

4th July, 1958.

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,