

## Lecture 6. Rao-Cramer bound.

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fix finite sample // Before unbiasedness  
and efficiency,

## Asymptotic properties: consistency

We say that  $\hat{\theta}_n$  is *consistent* for  $\theta$  if  $\hat{\theta}_n \rightarrow_p \theta$ .

CLT  
use LLN &  
Lmt. mapping theor  
non-parametric  
est. & Delta method

$$X_1, \dots, X_n \sim \text{iid } F \quad \mu = \mathbb{E} X_i$$

$$\hat{\mu} = \bar{x}_n \xrightarrow{P} \mu \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

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

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \xrightarrow{P} \mathbb{E} x_i^2$$

$$\bar{x} \xrightarrow{P} \mathbb{E} x_i = \mu$$

$\downarrow P$

$$\mathbb{E} x_i^2 - (\mathbb{E} x_i)^2$$

$$= \text{Var}(x_i)$$

$$\text{CMT: } \frac{n}{n-1} \rightarrow 1$$

# Asymptotic normality

We say that  $\hat{\theta}$  is *asymptotically normal* if there are sequences  $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  and  $\{r_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  and constant  $\sigma^2$  such that  $r_n(\hat{\theta} - a_n) \Rightarrow N(0, \sigma^2)$ .

Then  $r_n$  is called the *rate of convergence*,  $a_n$  - the *asymptotic mean*, and  $\sigma^2$  - the *asymptotic variance*.

In many cases, one can choose  $a_n = \theta$  and  $r_n = \sqrt{n}$ .

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta} - \theta) \Rightarrow N(0, \sigma^2)$$

$$\bar{X} = \hat{u} \quad \sum x_i = u$$

By CLT:  $\sqrt{n}(\hat{u} - u) \Rightarrow N(0, \sigma^2)$        $\sigma^2 = \text{var}(x_i)$

$$S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 = \frac{n}{n-1} \cdot \frac{1}{n} \sum_i y_i^2 - \frac{n}{n-1} (\bar{y})^2$$

$$\left| \begin{array}{l} y_i = x_i - u \\ E y_i = 0 \\ E y_i^2 = \sigma^2 \\ y_i - \bar{y} = x_i - \bar{x} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\sigma}^2 - \sigma^2) = \frac{n}{n-1} \cdot \sqrt{n} \left[ \frac{1}{n} \sum y_i^2 - \sigma^2 \right] + \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n-1} \sigma^2 - \frac{n}{n-1} \sqrt{n} (\bar{y})^2$$

from day 2 ex.

$$\sqrt{n} \left[ \underbrace{\frac{1}{n} \sum y_i^2}_{\text{avg}} - \sigma^2 \right] \quad \text{is i.i.d. CLT} \Rightarrow N(0, \sigma^2) \quad v = \mathbb{E} [(y_i^2 - \mathbb{E} y_i^2)^2]$$

$$\cdot \frac{n}{n-1} \rightarrow 1 \quad \frac{\sqrt{n}}{n-1} \rightarrow 0$$

$$\cdot \sqrt{n} (\bar{Y})^2 = \underbrace{\sqrt{n} \cdot \bar{Y} \cdot \bar{Y}}_{\xrightarrow{d} N(0, \sigma^2)}$$

$$\bar{Y} \rightarrow \mathbb{E} Y_i = 0 \\ \sqrt{n} [\bar{Y} - 0] \rightarrow N(0, \sigma^2)$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{n} [S^2 - \sigma^2] \rightarrow N(0, v)$$

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## Methods for constructing estimators: Maximum Likelihood

$f_{\theta}(x)$ : density function  $f$  for  $x$  realised  $x \sim \theta$ : likelihood.

- Let  $f(x|\theta) = f(x_1, \dots, x_n|\theta)$  be joint pdf of  $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n) \sim \text{iid } f(x|\theta)$
- for i.i.d. sample  $f(x|\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n f_i(x_i|\theta)$ , where  $f_i(x_i|\theta)$  is the pdf of one observation

$$\hat{\theta}_{ML} = \arg \max_{\theta \in \Theta} f(x_1, \dots, x_n|\theta).$$

Eg 1)  $x_1, \dots, x_n \sim \text{iid } N(\mu, \sigma^2)$        $\theta = (\mu, \sigma^2)$

$D^{(\text{pdf})} f(x_i|\theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (x_i - \mu)^2 \right\}$        $\downarrow \text{plug in true obs}$

$$f(x|\theta) = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \right)^n \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_i (x_i - \mu)^2 \right\} \rightarrow \max_{\mu, \sigma^2}$$

$$\ell(\theta) = n \log(\sqrt{2\pi}) - \underbrace{\frac{n}{2} \log \sigma^2}_{\sigma^2 \text{ is an object}} - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_i (x_i - \mu)^2 \rightarrow \max_{\mu, \sigma^2}$$

$$\text{FOC } \frac{\partial l}{\partial \mu} = \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_i (x_i - \bar{x}) = 0 \rightarrow \sum (x_i - \mu) = 0 \quad \underline{\underline{\mu = \bar{x}}}$$

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \sigma^2} = -\frac{n}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{2\sigma^4} \sum (x_i - \mu)^2 = 0 \text{ when } \underline{\underline{\sigma^2 \text{ is optimal}}}$$

This is the  
biased MLE  $\rightarrow \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_i (x_i - \bar{x})^2$

as not correct  
for degrees of freedom

Eg 2)  $x_1, \dots, x_n \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$  i discrete in  $n$  but  
but in  $p$ .

PMF for one obs  $f(x_i = x_i | \theta) = p^{x_i} (1-p)^{1-x_i}$

log likeli for one obs  $l_1(\theta) = x_i \log p + (1-x_i) \log (1-p)$

$\underline{\ln(p)} = \log p \cdot \sum x_i + \log(1-p) \cdot (n - \sum x_i) \rightarrow \max_{\text{wrt } p}$

FOC  $\frac{\sum x_i}{\hat{p}} - \frac{n - \sum x_i}{1 - \hat{p}} = 0$

$$(1 - \hat{p}) \cdot \sum x_i = \hat{p} (n - \sum x_i)$$

$$\sum x_i = \hat{p} \cdot (n - \sum x_i)$$

$$\sum x_i = \hat{p} \cdot n$$

$$\hat{p} = \frac{\sum x_i}{n} = \bar{x}$$

# Fisher Information

Parametric family:

- $\mathcal{X} \xrightarrow{\text{joint pdf}} \theta$  with  $\theta \in \Theta$ ,  $f(\cdot|\theta)$  is pdf or pmf
- $\text{Supp}_\theta = \{x : f(x|\theta) > 0\}$  is support of distribution  $f(x|\theta)$  for  $\theta \in \Theta$
- $\ell(\theta|X) = \log f(X|\theta)$  is log-likelihood function
- $s(\theta) = \frac{\partial \ell(\theta|X)}{\partial \theta}$  is called score — depends on  $\theta$  but is random  
bec plug in sample

$$f(x|\theta) = \mathcal{L}(\theta|x) \rightarrow \max \theta$$

$$\ell(\theta|x) \rightarrow \max_{\theta}$$

$$\text{FOC: } s(\hat{\theta}) = 0$$

so you may think about of mean, variance.

# Fisher Information

Assume that

- $\text{Supp}_{\theta}$  does not depend on  $\theta$
- $\ell(\theta|x)$  is twice continuously differentiable in  $\theta$  for all  $x \in \text{Supp}$
- $\left| \frac{\partial^2 \ell(\theta|x)}{\partial \theta^2} \right| \leq g(x)$  such that  $\mathbb{E}g(X) < \infty$

## Definition 1.

$I(\theta) = \mathbb{E}_{\theta} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial \ell(\theta|X)}{\partial \theta} \right)^2 \right]$  is called Fisher information.

$$\text{Var}(S(\theta)) =$$

# Information equalities

## Theorem 1.

In the setting above,

$$(1) \quad \mathbb{E}_\theta \left[ \frac{\partial \ell(\theta|X)}{\partial \theta} \right] = \mathbb{E}_\theta[s(\theta)] = 0 \quad \text{Information equality } \underline{s(\theta_0) = 0}$$
$$(2) \quad I(\theta) = -\mathbb{E}_\theta \left[ \frac{\partial^2 \ell(\theta|X)}{\partial \theta^2} \right].$$

- Fisher info is :  $I = \text{Var}(S(\theta)) = E[S^2(\theta)] = E \left[ \left( \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \theta} \right)^2 \right]$
- you take two derivatives of log. like  $= E \left[ \frac{\partial^2 \ell}{\partial \theta^2} \right]$  ↪ also calculate info

e.g.) for one observation

$$x \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

$$\ell_1(\theta|x) = \log(\sqrt{2\pi}) - \frac{1}{2} \log(\sigma^2) - \frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \mu} = 2 \frac{(x-\mu)}{2\sigma^2} = \underbrace{\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma^2}}_{\text{random}} \quad \underbrace{\text{not random}}$$

$$E\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma^2}\right) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \sigma^2} &= \frac{-1}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^4} \\ &\quad \downarrow \text{N.R.} \\ &= \underbrace{\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^4}}_{\text{II}} \end{aligned}$$

$$S(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{n-\mu}{\sigma^2} \\ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^4} \end{pmatrix}$$

Two parameters, info be matrix.

$$I_1 = E[S(\theta)S^T(\theta)] = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{E[(x-u)^2]}{\sigma^4} & \\ & n \end{pmatrix} \cdot E\left[\left(\frac{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{(x-u)^2}{2\sigma^4}}{\frac{1}{2\sigma^4}}\right)^2\right] = \frac{1}{4\sigma^4} + \frac{E[(x-u)^4]}{4\sigma^8} - \frac{2(x-u)^2}{4\sigma^6}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\sigma^4}$$

Fisher info. be  $I_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sigma^2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2\sigma^4} \end{pmatrix}$

$$S(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma^2} \\ \frac{-1}{2\sigma^2} + \frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^4} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \theta^2} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \mu \partial \mu} & \frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \mu \partial \sigma^2} \\ \frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \sigma^2 \partial \mu} & \frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \sigma^2 \partial \sigma^2} \end{pmatrix}$$

## Examples

$$E \frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial u \partial \mu} = -\frac{1}{6} ; E \frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial u \partial \sigma^2} = \frac{-x-u}{64} ; \frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \sigma^2 \partial \sigma^2} = \frac{1}{264} \frac{-2(x-u)^2}{264}$$
$$= 0$$
$$I_2 = -E \frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \theta^2} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{6^2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{264} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \frac{1}{264} \frac{-6^2}{6^6} = -\frac{1}{264}$$

Eg2) Bernoulli (for 1 obs)

$$f(x|\theta) = p^x (1-p)^{1-x}$$

→ log

$$1) l(p) = \log p \cdot x - \log (1-p) \cdot (1-x)$$

$$2) s(p) = \frac{\partial l}{\partial p} = \frac{x}{p} - \frac{1-x}{1-p} \rightarrow \text{Some } Es = \frac{Ex}{p} - \frac{1-Ex}{1-p} = 0$$

## Examples

3) Now to info:

$$I_2 = E \left( \left[ \frac{x}{p} - \frac{1-x}{1-p} \right]^2 \right) = E \left[ \frac{x-px-p+px}{p(1-p)} \right]^2$$

$$= \frac{E[(x-p)^2]}{p^2(1-p)^2} \leftarrow \text{var}$$

$$= \frac{\text{Var}(x)}{p^2(1-p)^2} = \frac{p(1-p)}{p^2(1-p)} = \frac{1}{p(1-p)} \leftarrow \text{info. f one draw.}$$

Now in second way:

$$\frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial p \partial p} = \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left[ \frac{x}{p} - \frac{1-x}{1-p} \right] = \frac{-x}{p^2} - \frac{(1-x)}{(1-p)^2}$$

Now taking Exp

$$E \frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial p \partial p} = - \frac{E x}{p^2} - \frac{E(1-x)}{(1-p)^2} = \frac{p}{p^2} - \frac{1-p}{(1-p)^2}$$

$$= \frac{-1}{p} - \frac{1}{1-p} = -\frac{1}{p(1-p)}$$

$$I_2 = -E \frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial p \partial p} = \frac{1}{p(1-p)}$$

## Information for a random sample

- Let  $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$  be i.i.d. sample from  $f_1(x_i|\theta)$ .
- Fisher information for the  $\underset{i}{\text{full sample}}$   $\uparrow$  pdf for one obs.  
so gaussian,

$$I(\theta) = \underset{n}{\underbrace{n I_1(\theta)}}$$

where  $I_1(\theta)$  is Fisher information for one random draw from  $f_1(x_i|\theta)$ .

$$f_n(x_1, \dots, x_n|\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n f_1(x_i|\theta)$$

$$\ln(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \ell_1(\theta|x_i)$$

$$\begin{aligned} e\left[-\frac{\partial^2 \ln}{\partial \theta \partial \theta}\right] &= e\left[\sum_{i=1}^n -\frac{\partial^2 \ell_1}{\partial \theta \partial \theta}(\theta|x_i)\right] = \sum_{i=1}^n \left[-\frac{\partial^2 \ell_1}{\partial \theta \partial \theta}(\theta|x_i)\right] \\ &= n I_1(\theta) \end{aligned}$$

Rao-Cramer bound : bound on variance : found efficient est. in class biasedness help

### Theorem 2 (Rao-Cramer bound).

Let  $X$  be a random data with distribution  $f(x|\theta)$  and information  $I(\theta)$ . Let  $W(X)$  be an estimator of  $\theta$  such that

$$(1) \frac{d}{d\theta} E_\theta[W(X)] = \int W(x) \frac{\partial f(x|\theta)}{\partial \theta} dx$$

$$(2) \text{Var}(W) < \infty.$$

Then

$$\hat{\theta} = W(X) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{try to est-} \\ \text{if } \hat{\theta} \text{ is} \\ \text{unbiased} \\ \text{then } E\hat{\theta} = \theta \end{array}$$

$$\text{Var}(W) \geq \left( \underbrace{\frac{d}{d\theta} E_\theta[W(X)]}_{\text{technically ass.}} \right)^2 \frac{1}{I(\theta)}. \quad \begin{array}{l} \frac{d}{d\theta} E\hat{\theta} \\ \text{Info.} \end{array}$$

In particular, if  $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$  is an i.i.d. random sample and

$W$  is unbiased for  $\theta$ , then

$$\text{Var}(W) \geq \frac{1}{I(\theta)} = \frac{1}{n I_1(\theta)} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{for any unbiased est. } \hat{\theta} \\ \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}) \geq \frac{1}{I(\hat{\theta})} = \frac{1}{n I_1(\hat{\theta})} \end{array}$$

e.g.)  $X_i \sim \text{iid Bernoulli}(p)$

MLE est. for  $\hat{p} = \bar{X}$        $E\hat{p} = p$  unbiased

$$\text{Var}(\hat{p}) = \frac{p(1-p)}{n}$$

$$\underbrace{\text{Var}(\text{Unbiased est})}_{\text{Var}(\bar{X})} \geq \frac{1}{n \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{p(1-p)}} = \frac{p(1-p)}{\underbrace{n}_{\text{Var}(\bar{X})}}$$

Thus, est. is unbiased one.

$\hat{p}_1$      $\hat{p}_2$   
↑ more efficient than  $\hat{p}_1$   
But mse comes down,

