSFORMATION, WE CAN EQUIVALENTLY USE

$$p_T(\underline{x}; \alpha) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{N/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_n (x(L) - \ln \alpha)^2} \quad \alpha > 0$$

$\uparrow$  TRANSFORMED

PDFS ARE EQUIVALENT. MLE OF  $\alpha$  FOUND BY MAXIMIZING  $p_T$  OVER  $\alpha$ .

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \sum_n (x(L) - \ln \alpha)^2 = 0$$

$$-2 \sum_n (x(L) - \ln \hat{\alpha}) \frac{1}{\hat{\alpha}} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln \hat{\alpha} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_n x(n) = \bar{x}$$

$$\tilde{\alpha} = e^{\bar{x}}$$

BUT  $\hat{A} = \bar{x}$  IS MLE OF  $A$ .

$$\tilde{\alpha} = e^{\hat{A}} = e^{\hat{\theta}}$$

MLE IS FOUND BY SUBSTITUTING  $\hat{\theta}$  INTO TRANSFORMATION. INVARIANCE PROPERTY.

EXAMPLE: FOR SAME DATA LET  $\alpha = A^2$   
NOT 1-1 TRANSFORMATION.

$$A = \pm \sqrt{\alpha}$$

CANNOT PARAMETERIZE PDF BY  $\alpha$ .

NEED TWO SETS OR

$$p_{T_1}(x; \alpha) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{N/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_n (x(n) - \sqrt{\alpha})^2} \quad \alpha \geq 0$$

$$p_{T_2}(x; \alpha) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{N/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_n (x(n) + \sqrt{\alpha})^2} \quad \alpha \geq 0$$

TO COVER ALL POSSIBILITIES.

MLE OF  $\alpha$  IS FOUND BY FINDING  $\alpha$  THAT

MAXIMIZES  $p_{T_1}$  AND  $p_{T_2}$  OR

$$\hat{\alpha} = \underset{\alpha}{\text{ARG MAX}} \{ p_{T_1}(x; \alpha), p_{T_2}(x; \alpha) \}$$

OR

- 1) FOR GIVEN  $\alpha$ , DETERMINE WHETHER  $p_{T_1}$  OR  $p_{T_2}$  IS LARGER  $\Rightarrow \bar{p}_T$ . REPEAT FOR ALL  $\alpha > 0$  ( $\bar{p}_T(x; \alpha=0) = p(x; A=0)$ )
- 2) MLE GIVEN BY  $\alpha$  THAT MAXIMIZES  $\bar{p}_T$  OVER  $\alpha \geq 0$ .

FOR PREVIOUS EXAMPLE

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\alpha} &= \underset{\alpha \geq 0}{\text{ARG MAX}} \{ p(x; \sqrt{\alpha}), p(x; -\sqrt{\alpha}) \} \\ &\quad \uparrow p_{T_1}(x; \alpha) \quad \uparrow p_{T_2}(x; \alpha) \\ &= \left[ \underset{\sqrt{\alpha} \geq 0}{\text{ARG MAX}} \{ p(x; \sqrt{\alpha}), p(x; -\sqrt{\alpha}) \} \right]^2 \\ &= \left( \underset{-\infty < A < +\infty}{\text{ARG MAX}} p(x; A) \right)^2 \\ &= (\hat{A})^2 = (\hat{x})^2 \end{aligned}$$

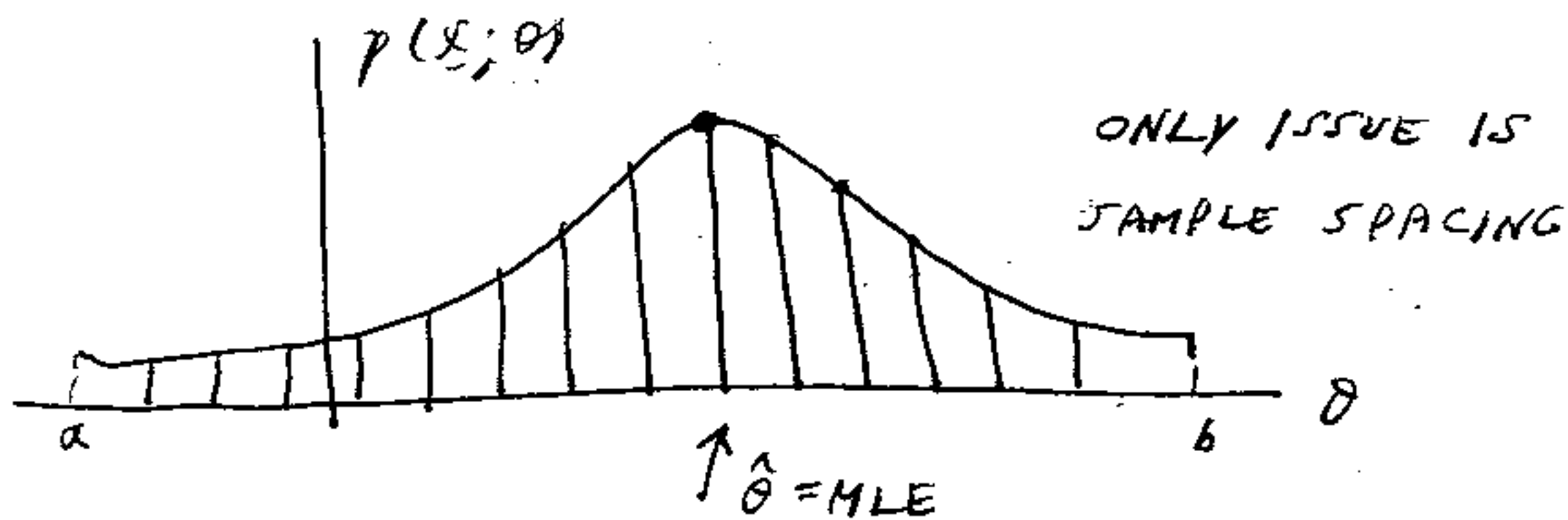
$\Rightarrow$  INVARIANCE PROPERTY STILL HOLDS,  
BUT  $\hat{\alpha}$  MAXIMIZES MODIFIED LIKELIHOOD

FUNCTION OR  $\bar{p}_T(\underline{x}; \alpha) = \text{MAXIMUM OF ALL } p(\underline{x}; \theta)$ , WHERE  $\alpha = g(\theta)$  AND MAXIMUM IS TAKEN OVER ALL  $\theta$  YIELDING SAME  $\alpha$ . SEE FIGURE 7.7.

### NUMERICAL DETERMINATION OF MLE

UNLIKE OTHER APPROACHES MLE CAN BE FOUND NUMERICALLY. ONLY NEED PDF.

1)  $a < \theta < b \Rightarrow$  GRID SEARCH



MUST EVALUATE  $p(\underline{x}; \theta)$  FOR EACH NEW  $\underline{x}$ , SINCE  $\hat{\theta} = g(\underline{x})$  AND  $g$  IS UNKNOWN.

2)  $\theta$  LIES IN INFINITE INTERVAL

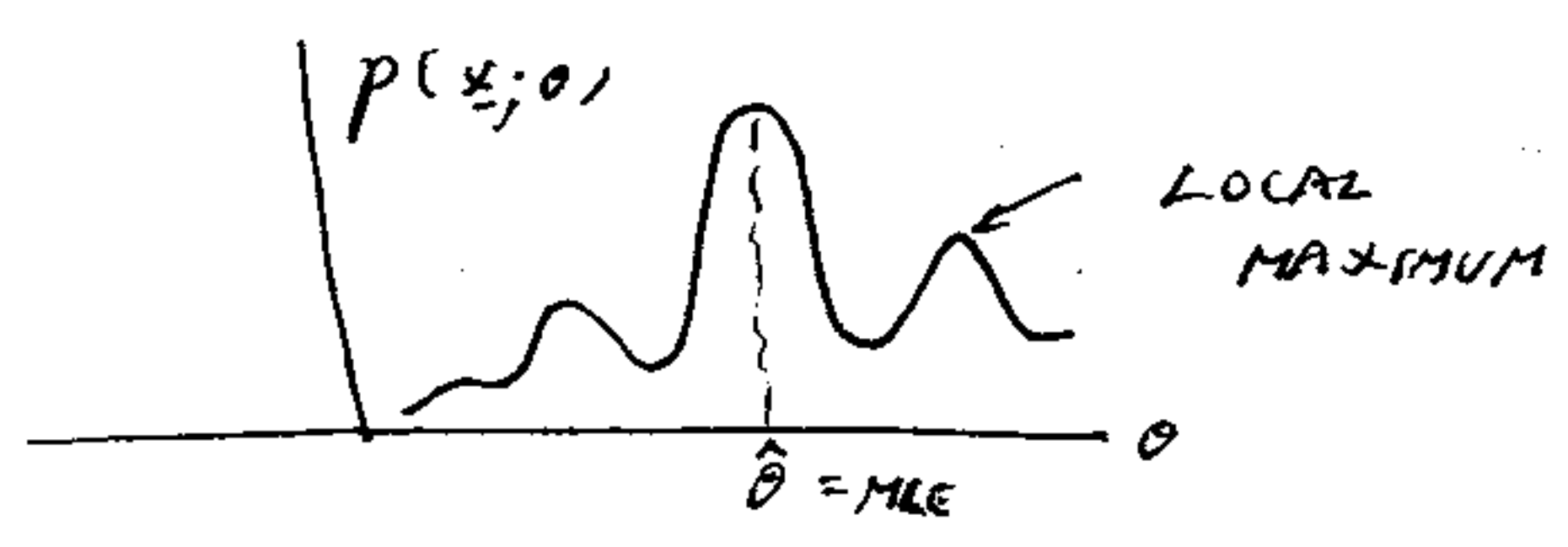
EXAMPLE:  $\sigma^2 > 0$ , WHERE  $\sigma^2 = \text{VARIANCE OF } X(N)$

$\Rightarrow$  GRID SEARCH NO GOOD

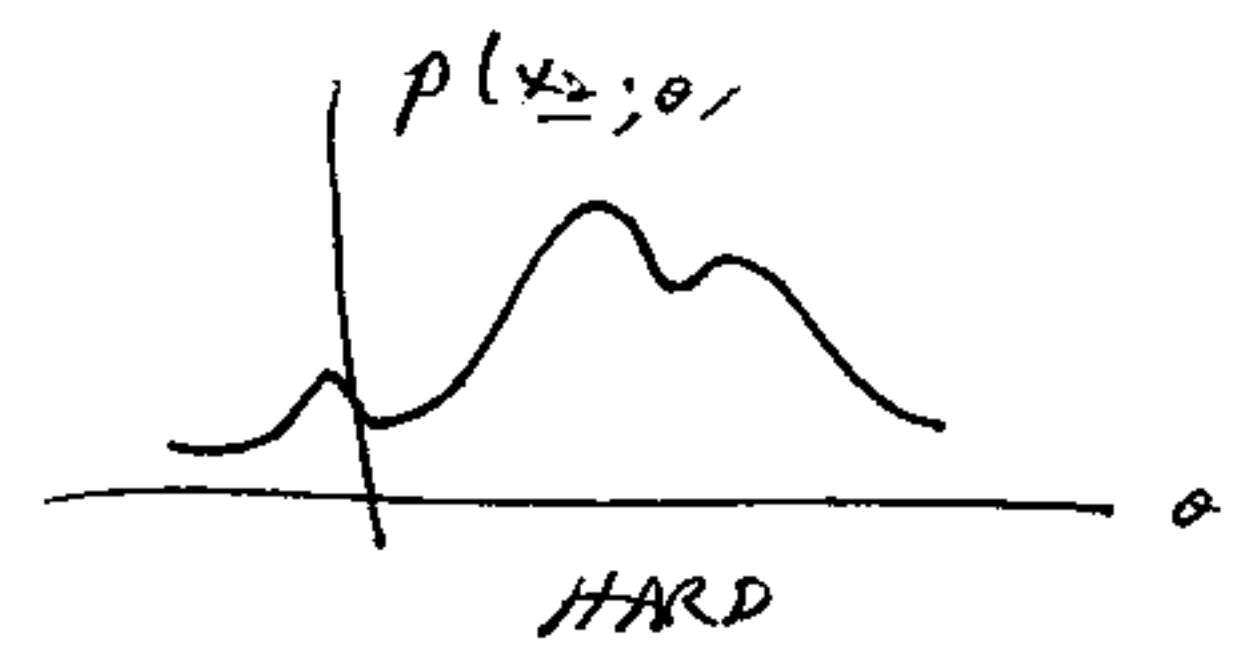
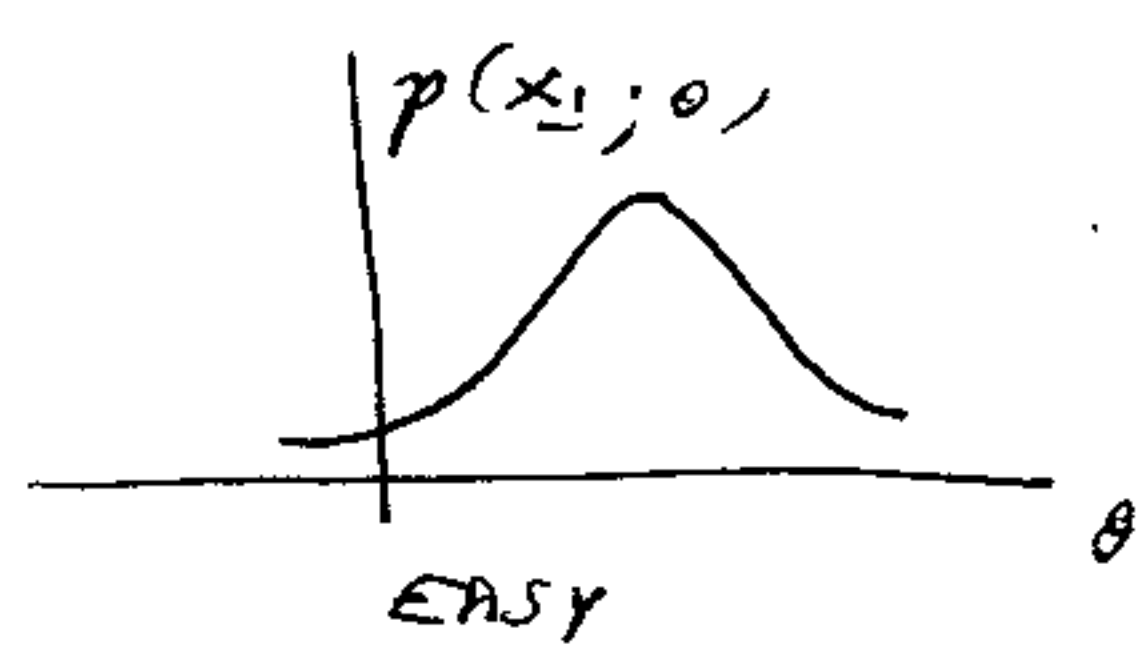
NEED NONLINEAR MAXIMIZATION ROUTINE -  
NEWTON-RAPHSON, SCORING, EM

ALL THESE METHODS ARE ITERATIVE

- 1) MAY NOT CONVERGE
- 2) IF CONVERGENCE, LOCAL MAXIMUM?



NOTE: WE DO NOT KNOW FORM OF  
FUNCTION TO BE MAXIMIZED BEFOREHAND



USUAL METHODS OF NONLINEAR OPTIMIZATION  
MAY FAIL

EXAMPLE:  $X(n) = \mu + W(n)$   
 $\uparrow$  WGN WITH  
 VARIANCE  $\sigma^2$



ESTIMATE  $\tau$ , WHERE  $\tau > 0$ .

$$\text{MLE: } p(x; \tau) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{N/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_n (x[n] - \tau^n)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{MINIMIZE } J(\tau) = \sum_n (x[n] - \tau^n)^2$$

$$\frac{dJ}{d\tau} = 0 \Rightarrow \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} (x[n] - \tau^n) n \tau^{n-1} = 0$$

NONLINEAR IN  $\tau$  (ALSO, MAY PRODUCE LOCAL MAXIMUM OR MINIMUM)

NEWTON-RAPHSON & SCORING TRY TO FIND ZERO OF  $dJ/d\tau$  OR IN GENERAL

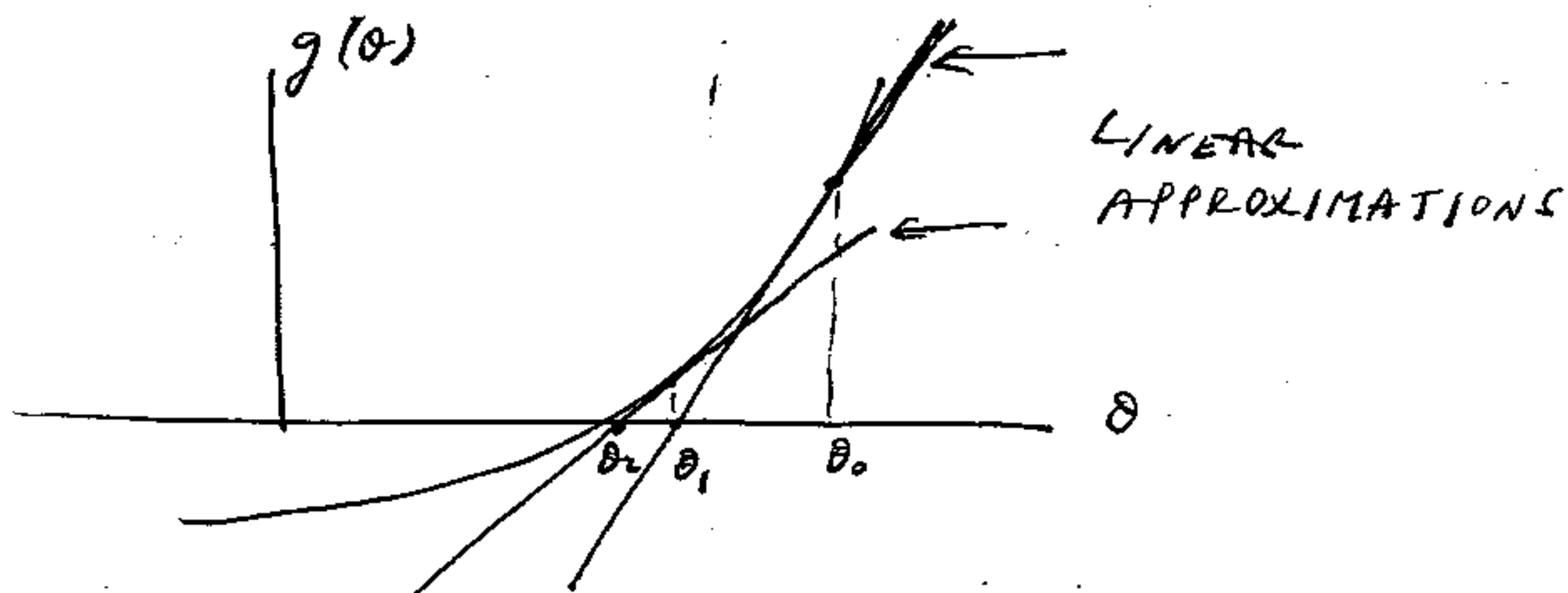
$$\frac{\partial \text{LN}P(x; \theta)}{\partial \theta} = 0 \quad \text{SOLVE FOR } \theta.$$

$$\text{LET } g(\theta) = \frac{\partial \text{LN}P}{\partial \theta}$$

ASSUME WE HAVE INITIAL GUESS OF SOLUTION, CALL IT  $\theta_0$ . FOR  $g$  APPROXIMATELY LINEAR NEAR  $\theta_0$ .

$$g(\theta) \approx g(\theta_0) + \frac{dg(\theta_0)}{d\theta} (\theta - \theta_0)$$

$$\left( \frac{dg(\theta_0)}{d\theta_0} = \left. \frac{dg}{d\theta} \right|_{\theta=\theta_0} \right)$$



SOLVE FOR NEW GUESS OR

$$0 = g(\theta_1) = g(\theta_0) + \frac{dg(\theta_0)}{d\theta_0} (\theta_1 - \theta_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta_1 = \theta_0 - \frac{g(\theta_0)}{\frac{dg(\theta_0)}{d\theta_0}}$$

NOW USE  $\theta_1$  TO LINEARIZE ABOUT, ETC.

SHOULD CONVERGE FOR  $g$  AS SHOWN.

IN GENERAL,

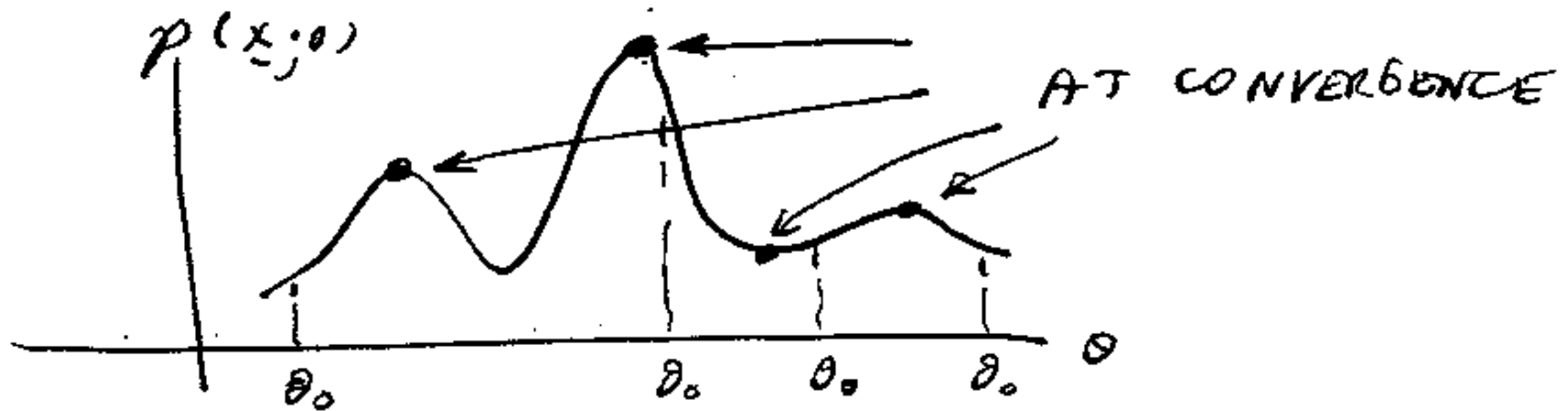
$$\theta_{k+1} = \theta_k - \frac{g(\theta_k)}{\frac{dg(\theta_k)}{d\theta_k}}$$

AT CONVERGENCE  $\theta_{k+1} = \theta_k \Rightarrow g(\theta_k) = 0$

RECALL  $g(\theta) = \frac{\partial \text{LNP}(x; \theta)}{\partial \theta}$

$$\Rightarrow \theta_{k+1} = \theta_k - \left[ \frac{\partial^2 \text{LNP}(x; \theta)}{\partial \theta^2} \right]^{-1} \frac{\partial \text{LNP}(x; \theta)}{\partial \theta} \Big|_{\theta = \theta_k}$$

SHOULD USE SEVERAL STARTING POINTS



THEN COMPUTE  $p(x; \theta)$  FOR EACH CONVERGED POINT AND CHOOSE ONE THAT MAXIMIZES  $p$ .

NEED GOOD INITIAL GUESSES!

EXAMPLE :  $X[n] = r^n + w[n]$

$$p(x; r) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{N/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_n (x[n] - r^n)^2}$$

↑  $w[n]$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \text{LNP}}{\partial r} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left[ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_n (x[n] - r^n)^2 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_n (x[n] - r^n) n r^{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 \text{LN} p}{\partial r^2} = \frac{1}{r^2} \left[ \sum_n n(n-1) x L_n r^{n-2} - \sum_n n(2n-1) r^{2n-2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{r^2} \sum_n n r^{n-2} \left[ (n-1) x L_n - (2n-1) r^n \right]$$

$$r_{k+1} = r_k - \frac{\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} (x L_n - r_k^n) n r_k^{n-1}}{\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} n r_k^{n-2} \left[ (n-1) x L_n - (2n-1) r_k^n \right]}$$

SCORING METHOD NOTES THAT

$$\left. \frac{\partial^2 \text{LN} p(x; \theta)}{\partial \theta^2} \right|_{\theta = \theta_k} \approx -I(\theta_k)$$

SINCE FOR IID SAMPLES

INDEPENDENT

$$\frac{\partial^2 \text{LN} p(x; \theta)}{\partial \theta^2} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \text{LN} \prod_{n=0}^{N-1} p(x L_n; \theta)$$

$$= \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \sum_n \text{LN} p(x L_n; \theta)$$

$$= \sum_n \frac{\partial^2 \text{LN} p(x L_n; \theta)}{\partial \theta^2}$$

$$= N \frac{1}{N} \sum_n \frac{\partial^2 \text{LN} p(x L_n; \theta)}{\partial \theta^2}$$

$$\approx N E \left[ \frac{\partial^2 \text{LNP}(x^{(n)}; \theta)}{\partial \theta^2} \right]$$

BY LAW OF LARGE NUMBERS  $\uparrow$  IDENTICALLY DISTRIBUTED

(FOR  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  IID WITH  $E(x_i) = \mu$   
 $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \rightarrow \mu$  AS  $n \rightarrow \infty$ )

$$= -N \dot{\ell}(\theta)$$

$$= -I(\theta)$$

$\Rightarrow$  SCORING METHOD IS

$$\theta_{k+1} = \theta_k + I^{-1}(\theta) \left. \frac{\partial \text{LNP}(x; \theta)}{\partial \theta} \right|_{\theta = \theta_k}$$

HAS SAME <sup>GENERAL</sup> CONVERGENCE PROBLEMS BUT  
 MAY WORK BETTER THAN N-R.

EXAMPLE 1  $X^{(n)} = r^n + W^{(n)}$   
 $\uparrow$  WGN

SEE EXAMPLE 7.11

$$I(\theta) = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} n^2 r^{2n-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow r_{k+1} = r_k + \frac{\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} (X^{(n)} - r_k^n) n r_k^{n-1}}{\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} n^2 r_k^{2n-2}}$$

COMPUTER EXAMPLE : N-R FOR

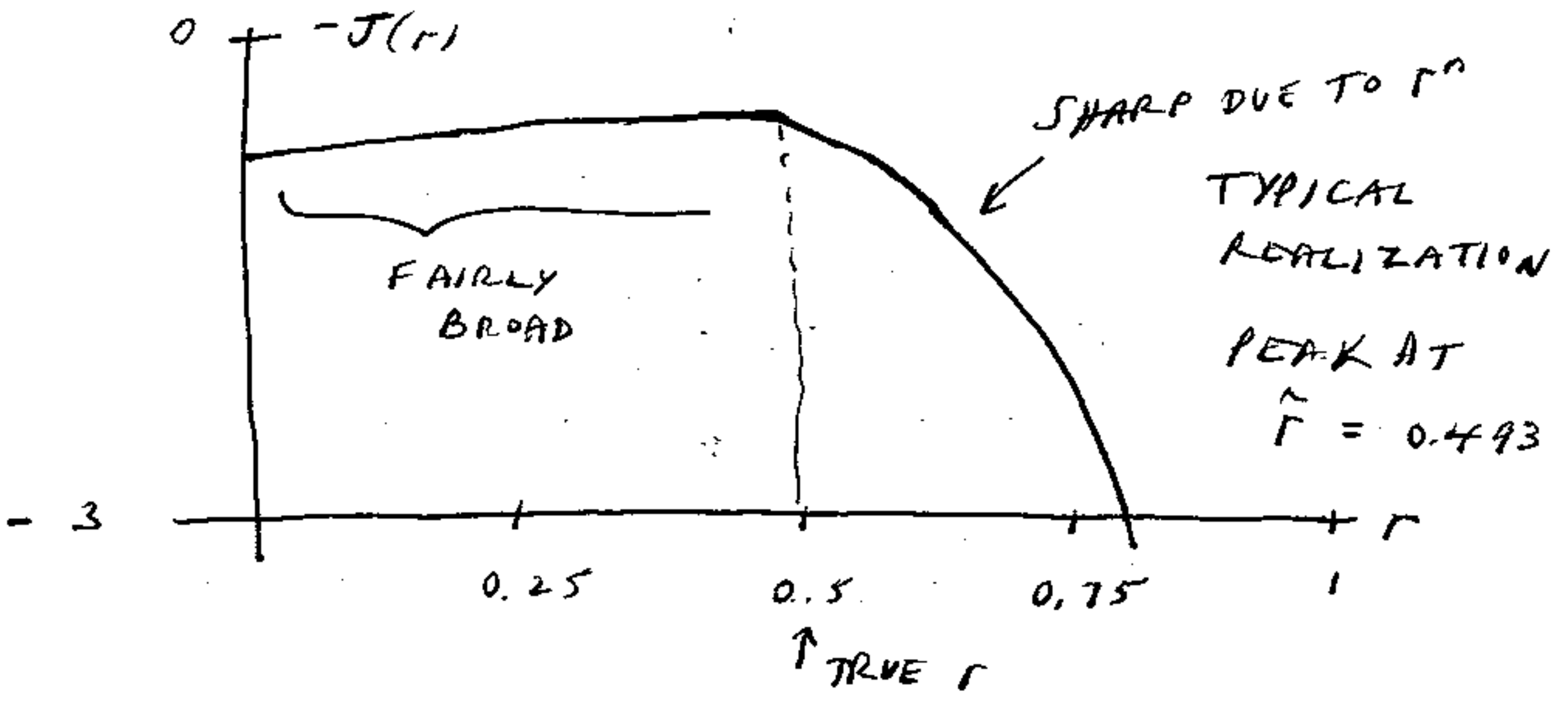
$N = 50, \quad \Gamma = 0.5, \quad \sigma^2 = 0.01.$

WISH TO MAXIMIZE

$$\ln p(x; \Gamma) = \ln \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2/N)^{N/2}}$$

$$- \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_n (x[n] - \Gamma^n)^2$$

OVER  $\Gamma$  OR  $-\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} (x[n] - \Gamma^n)^2 = -J(\Gamma)$



USING A N-R FOR SEVERAL  $\Gamma_0$ .

FOR  $\Gamma_0 > 1.2$  OR  $\Gamma_0 < 0.18$ , ITERATION "BLEW UP" DUE TO OVERFLOW ( $\Gamma^n$  TERM).

ITERATION	INITIAL	GUESS, $\tau_0$	
0	0.8	0.2	1.2
1	0.723	0.799	1.187
2	0.638	0.722	1.174
3	0.561	0.637	1.161
4	0.510	0.560	1.148
5	0.494	0.510	1.136
6	0.493	0.494	1.123
7		0.493	1.111
8			1.098
9			1.086
10			1.074
⋮			⋮
29			0.493

↑  
SLOWER  
CONVERGENCE

THIRD METHOD IS EM - MOST USEFUL  
FOR VECTOR PARAMETER.

### VECTOR PARAMETER

MLE IS THAT VALUE OF  $\theta$  THAT  
MAXIMIZES  $p(\underline{x}; \theta)$ . CAN TRY

$$\frac{\partial \ln p(\underline{x}; \theta)}{\partial \theta} = 0$$

AND PICK SOLUTION THAT PRODUCES MAXIMUM.

EXAMPLE :  $X(n) = A + W(n)$   $n = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$   
 $\uparrow$   
 WGN

FIND MLE OF  $\underline{\theta} = (A \ \sigma^2)^T$

$$p(\underline{x}; \underline{\theta}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{N/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_n (X(n) - A)^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln p}{\partial A} = \frac{\partial}{\partial A} \left[ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_n (X(n) - A)^2 \right] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_n (X(n) - A) = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{A} = \bar{x}$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln p}{\partial \sigma^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma^2} \left[ -\frac{N}{2} \ln 2\pi - \frac{N}{2} \ln \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_n (X(n) - A)^2 \right] = 0$$

$$-\frac{N}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2\sigma^4} \sum_n (X(n) - A)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_n (X(n) - \hat{A})^2$$

OR

$$\hat{\underline{\theta}} = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{x} \\ \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} (X(n) - \bar{x})^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{UNBIASED?}$$

SHOULD CHECK TO BE SURE THIS  
 MAXIMIZES  $p(\underline{x}; \underline{\theta})$ . HOW?



ASYMPTOTIC PROPERTIES OF MLE :

$$\hat{\theta} \underset{\substack{\sim \\ \uparrow \\ \text{AS } N \rightarrow \infty}}{\sim} N(\underline{\theta}, \underline{I}^{-1}(\underline{\theta}))$$

EXAMPLE : SEE PREVIOUS ONE

$$\hat{A} = \bar{x}$$

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} (x[n] - \bar{x})^2$$

ACCORDING TO THEOREM

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{A} \\ \hat{\sigma}^2 \end{pmatrix} \underset{\sim}{\sim} N \left( \begin{pmatrix} A \\ \sigma^2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^2/N & 0 \\ 0 & 2\sigma^4/N \end{bmatrix} \right)$$

OR  $\hat{A}, \hat{\sigma}^2$  ARE UNCORRELATED  $\Rightarrow$  INDEPENDENT  
TO VERIFY THIS RECALL

$$\hat{A} = \bar{x} \sim N(A, \sigma^2/N)$$

IT CAN BE SHOWN THAT (FOR FINITE  $N$ )

$$T = \frac{\sum_{n=0}^{N-1} (x[n] - \bar{x})^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{N-1}^2 \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{CHI SQUARED} \\ \text{PDF WITH} \\ \text{N-1 DEGREES} \\ \text{OF FREEDOM} \end{array}$$

AND  $T, \bar{x}$  ARE INDEPENDENT

$$\chi^2_\nu \text{ HAS PDF } p(u) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2^{\nu/2} \Gamma(\nu/2)} u^{\nu/2-1} e^{-u/2} & u > 0 \\ 0 & u < 0 \end{cases}$$

ALSO, IF  $y = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2$      $x_i \sim N(0,1)$  IID

$\Rightarrow y \sim \chi^2_n$ .

AS  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\chi^2_n$  PDF BECOMES GAUSSIAN  
DUE TO CENTRAL LIMIT THEOREM.

ALSO  $E(\chi^2_n) = n$   
 $\text{VAR}(\chi^2_n) = 2n$ .

$\Rightarrow T \sim \chi^2_{N-1} \rightarrow N(N-1, 2(N-1))$

BUT  $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_n (x_{Li}) - \bar{x})^2$

$$= \frac{\sigma^2}{N} T \stackrel{a}{\sim} N\left(\frac{N-1}{N} \sigma^2, \frac{\sigma^4}{N^2} 2(N-1)\right)$$

$$\stackrel{a}{\sim} N\left(\sigma^2, 2\sigma^4/N\right)$$

FURTHERMORE,  $\hat{\sigma}^2$  IS ASYMPTOTICALLY JOINTLY  
GAUSSIAN SINCE  $T, \bar{x}$  ARE INDEPENDENT  
AND INDIVIDUALLY GAUSSIAN.

COUNTEREXAMPLE : ASYMPTOTIC PROPERTIES  
 GENERALLY DON'T HOLD IF WE ATTEMPT  
 TO ESTIMATE TOO MANY PARAMETERS.

$$x[n] = s[n] + w[n] \quad n = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$$

↑  
IID

$$p(w[n]) = \frac{1}{4} e^{-\frac{1}{2}|w[n]|} \quad \text{LAPLACIAN NOISE}$$

$$\text{ESTIMATE } \underline{\theta} = (s[0], s[1], \dots, s[N-1])^T.$$

$$x[n] \text{ HAS PDF } \frac{1}{4} e^{-\frac{1}{2}|x[n] - s[n]|}$$

$$\Rightarrow p(\underline{x}; \underline{\theta}) = \prod_{n=0}^{N-1} \frac{1}{4} e^{-\frac{1}{2}|x[n] - s[n]|}$$

$$\text{MLE IS } \hat{s}[n] = x[n] \quad n = 0, 1, \dots, N-1$$

$$\text{OR } \hat{\underline{\theta}} = \underline{x}$$

PDF OF  $\hat{\underline{\theta}}$  NOT GAUSSIAN. IT IS

$$p(\hat{\underline{\theta}}) = \prod_{n=0}^{N-1} \frac{1}{4} e^{-\frac{1}{2}|\hat{\theta}_n - s[n]|}$$

PROBLEM IS NO AVERAGING POSSIBLE  
 DUE TO TOO MANY PARAMETERS  $\Rightarrow$  CENTRAL  
 LIMIT THEOREM VIOLATED (SEE APPENDIX 7B).

## INVARIANCE PROPERTY

IF  $\underline{\alpha} = g(\underline{\theta})$  IS  $r$  DIMENSIONAL FUNCTION,  
THEN MLE OF  $\underline{\alpha}$  IS

$$\hat{\underline{\alpha}} = g(\hat{\underline{\theta}})$$

↑ MLE OF  $\underline{\theta}$

IF  $g$  IS NOT INVERTIBLE, THEN  $\hat{\underline{\alpha}}$  MAXIMIZES  
THE MODIFIED LIKELIHOOD FUNCTION

$$\bar{P}_T(\underline{x}; \underline{\alpha}) = \max_{\{\underline{\theta} : \underline{\alpha} = g(\underline{\theta})\}} p(\underline{x}; \underline{\theta})$$

↑ ALL  $\underline{\theta}$  THAT MAP INTO  
SAME  $\underline{\alpha}$

TO FIND MLE FOR GENERAL GAUSSIAN  
CASE OR  $\underline{x} \sim N(\underline{\mu}(\underline{\theta}), \underline{C}(\underline{\theta}))$  WE  
SET PARTIALS EQUAL TO ZERO OR

FROM APPENDIX 3C

$$\frac{\partial \ln p(\underline{x}; \underline{\theta})}{\partial \theta_k} = -\frac{1}{2} \text{tr} \left[ \underline{C}^{-1}(\underline{\theta}) \frac{\partial \underline{C}(\underline{\theta})}{\partial \theta_k} \right]$$