

Theorem: Properties of Score and Fisher Information AND Cramer-Rao Lower Bound.

The CR-condition is

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \mathbb{E}_{\theta} h(\underline{x}) = \mathbb{E}_{\theta} \left(h(\underline{x}) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\underline{x}; \theta) \right) \text{ whenever } \mathbb{E}_{\theta} |h(\underline{x})| < \infty$$

for all θ . In consequence of this condition, we have:

① $\mathbb{E}_{\theta} S(\theta; \underline{x}) = 0$

PROOF: Take $h(\underline{x}) = 1$. Then $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \mathbb{E}_{\theta} h(\underline{x}) = 0$.

② $\mathbb{E}_{\theta} |h(\underline{x})| < \infty \Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \mathbb{E}_{\theta} h(\underline{x}) = \text{Cov}_{\theta}(h(\underline{x}), S(\theta; \underline{x}))$

PROOF: Since $\mathbb{E}_{\theta} S(\theta; \underline{x}) = 0$, $\mathbb{E}_{\theta} h(\underline{x}) S(\theta; \underline{x}) = \text{Cov}_{\theta}(h(\underline{x}), S(\theta; \underline{x}))$.

③ $I(\theta) = \text{Var}_{\theta} S(\theta; \underline{x})$

PROOF: Since $\mathbb{E}_{\theta} S(\theta; \underline{x}) = 0$, $\text{Var}_{\theta} S(\theta; \underline{x}) = \mathbb{E} S^2(\theta; \underline{x})$.

④ If $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} f(\underline{x}; \theta)$ exists and $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \mathbb{E}_{\theta} S(\theta; \underline{x}) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} S(\theta; \underline{x}) f(\underline{x}; \theta) d\underline{x}$

$$I(\theta) = -\mathbb{E}_{\theta} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \log f(\underline{x}; \theta) \right)$$

PROOF: Noting that $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \mathbb{E}_{\theta} S(\theta; \underline{x}) = 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \int_{\mathcal{X}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} S(\theta; \underline{x}) f(\underline{x}; \theta) d\underline{x} \\ &= \int_{\mathcal{X}} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} S(\theta; \underline{x}) \right] f(\underline{x}; \theta) d\underline{x} + \int_{\mathcal{X}} S(\theta; \underline{x}) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(\underline{x}; \theta) d\underline{x} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \mathbb{E}_\theta \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \log f(\underline{x}; \theta) + \int_{\mathcal{X}} s(\theta; \underline{x}) \underbrace{\frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(\underline{x}; \theta)}{f(\underline{x}; \theta)}}_{s(\theta; \underline{x})} f(\underline{x}; \theta) d_{\underline{x}} \\
&= \mathbb{E}_\theta \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \log f(\underline{x}; \theta) + \mathcal{I}(\theta),
\end{aligned}$$

which gives the result.

CRLB: Let $\tilde{z}(\underline{x})$ be an estimator with finite mean and suppose $\mathbb{E}_\theta \tilde{z}(\underline{x})$ is differentiable w.r.t. θ . Then

$$\text{Var} \tilde{z}(\underline{x}) \geq \frac{\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \mathbb{E}_\theta \tilde{z}(\underline{x}) \right]^2}{\mathcal{I}(\theta)}.$$

PROOF: By the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we have

$$\text{Cov}(\tilde{z}(\underline{x}), s(\theta; \underline{x})) \leq \sqrt{\text{Var} \tilde{z}(\underline{x})} \sqrt{\text{Var} s(\theta; \underline{x})}.$$

The right hand side is equal to $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \mathbb{E}_\theta \tilde{z}(\underline{x})$. Substituting this, squaring both sides, and rearranging gives the result.

$X \stackrel{\text{ind}}{\sim} \text{Geometric}(\theta)$ CRLB stuff

② Find $I(\theta) = E S^2(\theta; \underline{X})$.

$$\text{We have } f(\underline{x}; \theta) = \theta^n (1-\theta)^{n\bar{x}_n - n},$$

$$\log f(\underline{x}; \theta) = n \log \theta + (n\bar{x}_n - n) \log(1-\theta)$$

$$S(\theta; \underline{x}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\underline{x}; \theta) = \frac{n}{\theta} - \frac{n\bar{x}_n - n}{1-\theta}.$$

Then

$$I(\theta) = \text{Var } S(\theta; \underline{X}) = \left(\frac{n}{1-\theta}\right)^2 \text{Var } \bar{X}_n = \left(\frac{n}{1-\theta}\right)^2 \frac{1}{n} \frac{1-\theta}{\theta^2} = \frac{n}{\theta^2(1-\theta)}.$$

② We have

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \log f(\underline{x}; \theta) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} S(\theta; \underline{x}) = -\frac{n}{\theta^2} - \frac{n\bar{x}_n - n}{(1-\theta)^2},$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned} -E \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \log f(\underline{x}; \theta) &= \frac{n}{\theta^2} + \frac{n/\theta - n}{(1-\theta)^2} \\ &= n \left[\frac{(1-\theta)^2 + \theta - \theta^2}{\theta^2(1-\theta)^2} \right] \\ &= n \left[\frac{1 - 2\theta + \theta^2 + \theta - \theta^2}{\theta^2(1-\theta)^2} \right] \\ &= \frac{n}{\theta^2(1-\theta)}. \end{aligned}$$

③ If $\tilde{c}(\underline{x})$ is unbiased for θ , $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \mathbb{E}_{\theta} \tilde{c}(\underline{x}) = 1$, so the CRLB is

$$\text{CRLB} = \frac{\theta^2(1-\theta)}{n}$$

④ Recall: The UMVUE for θ is

$$\hat{\theta} = \binom{T-2}{n-2} / \binom{T-1}{n-1},$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \text{Set } k=2 \text{ in} \\ \tau(\theta) = \theta(1-\theta)^{k-1} \\ \text{from Lecture 6} \end{array} \right]$$

where $T = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$.

$$\text{Var } \hat{\theta} \geq \frac{\theta^2(1-\theta)}{n}.$$

⑤ If $\tilde{c}(\underline{x})$ is unbiased for $1/\theta$, we have

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \mathbb{E}_{\theta} \tilde{c}(\underline{x}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\frac{1}{\theta} \right) = -\frac{1}{\theta^2},$$

so

$$\text{Var } \tilde{c}(\underline{x}) \geq \frac{[-1/\theta^2]^2}{[n/\theta^2(1-\theta)]} = \frac{(1-\theta)}{n\theta^2}$$

⑥ Try \bar{X}_n : $\mathbb{E} \bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{\theta}$ and it's a function of a comp. suff.

$$\text{Also, } \text{Var } \bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \frac{1-\theta}{\theta^2},$$

so \bar{X}_n achieves the CRLB for estimating $1/\theta$.

$$\underline{X}_n \text{ i.i.d } F(\pi; \mu) = [1 + e^{-(x-\mu)}]^{-1}, \quad f(\pi; \mu) = e^{-(x-\mu)} / [1 + e^{-(x-\mu)}]^2.$$

① Find $I(\mu)$.

$$f(\underline{x}; \mu) = e^{-\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)} \frac{n}{\prod_{i=1}^n} [1 + e^{-(x_i - \mu)}]^{-2}$$

$$\log f(\underline{x}; \mu) = -\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu) - 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \log(1 + e^{-(x_i - \mu)})$$

$$\begin{aligned} S(\mu; \underline{x}) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \log f(\underline{x}; \mu) = n - 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{e^{-(x_i - \mu)}}{1 + e^{-(x_i - \mu)}} \\ &= 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \left(F(x_i; \mu) - \frac{1}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Now we have

$$\text{Var } S(\mu; \underline{x}) = 4n \text{Var} \left(\frac{1}{2} - \underbrace{F(x_i; \mu)}_{\sim \text{Unit}(0,1)} \right) = 4n \left(\frac{1}{12} \right) = \frac{n}{3}.$$

② For any unbiased estimator $\hat{\mu}$ of μ , we have

$$\text{Var } \hat{\mu} \geq \frac{3}{n}.$$

③ Does \bar{X}_n achieve the CRLB?

$$\text{Well } E \bar{X}_n = \mu, \text{ but } \text{Var } \bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \frac{\pi^2}{3} > \frac{3}{n}$$

$$\text{Show that } \text{Var } X_1 = \frac{\pi^2}{3}.$$

$$\frac{\pi^2}{3} = 3.29.$$

An unbiased estimator $\tilde{z}(X)$ of $\tau(\theta)$ attains the CRLB iff

$$S(\theta; X) = a(\theta) [\tilde{z}(X) - \tau(\theta)]$$

for some constant $a(\theta)$ depending on θ .

Proof: $\tilde{z}(X)$ attains the CRLB iff $\text{Corr}(\tilde{z}(X), S(\theta; X)) = \pm 1$, since

$$\text{Var } \tilde{z}(X) = \frac{\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \mathbb{E}_\theta \tilde{z}(X) \right]^2}{\mathcal{I}(\theta)} = \frac{\left[\text{Cov}(\tilde{z}(X), S(\theta; X)) \right]^2}{\text{Var } S(\theta; X)}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{Corr}(\tilde{z}(X), S(\theta; X)) = \pm 1.$$

Thm 4.5.7 in CB (Corr(X, Y) = $\pm 1 \Leftrightarrow \exists a \neq 0, b$ s.t. $Y = aX + b$ w.p. 1) gives that

$$\text{Corr}(\tilde{z}(X), S(\theta; X)) = \pm 1 \text{ iff } \exists a(\theta) \text{ and } b(\theta) \text{ st}$$

$$S(\theta; X) = a(\theta) \tilde{z}(X) + b(\theta) \quad (\text{w.p. } 1)$$

Now, $\mathbb{E} S(\theta; X) = 0$ and $\mathbb{E} \tilde{z}(X) = \tau(\theta)$, which gives

$$\mathbb{E} [a(\theta) \tilde{z}(X) + b(\theta)] = a(\theta) \tau(\theta) + b(\theta) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow b(\theta) = -a(\theta) \tau(\theta).$$

So we have

$$S(\theta; X) = a(\theta) [\tilde{z}(X) - \tau(\theta)]$$

$\Leftrightarrow \tilde{z}(X)$ achieves the CRLB.

Attainment of CRLB for $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \text{Exponential}(\lambda)$, \bar{X}_n for λ

We have $f(x; \lambda) = \frac{1}{\lambda} e^{-x/\lambda} \mathbb{1}(x > 0)$, so

$$L(\lambda; \underline{x}) = \left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right)^n e^{-\sum_{i=1}^n x_i / \lambda}$$

$$l(\lambda; \underline{x}) = -n \log \lambda - \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

$$S(\lambda; \underline{x}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} l(\lambda; \underline{x}) = -\frac{n}{\lambda} + \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = -\frac{n}{\lambda} + \frac{n}{\lambda^2} \bar{X}_n$$

Note that $\mathbb{E} \bar{X}_n = \lambda$. And we can write

$$S(\lambda; \underline{x}) = \frac{n}{\lambda^2} [\bar{X}_n - \lambda],$$

so by the attainment theorem, \bar{X}_n achieves the CRLB.

$$\text{Note that } \mathbf{I}(\lambda) = \text{Var} S(\lambda; \underline{x}) = \frac{n^2}{\lambda^4} \text{Var} \bar{X}_n = \frac{n^2}{\lambda^4} \frac{\lambda^2}{n} = \frac{n}{\lambda^2}$$

so that the CRLB for unbiased estimators of λ is $\frac{\lambda^2}{n}$.

We have $\text{Var} \bar{X}_n = \frac{\lambda^2}{n}$, so it achieves the CRLB.

$X_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Normal}(\mu, \sigma)$. Find Fisher Inf and CRLB for unbiased estimators of
 $\tau(\mu, \sigma) = \sigma$ $\tau(\mu, \sigma) = \mu + 3\sqrt{\sigma}$

$$L(\mu, \sigma; \underline{X}) = (2\pi)^{-n/2} \sigma^{-n/2} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2\right]$$

$$l(\mu, \sigma; \underline{X}) = -\frac{n}{2} \ln 2\pi - \frac{n}{2} \ln \sigma - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} l(\mu, \sigma; \underline{X}) = \frac{1}{\sigma} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma} l(\mu, \sigma; \underline{X}) = -\frac{n}{2\sigma} + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2$$

So we have

$$S(\mu, \sigma; \underline{X}) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sigma} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu) \\ -\frac{n}{2\sigma} + \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Then

$$I(\mu, \sigma) = \text{Cov}\left(S(\mu, \sigma; \underline{X})\right) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{n}{\sigma} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{n}{2\sigma^2} \end{bmatrix},$$

since

$$\frac{1}{4\sigma^4} n \text{Var}\left[(X_i - \mu)^2\right] = \frac{n}{4\sigma^4} \left[\overbrace{\mathbb{E}(X_i - \mu)^4}^{3\sigma^2} - \left(\overbrace{\mathbb{E}(X_i - \mu)^2}^{\sigma^2}\right)^2 \right] = \frac{n}{4\sigma^4} [3\sigma^2 - \sigma^2] = \frac{n}{2\sigma^2}$$

(i) Now, for $\tau(\mu, \delta) = \delta$ we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \tau(\mu, \delta) \\ \frac{\partial}{\partial \delta} \tau(\mu, \delta) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

so that the CRLB for unbiased estimators of $\tau(\mu, \delta) = \delta$ is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\delta}{n} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2\delta^2}{n} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{2\delta^2}{n}.$$

Note that $\text{Var } S_n^2 = \frac{2\delta^2}{n-1}$, since

$$\frac{(n-1)S_n^2}{\delta} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2 \quad \text{so} \quad \text{Var} \left[\frac{(n-1)S_n^2}{\delta} \right] = 2(n-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(n-1)^2}{\delta^2} \text{Var } S_n^2 = 2(n-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Var } S_n^2 = \frac{2\delta^2}{n-1}.$$

So S_n^2 does not achieve the CRLB when μ is unknown.

(ii) For $\tau(\mu, \delta) = \mu + 3\sqrt{\delta}$ we have

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \tau(\mu, \delta) = 1 \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \delta} \tau(\mu, \delta) = \frac{3}{2\sqrt{\delta}}$$

so the CRLB for unbiased estimators of $\mu + 3\sqrt{\sigma}$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \frac{3}{2\sqrt{\sigma}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sigma}{n} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{2\sigma^2}{n} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{3}{2\sqrt{\sigma}} \end{bmatrix} &= \frac{\sigma}{n} + \frac{9}{4\sigma} \frac{2\sigma^2}{n} \\ &= \frac{\sigma}{n} \left[1 + \frac{9}{2} \right] \\ &= \frac{\sigma}{n} \left(\frac{11}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$