



# Mathematical Statistics



## Homework 2



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### C & B 7.14

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be independent exponential random variables, with

$$f(x|\lambda) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \exp \{-x/\lambda\}, \quad x > 0, \quad f(y|\mu) = \frac{1}{\mu} \exp \{-y/\mu\}, \quad y > 0.$$

We observe  $Z$  and  $W$  with

$$Z = \min(X, Y) \text{ and } W = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } Z = X \\ 0 & \text{if } Z = Y \end{cases}$$

In Exercise 4.26, the joint distribution of  $Z$  and  $W$  was obtained. Now assume that  $(Z_i, W_i), i = 1, \dots, n$ , are  $n$  iid observations. Find the MLEs of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ .

### Solution

To find the joint density,  $f(z, w|\lambda, \mu)$ , of  $Z$  and  $W$ , we first find  $P(Z \leq z, W = w)$ . For  $W = 1$ , we have

$$P(Z \leq z, W = w) = P(X \leq z, X < Y) \tag{1}$$

$$= \int_0^z \int_x^\infty \frac{1}{\lambda} \exp \{-x/\lambda\} \frac{1}{\mu} \exp \{-y/\mu\} \, dy dx \tag{2}$$

$$= \int_0^z \frac{1}{\lambda} \exp \{-x/\lambda\} \exp \{-x/\mu\} \, dx \tag{3}$$

$$= \int_0^z \frac{1}{\lambda} \exp \left\{ -x \left[ \frac{\mu + \lambda}{\mu \lambda} \right] \right\} \, dx \tag{4}$$

$$= -\frac{\mu}{\mu + \lambda} \left( \exp \left\{ -z \left[ \frac{\mu + \lambda}{\mu \lambda} \right] \right\} - 1 \right). \tag{5}$$

By symmetry, we have

$$P(Z \leq z, W = 0) = -\frac{\lambda}{\mu + \lambda} \left( \exp \left\{ -z \left[ \frac{\mu + \lambda}{\mu \lambda} \right] \right\} \right).$$

Thus, for  $W = 1$ , the joint density of  $Z$  and  $W$  is

$$\frac{d}{dz} \left[ -\frac{\mu}{\mu + \lambda} \left( \exp \left\{ -z \left[ \frac{\mu + \lambda}{\mu \lambda} \right] \right\} - 1 \right) \right] = \frac{1}{\mu} \exp \left\{ -z \left[ \frac{\mu + \lambda}{\mu \lambda} \right] \right\},$$

and, for  $W = 0$ , it is

$$\frac{d}{dz} \left[ -\frac{\lambda}{\mu + \lambda} \left( \exp \left\{ -z \left[ \frac{\mu + \lambda}{\mu \lambda} \right] \right\} - 1 \right) \right] = \frac{1}{\lambda} \exp \left\{ -z \left[ \frac{\mu + \lambda}{\mu \lambda} \right] \right\}.$$

Now, the likelihood function for  $(Z_i, W_i)$  is

$$L = \prod_{i=1}^n f(z_i, w_i | \lambda, \mu).$$

Suppose that for  $m$  of the observations, the  $W_i$  take the value 1. Then the  $W_i$  take the value 0 for  $n - m$  observations. Thus, we can write

$$L = \prod_{i=1}^n f(z_i, w_i | \lambda, \mu) \tag{6}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\mu^m} \frac{1}{\lambda^{n-m}} \exp \left\{ - \left[ \frac{\mu + \lambda}{\mu \lambda} \right] \sum_{i=1}^n z_i \right\}. \tag{7}$$

Therefore, the log-likelihood function is

$$\mathcal{L} = -m \log(\mu) - (n - m) \log(\lambda) - \frac{\mu + \lambda}{\mu \lambda} \sum_{i=1}^n z_i.$$

To find the MLEs of  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ , we solve  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \mathcal{L} = 0$  and  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \mathcal{L} = 0$ . But the solution to

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \mathcal{L} = -(n - m) \frac{1}{\lambda} + \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \sum_{i=1}^n z_i \tag{8}$$

$$= 0 \tag{9}$$

is

$$\hat{\lambda} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n z_i}{n - m}.$$

Similarly, the solution to  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \mathcal{L} = 0$  is

$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n z_i}{m}.$$

Using the second-derivative test, we can see that these points maximize  $\mathcal{L}$ . Thus,  $(\hat{\lambda}, \hat{\mu})$  is the MLE of  $(\lambda, \mu)$ .

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Suppose that the random variables  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n$  satisfy

$$Y_i = \beta x_i + \epsilon_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n,$$

where  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are fixed constants, and  $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \dots, \epsilon_n$  are iid  $n(0, \sigma^2)$ , with  $\sigma^2$  unknown.

- (a) Find a two-dimensional sufficient statistic for  $(\beta, \sigma^2)$ .
- (b) Find the MLE of  $\beta$ , and show that it is an unbiased estimator of  $\beta$ .
- (c) Find the distribution of the MLE of  $\beta$ .

**Solution**

(a) We begin by finding the distribution of each  $Y_i$ . This is easily achieved using the method of moment-generating functions. We have

$$M_{Y_i}(t) = M_{\beta x_i + \epsilon_i}(t) \tag{10}$$

$$= \exp \{ \beta x_i t \} M_{\epsilon_i}(t) \tag{11}$$

$$= \exp \{ \beta x_i t \} \exp \{ \sigma^2 t^2 / 2 \} \tag{12}$$

$$= \exp \{ \beta x_i t + \sigma^2 t^2 / 2 \}, \tag{13}$$

which indicates that each  $Y_i \sim n(\beta x_i, \sigma^2)$ . We also note that the  $Y_i$  are independent, since the  $\epsilon_i$  are independent. Thus, the joint density of  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n$  is

$$f(\mathbf{y} | \beta, \sigma^2) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \exp \left\{ \frac{-(y_i - \beta x_i)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right\} \tag{14}$$

$$= \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \right)^n \exp \left\{ \frac{-1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \beta x_i)^2 \right\}, \tag{15}$$

where  $-\infty < y_i < \infty$ . Next, observe that this density can be rewritten as

$$f(\mathbf{y} | \beta, \sigma^2) = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \right)^n \exp \left\{ \frac{-1}{2\sigma^2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 - 2\beta \sum_{i=1}^n y_i x_i + \beta^2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right) \right\}. \tag{16}$$

Now, define  $T_1(\mathbf{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2$  and  $T_2(\mathbf{y}) = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i x_i$ . Also, let  $h(\mathbf{y}) = 1$  and

$$g(T_1(\mathbf{y}), T_2(\mathbf{y}) | \beta, \sigma^2) = \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \right)^n \exp \left\{ \frac{-1}{2\sigma^2} \left( T_1(\mathbf{y}) - 2\beta T_2(\mathbf{y}) + \beta^2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right) \right\}.$$

Since we can write

$$f(\mathbf{y}|\beta, \sigma^2) = g(T_1(\mathbf{y}), T_2(\mathbf{y})|\beta, \sigma^2)h(\mathbf{y})$$

the Factorization Theorem guarantees that  $(T_1(\mathbf{y}), T_2(\mathbf{y}))$  is a sufficient statistic for  $(\beta, \sigma^2)$ .

(b) The log-likelihood function for the  $Y_i$  is

$$\mathcal{L}(\beta, \sigma^2|\mathbf{y}) = \log \left( \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \right]^n \exp \left\{ \frac{-1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \beta x_i)^2 \right\} \right) \quad (17)$$

$$= n \log \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \right) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \beta x_i)^2. \quad (18)$$

The equation  $\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \mathcal{L}(\beta, \sigma^2|\mathbf{y}) = 0$  reduces to

$$-\sum_{i=1}^n y_i x_i + \beta \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 = 0 \quad (19)$$

which has the one solution

$$\hat{\beta} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}.$$

To show that this is, in fact, the MLE of  $\beta$ , we note that

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \beta^2} \mathcal{L}(\hat{\beta}, \sigma^2|\mathbf{y}) = -\frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 < 0,$$

which indicates that, for a given value of  $\sigma^2$ , the log-likelihood function has a global *maximum* at  $\beta = \hat{\beta}$ .

Therefore,  $\hat{\beta}$  is the MLE of  $\beta$ .

Next, observe that

$$E[\hat{\beta}] = E \left[ \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2} \right] \quad (20)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i E[Y_i] \quad (21)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i E[x_i \beta + \epsilon_i] \quad (22)$$

$$= \frac{\beta}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \quad (23)$$

$$= \beta. \quad (24)$$

Thus,  $\hat{\beta}$  is an unbiased estimator of  $\beta$ .

(c) From part (a), we know that each  $Y_i \sim n(\beta x_i, \sigma^2)$ . Multiplying a normal random variable by a constant  $k$  scales the mean by  $k$  and the variance by  $k^2$ . Thus, the distribution of  $x_i Y_i$  is  $n(\beta x_i^2, \sigma^2 x_i^2)$ , and so

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i Y_i \sim n \left( \beta \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2, \sigma^2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right).$$

Multiplying this by  $\frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$  scales the mean by  $\frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$  and the variance by  $\left( \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2} \right)^2$ . Therefore

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i Y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2} = \hat{\beta} \sim n \left( \beta, \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2} \right).$$

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Consider  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n$  as defined in Exercise 7.19.

- (a) Show that  $\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i / \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$  is an unbiased estimator of  $\beta$ .
- (b) Calculate the exact variance of  $\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i / \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$  and compare it to the variance of the MLE.

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**Solution**

- (a) Let  $\tilde{\beta}_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i / \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ . We have

$$E[\tilde{\beta}_1] = E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i / \sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right] \quad (25)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} \sum_{i=1}^n E[Y_i] \quad (26)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} \sum_{i=1}^n E[\beta x_i + \epsilon_i] \quad (27)$$

$$= \frac{\beta}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \quad (28)$$

$$= \beta. \quad (29)$$

Therefore,  $\tilde{\beta}_1$  is an unbiased estimator of  $\beta$ .

- (b) Since the  $Y_i$  are independent, the variance of  $\tilde{\beta}_1$  is

$$\text{Var}[\tilde{\beta}_1] = \text{Var}\left[\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i / \sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right] \quad (30)$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}\right)^2 \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}[Y_i] \quad (31)$$

$$= \frac{n\sigma^2}{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right)^2}. \quad (32)$$

We will show that this is greater than the variance of the  $\hat{\beta}$  (the MLE of  $\beta$ ). By Hölder's Inequality,

$$\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i| \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2\right)^{1/2} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n 1^2\right)^{1/2}.$$

So

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|\right)^2 \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2\right) \left(\sum_{i=1}^n 1\right) = n \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2.$$

But clearly,

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right)^2 \leq \left(\sum_{i=1}^n |x_i|\right)^2.$$

Therefore,

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right)^2 \leq n \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2.$$

Thus,

$$\text{Var}[\tilde{\beta}_1] = \frac{n\sigma^2}{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right)^2} \geq \frac{n\sigma^2}{n \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2} = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2} = \text{Var}[\hat{\beta}].$$

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Again, let  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n$  be as defined in Exercise 7.19.

(a) Show that  $\left[ \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i/x_i) \right] / n$  is an unbiased estimator of  $\beta$ .

(b) Calculate the exact variance of  $\left[ \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i/x_i) \right] / n$  and compare it to the variances of the estimators in the previous two exercises.

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**Solution**

(a) Let  $\tilde{\beta}_2 = \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i/x_i) \right] / n$ . We have

$$E[\tilde{\beta}_2] = E \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i/x_i) \right) / n \right] \quad (33)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i} E[Y_i] \quad (34)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i} \beta x_i \quad (35)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \beta \quad (36)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} n \beta \quad (37)$$

$$= \beta. \quad (38)$$

Therefore,  $\tilde{\beta}_2$  is an unbiased estimator of  $\beta$ .

(b) The variance of  $\tilde{\beta}_2$  is

$$\text{Var}[\tilde{\beta}_2] = \text{Var} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i/x_i) \right) / n \right] \quad (39)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i^2} \text{Var}[Y_i] \quad (40)$$

$$= \frac{\sigma^2}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i^2}. \quad (41)$$

It can be shown that  $\text{Var}[\tilde{\beta}_2] \geq \text{Var}[\hat{\beta}]$ . By Hölder's Inequality, we have

$$n = \sum_{i=1}^n \left| \frac{x_i}{x_i} \right| \leq \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i^2} \right)^{1/2} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right)^{1/2}$$

This can be rewritten as

$$\frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i^2} \geq \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}.$$

Multiplication by  $\sigma^2$  on both sides of the above inequality yields

$$\frac{\sigma^2}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i^2} = \text{Var}[\tilde{\beta}_2] \geq \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2} = \text{Var}[\hat{\beta}].$$

We can also show that  $\text{Var}[\tilde{\beta}_2] \geq \text{Var}[\tilde{\beta}_1]$  by the method of Lagrange Multipliers. Define a constraint function

$$g(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i^2}} - c = 0,$$

where  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ . Furthermore, define

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = \bar{x}^2.$$

Solving the equation

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) = \left\langle \frac{2\bar{x}}{n}, \frac{2\bar{x}}{n}, \dots, \frac{2\bar{x}}{n} \right\rangle = \lambda \nabla g(\mathbf{x}) = \left\langle \frac{2\lambda}{x_1 \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i^2} \right)^2}, \frac{2\lambda}{x_2 \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i^2} \right)^2}, \dots, \frac{2\lambda}{x_n \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i^2} \right)^2} \right\rangle$$

for  $\mathbf{x}$  yields

$$x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n.$$

Thus, subject to the constraint  $g$ , the function  $f$  is minimized when  $x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n$ . We crucially note that when  $x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n$  (i.e., when  $f$  is *minimized*), we have

$$\bar{x}^2 = \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i^2}}.$$

Put another way, it is always the case that

$$\bar{x}^2 \geq \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i^2}}.$$

But this implies that

$$\frac{1}{\bar{x}^2} = \frac{n^2}{\left( \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right)^2} \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i^2}.$$

Dividing by  $n$  and multiplying by  $\sigma^2$  finally yields

$$\frac{n\sigma^2}{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right)^2} = \text{Var} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i / \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right] \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i^2} = \text{Var} \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i/x_i) \right) / n \right].$$

We can now conclude that the estimator of  $\beta$  given in this problem is the least desirable of the three estimators studied in this homework (since it has the highest variance).

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Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be iid  $n(\theta, 1)$ . Show that the best unbiased estimator of  $\theta^2$  is  $\bar{X} - \frac{1}{n}$ . Calculate its variance (use Stein's Identity from Section 3.6), and show that it is greater than the Crámer-Rao Lower Bound.

**Solution**

We begin by showing that  $T(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  is a complete sufficient statistic for  $\theta$ . Let  $t(x) = x$ . Then we can write  $T(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^n t(X_i)$ . Now, the probability density function of each  $X_i$  is

$$f(x|\theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left\{ -(x - \theta)^2/2 \right\} \quad (42)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{x^2}{2} + \theta x - \frac{\theta^2}{2} \right\} \quad (43)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{x^2}{2} + \theta t(x) - \frac{\theta^2}{2} \right\} \quad (44)$$

for  $-\infty < x < \infty$ . Since  $f(x|\theta)$  belongs to an exponential family of probability density functions, Theorems 6.2.10 and 6.2.25 (Casella and Berger section 6.2) guarantee that  $\sum_{i=1}^n t(X_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i = T(\mathbf{X})$  is a complete sufficient statistic for  $\theta$ .

Now, let  $\phi(T(\mathbf{X})) = \frac{T(\mathbf{X})^2}{n^2} - \frac{1}{n} = \bar{X}^2 - \frac{1}{n}$ . If we can show that  $E[\phi(T(\mathbf{X}))] = \theta^2$ , we can use Theorem 7.3.23 (Casella and Berger section 7.3) to conclude that  $\phi(T(\mathbf{X}))$  is the unique best unbiased estimator of  $\theta^2$ . We have

$$E[\phi(T(\mathbf{X}))] = E \left[ \bar{X}^2 - \frac{1}{n} \right] \quad (45)$$

$$= E[\bar{X}^2] - \frac{1}{n}. \quad (46)$$

By Theorem 5.3.1 (Casella and Berger section 5.3), the distribution of  $\bar{X}$  is  $n(\theta, \frac{1}{n})$ . Thus,

$$E[\bar{X}^2] = \text{Var}[\bar{X}] + E^2[\bar{X}] \quad (47)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} + \theta^2. \quad (48)$$

Therefore,

$$E[\phi(T(\mathbf{X}))] = \frac{1}{n} + \theta^2 - \frac{1}{n} = \theta^2.$$

Hence,  $\phi(T(\mathbf{X})) = \bar{X}^2 - \frac{1}{n}$  is the best unbiased estimator of  $\theta^2$ .

The variance of  $\phi(T(\mathbf{X}))$  is

$$\text{Var}[\phi(T(\mathbf{X}))] = E \left[ \left( \bar{X}^2 - \frac{1}{n} \right)^2 \right] - E^2 \left[ \bar{X}^2 - \frac{1}{n} \right] \quad (49)$$

$$= E \left[ \bar{X}^4 - \frac{2}{n} \bar{X}^2 + \frac{1}{n^2} \right] - \theta^4 \quad (50)$$

$$= E [\bar{X}^4] - \frac{2}{n} E [\bar{X}^2] + \frac{1}{n^2} - \theta^4. \quad (51)$$

By Stein's Lemma,

$$E[\bar{X}^4] = E[\bar{X}^3(\bar{X} - \theta + \theta)] \quad (52)$$

$$= E[\bar{X}^3(\bar{X} - \theta)] + \theta E[\bar{X}^3] \quad (53)$$

$$= \frac{3}{n} E[\bar{X}^2] + \theta E[\bar{X}^2(\bar{X} - \theta + \theta)] \quad (54)$$

$$= \frac{3}{n} \left( \frac{1}{n} + \theta^2 \right) + \theta E[\bar{X}^2(\bar{X} - \theta)] + \theta^2 E[\bar{X}^2] \quad (55)$$

$$= \frac{3}{n^2} + \frac{3\theta^2}{n} + \frac{2\theta}{n} E[\bar{X}] + \theta^2 \left( \frac{1}{n} + \theta^2 \right) \quad (56)$$

$$= \frac{3}{n^2} + \frac{3\theta^2}{n} + \frac{2\theta^2}{n} + \frac{\theta^2}{n} + \theta^4 \quad (57)$$

Thus, the variance of  $\phi(T(\mathbf{X}))$  is

$$\text{Var}[\phi(T(\mathbf{X}))] = \frac{3}{n^2} + \frac{3\theta^2}{n} + \frac{2\theta^2}{n} + \frac{\theta^2}{n} + \theta^4 - \frac{2}{n} \left( \frac{1}{n} + \theta^2 \right) + \frac{1}{n^2} - \theta^4 \quad (58)$$

$$= \frac{2}{n^2} + \frac{4\theta^2}{n}. \quad (59)$$

To compute the Crámer-Rao Lower Bound for variances of estimators of  $\tau(\theta) = \theta^2$ , we require the second partial derivative (with respect to  $\theta$ ) of the log-likelihood function of  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ . We have

$$\mathcal{L}(\theta|\mathbf{x}) = \log \left( \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \{ -(x_i - \theta)/2 \} \right) \quad (60)$$

$$= n \log \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta)^2. \quad (61)$$

Thus,

$$\frac{\partial^2 \mathcal{L}(\theta|\mathbf{x})}{\partial \theta^2} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \theta) \quad (62)$$

$$= - \sum_{i=1}^n 1 \quad (63)$$

$$= -n. \quad (64)$$

With this, the Crámer-Rao Lower Bound is

$$\text{CRLB} = \frac{\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \tau(\theta)\right)^2}{-E\left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \mathcal{L}(\theta|\mathbf{x})\right]} \quad (65)$$

$$= \frac{4\theta^2}{-E[-n]} \quad (66)$$

$$= \frac{4\theta^2}{n}. \quad (67)$$

Clearly  $\text{Var}[\phi(T(\mathbf{X}))] > \text{CRLB}$ .

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