

Statistical Inference

Lecture 05a

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Evaluating Estimators

- We now have a few approaches to obtain point estimators.
- Now we must decide which one we ought to choose and for what reason.
- We have hinted at the idea of unbiasedness.

Definition 1: The bias of a point estimator T of a parameter θ is the difference between the expected value of T and θ .

$$\text{Bias}_\theta = E[T] - \theta$$

- For $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} f(x)$ where $E[X] = \mu$, $V(X) = \sigma^2$.

$$E[\bar{X}] = \mu, \quad E[S^2] = \sigma^2$$

- $\text{Bias}(\bar{X}) = E[\bar{X}] - \mu = 0$. We say that the estimator is unbiased.

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Eg. Let's consider $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{normal}(\mu, \sigma^2)$.

- We know the $E[S^2] = \sigma^2$. So it is unbiased.
- I actually think I like the estimator:

$$\frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2$$

What do you think?

Recall: Definition 2: The mean squared error (MSE) of an estimator $T \equiv T(\mathbf{X})$ of a parameter θ is the function

$$E_{\theta}(T - \theta)^2$$

Evaluating Estimators

Eg. Let's reconsider our question for $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{normal}(\mu, \sigma^2)$.

- The MoM & ML estimator for σ^2 was $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$
- The unbiased estimator is $S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$

$$\text{MSE}(S^2) = \text{Var}(S^2) = \frac{2\sigma^4}{n-1}$$

$$\text{MSE}(\hat{\sigma}^2) = \frac{(2n-1)\sigma^4}{n^2}$$

$$\text{MSE}(S^2) > \text{MSE}(\hat{\sigma}^2)$$

Evaluating Estimators

- Let's now consider $\tilde{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2$:
- First let's derive the variance of S^2 :

$$\begin{aligned}(n-1)S^2/\sigma^2 \sim \chi_{n-1}^2 &\Rightarrow V\left((n-1)S^2/\sigma^2\right) = 2(n-1) \\ &\left[(n-1)/\sigma^2\right]^2 V\left(S^2\right) = 2(n-1) \\ &= V\left(S^2\right) = \frac{2(n-1)\sigma^4}{(n-1)^2} = \frac{2\sigma^4}{(n-1)}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\sigma}^2 &= \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \\ &= \frac{n-1}{n+1} S^2\end{aligned}$$

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$$E[\tilde{\sigma}^2] = E\left[\frac{n-1}{n+1}S^2\right] = \frac{n-1}{n+1}E[S^2] = \frac{n-1}{n+1}\sigma^2$$

$$V[\tilde{\sigma}^2] = V\left[\frac{n-1}{n+1}S^2\right] = \left[\frac{n-1}{n+1}\right]^2 V[S^2] = \left[\frac{n-1}{n+1}\right]^2 \frac{2\sigma^4}{(n-1)}$$

$$MSE[\tilde{\sigma}^2] = \frac{2(n-1)\sigma^4}{(n+1)^2} + \left[\frac{n-1}{n+1}\sigma^2 - \sigma^2\right]^2 = \frac{2\sigma^4}{n+1}$$

Evaluating Estimators

- Now let's compare to the MLE:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2\sigma^4}{n+1} & \stackrel{?}{<} \frac{(2n-1)\sigma^4}{n^2} \\ \frac{2}{n+1} - \frac{(2n-1)\sigma^4}{n^2} & \stackrel{?}{<} 0 \\ \frac{(1-n)\sigma^4}{n^2(n+1)} & < 0 \quad \text{for } n \geq 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$MSE(\tilde{\sigma}^2) < MSE(\hat{\sigma}^2) < MSE(S^2)$$

Evaluating Estimators

Eg.: $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{Bernoulli}(p)$.

- The MLE is $\hat{p} = \bar{X}$. The bias: $\text{Bias}(\hat{p}) = E[\hat{p}] - p = p - p = 0$.
- The variance of $\hat{p} = V(\bar{X}) = \frac{1}{n^2} np(1-p) = \frac{p(1-p)}{n}$.

$$\text{MSE}(\hat{p}) = \frac{p(1-p)}{n} + 0^2 = \frac{p(1-p)}{n}$$

Evaluating Estimators

- Let's consider a Bayesian estimator when $p \sim \text{beta}(a, b)$.
- We found $[p|\mathbf{x}] \sim \text{beta}(y + a, n - y + b)$. Where $Y = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$.
- If we use the mean of the posterior distribution we have the following Bayesian estimator:

$$\hat{p}_B = \frac{y + a}{a + b + n}$$

- Now we will again let Y be random to compare the MSE of the Bayesian and ML estimators.

$$E \left[\frac{Y + a}{a + b + n} \right] = \frac{E[Y] + a}{a + b + n} = \frac{np + a}{a + b + n}$$

$$V \left[\frac{Y + a}{a + b + n} \right] = \left[\frac{1}{a + b + n} \right]^2 V(Y) = \left[\frac{1}{a + b + n} \right]^2 np(1 - p)$$

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$$MSE[\hat{p}_B] = MSE\left[\frac{Y + a}{a + b + n}\right] = \left[\frac{np(1-p)}{(a+b+n)^2}\right] + \left[\frac{np+a}{a+b+n} - p\right]^2$$

- To compare with the MLE we need specific values for a and b . Let's pick these to make the $MSE[\hat{p}_B]$ constant for p . You of course can try other values!
- It turns out that if we set $a = b = \sqrt{n/4}$ then we get (which is constant for p):

$$\hat{p}_B = \frac{Y + \sqrt{n/4}}{n + \sqrt{n}}$$
$$MSE[\hat{p}_B] = \frac{1}{(4(1 + \sqrt{n})^2)}$$

Evaluating Estimators

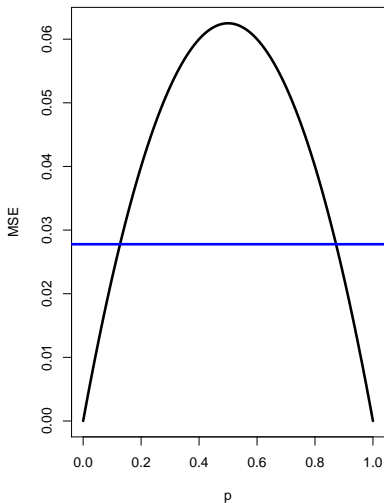
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p <- seq(0,1, by=0.001)

par(mfrow=c(1,2))
n <- 4
MSE.mle <- p*(1-p)/n
plot(p, MSE.mle, type="l", lwd=3, main="n=4", ylab="MSE")
abline(h = 1/(4*(sqrt(n) + 1)^2), lwd=3, col="blue")

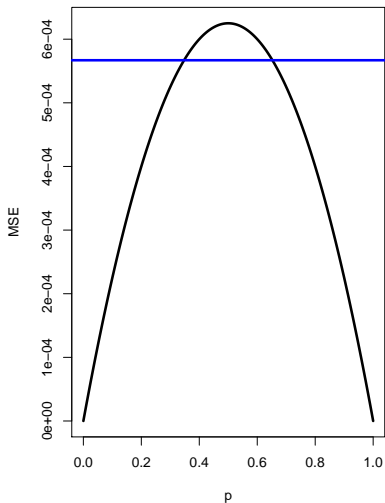
n <- 400
MSE.mle <- p*(1-p)/n
plot(p, MSE.mle, type="l", lwd=3, main="n=400", ylab="MSE")
abline(h = 1/(4*(sqrt(n) + 1)^2), lwd=3, col="blue")
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Evaluating Estimators

$n=4$



$n=400$



Evaluating Estimators

- For small n the Bayesian estimator is the better choice, unless we believe p is near 0 or 1.
- For large n , then the MLE is the better choice, unless we believe p is near $1/2$.

Of course this is based on the way we set our prior.

Evaluating Estimators

Eg.: An estimator T^* is a **best unbiased estimator** of $\tau(\theta)$ if it satisfies $E[T^*] = \tau(\theta)$ for all θ and, for any other estimator T with $E[T] = \tau(\theta)$ we have

$$V(T^*) \leq V(T) \quad \forall \theta.$$

T^* is also called a **uniform minimum variance unbiased estimator (UMVUE)** for $\tau(\theta)$.

- Finding a best unbiased estimator can be difficult.

Evaluating Estimators

Eg.: $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$.

- $E[\bar{X}] = \lambda$
- $E[S^2] = \lambda$
- Through a lot of work we can show:

$$V(\bar{X}) < V(S^2)$$

- But we could also consider (infinite number of choices for $a \in [0, 1]$):

$$T(\bar{X}, S^2) = a\bar{X} + (1 - a)S^2$$

- Are there other unbiased estimators?
- We would like to know if we have unbiased estimator whether its variance is the smallest possible!

Evaluating Estimators

Rice 8.7 Theorem A (Cramer-Rao Inequality [lower bound]): Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a distribution family with density function $f_X(x; \theta)$ where θ is a scalar parameter. Also, let $T = t(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ be an unbiased estimator for $\tau(\theta)$. Then under certain regularity (smoothness) conditions:

$$\text{Var}_{\theta}(T) \geq \frac{\{\tau'(\theta)\}^2}{ni(\theta)} = \{\tau'(\theta)\}^2 I(\theta)^{-1}$$

- $\tau'(\theta) = \frac{d}{d\theta}\tau(\theta)$
- Where $I(\theta) = ni(\theta)$ is called the **Expected Fisher Information**.
- $I(\theta) = E \left[\left(\frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial \theta} \right)^2 \right] = -E \left[\frac{\partial^2 l(\theta)}{\partial \theta^2} \right]$

Evaluating Estimators

Theorem A Extended: Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a sample [note we don't have to have iid] with pdf $f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)$ and let $T(\mathbf{X})$ be an estimator [doesn't have to be unbiased] then based on regularity conditions we have:

$$V[T(\mathbf{X})] \geq \frac{\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} E[T(\mathbf{X})]\right]^2}{E\left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)\right)^2\right]} = \frac{\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} E[T(\mathbf{X})]\right]^2}{I(\theta)}$$

Cramer-Rao Inequality [lower bound]

- If $E[T(\mathbf{X})] = \tau(\theta)$, so $T(\mathbf{X})$ is an unbiased estimator for $\tau(\theta)$,

$$V[T(\mathbf{X})] \geq \frac{[\tau'(\theta)]^2}{I(\theta)}$$

- If we have iid samples:

$$V[T(\mathbf{X})] \geq \frac{[\tau'(\theta)]^2}{ni(\theta)}$$

Cramer-Rao Inequality [lower bound]

Eg: Poisson distribution: $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$.

$$f(x|\lambda) = \frac{\lambda^x \exp(-\lambda)}{x!}$$

- $\tau(\lambda) = \lambda \Rightarrow \frac{d}{d\theta} \tau(\lambda) = 1$.

Cramer-Rao Inequality [lower bound]

Eg: Poisson distribution.

$$\begin{aligned}i(\lambda) &= E \left[\left(\frac{d}{d\lambda} \ln\{f(x|\lambda)\} \right)^2 \right] \\&= E \left[\left(\frac{d}{d\lambda} \{x \ln(\lambda) - \lambda - x! \} \right)^2 \right] \\&= E \left[\left(\frac{X}{\lambda} - 1 \right)^2 \right] \\&= \frac{1}{\lambda^2} E \left[(X - \lambda)^2 \right] \\&= \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \text{Var}(X) \\&= \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \lambda = \frac{1}{\lambda}\end{aligned}$$

Cramer-Rao Inequality [lower bound]

$$V_{\lambda}(T) \geq \frac{1}{n\lambda^{-1}} = \frac{\lambda}{n}$$

We will show that a sufficient statistic for λ to be $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ so \bar{X} is also a sufficient statistic.

$$V(\bar{X}) = \frac{\lambda}{n}$$

We see that the lower bound is achieved by \bar{X} thus it is the **Uniform Minimum Variance Unbiased Estimator (UMVUE)** of λ .

Cramer-Rao Inequality - Regularity Conditions

- $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \ln\{f(x|\theta)\}$ exists for all x and θ ;
- interchange of integration and differentiation is permissible;
- The expectation $i(\theta) = E \left[\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \ln\{f(x|\theta)\} \right]^2 \right]$, where X is a generic random variable having distribution with density $f(x|\theta)$, is finite for all $\theta \in \Theta$.

Cramer-Rao Inequality - Proof

- The proof is based on the Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality: For any two random variables Y and Z :

$$[\text{Cov}(Y, Z)]^2 \leq V(Y)V(Z) \Rightarrow V(Y) \geq \frac{[\text{Cov}(Y, Z)]^2}{V(Z)}$$

- We choose Y in this equation to be $T(\mathbf{X})$ and Z to be $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)$.
- Recall:

$$V(Z) = E[Z^2] - (E[Z])^2$$

$$\text{Cov}(Y, Z) = E[YZ] - E[Y] E[Z]$$

Cramer-Rao Inequality - Proof

- First note:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} E[T(\mathbf{X})] &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \int_{\mathcal{X}} T(\mathbf{x}) f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) d\mathbf{x} \\ &= \int_{\mathcal{X}} T(\mathbf{x}) \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \right] d\mathbf{x} \\ &= \int_{\mathcal{X}} T(\mathbf{x}) \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \frac{f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)}{f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)} \right] d\mathbf{x} \\ &= E \left[T(\mathbf{X}) \frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)}{f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)} \right] \\ &= E \left[T(\mathbf{X}) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \right]\end{aligned}$$

Cramer-Rao Inequality - Proof

- Second note:

$$\begin{aligned} E \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \right] &= \int_{\mathcal{X}} \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \right] f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) d\mathbf{x} \\ &= \int_{\mathcal{X}} \left[\frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)}{f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)} \right] f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) d\mathbf{x} \\ &= \int_{\mathcal{X}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) d\mathbf{x} \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \int_{\mathcal{X}} f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) d\mathbf{x} \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (1) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Cramer-Rao Inequality - Proof

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov} \left[T(\mathbf{X}), \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \right] &= E \left[T(\mathbf{X}) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \right] \\ &\quad - E \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \right] E [T(\mathbf{X})] \\ &= E \left[T(\mathbf{X}) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \right] - [0] E [T(\mathbf{X})] \\ &= E \left[T(\mathbf{X}) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \right] \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} E[T(\mathbf{X})]\end{aligned}$$

Cramer-Rao Inequality - Proof

$$\begin{aligned} V \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \right] &= E \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \right)^2 \right] - \left(E \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \right] \right)^2 \\ &= E \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \right)^2 \right] - (0)^2 \\ &= E \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \right)^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

Cramer-Rao Inequality - Proof

$$V(Y) \geq \frac{[\text{Cov}(Y, Z)]^2}{V(Z)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V[T(\mathbf{X})] &\geq \frac{\left[\text{Cov} \left[T(\mathbf{X}), \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \right] \right]^2}{V \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \right]} \\ &\geq \frac{\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} E[T(\mathbf{X})] \right]^2}{E \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \right)^2 \right]} \end{aligned}$$

Cramer-Rao Inequality

- So we have:

$$V[T(\mathbf{X})] \geq \frac{\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} E[T(\mathbf{X})]\right]^2}{E\left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)\right)^2\right]}$$

Corollary (iid case): If the regularity conditions hold and $T(\mathbf{X})$ is an unbiased estimator for $\tau(\theta)$ and we have $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} f(x|\theta)$, then

$$V[T(\mathbf{X})] \geq \frac{\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} E[T(\mathbf{X})]\right]^2}{nE\left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(x|\theta)\right)^2\right]} = \frac{[\tau'(\theta)]^2}{ni(\theta)} = \{\tau'(\theta)\}^2 I(\theta)^{-1}$$

Cramer-Rao Inequality - Proof

- We need to show

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

Cramer-Rao Inequality - Proof

$$\begin{aligned} E \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \right)^2 \right] &= E \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i|\theta) \right)^2 \right] \\ &= E \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \sum_{i=1}^n \log f(x_i|\theta) \right)^2 \right] \\ &= E \left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(x_i|\theta) \right)^2 \right] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n E \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(x_i|\theta) \right)^2 \right] \\ &\quad + \sum_{i \neq j} E \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(x_i|\theta) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(x_j|\theta) \right) \end{aligned}$$

Cramer-Rao Inequality - Proof

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{i=1}^n E \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(x_i|\theta) \right)^2 \right] \\ &\quad + \sum_{i \neq j} E \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(x_i|\theta) \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(x_j|\theta) \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n E \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(x_i|\theta) \right)^2 \right] \\ &\quad + \sum_{i \neq j} E \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(x_i|\theta) \right) E \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(x_j|\theta) \right) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n E \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(x_i|\theta) \right)^2 \right] + [0][0] \\ &= nE \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(x|\theta) \right)^2 \right] = ni(\theta) \end{aligned}$$

Fisher Information

- The Fisher information, or expected Fisher information, or the information number is:

$$I(\theta) = E \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \right)^2 \right] = -E \left[\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \right) \right]$$

- For one data point we have:

$$i(\theta) = E \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(x|\theta) \right)^2 \right]$$

- For iid data:

$$ni(\theta) = I(\theta)$$

Fisher Information - Proof

- First note:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \\&= \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)}{f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)} \\&= \frac{\left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \right] f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) - \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \right] \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \right]}{[f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)]^2} \\&= \frac{\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)}{f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)} - \left[\frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)}{f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)} \right]^2 \\&= \frac{\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)}{f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)} - \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \right]^2\end{aligned}$$

Fisher Information - Proof

- Now let's take expectations:

$$\begin{aligned} E \left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \right] &= E \left[\frac{\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)}{f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)} \right] - E \left[\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \right]^2 \right] \\ &= -E \left[\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \right]^2 \right] + \int_{\mathcal{X}} \frac{\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)}{f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)} f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) d\mathbf{x} \\ &= -E \left[\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \right]^2 \right] + \int_{\mathcal{X}} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) d\mathbf{x} \\ &= -E \left[\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \right]^2 \right] + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \int_{\mathcal{X}} f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) d\mathbf{x} \\ &= -E \left[\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \right]^2 \right] + \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} [1] \\ &= -E \left[\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \right]^2 \right] + 0 \end{aligned}$$

Fisher Information - Proof

- So we have:

$$E \left[\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \right]^2 \right] = -E \left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \right]$$

- Note: We already showed $E \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \right] = 0$. We also showed the following (but just to make it clear)

$$\begin{aligned} V \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \right] &= E \left[\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \right]^2 \right] - \left(E \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \right] \right)^2 \\ &= E \left[\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \right]^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$