

①  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are a random sample  
with  $\mathbb{E}(X_i) = \mu$ ;  $\text{Var}(X_i) = \sigma^2$ .

We know  $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  is unbiased for  $\mu$ .

We might guess, therefore, that  $\bar{X}^2$  is unbiased for  $\mu^2$ .

$$\mathbb{E}(\bar{X}^2) = \mathbb{E}\left(\frac{1}{n^2} \sum_i \sum_j X_i X_j\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_i \sum_j \mathbb{E}(X_i X_j)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n^2} \left\{ \sum_i \mathbb{E}(X_i^2) + \sum_{i \neq j} \mathbb{E}(X_i X_j) \right\}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n^2} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}(X_i^2) + \sum_{i \neq j} \mathbb{E}(X_i) \mathbb{E}(X_j) \right\}$$

$$\left[ \begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X_i) &= \mathbb{E}(X_i^2) - \{\mathbb{E}(X_i)\}^2 \\ \Rightarrow \sigma^2 &= \mathbb{E}(X_i^2) - \mu^2 \\ \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}(X_i^2) &= \sigma^2 + \mu^2 \end{aligned} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{n^2} \{ n(\sigma^2 + \mu^2) + n(n-1)\mu^2 \}$$

$$= \mu^2 + \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$$

$\therefore \bar{X}^2$  is biased for  $\mu^2$ .

Let  $S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{X})^2$  is unbiased  
for  $\sigma^2$

$$= \frac{1}{n-1} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - n \bar{X}^2 \right\}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[S^2] = \frac{1}{n-1} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}(x_i^2) - n \mathbb{E}(\bar{X}^2) \right\}$$

$$= \sigma^2$$

Hence  $\bar{X}^2 - \frac{S^2}{n}$  is unbiased for  $\mu^2$ .

②  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  iid  $\text{Exp}(\frac{1}{\mu})$

The likelihood function is

$$L(\mu | \underline{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{1}{\mu} \right) e^{-\frac{x_i}{\mu}}$$
$$= \mu^{-n} \exp \left( -\frac{1}{\mu} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right)$$

The log-likelihood is

$$\ell(\mu | \underline{x}) = -n \log \mu - \frac{1}{\mu} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

To find the mle we solve

$$\left. \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \mu} \right|_{\mu = \hat{\mu}} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \mu} = -\frac{n}{\mu} + \frac{1}{\mu^2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\mu} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = \bar{x}.$$

The maximum likelihood estimator is

$$\hat{\mu} = \bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(\hat{\mu}) &= \mathbb{E}\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_i X_i\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}(X_i) \\ &= \mu.\end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \hat{\mu}$  is unbiased.

We'll examine  $\text{Var}(\hat{\mu})$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(\hat{\mu}) &= \text{Var}\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} \text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(X_i) \quad \text{since } X_1, \dots, X_n \text{ are iid} \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} n \mu^2 \\ &= \frac{\mu^2}{n}\end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{Var}(\hat{\mu}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mu^2}{n} = 0$$

$\therefore \bar{X}$  is consistent for  $\mu$ .

$$\textcircled{3} \quad U = \frac{1}{2}X + \frac{1}{2}Y \quad ; \quad V = \frac{1}{3}X + \frac{2}{3}Y$$

$E(U) = 0$  and  $E(V) = 0$  (both unbiased).

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(U) &= \text{Var}\left(\frac{1}{2}X + \frac{1}{2}Y\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{4}\text{Var}(X) + \frac{1}{4}\text{Var}(Y) \\ &= \frac{1}{4}(4 + 9) = \frac{13}{4} = 3.25. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(V) &= \text{Var}\left(\frac{1}{3}X + \frac{2}{3}Y\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{9}\text{Var}(X) + \frac{4}{9}\text{Var}(Y) \\ &= \frac{4}{9} + 4 = \frac{40}{9} = 4.44 \end{aligned}$$

We'd prefer  $U$  to  $V$  because  $U$  has smaller variance.

The relative efficiency of  $V$  compared to  $U$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Eff}(V, U) &= 100 \times \left( \frac{\text{Var}(U)}{\text{Var}(V)} \right) \\ &= 100 \times \left( \frac{3.25}{4.44} \right) \approx 73.2\%. \end{aligned}$$

④ Want to prove  $E[U(\theta; \underline{X})] = 0$ .

$$E[U(\theta; \underline{X})] = E\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \ell(\theta; \underline{X})\right]$$

$$= \int_{\underline{x}} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \ell(\theta; \underline{x}) \right\} f(\underline{x}; \theta) d\underline{x}$$

sample space of  $X_1, \dots, X_n$       joint pdf of  $X_1, \dots, X_n$

$$= \int_{\underline{x}} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log L(\theta; \underline{x}) \right\} f(\underline{x}; \theta) d\underline{x}$$

$$= \int_{\underline{x}} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\underline{x}; \theta) \right\} f(\underline{x}; \theta) d\underline{x}$$

$$= \int_{\underline{x}} \frac{\left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(\underline{x}; \theta) \right\}}{f(\underline{x}; \theta)} f(\underline{x}; \theta) d\underline{x}$$

$$= \int_{\underline{x}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(\underline{x}; \theta) d\underline{x}$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left\{ \int_{\underline{x}} f(\underline{x}; \theta) d\underline{x} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (1)$$

$$= 0$$

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⑤ We know that

$$E[U(\theta; \underline{x})] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\underline{x}} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\underline{x}; \theta) \right\} f(\underline{x}; \theta) d\underline{x} = 0$$

Differentiation of the above with respect to  $\theta$  yields

$$\int_{\underline{x}} \left\{ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \log f(\underline{x}; \theta) \right\} f(\underline{x}; \theta) d\underline{x}$$

Product  
rule

$$+ \int_{\underline{x}} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\underline{x}; \theta) \right\} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(\underline{x}; \theta) d\underline{x} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow E \left[ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \ell(\theta | \underline{x}) \right]$$

$$+ \int_{\underline{x}} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\underline{x}; \theta) \right\} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(\underline{x}; \theta) d\underline{x} = 0 \quad (*)$$

But

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\underline{x}; \theta) = \frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(\underline{x}; \theta)}{f(\underline{x}; \theta)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(\underline{x}; \theta) = \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\underline{x}; \theta) \right\} f(\underline{x}; \theta)$$

Substitution of the above into (\*) yields

$$\mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \ell(\theta | \underline{x}) \right]$$

$$+ \int_{\underline{x}} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\underline{x}; \theta) \right\} \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(\underline{x}; \theta) \right\} f(\underline{x}; \theta) d\underline{x} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E} \left[ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \ell(\theta | \underline{x}) \right] + \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \ell(\theta | \underline{x}) \right\}^2 \right] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E} \left[ \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \ell(\theta | \underline{x}) \right\}^2 \right] = \mathbb{E} \left[ - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \ell(\theta | \underline{x}) \right]$$

$$\therefore \mathcal{I}(\theta) = \mathbb{E} \left[ - \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \ell(\theta | \underline{x}) \right]$$