

Theorem.

$$se = \sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{n}}$$

Proof. It is sufficient to prove

$$\mathbb{V}(\hat{p}_n) = \frac{p(1-p)}{n}$$

We already know that

$$\mathbb{E}_\theta(\hat{p}_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{E}(X_i) = p$$

On the other hand, because $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \text{Bernoulli}(p)$,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}_\theta(\hat{p}_n^2) &= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^n \mathbb{E}_\theta(X_i X_j) \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}_\theta(X_i^2) + 2 \sum_{i \neq j} \mathbb{E}_\theta(X_i) \mathbb{E}_\theta(X_j) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n p + 2 \binom{n}{2} p^2 \right) = p^2 + \frac{p(1-p)}{n} \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{V}_\theta(\hat{p}_n) &= \mathbb{E}_\theta(\hat{p}_n^2) - (\mathbb{E}_\theta(\hat{p}_n))^2 \\ &= p^2 + \frac{p(1-p)}{n} - p^2 = \frac{p(1-p)}{n} \end{aligned}$$

The theorem is proved. □