

Example 5.12  $X_i \sim \text{Ber}(p)$ ,  $p \in (0,1)$

From Example 5.7:  $l(p) = n \log(1-p) + S \cdot \log \frac{p}{1-p}$

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i.$$

$$\frac{d^2}{dp^2} l(p) = \frac{1}{(1-p)^2} (-n+S) - \frac{S}{p^2}$$

Fisher information  $I(p) = \mathbb{E}_X \left[ -\frac{d^2}{dp^2} l(p; X) \right]$

$$= \mathbb{E}_X \left[ -\frac{S-n}{(1-p)^2} + \frac{S}{p^2} \right]$$

$$\hookrightarrow X = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n), \quad S = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$$

$$= \frac{n}{(1-p)^2} + \mathbb{E}[S] \cdot \left( \frac{-1}{(1-p)^2} + \frac{1}{p^2} \right) \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}S = np.$$

$$= \dots = \frac{n}{(1-p)p} \quad \text{So, the CRLB says } \text{Var} T \geq \frac{1}{I(p)} = \frac{(1-p)p}{n}.$$

$$\text{Compare } \hat{p}_{ML} = \frac{1}{n} S, \text{ so } \text{Var}(\hat{p}_{ML}) = \frac{1}{n^2} \text{Var} S = \frac{np(1-p)}{n^2} = \frac{(1-p)p}{n}.$$

So,  $\hat{p}_{ML}$  attains the CRLB.

Asymptotically  $\hat{p}_{ML} \overset{\text{approx}}{\sim} \mathcal{N}\left(p, \frac{p(1-p)}{n}\right)$ , so

$\left( \hat{p}_{ML} - 2\sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}}, \hat{p}_{ML} + 2\sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}(1-\hat{p})}{n}} \right)$  is a 95%-confidence interval for  $p$ .