

#7.3A Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a r.v.

Is there a function of θ , say $g(\theta)$, for which there exists an unbiased estimator whose variance attains the C-R Lower Bound?

(a) $f(x|\theta) = \theta x^{\theta-1}$, $0 < x < 1$, $\theta > 0$.

$$L(\theta|x) = \prod_{i=1}^n \theta x_i^{\theta-1} I_{(0,1)}(x_i)$$

$$= \theta^n \left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i \right)^{\theta-1}$$

$$\log L(\theta|x) = \ell(\theta|x) = n \log \theta + (\theta-1) \sum \log x_i = n \log \theta + \theta \sum \log x_i - \sum \log x_i$$

$$\frac{\partial \ell(\theta|x)}{\partial \theta} = \frac{n}{\theta} + \sum \log x_i = n \left[\frac{1}{\theta} + \frac{\sum \log x_i}{n} \right] = -n \left[\underbrace{-\frac{\sum \log x_i}{n}}_{W(x)} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{\theta}}_{\tau(\theta)} \right]$$

Since $-\frac{\sum \log x_i}{n}$ is an unbiased estimator of $\frac{1}{\theta}$,

so $-\frac{\sum \log x_i}{n}$ attains the C-R Lower Bound by Corollary 7.3.15 (Attainment).

Also since $-\frac{\sum \log x_i}{n}$ is a function of the CSS $T = \sum \log x_i$, so it is the UMVUE of $\frac{1}{\theta}$.

(b) $f(x|\theta) = \frac{\log(\theta)}{\theta-1} \theta^x$, $0 < x < 1$, $\theta > 1$

$$L(\theta|x) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\log(\theta)}{\theta-1} \theta^{x_i} I_{(0,1)}(x_i) =$$

$$\ell(\theta|x) = \log L(\theta|x) = \sum \log \log \theta - \sum \log(\theta-1) + \sum x_i \log \theta$$

$$\frac{\partial \ell(\theta|x)}{\partial \theta} = n \left(\frac{1}{\theta \log \theta} - \frac{1}{\theta-1} \right) + \sum x_i = \frac{n}{\theta} \left[\frac{1}{\log \theta} - \frac{\theta}{\theta-1} \right] + \bar{x} = \frac{n}{\theta} \left[\underbrace{\bar{x}}_{W(x)} - \underbrace{\left(\frac{\theta}{\theta-1} - \frac{1}{\log \theta} \right)}_{\tau(\theta)} \right]$$

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We know $T = \sum x_i$ is CSS. Since \bar{X} , which is an unbiased estimator of $(\frac{\theta}{\theta-1} - \frac{1}{\log \theta})$ and a function of CSS $T = \sum x_i$, \bar{X} is the UMVUE. Also \bar{X} attains the C-R lower bound by Corollary 7.3.15 (Attainment).

#7.40 Let $x_1, \dots, x_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Bernoulli}(p)$.

Show that the variance of \bar{X} attains the CR Lower Bound, and hence \bar{X} is the best unbiased estimator of p .

$$\begin{aligned} \ell(x|p) = \log L(x|p) &= \log \prod_{i=1}^n p^{x_i} (1-p)^{1-x_i} \\ &= \sum x_i \log p + \sum (1-x_i) \log(1-p) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial \ell(x|p)}{\partial p} = \sum \frac{x_i}{p} - \sum \frac{(1-x_i)}{1-p} = \frac{\sum x_i - np}{p(1-p)} = \frac{n(\bar{x} - p)}{p(1-p)} = \frac{n}{p(1-p)} \left[\underbrace{\bar{x}}_{W(x)} - \underbrace{p}_{\tau(\theta)} \right]$$

\bar{x} is the UMVUE of p and attains the C-R Lower Bound by Corollary

7.3.15 (Attainment).

Alternatively, we can use $\frac{\tau'(\theta)}{-nE\theta\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \log f(x|\theta)\right)}$.

$$\begin{aligned} -nE\left(\frac{\partial^2 \ell(x|p)}{\partial p^2}\right) &= -nE\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial p^2} \log p^x (1-p)^{1-x}\right) = -nE\left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial p^2} (x \log p + (1-x) \log(1-p))\right] \\ &= -nE\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial p} \left(\frac{x}{p} - \frac{1-x}{1-p}\right)\right] = -nE\left(-\frac{x}{p^2} - \frac{1-x}{(1-p)^2}\right) \\ &= \frac{+n}{p^2} E(x) + \frac{n}{(1-p)^2} (1-E(x)) = \frac{n}{p} + \frac{n}{1-p} = \frac{n}{p(1-p)} \end{aligned}$$

(Since $x \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Ber}(p)$
 $E(x) = p$)

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Then we have
$$\frac{\tau'(\theta)}{-n E_{\theta} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \log f(x|\theta) \right)} = \frac{1}{\frac{n}{p(1-p)}} = \frac{p(1-p)}{n} = \text{Var}(\bar{X}).$$

$$\left(\because \tau(\theta) = \frac{\partial}{\partial p} p = 1 \right)$$

and $E(\bar{X}) = p.$

Therefore, \bar{X} attains the Cramér-Rao Bound.

17.52. Let $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(\lambda).$

(a) Prove that \bar{X} is the best unbiased estimator of λ who using the Cramér-Rao Theorem.

Since $\text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ is an exponential family,

we know that $T = \sum X_i$ is CSS.

\bar{X} is a function of $T = \sum X_i$ that is an unbiased estimator of λ and it is the unique best unbiased estimator of λ .

Given $X_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(\lambda),$

then $E(X_i) = \lambda$

and $E(\sum X_i) = n\lambda.$

$$E(\bar{X}) = E\left(\frac{\sum X_i}{n}\right) = \lambda.$$

Thus, \bar{X} is the best unbiased estimator of λ as we desired.

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(b) Prove the rather remarkable identity $E(S^2 | \bar{X}) = \bar{X}$,
and use it to explicitly demonstrate that
 $\text{Var } S^2 > \text{Var } \bar{X}$.

We know S^2 is unbiased such that $ES^2 = \lambda$.

\bar{X} is a function of $\sum X_i$ so \bar{X} is a CSS as well.

$\therefore E(S^2 | \bar{X})$ is an unbiased estimator of λ . ($E(S^2 | \bar{X}) = E(S^2) = \bar{X}$)

By Theorem 17.3.23, it is also the unique best unbiased estimator of λ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var } S^2 &= \text{Var}(E(S^2 | \bar{X})) + E(\text{Var}(S^2 | \bar{X})) \\ &= \text{Var}(\bar{X}) + E(\text{Var}(S^2 | \bar{X})) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $\text{Var } S^2 > \text{Var } \bar{X}$.

(c) Using completeness, can a general theorem be formulated for which the identity in part (b) is a special case?

Let $T(x) = \sum X_i$ be a CSS and let $T^c(x)$ be any statistic other than $T(x)$ such that $ET(x) = ET^c(x)$.

Then $E[T^c(x) | T(x)] = T(x)$ and $\text{Var } T^c(x) > \text{Var } T(x)$.