

2. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be independent identically distributed random variables with  $P\{X_1 = 1\} = \theta$  and  $P\{X_1 = 0\} = 1 - \theta$  for some  $\theta \in (0, 1)$ . Find the uniformly minimum variance unbiased estimator for  $\theta(1 - \theta)$ .

$$X_i \sim \text{iid BER}(\theta)$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x; \theta) &= \prod p^{x_i} (1-p)^{1-x_i} \mathbb{1}\{x_i \in \{0, 1\}\} \\ &= p^{\sum x_i} (1-p)^{n - \sum x_i} \mathbb{1}\{x_i \in \{0, 1\} \text{ for } i=1, 2, \dots, n\}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\sum X_i$  is sufficient for  $\theta$ .

Since  $\text{BER}(\theta)$  is a member of the REC,  $\sum X_i$  is also complete.

$E(\bar{X}) = \theta$ , so  $\bar{X}$  is the UMVUE for  $\theta$

$$\begin{aligned} E(\bar{X}^2) &= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^n E(X_i X_k) = \frac{1}{n^2} \left( n E(X_i^2) + (n^2 - n) (E X_i)^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} \left( n\theta + n^2\theta^2 - n\theta^2 \right) = \frac{\theta}{n} + \theta^2 - \frac{\theta^2}{n} \\ &= \theta^2 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \right) + \frac{\theta}{n} \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\bar{X} - \frac{\left( \bar{X}^2 - \frac{\bar{X}}{n} \right)}{1 - \frac{1}{n}}$  is the UMVUE for  $\theta - \theta^2$ .