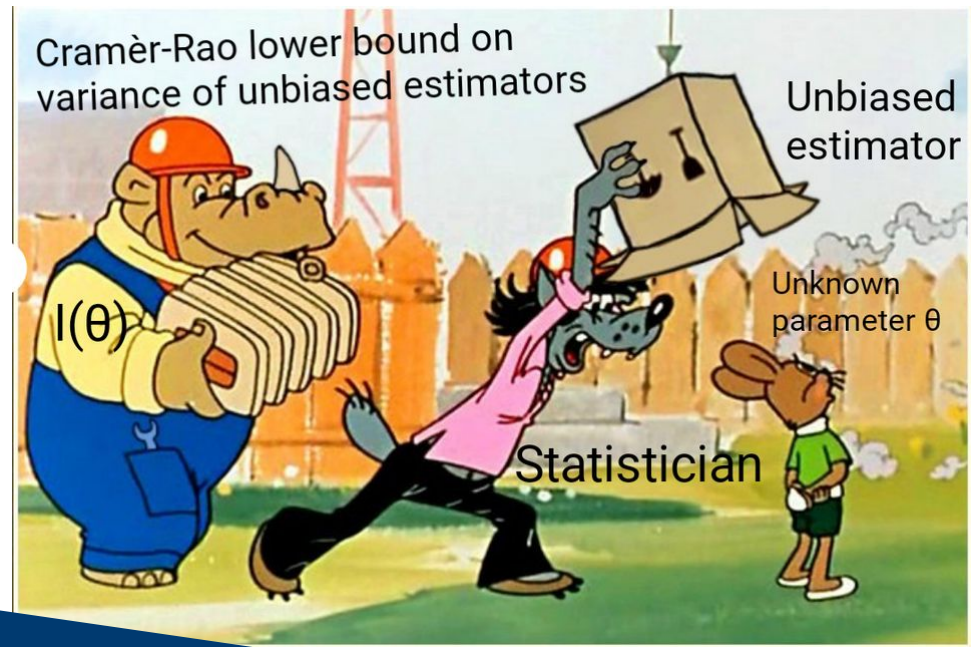


Stat 135 Lab 5

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To-do Today

1. Minimal sufficient statistic
2. Sufficiency
3. Fisher information and Cramer-Rao lower bound
4. Quiz time (45 min)



Minimal Sufficient Statistic (Rice 8.10.47)

The Pareto distribution has been used in economics as a model for a density function with a slowly decaying tail:

$$f(x|x_0, \theta) = \theta x_0^\theta x^{-\theta-1}, \quad x \geq x_0, \theta > 1$$

Assume that $x_0 > 0$ is given and that X_1, \dots, X_n is an i.i.d. sample.

- (a) Find the MoM estimate of θ .
- (b) Find the MLE of θ .
- (c) Find the asymptotic variance of the MLE.
- (d) Find a sufficient statistic for θ .
- (e) Find a minimal sufficient statistic.

Sufficiency

Suppose you observe $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} \text{Bernoulli}(p)$. Recall that if $0 \leq p \leq 1$, then $0 \leq p(1 - p) \leq 1/4$.

- (a) What is the MLE of p ?
- (b) Is $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ sufficient for p ? Show that X_1 is not sufficient but X_1, \dots, X_n (i.e., the sample itself) is sufficient.
- (c) Find the estimator with minimum variance among all unbiased estimators. Explain why your choice has this property.
- (d) Suppose you want to estimate $\theta = p(1 - p)$. Find an unbiased estimator $\hat{\theta}$ of θ that depends only on \bar{X}_n .

FI and CR lower bound

Consider an i.i.d. sample Y_1, \dots, Y_n with pdf $f(y) = \theta e^{-y\theta}$ for $\theta > 0$ and $y > 0$.

- (a) Derive the likelihood function. Where in your derivation are you using independence?
- (b) Use the factorisation theorem to find a sufficient statistic for θ . Show your work.
- (c) Find the MLE for θ .
- (d) Find the MLE for $\text{Var}(Y) = 1/\theta^2$. State which property of MLEs you are using.

