

Question: Derive the Cramer Rao lower bound (CRLB) for the variance of an unbiased estimator t of the parameter θ .

or
state and prove the Cramer Rao Lower bound

Proof:

statement: suppose

(i) x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are independent random variables each with density $f(x|\theta)$. $\theta \in \Omega$ an open interval on the real line.

(ii) t is an estimator of θ .

(iii) $E(t) = \theta + b(\theta)$ where $b(\theta)$ is the bias of t and is a differentiable function of θ .

(iv) The following regularity conditions hold.

(a) for almost all x , $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta}$ (L is a likely hood function) must exist for all $\theta \in \Omega$.

(b) $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \int \dots \int L = \int \dots \int \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta}$ which is possible when the limits of integration are independent of θ

(c) $E \left[\frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \theta} \right]^2 > 0$ for $\theta \in \Omega$

(d) $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \int \dots \int t L = \int \dots \int t \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta}$.

Then for all $\theta \in \Omega$

$$v(t) \geq \frac{[1+b'(\theta)]^2}{n E \left[\frac{\partial \log f}{\partial \theta} \right]^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{[1+b'(\theta)]^2}{E \left[\frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \theta} \right]^2} \\ &= - \frac{[1+b'(\theta)]^2}{E \left[\frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \theta^2} \right]} \end{aligned}$$

where, $b'(\theta)$ is the first derivative of $b(\theta)$ w.r. to θ

Proof:

we know,

$$L = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i|\theta) \quad \dots \dots \dots (i)$$

Since L is the joint density of the observation

$$\int \dots \int L \, dx_1 \, dx_2 \dots dx_n = 1 \quad \dots \dots \dots (ii)$$

Now, suppose the first and second differentials of L exist. Then taking the first derivation of (ii) w.r. to θ on both sides,

$$\int \dots \int \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} \, dx_1 \, dx_2 \dots dx_n = 0$$

$$\text{or } \int \dots \int \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} \cdot \frac{1}{L} \cdot L \, dx_1 \, dx_2 \dots dx_n = 0$$

$$\text{or } \int \dots \int \frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \theta} \cdot L \, dx_1 \, dx_2 \dots dx_n = 0 \quad \dots \dots \dots (iii)$$

$$\text{or } E \left[\frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \theta} \right] = 0 \quad \dots \dots \dots (iv)$$

$$\text{or } E(\phi) = 0 \quad \text{where } \phi = \frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \theta}$$

Again, the differentiating (iii) w.r. to θ .

$$\int \dots \int \left[\frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \theta} \cdot \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} + L \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \theta^2} \right] dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_n = 0$$

$$\text{or, } \int \dots \int \left[\frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \theta} \cdot \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} \cdot \frac{1}{L} \cdot L + L \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \theta^2} \right] dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_n = 0$$

$$\text{or, } \int \dots \int \left[\left(\frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \theta} \right)^2 \cdot L + L \cdot \frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \theta^2} \right] dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_n = 0$$

$$\text{or, } \int \dots \int \left(\frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \theta} \right)^2 \cdot L dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_n + \int \dots \int \frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \theta^2} \cdot L dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_n = 0$$

$$\text{or, } E \left(\frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \theta} \right)^2 + E \left(\frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \theta^2} \right) = 0$$

$$\text{or, } E \left(\frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \theta} \right)^2 = - E \left(\frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \theta^2} \right)$$

Now,

$$E(t) = \theta + b(\theta)$$

$$= \int \dots \int t \cdot L dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_n$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial E(t)}{\partial \theta} = [1 + b'(\theta)] = \int \dots \int t \cdot \frac{\partial L}{\partial \theta} dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_n$$

$$= \int \dots \int t \cdot \frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \theta} \cdot L dx_1 dx_2 \dots dx_n$$

$$= E \left(t, \frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \theta} \right)$$

$$= E(t, \phi) \text{ since } \phi = \frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \theta}$$

$$= \text{Cov}(t, \phi)$$

$$\text{since } E(\phi) = 0$$

$$\text{or, } [1 + b'(\theta)]^2 = [\text{Cov}(t, \phi)]^2$$

$$\leq V(t) \cdot V(\phi) \text{ by Schwartz's inequality.}$$

Therefore,

$$V(t) \geq \frac{[1 + b'(\theta)]^2}{V(\phi)}$$

$$= \frac{[1 + b'(\theta)]^2}{E \left[\left(\frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \theta} \right)^2 \right]}$$

$$= - \frac{[1 + b'(\theta)]^2}{E \left[\frac{\partial^2 \log L}{\partial \theta^2} \right]}$$

$$= - \frac{[1 + b'(\theta)]^2}{n E \left[\frac{\partial \log f}{\partial \theta} \right]^2}$$

In case, t is an unbiased estimator of θ , i.e. $E(t) = \theta$.

Then,

$$V(t) \geq \frac{1}{V(\phi)}$$

(proved)

Also, we know

$$v(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} \quad \text{since } t \text{ is MVB estimator}$$

$$\therefore v(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}$$

Substituting this in (1.3), we have.

$$v(t) = \frac{1}{A^2 v(t)}$$

$$\text{or, } [v(t)]^2 = \frac{1}{A^2}$$

$$\text{or } v(t) = \frac{1}{A}$$

$$\therefore v(t) = \frac{1}{A}$$

Thus, A is the reciprocal of the variance of MVBUE of t .

(showed)

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Question: Let $x \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$. Find the MVBUE of μ .

Answer:

Given, $x \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, then the density function.

$$f(x|\mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right] ; -\infty < x < \infty$$

we know

$$L = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i|\mu, \sigma^2)$$

$$= (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2$$

Taking log on both sides, we have

$$\log L = -\frac{n}{2} \log C - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2 \quad \text{where } C = (2\pi\sigma^2)^{\frac{n}{2}}$$

$$= -\frac{n}{2} \log C - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2$$

Now, taking derivative w.r.to μ , we have

$$\frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \mu} = 0 - \frac{2}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^{2-1} (-1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sigma^2} (\sum x_i - n\mu)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sigma^2} (n\bar{x} - n\mu)$$

$$= \frac{n}{\sigma^2} (\bar{x} - \mu)$$

which can be expressed as $\frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \mu} = A(t - \theta)$ where $A = \frac{n}{\sigma^2}$ and variance $v(t) = \frac{1}{A^2} = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$.

Therefore, we can say that \bar{x} is the MVBUE of μ with variance $\frac{\sigma^2}{n}$.

Question: Let $x \sim E(\theta)$. Find the MVBUE of θ .

Answer:

Given, $x \sim E(\theta)$, then the density function.

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$$= \frac{n\bar{x} - \theta n^2}{\theta(1-\theta)}$$

$$= \frac{n(\bar{x} - n\theta)}{\theta(1-\theta)}$$

$$= \frac{n}{\theta(1-\theta)} (\bar{x} - n\theta) = \frac{n}{\theta(1-\theta)} \cdot n \left(\frac{\bar{x}}{n} - \theta \right)$$

which can be expressed in the form $A(\bar{x} - \theta)$ where $A = n/\theta(1-\theta)$ and variance $v(\theta) = \theta(1-\theta)/n$.

Therefore, we can say that \bar{x} is the MVBUE of $n\theta$ with variance $\theta(1-\theta)/n$.

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\sum x_i}{\theta} - \frac{\sum (1-x_i)}{(1-\theta)} \\ &= \frac{\sum x_i(1-\theta) - \theta \sum (1-x_i)}{\theta(1-\theta)} \\ &= \frac{\sum x_i - \theta \sum x_i - \theta \cdot n + \theta \sum x_i}{\theta(1-\theta)} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{\sum x_i - \theta n}{\theta(1-\theta)}$$

$$= \frac{n\bar{x} - n\theta}{\theta(1-\theta)}$$

$$= \frac{n(\bar{x} - \theta)}{\theta(1-\theta)}$$

$$= \frac{n}{\theta(1-\theta)} (\bar{x} - \theta)$$

which can be expressed as $A(\bar{x} - \theta)$ where $A = \frac{n}{\theta(1-\theta)}$ and variance $v(\theta) = \frac{\theta(1-\theta)}{n}$.

Therefore, we can say that \bar{x} is the MVBUE of θ with variance $\theta(1-\theta)/n$. Ans

Question: Find MVBUE of θ for poisson distribution.

Answer:

We know the pmf of poisson distribution.

$$f(x|\theta) = \frac{e^{-\theta} \theta^x}{x!} \quad ; \quad x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Question: For Bernoulli distribution. Find MVBUE of θ .

Answer:

The pmf of Bernoulli distribution is,

$$f(x|\theta) = \theta^x (1-\theta)^{1-x} \quad ; \quad x = 0, 1$$

We know,

$$L = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i|\theta)$$

$$= \theta^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} (1-\theta)^{\sum_{i=1}^n (1-x_i)}$$

$$\log L = \sum x_i \log \theta + \sum (1-x_i) \log (1-\theta)$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \theta} = \sum x_i \frac{1}{\theta} + \sum (1-x_i) \frac{1}{(1-\theta)} \cdot (-1)$$

we know

$$L = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i | \theta) \\ = \frac{e^{-n\theta} \cdot \theta^{\sum x_i}}{\prod_{i=1}^n (x_i)!}$$

$$\log L = -n\theta + \sum x_i \log \theta - \log \left[\prod_{i=1}^n (x_i)! \right]$$

$$\log L = -n\theta + \sum x_i \log \theta - \log c$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \theta} = -n + \sum x_i \frac{1}{\theta}$$

$$= -n + \frac{n\bar{x}}{\theta}$$

$$= \frac{-n\theta + n\bar{x}}{\theta}$$

$$= \frac{n}{\theta} (\bar{x} - \theta)$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \theta} = \frac{n}{\theta} (\bar{x} - \theta)$$

Therefore, we can say that \bar{x} is the MVBUE of θ with variance θ/n .

39. Problem: If $x \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$. Then, find the MVBUE of σ^2 .

or

A random sample x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n is taken from a normal population with mean 0 and variance σ^2 . Examine if $\sum x_i^2/n$ is a MVBUE of σ^2 .

Solution:

Since $x \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$

Then, the density function.

$$f(x | \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} x^2}; -\infty < x < \infty$$

We know,

$$L = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i | \sigma^2)$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} x_i^2}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \right)^{n/2} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum x_i^2}$$

Taking log on both sides, we have

$$\log L = \frac{n}{2} \log \left(\frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \right) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum x_i^2 \cdot \log e$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} \log \frac{1}{2\pi} - \frac{n}{2} \log \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum x_i^2$$

Now, differentiating, we get

$$\frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \sigma^2} = 0 - \frac{n}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\sigma^2} \right) + \frac{\sum x_i^2}{2\sigma^4}$$

$$= \frac{\sum x_i^2}{2\sigma^4} - \frac{n}{2} \frac{1}{\sigma^2}$$

$$= \frac{n}{2\sigma^4} \left[\frac{\sum x_i^2}{n} - \sigma^2 \right]$$

We can write the form in the following term

$$\frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \theta} = A [t - \theta]$$

where, $A = \frac{n}{2\sigma^4}$, and variance $Var = \frac{2\sigma^4}{n}$.

Therefore, we can say that $\sum x_i^2/n$ is an MVBUE of σ^2 with variance $\frac{2\sigma^4}{n}$.

Hence,

The MVB of t' where t' is an unbiased estimator of σ is given by

$$\begin{aligned} & (\text{MVB of } \sigma^2) \cdot \left(\frac{\partial g(\theta)}{\partial \theta}\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{2\sigma^4}{n} \cdot \frac{1}{4\sigma^2} \quad \because \frac{\partial g(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = \frac{1}{2\sigma} \\ &= \frac{\sigma^2}{2n}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, an MVB of σ is $\frac{\sigma^2}{2n}$ which is not attain.

$\Rightarrow X$ is an $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ variate. Find the MVB of unbiased estimator of σ^2 when μ is known.

Solⁿ. Given that

X is an $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ variate when μ is known (here, $\mu=0$) then, $N(0, \sigma^2)$.

Then the pdf of X is

$$f(X|\sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}}; -\infty < x < \infty$$

We know,

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \prod_{i=1}^n f(X|\sigma^2) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} x^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}\right)^n e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum x_i^2}$$

Taking log on both we have.

$$\begin{aligned} \log L &= \frac{n}{2} \log\left(\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}\right) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum x_i^2 \log e \\ &= \frac{n}{2} \log \frac{1}{2\pi} - \frac{n}{2} \log \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum x_i^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \sigma^2} &= 0 - \frac{n}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\sigma^2}\right) + \frac{\sum x_i^2}{2\sigma^4} \\ &= \frac{\sum x_i^2}{2\sigma^4} - \frac{n}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\sigma^2}\right) \\ &= \frac{n}{2\sigma^4} \left[\frac{\sum x_i^2}{n} - \sigma^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we can say that $\sum x_i^2/n$ is the MVBUE of σ^2 with variance $\frac{2\sigma^4}{n}$.

Problem: X is an $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ variate. Find an MVB of unbiased estimator of σ^2 when μ is unknown.

Answer:

Given that

X is an $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, when μ is unknown.

Then the density function of X is

$$f(X|\mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2}; -\infty < x < \infty.$$

Now, the likelihood function is

$$L = \prod_{i=1}^n f(X|\mu, \sigma^2)$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x_i - \mu}{\sigma}\right)^2}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2}\right)^{n/2} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2}\right)^{n/2} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2\right]$$

$$\log L = \frac{n}{2} \log \left(\frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2}\right) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2 - \log e$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} \log \left(\frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2}\right) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2$$

$$\frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \sigma^2} = 0 = \frac{n}{2} \left(-\frac{1}{\sigma^2}\right) + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^4}$$

$$= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^4} - \frac{n}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sigma^2}$$

$$= \frac{n}{2\sigma^4} \left[\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2}{n} - \sigma^2 \right]$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \sigma^2} = \frac{n}{2\sigma^4} \left[\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2}{n} - \sigma^2 \right]$$

which can be expressed in the form as $\frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \sigma^2} = A [t - \theta]$ where $A = \frac{n}{2\sigma^4}$.

Therefore, we can say that $\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2}{n}$ is the MVBUE of σ^2 with variance $\frac{\sigma^4}{n}$.

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Question: Establish the method of finding MVB for a unbiased estimator intended to estimate function of a parameter.

Answer:

Suppose we have found an MVB unbiased estimator: θ . This case we use MVB of unbiased estimator of g a function of θ .

Let, $E(t) = g(\theta)$

Now, MVB of $t = \frac{\left[\frac{\partial E(t)}{\partial \theta} \right]^2}{n E \left[\frac{\partial \log f}{\partial \theta} \right]^2}$

$$= \frac{1}{n E \left[\frac{\partial \log f}{\partial \theta} \right]^2}$$

$$\therefore E(t) = \theta$$

$$\frac{\partial E(t)}{\partial \theta} = 1$$

and

$$\text{MVB of } t' = \frac{\left[\frac{\partial E(t')}{\partial g(\theta)} \right]^2}{n E \left[\frac{\partial \log f}{\partial g(\theta)} \right]^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n E \left[\frac{\partial \log f}{\partial g(\theta)} \right]^2}$$

$$\therefore E(t') = g(\theta)$$

$$\frac{\partial E(t')}{\partial g(\theta)} = 1$$

$$= \frac{1}{E \left[\frac{\partial \log L}{\partial g(\theta)} \right]^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{E \left[\frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \theta} \cdot \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial g(\theta)} \right]^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{E \left(\frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \theta} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\partial g(\theta)}{\partial \theta} \right)^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\left(\frac{\partial g(\theta)}{\partial \theta} \right)^2 E \left(\frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \theta} \right)^2}$$

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$$= \frac{1}{\left(\frac{\partial g(\theta)}{\partial \theta} \right)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{E \left(\frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \theta} \right)^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\left(\frac{\partial g(\theta)}{\partial \theta} \right)^2} \cdot \text{MVB}(t)$$

$$= \text{MVB}(t) \cdot \left(\frac{\partial g(\theta)}{\partial \theta} \right)^2$$

$$\therefore \text{MVB of } t' = \text{MVB}(t) \cdot \left(\frac{\partial g(\theta)}{\partial \theta} \right)^2 \quad (\text{showed})$$

Example: x is an $N(0, \sigma^2)$ variate. Find an mvb unbiased estimator of σ .

Answer:

Given that:

x is an $N(0, \sigma^2)$ variate.

Let, $\theta = \sigma^2$ and $g(\theta) = \sigma$

Now, we know the likelihood function

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i | \sigma^2) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{\sigma^2}} \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \right)^n e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum (x_i - \mu)^2} \end{aligned}$$

Taking log on both sides, we have.

$$\begin{aligned} \log L &= \frac{n}{2} \log \left(\frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \right) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum (x_i - \mu)^2 \\ &= \frac{n}{2} \log \frac{1}{2\pi} - \frac{n}{2} \log \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum (x_i - \mu)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Now, differentiating $\log L$ with respect to σ^2 ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \log L}{\partial \sigma^2} &= 0 - \frac{n}{2} \frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2\sigma^4} \sum (x_i - \mu)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2\sigma^4} \sum (x_i - \mu)^2 - \frac{n}{2\sigma^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\sigma^4} \sum x_i^2 - \frac{n}{2\sigma^2} \quad \text{Since } \mu = 0$$

$$= \frac{n}{2\sigma^4} \left[\frac{\sum x_i^2}{n} - \sigma^2 \right]$$