

Problem 1

$$(1) \quad p(x|\mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

The log-likelihood function is:

$$\log p(x|\mu, \sigma^2) = -\frac{\log(2\pi)}{2} - \frac{\log(\sigma^2)}{2} - \frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}$$

Taking the partial derivatives with respect to μ and σ^2 , we get:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \log p(x|\mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{(x-\mu)}{\sigma^2}, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma^2} \log p(x|\mu, \sigma^2) = -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^4}$$

Taking the second partial derivatives with respect to μ and σ^2 , we get:

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \mu^2} \log p(x|\mu, \sigma^2) = -\frac{1}{\sigma^2}, \quad \frac{\partial^2}{\partial (\sigma^2)^2} \log p(x|\mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{2\sigma^4} - \frac{(x-\mu)^2}{\sigma^6}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \mu \partial \sigma^2} \log p(x|\mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{(x-\mu)}{\sigma^4}$$

Now we need to take the expectations of these partial derivatives under the distribution.

$$E[(x-\mu)^2] = \sigma^2, \quad E[(x-\mu)^4] = 3\sigma^4, \quad E[(x-\mu)] = 0$$

Using these expectations, we can compute the elements of the Fisher information matrix

$$I_{\mu, \mu} = -E\left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \mu^2} \log p(x|\mu, \sigma^2)\right] = \frac{1}{\sigma^2}$$

$$I_{\sigma^2, \sigma^2} = -E\left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial (\sigma^2)^2} \log p(x|\mu, \sigma^2)\right] = \frac{1}{2\sigma^4}$$

$$I_{\mu, \sigma^2} = -E\left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \mu \partial \sigma^2} \log p(x|\mu, \sigma^2)\right] = 0$$

Therefore, the Fisher information matrix for a Gaussian distribution with μ and σ^2 is

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_{\mu, \mu} & I_{\mu, \sigma^2} \\ I_{\mu, \sigma^2} & I_{\sigma^2, \sigma^2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sigma^2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2\sigma^4} \end{bmatrix}$$

(2) We have already computed the Fisher information matrix for this model:

$$I_{\mu, \mu} = \frac{N}{\sigma^2}, \quad I_{\mu, \sigma^2} = 0, \quad I_{\sigma^2, \sigma^2} = \frac{N}{2\sigma^4} \quad \text{where } N \text{ is the sample size}$$

We can use the formula for the Cramér-Rao bound to find a lower bound on the variance of any unbiased estimator for ' μ '. In particular, we can use the estimator,

$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N X_k \quad \text{which is an unbiased estimator of } \mu.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{We can compute its variance as: } \text{Var}(\hat{\mu}) &= \text{Var}\left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N X_k\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{N^2} \text{Var}\left(\sum_{k=1}^N X_k\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{k=1}^N \text{Var}(X_k) \\ &= \frac{1}{N^2} \cdot N \cdot \sigma^2 \quad \because X_k \text{ are iid sampled.} \\ &= \frac{\sigma^2}{N} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus } \text{Var}(\hat{\mu}) &\geq \frac{1}{I_{\mu, \mu}} \\ &= \frac{\sigma^2}{\frac{N}{\sigma^2}} \\ &= \frac{\sigma^2}{N} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the Cramér-Rao bound for the parameter μ is $\frac{\sigma^2}{N}$, which is achieved by $\hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N X_k$

(3) To find the variance of σ^2 , we can use the fact that:

$$\frac{(N-1)\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^{2(N-1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, we have: } \text{Var}(\hat{\sigma}^2) &= \text{Var}\left(\frac{(N-1)\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma^2} \cdot \frac{1}{N-1}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{(N-1)^2} \text{Var}\left((N-1) \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\sigma^2}\right) \\ &= \frac{2(N-1)}{N-3} \sigma^4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{And we know } I_{\sigma^2, \sigma^2} = \frac{N}{2\sigma^4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, the Cramér-Rao bound for } \sigma^2 \text{ is: } \text{Var}(\hat{\sigma}^2) &\geq \frac{1}{I_{\sigma^2, \sigma^2}} \\ &= \frac{2\sigma^4}{N} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{2(N-1)}{N-3} \sigma^4 \geq \frac{2\sigma^4}{N} (N-1)(N-3) \geq N \cdot N^2 - 4N + 3 \geq 0 \quad (N-1)(N-3) \geq 0$$

Problem 2

(1) For the Bernoulli distribution with parameter θ , the log-likelihood function is

$$l(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^N \log P(X_i|\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^N [X_i \log \theta + (1-X_i) \log (1-\theta)]$$

Taking the first derivative of the log-likelihood function with respect to θ , we get

$$\frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[\frac{X_i}{\theta} - \frac{1-X_i}{1-\theta} \right]$$

Taking the second derivative, we get

$$\frac{\partial^2 l(\theta)}{\partial \theta^2} = - \sum_{i=1}^N \left[\frac{X_i}{\theta^2} + \frac{1-X_i}{(1-\theta)^2} \right]$$

Therefore, the Fisher information for the parameter θ is

$$I(\theta) = -E \left[\frac{\partial^2 l(\theta)}{\partial \theta^2} \right] = E \left[\sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{X_i}{\theta^2} + \frac{1-X_i}{(1-\theta)^2} \right) \right] = \sum_{i=1}^N \left[\frac{\theta}{\theta^2} + \frac{1-\theta}{(1-\theta)^2} \right] = \frac{N}{\theta(1-\theta)}$$

(2) The unbiased estimator for θ is $\hat{\theta} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N X_k$

The variance of X wrt Bernoulli distribution is $\text{Var}(X) = \theta(1-\theta)$

Then, the variance of $\hat{\theta}$ is

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}) = \text{Var} \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N X_k \right) = \frac{1}{N^2} \sum_{k=1}^N \text{Var}(X_k) = \frac{1}{N^2} \cdot N \cdot \theta(1-\theta) = \frac{\theta(1-\theta)}{N}$$

Therefore, the Cramér-Rao lower bound for the variance of $\hat{\theta}$ is

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}) \geq \frac{1}{I(\theta)} = \frac{\theta(1-\theta)}{N}$$