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**Ex3**

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3.4. Implement a genetic algorithm for minimizing the AIC for the baseball salary regression problem. Model your algorithm on Example 3.5.

- a. Compare the effects of using different mutation rates.
- b. Compare the effects of using different generation sizes.
- c. Instead of the selection mechanism used in Example 3.5, try the following three mechanisms:
  - i. Independent selection of one parent with probability proportional to fitness and the other completely at random
  - ii. Independent selection of each parent with probability proportional to fitness
  - iii. Tournament selection with  $P/5$  strata, and/or another number of strata that you prefer

To implement some of these approaches, you may need to scale the fitness function. For example, consider the scaled fitness functions  $\pi$  given by

$$\phi(\theta_i^{(t)}) = af(\theta_i^{(t)}) + b, \quad (3.12)$$

$$\phi(\theta_i^{(t)}) = f(\theta_i^{(t)}) - (\bar{f} - zs), \quad (3.13)$$

or

$$\phi(\theta_i^{(t)}) = f(\theta_i^{(t)})^v, \quad (3.14)$$

where  $a$  and  $b$  are chosen so that the mean fitness equals the mean objective function value and the maximum fitness is a user-chosen  $c$  times greater than the mean fitness,  $\bar{f}$  is the mean and  $s$  is the standard deviation of the unscaled objective function values in the current generation,  $z$  is a number generally chosen between 1 and 3, and  $v$  is a number slightly larger than 1. Some scalings can sometimes produce negative values for  $\phi_i^{(t)}$ . In such situations, we may apply the transformation

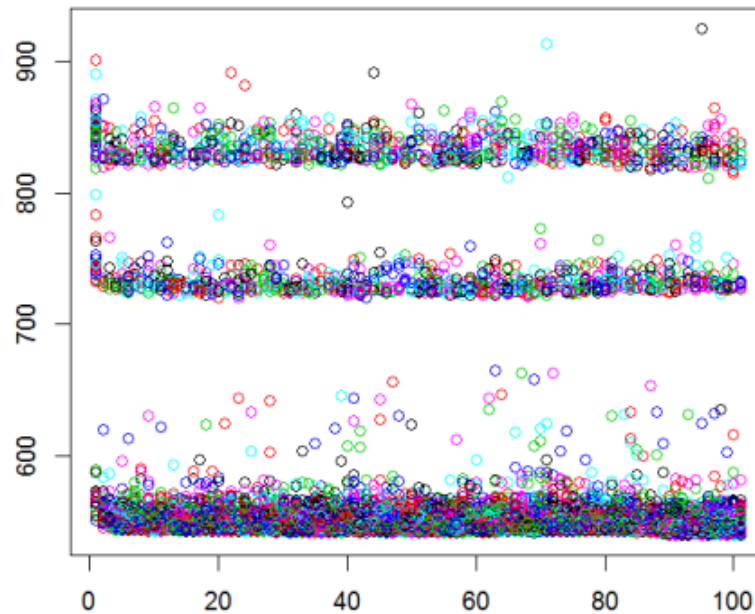
$$\phi_{\text{new}}(\theta_i^{(t)}) = \begin{cases} \phi(\theta_i^{(t)}) + d^{(t)} & \text{if } \phi(\theta_i^{(t)}) + d^{(t)} > 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad (3.15)$$

where  $d^{(t)}$  is the absolute value of the fitness of the worst chromosome in generation  $t$ , in the last  $k$  generations for some  $k$ , or in all preceding generations. Each of these scaling approaches has the capacity to dampen the variation in  $f$ , thereby retaining within-generation diversity and increasing the potential to find the global optimum.

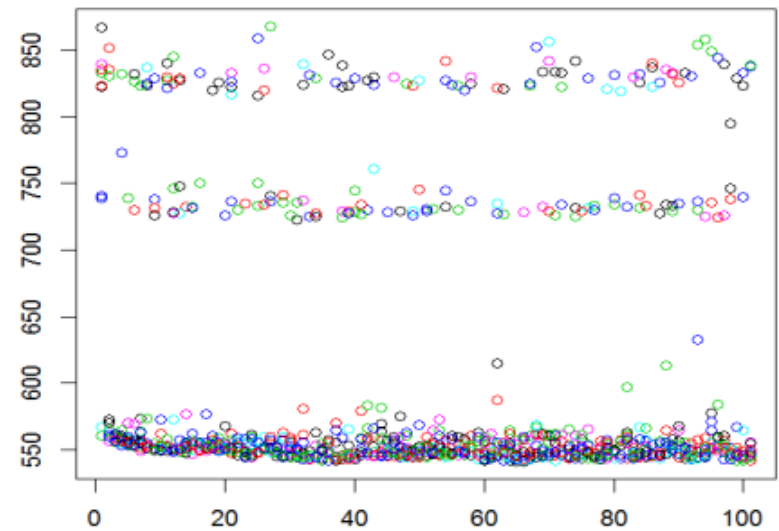
Compare and comment on the results for your chosen methods.

# 3.4 100 generations p1= AIC fit p2= AIC

Mu=10% P=100

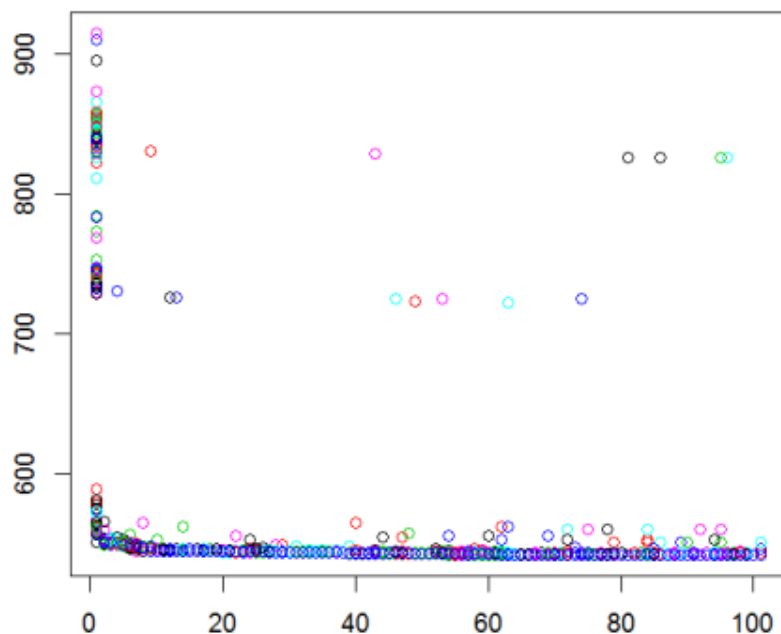


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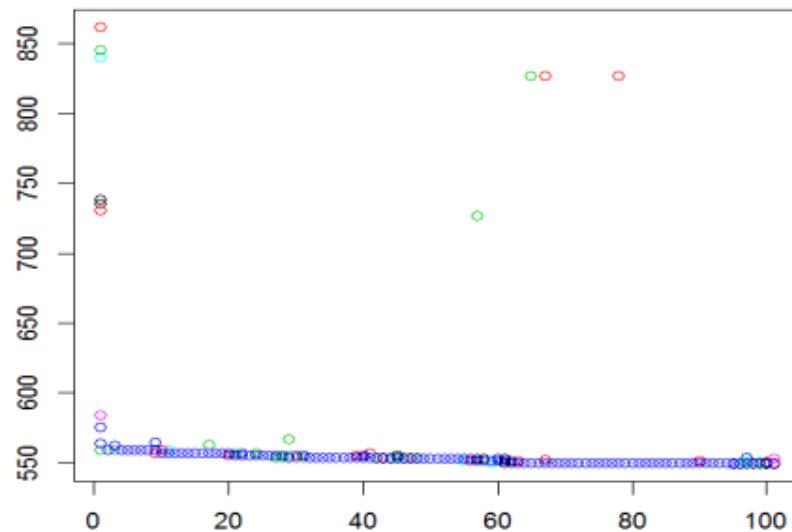


## 3.4 100 generations p1= AIC fit p2= AIC

$\mu=0.1\%$   $P=100$

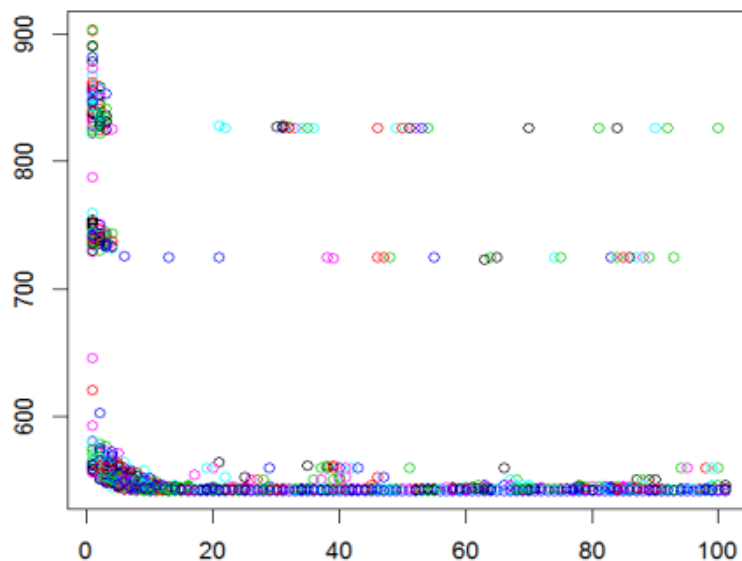


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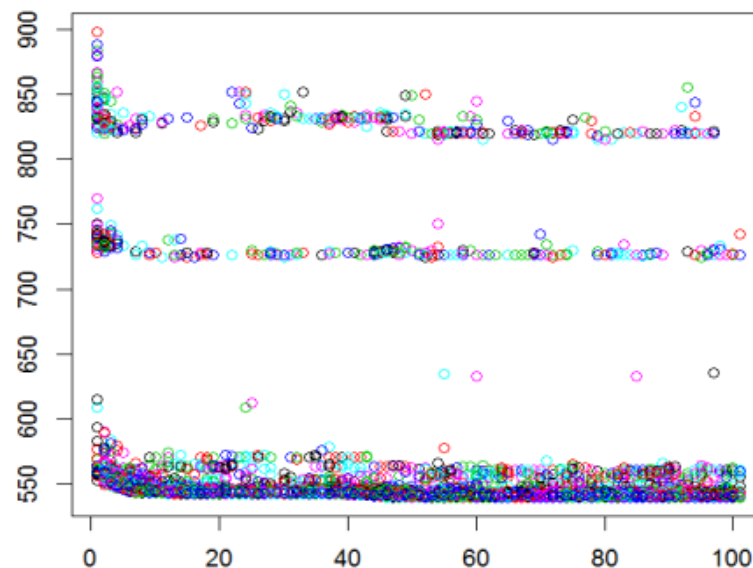


## 3.4 100 generations p1= AIC fit p2= rand

Mu=0.1% P=100

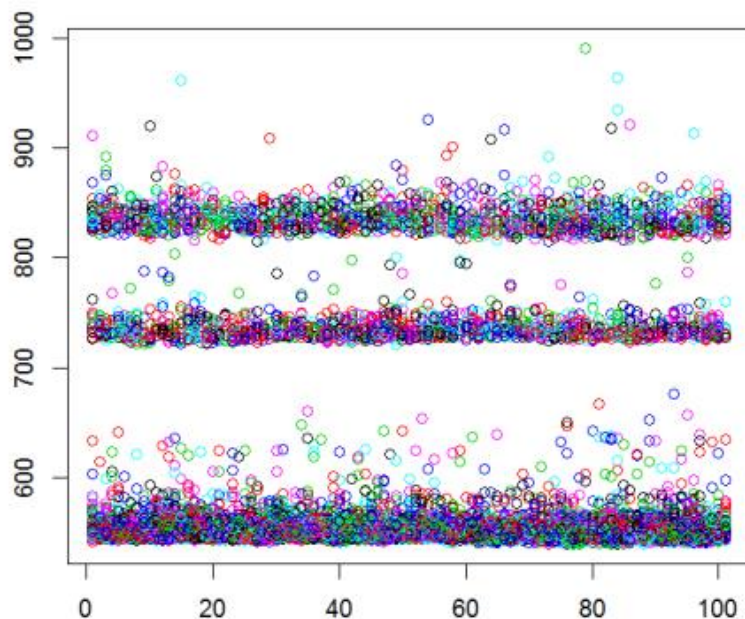


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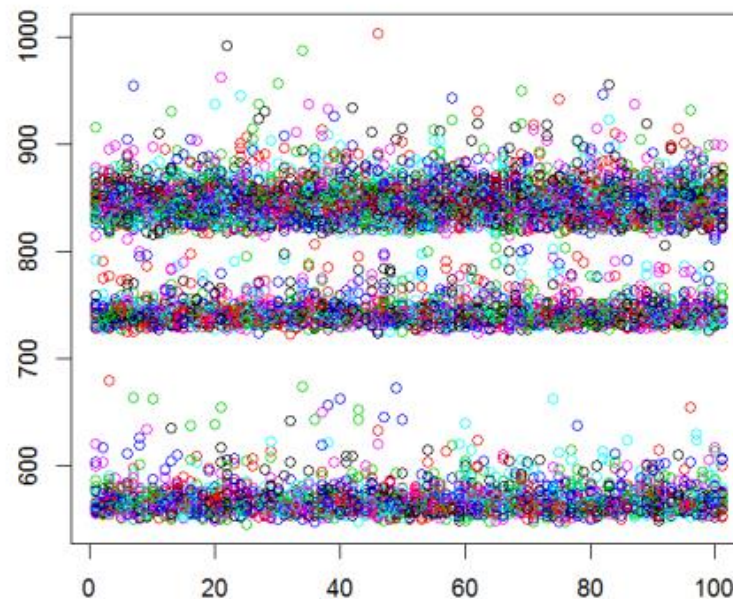


## 3.4 100 generations $p1 = \text{AIC fit}$ $p2 = \text{rand}$

$\mu = 10\%$   $P = 100$

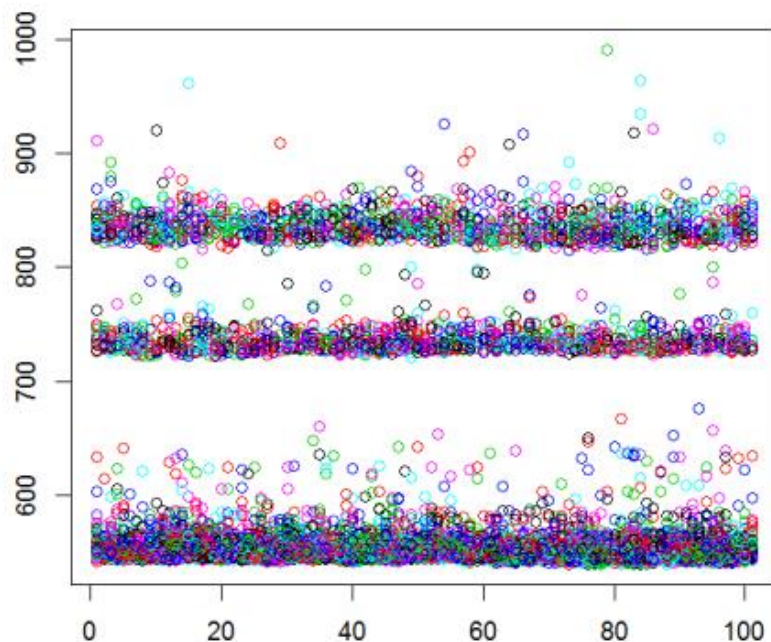


$\mu = 50\%$   $P = 100$

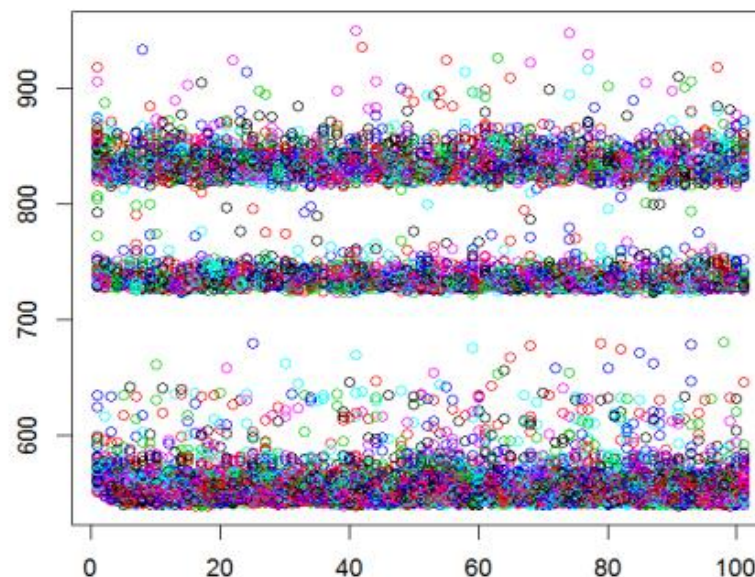


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Mu=10% P=100

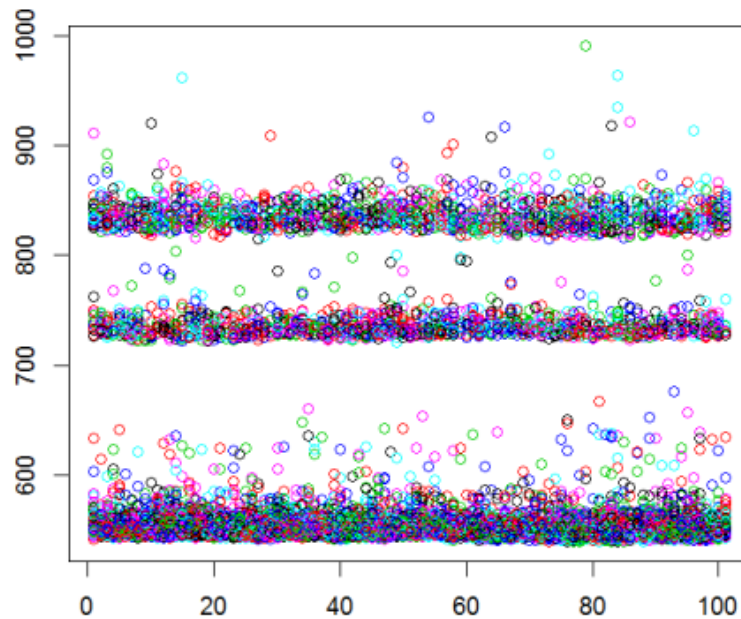


Mu=10% P=200

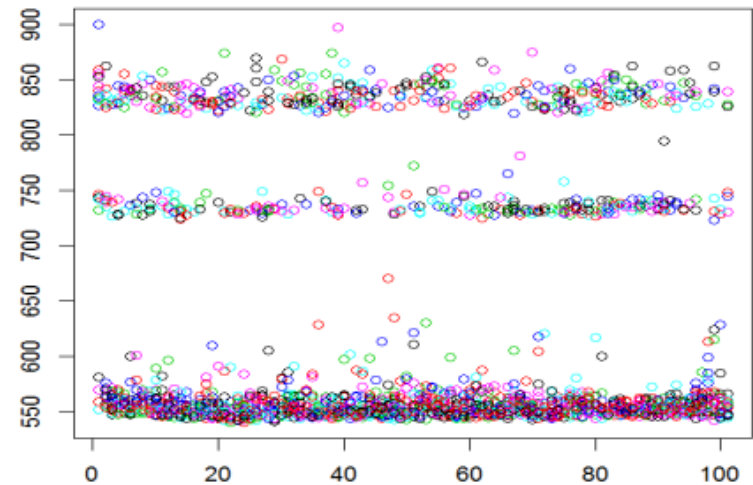


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Mu=10% P=100



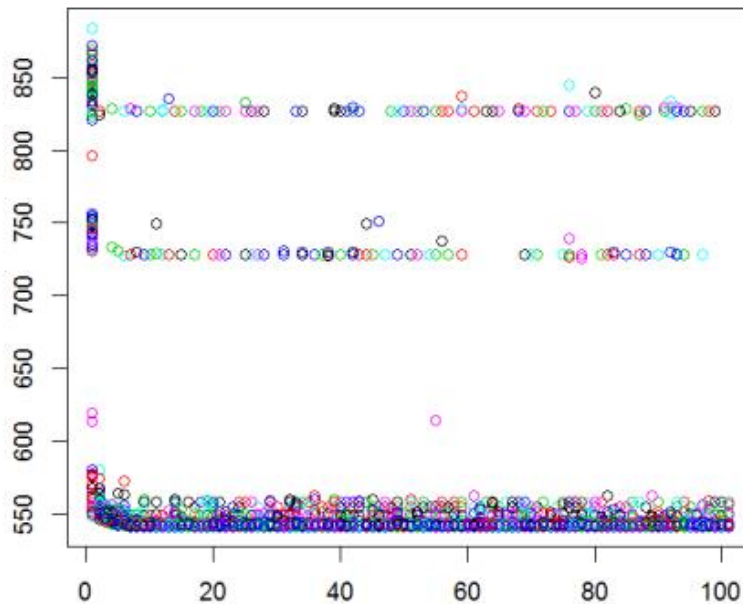
Mu=10% P=20



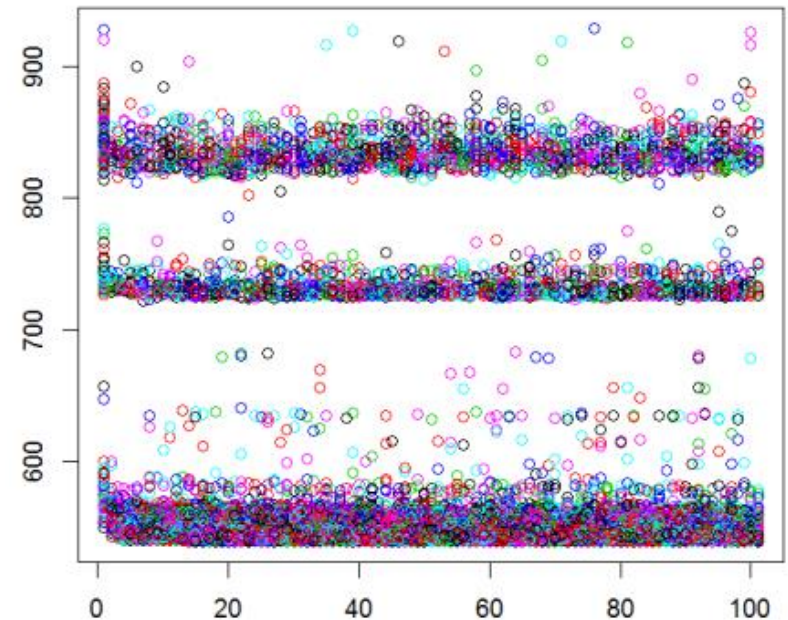


# Tournament

$\mu=1\%$   $P=100$

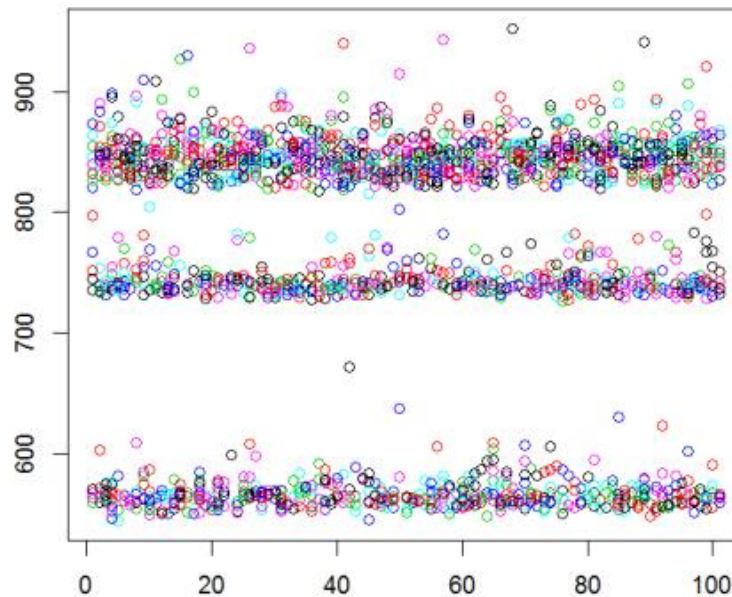


$\mu=10\%$   $P=200$

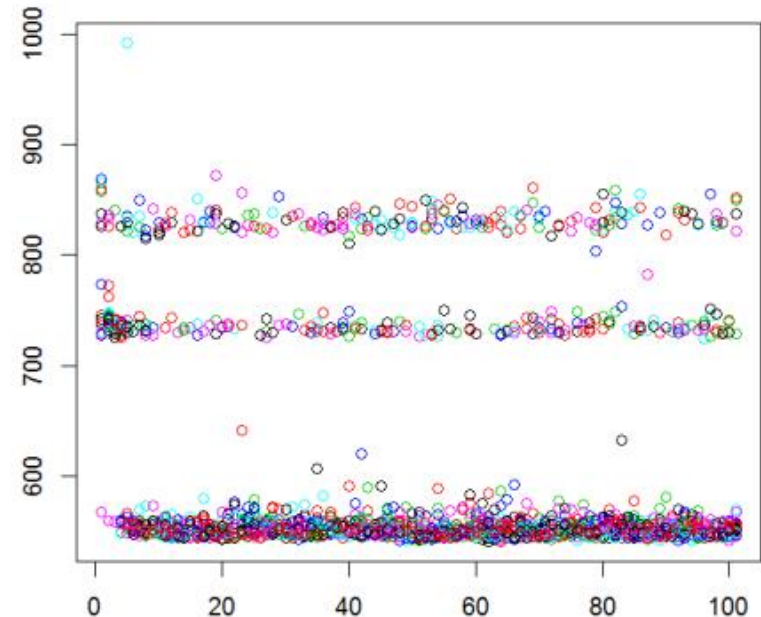


# Tournament

Mu=50% P=20



Mu=10% P=20



## Exercise 6

$N$  animals are distributed into four categories:  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$  according to the genetic linkage model (multinomial distribution with cell probabilities)

$$(\theta/4, (1 - \theta)/4, (1 - \theta)/4, (2 + \theta)/4).$$

(a).  $N = 197$ . What is the likelihood for the data  $\mathbf{x} = (34, 18, 20, 125)$ ?

(b).  $N = 20$ . What is the likelihood for the data  $\mathbf{x} = (5, 0, 1, 14)$ ?

(c). For  $\mathbf{x} = (34, 18, 20, 125)$ :

(i) Use the Newton-Raphson algorithm to obtain the MLE ( $\hat{\theta}$ ) of  $\theta$ .

(ii) How did you assess convergence of the algorithm?

(iii) Compute the standard error for  $\hat{\theta}$ .

(iv) Plot the normalized likelihood and the associated normal approximation in the same figure. Discuss the adequacy of the normal approximation.

(v) Consider now the EM-algorithm. Define the complete data to be  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4, y_5)$  where  $y_j = x_j, j = 1, 2, 3$  while  $y_4 + y_5 = x_4$ . We now assume a multinomial model for the 5 variables with probabilities

$$(\theta/4, (1 - \theta)/4, (1 - \theta)/4, 1/2, \theta/4).$$

Construct and implement an EM-algorithm in this case.

(vi) Use bootstrapping to derive the uncertainty of  $\hat{\theta}$  based on the EM-algorithm.

(d). Repeat (c) for  $\mathbf{x} = (5, 0, 1, 14)$ .

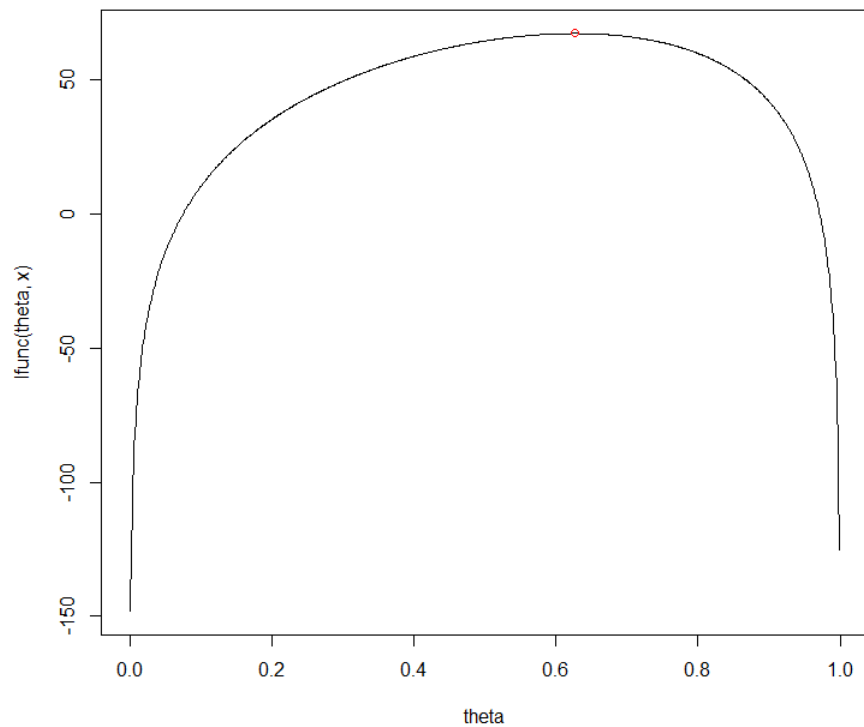
**Genetic linkage** is the tendency of DNA sequences that are close together on a chromosome to be inherited together

(a). Likelihood-function

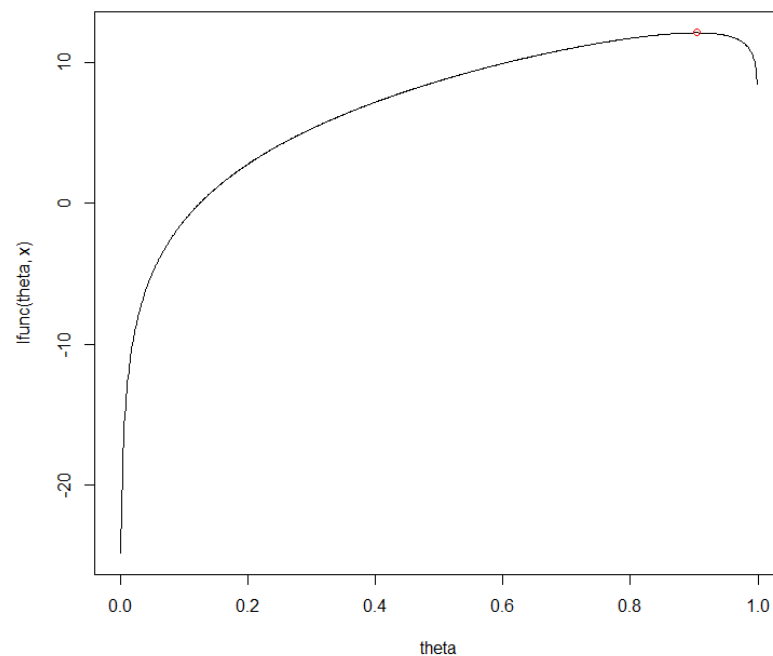
$$L(\theta) = \binom{n}{x_1 \ x_2 \ x_3 \ x_4} \frac{1}{4^n} \theta^{x_1} (1 - \theta)^{x_2 + x_3} (2 + \theta)^{x_4}$$

$$\ell(\theta) = \text{Const} + x_1 \log(\theta) + (x_2 + x_3) \log(1 - \theta) + x_4 \log(2 + \theta)$$

For  $\mathbf{x} = (34, 18, 20, 125)$ :

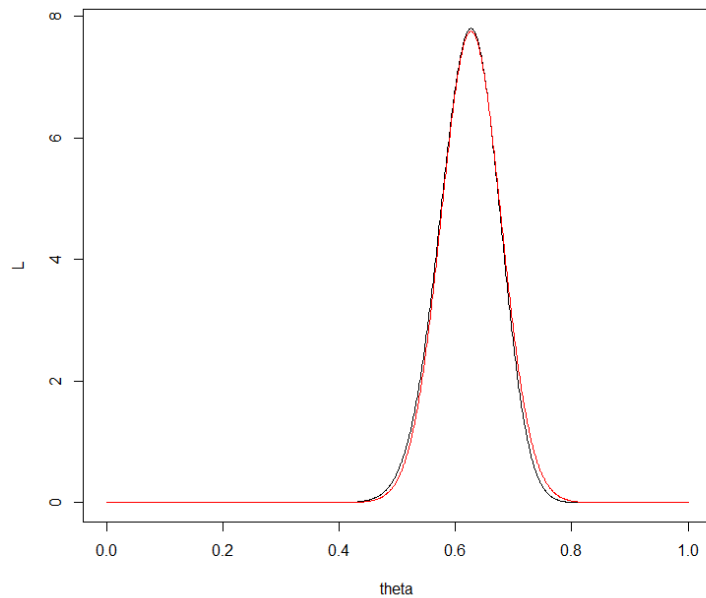


(b). For  $\mathbf{x} = (5, 0, 1, 14)$ :

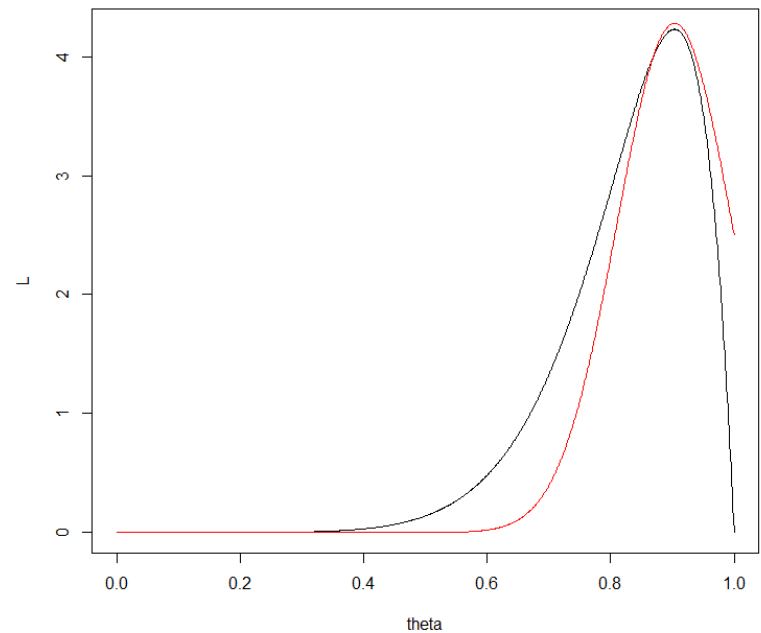


# likelihood vs normal approximation

For  $\mathbf{x} = (34, 18, 20, 125)$ :



(b). For  $\mathbf{x} = (5, 0, 1, 14)$ :



(c). We have

$$s(\theta) = \ell'(\theta) = \frac{x_1}{\theta} - \frac{x_2+x_3}{1-\theta} + \frac{x_4}{2+\theta}$$

$$J(\theta) = -\ell''(\theta) = \frac{x_1}{\theta^2} + \frac{x_2+x_3}{(1-\theta)^2} + \frac{x_4}{(2+\theta)^2}$$

defining the Newton-Raphson method. See the R-script *genetic\_linkage.R* for implementation. Note that the trick of halving is needed for the second data example.

```
gen.link.NR = function(x,theta=0.5,eps=0.0001,print.it=TRUE)
{
  l = lfunc(theta,x)
  s = sfunc(theta,x)
  J = Jfunc(theta,x)
  show(c(theta,l,s,J))
  while(abs(s)>eps)
  {
    alpha = 1
    theta.new = theta +alpha*s/J
    l.new = lfunc(theta.new,x)
    show(c(theta.new,l.new))
    while(theta.new < 0 | theta.new > 1 | l.new<l)
    {
      alpha = alpha/2
      theta.new = theta +alpha*s/J
      l.new = lfunc(theta.new,x)
    }
    theta = theta.new
    l = l.new
    s = sfunc(theta,x)
    J = Jfunc(theta,x)
    show(c(theta,l,s,J,alpha))
  }
  theta
}
```

(v) Consider now the EM-algorithm. Define the complete data to be  $\mathbf{y} = (y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4, y_5)$  where  $y_j = x_j, j = 1, 2, 3$  while  $y_4 + y_5 = x_4$ . We now assume a multinomial model for the 5 variables with probabilities

$$(\theta/4, (1 - \theta)/4, (1 - \theta)/4, 1/2, \theta/4).$$

# EM

complete log-likelihood is given by

$$\ell(\theta) = \text{Const} + x_1 \log(\theta) + (x_2 + x_3) \log(1 - \theta) + (x_4 - y_5) \log(2) + y_5 \log(\theta)$$

$$Q(\theta|\theta^{(t)}) = \text{Const} + x_1 \log(\theta) + (x_2 + x_3) \log(1 - \theta) + x_4 \log(2) \\ + E[Y_5|x_4, \theta^{(t)}][\log(\theta) - \log(2)]$$

$$Y_5|x_4 \sim \text{Binom}(x_4, \frac{\theta}{2+\theta})$$

$$Q(\theta|\theta^{(t)}) = \text{Const} + x_1 \log(\theta) + (x_2 + x_3) \log(1 - \theta) + x_4 \log(2) + \\ \frac{x_4 \theta^{(t)}}{2 + \theta^{(t)}} [\log(\theta) - \log(2)]$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} Q(\theta|\theta^{(t)}) = \frac{x_1}{\theta} - \frac{x_2 + x_3}{1 - \theta} + \frac{x_4 \theta^{(t)}}{2 + \theta^{(t)}} \frac{1}{\theta}$$

giving

$$\theta^{(t+1)} = \frac{x_1 + x_4 \frac{\theta^{(t)}}{2+\theta^{(t)}}}{x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 \frac{\theta^{(t)}}{2+\theta^{(t)}}}$$

See *genetic\_linkage.R* for implementation.

```
gen.link.EM = function(x,theta=0.5,eps=0.0001,print.it=TRUE)
{
  more = TRUE
  if(print.it)
    show(c(theta,lfunc(theta,x)))
  while(more)
  {
    theta.new = (x[1]+x[4]*theta/(2+theta))/(x[1]+x[2]+x[3]+x[4]*theta/(2+theta))
    more = abs(theta.new-theta)>eps
    theta = theta.new
    if(print.it)
      show(c(theta,lfunc(theta,x)))
  }
  theta
}
```



Exercise 5 (Jensen's inequality)

Assume  $\phi(\cdot)$  is a convex function and  $g(\cdot)$  is a real-valued function with  $\int g(x)dx < \infty$ . Jensen's inequality is then that

$$\phi\left(\int g(x)dx\right) \leq \int \phi(g(x))dx.$$

(a). In statistics we often work with concave functions. Show that if  $\phi(\cdot)$  is a concave function, then

$$\phi\left(\int g(x)dx\right) \geq \int \phi(g(x))dx.$$

(a). Since  $-\phi(\cdot)$  then is convex, the result follows directly

- (b). Assume now  $f(x)$  is a density function for a continuous variable with cumulative distribution function  $F(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(u)du$ . Show that for  $\phi(\cdot)$  concave we have

$$\phi\left(\int g(x)f(x)dx\right) \geq \int \phi(g(x))f(x)dx.$$

Express this result through expectations.

Hint: Define  $y = F(x)$  and perform a reparametrization.

- (b). Defining  $y = F(x)$  we have that  $dy = f(x)dx$  and

$$\begin{aligned}\int \phi(g(x))f(x)dx &= \int \phi(g(F^{-1}(y)))dy \\ &\leq \phi\left(\int g(F^{-1}(y))dy\right) \\ &= \phi\left(\int g(x)f(x)dx\right)\end{aligned}$$

This can be expressed as

$$\phi(E[X]) \geq E[\phi(X)].$$

(c). Assume  $X$  follows the log-normal distribution. Show by Jensen's inequality that

$$E(X) \geq \exp[E(\log(X))]$$

Does this fit with the actual expectation of  $E(X)$ ?

(c). Define  $Y = \log(X)$ . Since the exponential function is convex, we have that

$$E[X] = E[\exp(Y)] \geq \exp(E[Y]) = \exp(E[\log(X)])$$

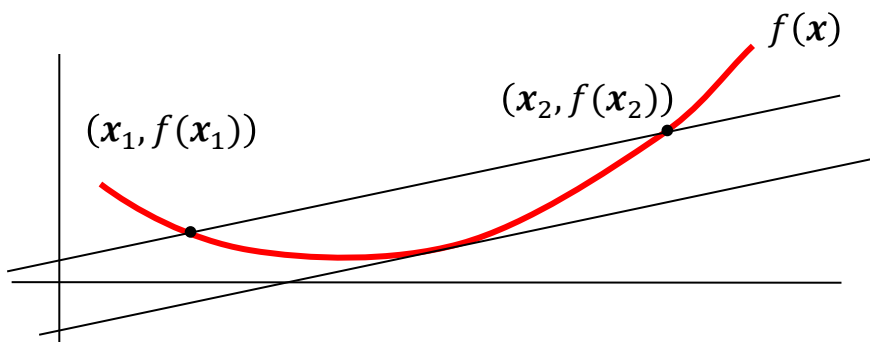
Alternatively, we have that since the log-function is concave,

$$\log(E[X]) \geq E[\log(X)]$$

We have that  $E(X) = \exp(\mu + 0.5\sigma^2) \geq \exp(\mu)$  confirming the result.

# Jensens inequality

Convex function:  $f(x)$



Interpolation always above function

$$f(tx_1 + (1-t)x_2) \leq tf(x_1) + (1-t)f(x_2)$$

for  $0 \leq t \leq 1$

Tangent always below function

$$f(x) \geq f(x_0) + (x - x_0)f'(x_0) \quad \forall x_0$$

1. Take the expectation on each side of the inequality

$$E(f(X)) \geq E[ f(x_0) + (X - x_0)f'(x_0) ]$$

$$E(f(X)) \geq f(x_0) + \underbrace{(E(X) - x_0)}_{= 0 \text{ when } x_0 = E(X)} f'(x_0)$$

2. Select  $x_0 = E(X)$

$$E(f(X)) \geq f(E(X))$$