

MSE for Binomial model

$$X \sim \text{Bin}(n, \theta)$$

$$\hat{\theta}_{\text{mle}} = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

$$E[\hat{\theta}_{\text{mle}}] = E\left[n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right] = \frac{1}{n} E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right] = \frac{1}{n} n E[x_i] = \theta.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_{\text{mle}}) &= \text{Var}\left(n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right) = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(x_i) \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} n \theta(1-\theta) = \frac{\theta(1-\theta)}{n} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{bias}(\hat{\theta}_{\text{mle}}) &= E[\hat{\theta}_{\text{mle}} - \theta] = E[\hat{\theta}_{\text{mle}}] - E[\theta] \\ &= \theta - \theta = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MSE}(\hat{\theta}_{\text{mle}}) &= \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_{\text{mle}}) + [\text{bias}(\hat{\theta}_{\text{mle}})]^2 \\ &= \frac{\theta(1-\theta)}{n} - 0^2 = \frac{\theta(1-\theta)}{n} \end{aligned}$$

The maximum likelihood estimator for θ is unbiased: its expectation is theoretically equal to the parameter.

Reference: Introduction to Mathematical Statistics;
Hogg, McKean, Craig; 2019