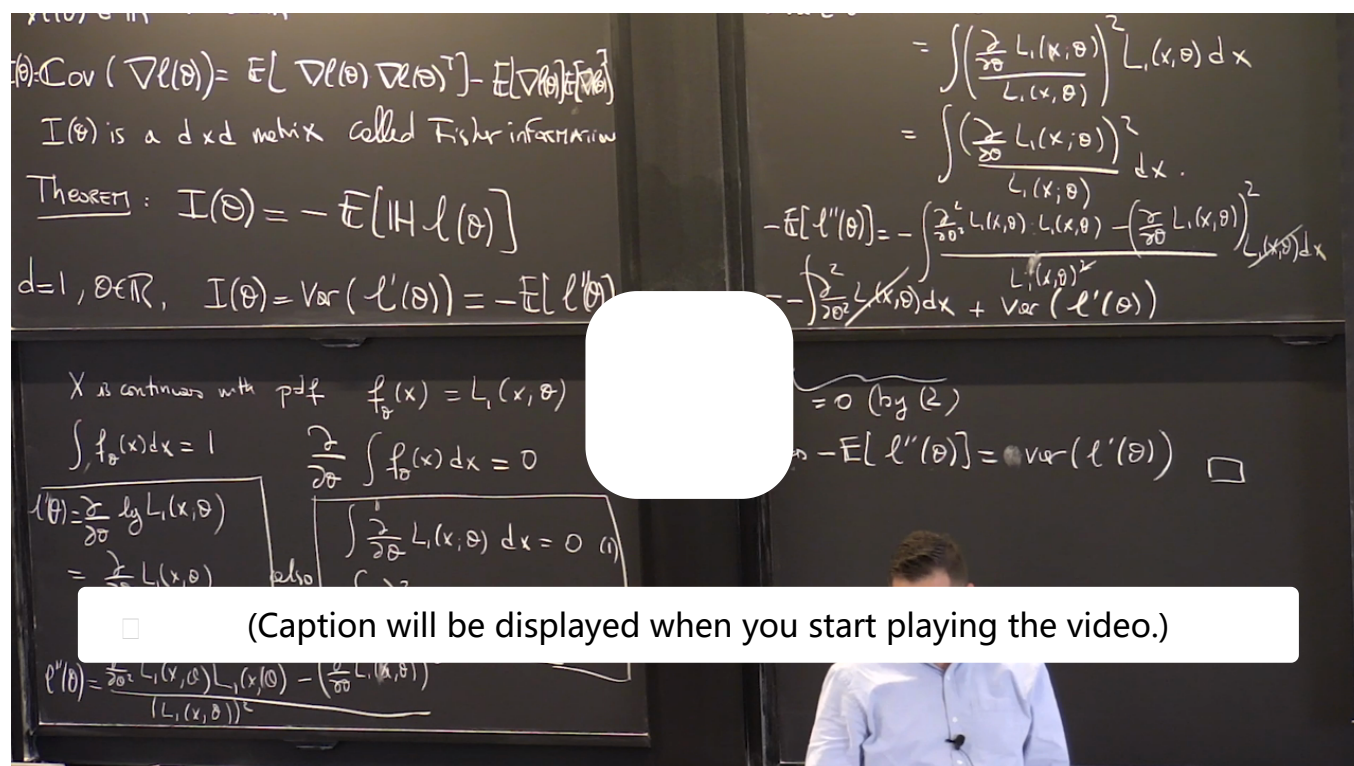


4. Examples of Fisher Information Computation

Fisher Information of the Bernoulli Random Variable

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All right.

So still I just defined a quantity.

I'm playing with it and I'm telling you it's actually equal to some other quantity.

And before I even tell you where this is actually going in,

let's actually play around a little bit

and compute it in some specific examples.

So what you have now--

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Fisher Information of the Binomial Random Variable

1/1 point (graded)

Let \mathbf{X} be distributed according to the binomial distribution of n trials and parameter $p \in (0, 1)$. Compute the Fisher information $\mathcal{I}(p)$.

Hint: Follow the methodology presented for the Bernoulli random variable in the above video.

$\mathcal{I}(p)$:

☐ Answer: $n/(p*(1-p))$

$$\frac{n \cdot p}{p^2} - \frac{n \cdot p - n}{(1-p)^2}$$

STANDARD NOTATION

Solution:

The logarithm of the pmf of a binomial random variable \mathbf{X} , treated as a random function, can be written as

$$\ell(p) \triangleq \ln \binom{n}{X} + X \ln p + (n - X) \ln(1 - p), \quad X \in \{0, 1, \dots, n\}.$$

The derivative of $\ell(p)$ with respect to p is

$$\ell'(p) = \frac{X}{p} - \frac{n - X}{1 - p},$$

which means the second derivative is

$$\ell''(p) = -\frac{X}{p^2} - \frac{n - X}{(1 - p)^2}.$$

The Fisher information $\mathcal{I}(p)$, therefore, is

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{I}(p) &= -\mathbb{E}[\ell''(p)] = \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{X}{p^2} + \frac{n - X}{(1 - p)^2}\right] \\ &= \frac{np}{p^2} + \frac{n - np}{(1 - p)^2} \\ &= \frac{n}{p(1 - p)}.\end{aligned}$$

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Fisher Information of a Bernoulli-Like Random Variable

1/1 point (graded)

Consider the following experiment: You take a coin that lands a head (H) with probability $0 < p < 1$ and you toss it twice. Define X as the following random variable:

$$X = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if outcome is HH} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Compute the Fisher information $\mathcal{I}(p)$.

$\mathcal{I}(p)$:

2+2*(p^2+1)/(1-p^2)

☐ Answer: 4/(1-p^2)

$2 + \frac{2 \cdot (p^2 + 1)}{1 - p^2}$

STANDARD NOTATION

Solution:

Following the Bernoulli and binomial examples,

$$\ell(p) \triangleq 2X \ln p + (1 - X) \ln (1 - p^2), \quad X \in \{0, 1\}.$$

The derivative of $\ell(p)$ with respect to p is

$$\ell'(p) = \frac{2X}{p} - 2p \cdot \frac{1 - X}{1 - p^2},$$

which means the second derivative is

$$\ell''(p) = -\frac{2X}{p^2} - 2 \cdot \frac{(1 - X)}{1 - p^2} - 4p^2 \cdot \frac{1 - X}{(1 - p^2)^2}.$$

The Fisher information $\mathcal{I}(p)$, therefore, is

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{I}(p) &= -\mathbb{E}[\ell''(p)] = \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{2X}{p^2} + 2 \cdot \frac{(1 - X)}{1 - p^2} + 4p^2 \cdot \frac{1 - X}{(1 - p^2)^2}\right] \\ &= \frac{2p^2}{p^2} + \frac{2(1 - p^2)}{(1 - p^2)} + 4p^2 \cdot \frac{1 - p^2}{(1 - p^2)^2}\end{aligned}$$

$$= 4 + \frac{4p^2}{1 - p^2}$$

$$= \frac{4}{1 - p^2}$$

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Fisher Information of a Modified Gaussian Random Vector

3/4 points (graded)

Let \mathbf{X} be a gaussian random vector with **independent** components $X^{(i)} \sim \mathcal{N}(\alpha + \beta t_i, 1)$ for $i = 1, \dots, d$, where t_i are known constants and α and β are unknown parameters.

Compute the Fisher information matrix $\mathcal{I}(\theta)$ using the formula $\mathcal{I}(\theta) = -\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{H}\ell(\theta)]$.

Use **S_1** for $\sum_{i=1}^d t_i$ and **S_2** for $\sum_{i=1}^d t_i^2$.

$\mathcal{I}(\theta)_{1,1} =$

d

☐ Answer: d + 0*S_1 + 0*S_2

$\mathcal{I}(\theta)_{1,2} =$

S_1

☐ Answer: 0*d + S_1 + 0*S_2

$\mathcal{I}(\theta)_{2,1} =$

S_1

☐ Answer: 0*d + S_1 + 0*S_2

$\mathcal{I}(\theta)_{2,2} =$

S_2-d*S_1

☐ Answer: 0*d + 0*S_1 + S_2

$S_2 - d \cdot S_1$

算错了，对b求偏导了以后，忘记把b去掉了

Hint: Let $\theta = [\alpha \ \beta]^T$ denote the paramaters of the statistical model. $\ell(\theta)$ is a real-valued function of θ as given by the joint pdf at any fixed \mathbf{x} .

Solution:

Let $\theta = [\alpha \ \beta]^T$ denote the paramaters of the statistical model. The Gaussian random vector \mathbf{X} has the pdf

$$f_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{d}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^d (x^{(i)} - \alpha - \beta t_i)^2}, \quad \mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x^{(1)} & x^{(2)} & \dots & x^{(d)} \end{bmatrix}^T \in \mathbb{R}^d,$$

as the variance of each individual component is equal to 1 and the components are independent.

Taking **ln** of the pdf yields (written as a random function)

$$\ell(\theta) = -\frac{d}{2} \ln(2\pi) - \frac{1}{2} \left[\sum_{i=1}^d \left((X^{(i)} - \beta t_i)^2 - 2\alpha (X^{(i)} - \beta t_i) + \alpha^2 \right) \right]$$

Therefore,

$$\nabla \ell(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^d (X^{(i)} - \beta t_i - \alpha) \\ \sum_{i=1}^d (t_i X^{(i)} - \beta t_i^2 - \alpha t_i) \end{bmatrix},$$

from which we can obtain the hessian

$$\mathbf{H}\ell(\theta) = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^d (-1) & \sum_{i=1}^d (-t_i) \\ \sum_{i=1}^d (-t_i) & \sum_{i=1}^d (-t_i^2) \end{bmatrix}.$$

Therefore,

$$\mathcal{I}(\theta) = -\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{H}\ell(\theta)] = \begin{bmatrix} d & \sum_{i=1}^d t_i \\ \sum_{i=1}^d t_i & \sum_{i=1}^d t_i^2 \end{bmatrix},$$

where the expectation is taken with respect to the pdf of the random vector \mathbf{X} . Since none of the entries of the hessian contained any $\mathbf{X}^{(i)}$, the expectation was simply the hessian matrix itself.

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