

# Observations on Objective Bayesian Inference

observed continuous random vector:  $Y = (Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$

distribution of  $Y$  depends on  $\theta = (\theta^1, \dots, \theta^{p+q})$

log likelihood function:  $L(\theta)$

partition  $\theta$  as  $\theta = (\psi, \phi)$

$\psi$  is a  $p$ -dimensional interest parameter

$\phi$  is a  $q$ -dimensional nuisance parameter

global mle:  $\hat{\theta} = (\hat{\psi}, \hat{\phi})$

constrained mle:  $\tilde{\theta}(\psi) = (\psi, \tilde{\phi}_\psi)$

log profile likelihood function:  $M(\psi) = L\{\tilde{\theta}(\psi)\}$

likelihood ratio statistic:  $W(\psi) = 2\{M(\hat{\psi}) - M(\psi)\}$

$$W(\psi) \sim \chi_p^2 + O_p(n^{-1})$$

$$E\{W(\psi)\} = p \left\{ 1 + \frac{b(\theta)}{n} \right\} + O_p(n^{-2})$$

$$\text{Bartlett correction: } \frac{W(\psi)}{E\{W(\psi)\}/p} \sim \chi_p^2 + O_p(n^{-2})$$

$$\frac{W(\psi)}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{b(\hat{\theta})}{n}}} \sim \chi_p^2 + O_p(n^{-2})$$

$$\frac{W(\psi)}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{b(\psi, \tilde{\phi}_\psi)}{n}}} \sim \chi_p^2 + O_p(n^{-2})$$

now suppose  $\psi$  is scalar

signed root statistic:  $R(\psi) = \text{sgn}(\hat{\psi} - \psi) \sqrt{W(\psi)}$

$$R(\psi) \sim N(0, 1) + O_p(n^{-1/2})$$

$$E\{R(\psi)\} = \frac{m(\theta)}{\sqrt{n}} + O(n^{-3/2}),$$

$$\text{var}\{R(\psi)\} = 1 + \frac{v(\theta)}{n} + O(n^{-2}),$$

third and higher cumulants are  $O(n^{-3/2})$  or smaller

$$R(\psi) - E\{R(\psi)\} \sim N(0, 1) + O_p(n^{-1})$$

$$R(\psi) - \frac{m(\hat{\theta})}{\sqrt{n}} \sim N(0, 1) + O_p(n^{-1})$$

$$R(\psi) - \frac{m(\psi, \tilde{\phi}_\psi)}{\sqrt{n}} \sim N(0, 1) + O_p(n^{-1})$$

identical results hold from a Bayesian perspective

$$\mathbb{E}\{R(\psi)\} = \frac{m(\theta)}{\sqrt{n}} + O(n^{-3/2}),$$

$$\text{var}\{R(\psi)\} = 1 + \frac{v(\theta)}{n} + O(n^{-2}),$$

third and higher cumulants are  $O(n^{-3/2})$  or smaller

$$\frac{R(\psi) - \mathbb{E}\{R(\psi)\}}{\sqrt{\text{var}\{R(\psi)\}}} \sim N(0, 1) + O_p(n^{-3/2})$$

$$\frac{R(\psi) - \frac{m(\psi, \tilde{\phi}_\psi)}{\sqrt{n}}}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{v(\psi, \tilde{\phi}_\psi)}{n}}} \sim N(0, 1) + O_p(n^{-3/2})$$

$$\frac{R(\psi) - \frac{m(\hat{\theta})}{\sqrt{n}}}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{v(\hat{\theta})}{n}}} \sim N(0, 1) + O_p(n^{-1})$$

Exact and approximate conditional  $p$ -values as percentages  
for testing  $H_0 : \psi = \psi_0$  in the common log-odds ratio problem

$\psi_0$	Mid $p$ -value	Full $p$ -value	Relaxed $p$ -value	$R(\psi)$ sim	$R(\psi)$ stand	$R^*(\psi)$	$R^*(\psi)$ discrete
-9.2101	0.100	0.200	0.198	0.195	0.000	0.000	0.000
-7.5999	0.500	0.996	0.978	0.944	0.000	0.000	0.000
-6.9057	1.000	1.982	1.937	1.840	0.000	0.000	0.001
-5.9862	2.500	4.890	4.744	4.366	0.001	0.002	0.042
-5.2871	5.000	9.572	9.235	8.214	0.280	0.037	0.411
-4.5803	10.000	18.368	17.648	15.034	4.469	0.428	2.939
-1.5929	10.000	16.703	6.584	7.886	5.971	12.426	23.140
-1.3143	5.000	8.644	3.074	3.918	2.800	6.016	12.494
-1.0841	2.500	4.429	1.454	2.083	1.323	2.954	6.708
-0.8265	1.000	1.814	0.549	0.555	0.495	1.175	2.942
-0.6555	0.500	0.919	0.264	0.310	0.237	0.591	1.577
-0.3103	0.100	0.188	0.049	0.061	0.044	0.123	0.370

$$\frac{R(\psi) - \frac{m(\hat{\theta})}{\sqrt{n}}}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{v(\hat{\theta})}{n}}} \sim N(0, 1) + O_p(n^{-1})$$

$$\frac{R(\psi) - \frac{m(\hat{\theta})}{\sqrt{n}}}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{v'(\hat{\theta})}{n}}} \sim N(0, 1) + O_p(n^{-3/2}),$$

$$\text{var} \left\{ R(\psi) - \frac{m(\hat{\theta})}{\sqrt{n}} \right\} = 1 + \frac{v'(\theta)}{n} + O(n^{-2})$$

$$\frac{R(\psi) - \frac{m(\psi, \tilde{\phi}_\psi)}{\sqrt{n}}}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{v(\psi, \tilde{\phi}_\psi)}{n}}} \sim N(0, 1) + O_p(n^{-3/2})$$

$$R^*(\psi) = R(\psi) + \frac{1}{R(\psi)} \log \left\{ \frac{U_F(\psi)}{R(\psi)} \right\}$$

$$L(\theta; Y) = L(\theta; \hat{\theta}, A) = L(\psi, \phi; \hat{\psi}, \hat{\phi}, A), \text{ } A \text{ ancillary}$$

$$U_F(\psi) = \frac{|L_{;\hat{\theta}}(\hat{\psi}, \hat{\phi}) - L_{;\hat{\theta}}(\psi, \tilde{\phi}_\psi) \quad L_{\phi;\hat{\theta}}(\psi, \tilde{\phi}_\psi)|}{\{|-L_{\phi\phi}(\psi, \tilde{\phi}_\psi)| \quad |-L_{\theta\theta}(\hat{\psi}, \hat{\phi})|\}^{1/2}}$$

$$U_B(\psi) = L_\psi(\psi, \tilde{\phi}_\psi) \frac{|-L_{\phi\phi}(\psi, \tilde{\phi}_\psi)|^{1/2} \pi(\hat{\psi}, \hat{\phi})}{|-L_{\theta\theta}(\hat{\psi}, \hat{\phi})|^{1/2} \pi(\psi, \tilde{\phi}_\psi)}$$

$1 - \alpha$  Bayesian percentage point for  $\psi$ :  $\hat{\psi}_{1-\alpha}^B$

$R(\psi) - \mu_B \sim N(0, 1) + O_p(n^{-1})$  in Bayesian sense,  
 $\mu_B$  posterior mean of  $R(\psi)$

$$\Phi\{R(\hat{\psi}_{1-\alpha}^B) - \mu_B\} = 1 - \alpha + O(n^{-1}),$$

i.e.,  $R(\hat{\psi}_{1-\alpha}^B) - \mu_B = z_{1-\alpha} + O_p(n^{-1})$

typically,  $\text{pr}(\psi \leq \hat{\psi}_{1-\alpha}^B) = 1 - \alpha + O(n^{-1/2})$

prior  $\pi(\theta)$  is noninformative (objective) provided

$$\text{pr}(\psi \leq \hat{\psi}_{1-\alpha}^B) = 1 - \alpha + O(n^{-1})$$

$R(\psi) - \mu_F \sim N(0, 1) + O_p(n^{-1})$  in frequentist sense,  
 $\mu_F$  frequentist mean of  $R(\psi)$

$\hat{\psi}_{1-\alpha}^B$  is approximate frequentist confidence limit having  
coverage error  $O(n^{-1})$  provided

$$\Phi\{R(\hat{\psi}_{1-\alpha}^B) - \mu_F\} = 1 - \alpha + O(n^{-1}),$$

i.e.,  $R(\hat{\psi}_{1-\alpha}^B) - \mu_F = z_{1-\alpha} + O_p(n^{-1})$

if the prior  $\pi(\theta)$  is such that  $\mu_B = \mu_F + O_p(n^{-1})$ ,

$$\text{then } R(\hat{\psi}_{1-\alpha}^B) - \mu_B = z_{1-\alpha} + O_p(n^{-1})$$

$$\text{and } R(\hat{\psi}_{1-\alpha}^B) - \mu_F = z_{1-\alpha} + O_p(n^{-1})$$

a condition for  $\pi(\theta)$  to be noninformative is

$$\mu_B = \mu_F + O_p(n^{-1})$$

differentiation is denoted by subscripts:

$$L_r(\theta) = \partial L(\theta)/\partial \theta^r, \quad L_{rs}(\theta) = \partial^2 L(\theta)/\partial \theta^r \partial \theta^s, \text{ etc.}$$

define  $\hat{L}_r = L_r(\hat{\theta}) = 0$ ,  $\hat{L}_{rs} = L_{rs}(\hat{\theta})$ , etc.

define  $\lambda_r = E\{L_r(\theta)\} = 0$ ,  $\lambda_{rs} = E\{L_{rs}(\theta)\}$ , etc.

let  $l_r = L_r(\theta) - \lambda_r = L_r(\theta)$ ,  $l_{rs} = L_{rs}(\theta) - \lambda_{rs}$ , etc.

$\lambda$ 's are assumed to be of order  $O(n)$

$l$ 's have expectation 0 and are assumed to be  $O_p(n^{1/2})$

joint cumulants of  $l_r, l_{rs}$ , etc. are of order  $O(n)$

extend the  $\lambda$ -notation:

$$\lambda_{r,s} = E(l_r l_s), \quad \lambda_{r,s,t} = E(l_r l_s l_t), \quad \lambda_{rs,t} = E(l_{rs} l_t)$$

Bartlett identities: differentiate  $\int \exp\{L(\theta)\}dy = 1$

$$\lambda_r = 0, \quad \lambda_{rs} + \lambda_{r,s} = 0,$$

$$\lambda_{rst} + \lambda_{rs,t} + \lambda_{r,s,t} = 0$$

differentiate  $\lambda_{rs} = \int l_{rs} \exp\{L(\theta)\}dy$  to obtain

$$\lambda_{rs/t} = \partial\lambda_{rs}/\partial\theta^t = \lambda_{rst} + \lambda_{rs,t}$$

define matrix inverses  $(\hat{L}^{rs}) = (\hat{L}_{rs})^{-1}$ ,  $(\lambda^{rs}) = (\lambda_{rs})^{-1}$

define  $\hat{V}^{rs} = \hat{L}^{rs} - \hat{L}^{r1}\hat{L}^{s1}/\hat{L}^{11}$ ,  $\nu^{rs} = \lambda^{rs} - \lambda^{r1}\lambda^{s1}/\lambda^{11}$

$$R(\psi) = T(\psi) + \frac{1}{6}\{T(\psi)\}^2 \left\{ \frac{\hat{M}_{111}}{(-\hat{M}_{11})^{3/2}} \right\} + O_p(n^{-1}),$$

$$\hat{M}_{11} = \frac{1}{\hat{L}^{11}},$$

$$\hat{M}_{111} = \hat{L}_{rst} \frac{\hat{L}^{r1} \hat{L}^{s1} \hat{L}^{t1}}{(\hat{L}^{11})^3}$$

$$T(\psi) = (\hat{\psi} - \psi)(-\hat{M}_{11})^{1/2} = \frac{(\hat{\psi} - \psi)}{(-\hat{L}^{11})^{1/2}},$$

$$\pi_{\psi|Y}(\psi) \propto \exp\{B(\psi) + M(\psi)\},$$

$$B(\psi) = -\frac{1}{2} \log \left\{ \frac{|-L_{\psi\psi}(\psi, \tilde{\phi}_\psi)|}{|-L_{\psi\psi}(\hat{\psi}, \hat{\phi})|} \right\} + \log \left\{ \frac{\pi(\psi, \tilde{\phi}_\psi)}{\pi(\hat{\psi}, \hat{\phi})} \right\}$$

$$\pi_{T(\psi)|Y}(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-t^2/2} \left\{ 1 - \frac{\hat{B}_1}{(-\hat{M}_{11})^{1/2}} t - \frac{1}{6} \frac{\hat{M}_{111}}{(-\hat{M}_{11})^{3/2}} t^2 + O(n^{-1}) \right\},$$

$$\hat{B}_1 = -\frac{1}{2} \hat{L}_{rst} \frac{\hat{L}^{r1} \hat{V}^{st}}{\hat{L}^{11}} + \left. \frac{\partial \log \pi(\theta)}{\partial \theta^r} \right|_{\theta=\hat{\theta}} \frac{\hat{L}^{r1}}{\hat{L}^{11}},$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_B &= -\frac{1}{2} \hat{L}_{rst} \frac{\hat{L}^{r1} \hat{V}^{st}}{(-\hat{L}^{11})^{1/2}} + \left. \frac{\partial \log \pi(\theta)}{\partial \theta^r} \right|_{\theta=\hat{\theta}} \frac{\hat{L}^{r1}}{(-\hat{L}^{11})^{1/2}} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{3} \hat{L}_{rst} \frac{\hat{L}^{r1} \hat{L}^{s1} \hat{L}^{t1}}{(-\hat{L}^{11})^{3/2}} + O_p(n^{-1}) \\
&= -\frac{1}{2} \lambda_{rst} \frac{\lambda^{r1} \nu^{st}}{(-\lambda^{11})^{1/2}} + \frac{\partial \log \pi(\theta)}{\partial \theta^r} \frac{\lambda^{r1}}{(-\lambda^{11})^{1/2}} \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{3} \lambda_{rst} \frac{\lambda^{r1} \lambda^{s1} \lambda^{t1}}{(-\lambda^{11})^{3/2}} + O_p(n^{-1})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
R(\psi) &= -(-\lambda^{11})^{-1/2} (\lambda^{r1} l_r + \frac{1}{2} \lambda^{r1} \lambda^{su} \nu^{tv} \lambda_{rst} l_u l_v \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{6} \lambda^{r1} \tau^{su} \tau^{tv} \lambda_{rst} l_u l_v - \lambda^{r1} \lambda^{st} l_{rs} l_t \\
&\quad + \frac{1}{2} \lambda^{r1} \tau^{st} l_{rs} l_t) + O_p(n^{-1}), \\
\tau^{rs} &= \lambda^{r1} \lambda^{s1} (\lambda^{11})^{-1} = \lambda^{rs} - \nu^{rs}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu_F &= \frac{1}{2} \lambda_{rst} \frac{\lambda^{r1} \nu^{st}}{(-\lambda^{11})^{1/2}} - \frac{1}{6} \lambda_{rst} \frac{\lambda^{r1} \lambda^{s1} \lambda^{t1}}{(-\lambda^{11})^{3/2}} \\
&\quad + \lambda_{rs,t} \frac{\lambda^{r1} \lambda^{st}}{(-\lambda^{11})^{1/2}} + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_{rs,t} \frac{\lambda^{r1} \lambda^{s1} \lambda^{t1}}{(-\lambda^{11})^{3/2}} + O(n^{-1})
\end{aligned}$$

the condition  $\mu_B = \mu_F + O(n^{-1})$  yields:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \log \pi(\theta)}{\partial \theta^r} \frac{\lambda^{r1}}{(-\lambda^{11})^{1/2}} &= \lambda_{rst} \frac{\lambda^{r1} \lambda^{st}}{(-\lambda^{11})^{1/2}} + \lambda_{rs,t} \frac{\lambda^{r1} \lambda^{st}}{(-\lambda^{11})^{1/2}} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2} \lambda_{rst} \frac{\lambda^{r1} \lambda^{s1} \lambda^{t1}}{(-\lambda^{11})^{3/2}} + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_{rs,t} \frac{\lambda^{r1} \lambda^{s1} \lambda^{t1}}{(-\lambda^{11})^{3/2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial \log \pi(\theta)}{\partial \theta^r} \frac{\lambda^{r1}}{(-\lambda^{11})^{1/2}} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta^r} \left\{ \frac{\lambda^{r1}}{(-\lambda^{11})^{1/2}} \right\}$$

under parameter orthogonality,  $\lambda^{r1} = 0$  ( $r \neq 1$ ):

$$\lambda^{11} = (\lambda_{11})^{-1},$$

$$\frac{\partial \log \pi(\theta)}{\partial \psi} (-\lambda_{11})^{-1/2} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial \psi} (-\lambda_{11})^{-1/2}$$

$$\pi(\psi, \phi) \propto \sqrt{-\lambda_{11}(\psi, \phi)} g(\phi)$$

posterior mode is  $\hat{\psi} + \frac{\hat{B}_1}{(-\hat{M}_{11})} + O_p(n^{-3/2})$ :

$$\hat{\psi} - \frac{1}{2}\lambda_{rst}\lambda^{r1}\lambda^{st} - \lambda_{rs,t}\lambda^{r1}\lambda^{st} - \frac{1}{2}\lambda_{rs,t}\frac{\lambda^{r1}\lambda^{s1}\lambda^{t1}}{(-\lambda^{11})} + O_p(n^{-3/2})$$

posterior mean:

$$\begin{aligned} & \hat{\psi} + \frac{\hat{B}_1}{(-\hat{M}_{11})} + \frac{1}{2}\frac{\hat{M}_{111}}{(-\hat{M}_{11})^2} + O_p(n^{-3/2}) \\ &= \hat{\psi} - \frac{1}{2}\lambda_{rst}\lambda^{r1}\lambda^{st} - \lambda_{rs,t}\lambda^{r1}\lambda^{st} - \frac{1}{2}\lambda_{rst}\frac{\lambda^{r1}\lambda^{s1}\lambda^{t1}}{(-\lambda^{11})} - \frac{1}{2}\lambda_{rs,t}\frac{\lambda^{r1}\lambda^{s1}\lambda^{t1}}{(-\lambda^{11})} + O_p(n^{-3/2}) \end{aligned}$$

posterior median is  $\bar{\psi}_{0.5}^B + O_p(n^{-3/2})$ ,

where either  $R(\bar{\psi}_{0.5}^B) - \mu_B = 0$

or  $R(\bar{\psi}_{0.5}^B) - \mu_F = 0$

$\mu_F$  can be obtained by simulation at  $\theta = \hat{\theta}$ ;

alternatively, simulate the distribution of  $R(\psi)$

under a noninformative prior, the posterior median is close to the parameter value whose observed level of significance is 50%

simulate the distribution of  $R(\psi)$ ; what about other approximate pivots?

let  $P(\psi) = (-\lambda^{11})^{-1/2}(-\lambda^{r1}l_r + \eta^{1rs}l_rl_s + \eta^{1rst}l_rsl_t)$ ,  
 $\eta^{1rs}, \eta^{1rst}$  are  $O(n^{-2})$

$$\kappa_1 = (-\lambda^{11})^{-1/2}(-\eta^{1rs}\lambda_{rs} + \eta^{1rst}\lambda_{rs,t}) + O(n^{-1}),$$

$$\kappa_2 = 1 + O(n^{-1}),$$

$$\begin{aligned} \kappa_3 = (-\lambda^{11})^{-3/2}(\lambda_{rst}\lambda^{r1}\lambda^{s1}\lambda^{t1} + 3\lambda_{rs,t}\lambda^{r1}\lambda^{s1}\lambda^{t1} \\ + 6\eta^{111} - 6\eta^{1rs1}\lambda_{rs,t}\lambda^{t1}) + O(n^{-1}) \end{aligned}$$

Cornish-Fisher  $p$ -value from  $P(\psi)$ :

$$\Phi[P(\psi) - \frac{1}{6}\kappa_3\{P(\psi)\}^2 - \kappa_1 + \frac{1}{6}\kappa_3] + O(n^{-1})$$

consider another pivot:

$$\check{P}(\psi) = (-\lambda^{11})^{-1/2}(-\lambda^{r1}l_r + \check{\eta}^{1rs}l_rl_s + \check{\eta}^{1rst}l_rsl_t)$$

require  $p$ -values from  $P(\psi)$  and  $\check{P}(\psi)$  agree to error of order  $O_p(n^{-1})$

$$\eta^{1rst} = \check{\eta}^{1rst}, \quad \eta^{1rs} - \eta^{1uv}\lambda_{uv}\tau^{rs} = \check{\eta}^{1rs} - \check{\eta}^{1uv}\lambda_{uv}\tau^{rs}$$

for  $R(\psi)$ :

$$\eta^{1rst} = \lambda^{r1}\lambda^{st} - \frac{1}{2}\lambda^{r1}\tau^{st},$$

$$\eta^{1rs} = -\frac{1}{2}\lambda^{t1}\lambda^{ru}\nu^{sv}\lambda_{tuv} - \frac{1}{6}\lambda^{t1}\tau^{ru}\tau^{sv}\lambda_{tuv},$$

$$\eta^{1rs} - \eta^{1uv}\lambda_{uv}\tau^{rs} = -\frac{1}{2}\lambda^{t1}\lambda^{ru}\nu^{sv}\lambda_{tuv} + \frac{1}{2}\lambda^{t1}\nu^{uv}\lambda_{tuv}\tau^{rs}$$

for  $T(\psi) = \frac{(\hat{\psi} - \psi)}{(-\hat{L}^{11})^{1/2}}$ :

$$\eta^{1rst} = \lambda^{r1}\lambda^{st} - \frac{1}{2}\lambda^{r1}\tau^{st},$$

$$\eta^{1rs} = -\frac{1}{2}\lambda^{t1}\lambda^{ru}\nu^{sv}\lambda_{tuv},$$

$$\eta^{1rs} - \eta^{1uv}\lambda_{uv}\tau^{rs} = -\frac{1}{2}\lambda^{t1}\lambda^{ru}\nu^{sv}\lambda_{tuv} + \frac{1}{2}\lambda^{t1}\nu^{uv}\lambda_{tuv}\tau^{rs}$$

prescription for conditional correctness:  $\eta^{1rs1} = \frac{1}{2}\lambda^{r1}\lambda^{s1}$

for  $R(\psi)$ :

$$\eta^{1rst} = \lambda^{r1} \lambda^{st} - \frac{1}{2} \lambda^{r1} \tau^{st},$$

$$\eta^{1rs} = -\frac{1}{2} \lambda^{t1} \lambda^{ru} \nu^{sv} \lambda_{tuv} - \frac{1}{6} \lambda^{t1} \tau^{ru} \tau^{sv} \lambda_{tuv},$$

$$\eta^{1rs} - \eta^{1uv} \lambda_{uv} \tau^{rs} = -\frac{1}{2} \lambda^{t1} \lambda^{ru} \nu^{sv} \lambda_{tuv} + \frac{1}{2} \lambda^{t1} \nu^{uv} \lambda_{tuv} \tau^{rs}$$

for  $T(\psi) = \frac{(\hat{\psi} - \psi)}{(-\hat{\lambda}^{11})^{1/2}}$ :

$$\eta^{1rst} = \lambda^{1r} \lambda^{st},$$

$$\eta^{1rs} = -\frac{1}{2} \lambda^{1t} \lambda^{ru} \nu^{sv} \lambda_{tuv} + \frac{1}{2} \lambda^{1t} \tau^{ru} \lambda^{sv} \lambda_{tu,v},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \eta^{1rs} - \eta^{1uv} \lambda_{uv} \tau^{rs} &= -\frac{1}{2} \lambda^{1t} \lambda^{ru} \nu^{sv} \lambda_{tuv} + \frac{1}{2} \lambda^{1t} \nu^{uv} \lambda_{tuv} \tau^{rs} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{2} \lambda^{1t} \tau^{ru} \lambda^{sv} \lambda_{tu,v} - \frac{1}{2} \lambda^{1t} \tau^{uv} \lambda_{tu,v} \tau^{rs} \end{aligned}$$

prescription for conditionality violated:  $\eta^{1rs1} = \lambda^{r1} \lambda^{s1}$

# Risk calculations for eigenvalues

We compare the performance of our estimator to that of other estimators proposed in the literature

Consider the following loss:

$$L(\lambda, \hat{\lambda}) = \sum_{i=1}^m \left( \frac{\lambda_i - \hat{\lambda}_i}{\lambda_i} \right)^2$$

We present risk calculations for three different scenarios:

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_I &= (1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1) \\ \lambda_{II} &= (9.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1, 0.1) \\ \lambda_{III} &= (10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3)\end{aligned}$$

# Risk of estimators ( $p=10$ )

## Percent reduction in average loss compared to MLE

	<u>Ledoit</u>	<u>D&amp;K</u>	<u>James-Stein</u>	<u>Bootstrap</u>
<b><u>Case I</u></b>				
n=50	84%	4%	31%	53%
<b><u>Case II</u></b>				
n=50	-9%	0.5%	9%	49%
<b><u>Case III</u></b>				
n=50	---	2%	15%	33%

# Risk of estimators ( $p=10$ )

**Percent reduction in average loss compared to MLE**

<u>Case I</u>	<u>Ledoit</u>	<u>D&amp;K</u>	<u>James Stein</u>	<u>Bootstrap with iterate</u>
n=50	84%	4%	31%	64%
<u>Case II</u>				
n=50	-9%	0.5%	9%	58%
<u>Case III</u>				
n=50	---	2%	15%	29%