
Dear Dr. Birnbaum,

Thank you for your letter and the two attached sheets.

My impression is that the efficiency of the maximum likelihood estimate has been familiar for a long while, and demonstrated on the basis of the ideas of the theory of estimation. So many fallacies have been associated with the Neyman-Pearson theory of confidence regions, that it would seem a pity to use this as the basis of a new demonstration.

Yours sincerely,