

Assignment 5

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Problem Statement

(Papoulis chap-8 - 8.41) Let $T(x)$ represent an unbiased estimator for the unknown parameter $\psi(\theta)$ based on the random variables $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) = x$ under joint density function $f(x, \theta)$. Show that the Crammer-Rao lower bound for the parameter $\psi(\theta)$ satisfies the inequality

$$\text{Var } T(x) \geq \frac{[\psi'(\theta)]^2}{E \left\{ \left(\frac{\partial \log f(x, \theta)}{\partial \theta} \right)^2 \right\}}$$

Solution

$$E[T(x)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} T(x)f(x; \theta)dx = \psi(\theta) \quad (1)$$

So after differentiating with respect to θ we get

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} T(x) \frac{\partial f(x, \theta)}{\partial \theta} dx = \psi'(\theta) \quad (2)$$

Replacing $T(x)$ as $\psi(\theta)$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi(\theta) \frac{\partial f(x, \theta)}{\partial \theta} dx = 0 \quad (3)$$

On subtracting equation 2 with 3 we get

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [T(x) - \psi(\theta)] \frac{\partial f(x, \theta)}{\partial \theta} dx = \psi'(\theta) \quad (4)$$

we can say

$$\frac{\partial \log f(x, \theta)}{\partial \theta} f(x; \theta) = \frac{\partial f(x; \theta)}{\partial \theta} \quad (5)$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} [T(x) - \psi(\theta)] f(x; \theta) \frac{\partial \log f(x, \theta)}{\partial \theta} dx = \psi'(\theta) \quad (6)$$

From cauchy schwarz inequality we can give

$$E[[T(x) - \psi(\theta)]^2] \geq \frac{[\psi'(\theta)]^2}{E \left\{ \left(\frac{\partial \log f(x, \theta)}{\partial \theta} \right)^2 \right\}}$$