

Quadratic risk

Exercise 1 (Gaussian model – mean): 1. $\hat{\theta}(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$.

2. $E(\hat{\theta}(X)) = \theta$ so no bias.

3. $\text{var}(\hat{\theta}(X)) = \frac{1}{n} \sigma^2$ so quadratic risk:

$$R(\theta, \hat{\theta}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}.$$

4. Log-likelihood for $n = 1$:

$$\log p_{\theta}(x) = c - \frac{(x - \theta)^2}{2\sigma^2}$$

Fisher information for $n = 1$:

$$I(\theta) = \text{var}\left(\frac{\partial \log p_{\theta}(X)}{\partial \theta}\right) = \frac{1}{\sigma^2}$$

Fisher information for $n \geq 1$:

$$I(\theta) = \frac{n}{\sigma^2}$$

Cramer-Rao bound:

$$R(\theta, \hat{\theta}) \geq \frac{1}{I(\theta)} = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}.$$

The estimator is efficient.

Exercise 2 (Poisson model): 1. $\hat{\theta}(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$.

2. Unbiased: $E(\hat{\theta}(X)) = \theta$

3. $\text{var}(\hat{\theta}(X)) = \frac{1}{n} \theta$ so quadratic risk:

$$R(\theta, \hat{\theta}) = \frac{\theta}{n}.$$

4. Log-likelihood for $n = 1$:

$$\log p_{\theta}(x) = c - \theta + x \log \theta.$$

Fisher information for $n = 1$:

$$I(\theta) = \text{var}\left(\frac{\partial \log p_{\theta}(X)}{\partial \theta}\right) = \frac{\text{var}(X)}{\theta^2} = \frac{1}{\theta}.$$

Fisher information for $n \geq 1$:

$$I(\theta) = \frac{n}{\theta}$$

Cramer-Rao bound:

$$R(\theta, \hat{\theta}) \geq \frac{1}{I(\theta)} = \frac{\theta}{n}.$$

The estimator is efficient.

Exercise 3 (Poisson model bis): 1. $\hat{g}_{\text{MLE}}(x) = e^{-\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i}$ and $\hat{g}_{\text{MME}}(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n 1_{x_i=0}$.

2. The MLE is biased (by Jensen's inequality), not the MME.

3. The MLE cannot be efficient since biased. For the MME, we get:

$$\text{var}(\hat{g}_{\text{MME}}(X)) = \frac{1}{n} e^{-\theta} (1 - e^{-\theta}).$$

So risk:

$$R(\theta, \hat{g}_{\text{MME}}) = \frac{1}{n} e^{-\theta} (1 - e^{-\theta}).$$

Fisher information:

$$I(\theta) = \frac{n}{\theta}$$

Cramer-Rao bound:

$$R(\theta, \hat{g}) \geq \frac{g'(\theta)^2}{I(\theta)} = \frac{\theta e^{-2\theta}}{n}.$$

The estimator is not efficient.

Exercise 4 (Translated exponential):

1. $\hat{\theta}_{\text{MLE}}(x) = \min_{i=1, \dots, n} x_i$, $\hat{\theta}_{\text{MME}}(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - 1$.

2. $E(\hat{\theta}_{\text{MLE}}(x)) = \theta + \frac{1}{n}$, biased. $E(\hat{\theta}_{\text{MME}}(x)) = \theta$, unbiased.

3. $\text{var}(\hat{\theta}_{\text{MLE}}) = \frac{1}{n^2}$, $R(\theta, \hat{\theta}_{\text{MLE}}) = \frac{2}{n^2}$.
 $\text{var}(\hat{\theta}_{\text{MME}}) = \frac{1}{n}$, $R(\theta, \hat{\theta}_{\text{MME}}) = \frac{1}{n}$.

The MLE is better than the MM estimator in terms of quadratic risk (except for $n = 1$), although not efficient because biased.

Exercise 5 (Mixture model): 1. $\hat{\theta}(x) = \frac{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - \frac{1}{\lambda}}{\frac{1}{\mu} - \frac{1}{\lambda}}$

2. Unbiased. Risk:

$$R(\theta, \hat{\theta}) = \text{var}(\hat{\theta}) = \frac{2 \left(\frac{\theta}{\mu^2} + \frac{1-\theta}{\lambda^2} \right)}{n \left(\frac{1}{\mu} - \frac{1}{\lambda} \right)^2}$$

3. With $n = 1$,

$$\log p_{\theta}(x) = \log(\theta \mu e^{-\mu x} + (1 - \theta) \lambda e^{-\lambda x})$$

so that

$$I(\theta) = n E \left(\left(\frac{\mu e^{-\mu X} - \lambda e^{-\lambda X}}{\theta \mu e^{-\mu X} + (1 - \theta) \lambda e^{-\lambda X}} \right)^2 \right)$$

For $\mu \rightarrow +\infty$,

$$R(\theta, \hat{\theta}) \rightarrow \frac{2(1 - \theta)}{n}, \quad I(\theta) \rightarrow \frac{(1 - \theta)^2}{n}.$$

Inefficient.

Exercise 6 (Gaussian vector):

Consider the estimator:

$$\hat{g}(x) = w^T \hat{\theta} \quad \text{with} \quad \hat{\theta} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i.$$

1. No bias:

$$\mathbb{E}(\hat{g}(X)) = w^T \mathbb{E}\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) = w^T \theta.$$

Variance:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{var}(\hat{g}(X)) &= \text{var}\left(w^T \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) \\ &= \text{var}\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n w^T X_i\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \text{var}(w^T X_1) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} w^T \Gamma w. \end{aligned}$$

Quadratic risk:

$$R(\theta, \hat{g}) = \frac{1}{n} w^T \Gamma w.$$

2. Log-likelihood for $n = 1$:

$$\log p_{\theta}(x) = c - \frac{1}{2}(x - \theta)^T \Gamma^{-1}(x - \theta).$$

Gradient:

$$\nabla \log p_{\theta}(x) = -\Gamma^{-1}(x - \theta).$$

Fisher information for $n = 1$:

$$I(\theta) = \text{cov}(\nabla \log p_{\theta}(X)) = \Gamma^{-1}.$$

Fisher information for $n \geq 1$:

$$I(\theta) = n\Gamma^{-1}.$$

Cramer-Rao:

$$R(\theta, \hat{g}) \geq \nabla g(\theta)^T I(\theta)^{-1} \nabla g(\theta) = \frac{1}{n} w^T \Gamma w.$$

The estimator is efficient.