

Statistical inference

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Chapter Two: Estimation

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## Chapter Two

1-1 Estimation

1-2 Properties of good Estimator

1-2-1 unbiasedness

Def: Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  be ar.v from a population having  $F(x, \theta)$  with unknown  $\theta$

let  $\hat{\theta}$  be an estimator of  $\theta$ , therefore  $\hat{\theta}$  is to be unbiased estimator of  $\theta$  iff  $E(\hat{\theta}) = \theta$ .

otherwise, the bias  $B$  of  $\hat{\theta}$  can be defined as:

$$B = E(\hat{\theta}) - \theta$$

1.  $\hat{\theta}$  is an unbiased estimator for  $\theta$  iff

$$E(\hat{\theta}) = \theta$$

2.  $T(x)$  is an unbiased estimator for  $g(\theta)$  iff

$$E(T(x)) = g(\theta)$$

[Example]:  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , is  $\bar{X}$  an unbiased estimator for  $\theta$ ?

Sol<sup>n</sup>:  $E(\bar{X}) = \mu$ ?

$$E(\bar{X}) = E\left(\frac{\sum X_i}{n}\right) = \frac{E(X_1 + \dots + X_n)}{n}$$

$$E(\bar{X}) = \frac{E X_1 + \dots + E X_n}{n} = \frac{\mu + \mu + \dots + \mu}{n} = \frac{n\mu}{n} = \mu$$

$$\mu = \theta \quad \therefore E(\bar{X}) = \mu$$

2. Is  $S^2 = \frac{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2}{n}$  an unbiased estimator for  $\sigma^2$ ?

$$E(S^2) = \sigma^2?$$

$$E(S^2) = E\left[\frac{\sum (X_i - \bar{X})^2}{n}\right] = E\left[\frac{\sum X_i^2}{n} - \frac{2\bar{X}\sum X_i}{n} + n\frac{\bar{X}^2}{n}\right]$$

$$= E\left[\frac{\sum X_i^2}{n} - \bar{X}^2\right] = \frac{\sum E X_i^2}{n} - E(\bar{X})^2$$

$$= E X^2 - E(\bar{X})^2$$

note:  $\sigma^2 = E X^2 - (E X)^2 \Rightarrow E X^2 = \sigma^2 + \mu^2$   
 $V(\bar{X}) = E \bar{X}^2 - (E \bar{X})^2 \Rightarrow \frac{\sigma^2}{n} = E \bar{X}^2 - \mu^2$

$$\therefore E S^2 = (\sigma^2 + \mu^2) - \left(\frac{\sigma^2}{n} + \mu^2\right)$$

$$= \sigma^2 - \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \Rightarrow \sigma^2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)$$

$$\therefore E S^2 = \sigma^2 \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)$$

$\therefore S^2$  is a biased estimator for  $\sigma^2$ .  $E\left(\frac{n}{n-1} S^2\right) = \sigma^2$

$$E\left(\frac{n}{n-1} \cdot \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n}\right) = \sigma^2$$

$$E\left(\frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1}\right) = \sigma^2$$

$\therefore \frac{\sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}{n-1}$  is unbiased estimator for  $\sigma^2$

3- Is  $\bar{x}^2$  an unbiased estimator for  $M^2$ ?

$$V(\bar{x}) = E(\bar{x})^2 - (E(\bar{x}))^2$$

$$E(\bar{x})^2 = V(\bar{x}) + (E(\bar{x}))^2$$

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

$\therefore \bar{x}^2$  is biased for  $M^2$

note:  $T(x)$   
 $x$   $\forall \theta \in \Omega$   
 $g(\theta)$   
 $\theta \in \Omega$

Example 2: Let  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  be ar.v from  $U(0, \theta)$

Let  $Y_n$  the largest of  $n$  observations

is  $Y_n$  an unbiased estimator for  $\theta$ ?

$$\text{Soln. 1: } g(y_j) = \frac{n!}{(j-1)!(n-j)!} [F(y_j)]^{j-1} [1-F(y_j)]^{n-j} f(y_j)$$

$$F(y_n) = F(x) = \frac{x}{\theta}$$

$$F(y_n) = \int_0^{y_n} \frac{1}{\theta} \cdot dx = \frac{y_n}{\theta}$$

$$\therefore g(y_n) = \frac{n!}{(n-1)!(n-n)!} \left[\frac{y_n}{\theta}\right]^{n-1} \left[1 - \frac{y_n}{\theta}\right]^{n-n} \cdot \frac{1}{\theta}$$

$$\therefore g(y_n) = \frac{n}{\theta^n} y_n^{n-1}$$

$$E(y_n) = \int y_n g(y_n) \cdot dy_n$$

$$= \frac{n}{\theta^n} \int_0^{\theta} y_n^{n-1} \cdot y_n \cdot dy_n$$

$$= \frac{n}{\theta^n} \int_0^{\theta} y_n^n dy_n = \frac{n}{\theta^n} \frac{y_n^{n+1}}{n+1} \Big|_0^{\theta}$$

$$= \frac{n}{\theta^n} \frac{\theta^{n+1}}{n+1}$$

$$\therefore E(y_n) = \frac{n}{n+1} \theta \quad \therefore y_n \text{ is a biased estimator for } \theta$$

2. Determine a multiple of  $y_n$  that is estimator for  $\theta$  :

$$\text{We have } E(y_n) = \frac{n}{n+1} \theta$$

$$a E(y_n) = \theta$$

$$a \left( \frac{n}{n+1} \theta \right) = \theta \implies a = \frac{n+1}{n}$$

Example 3: Let  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  be ar.v's from a population

$$\text{having } f(x, \theta) = \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-x/\theta} \quad \theta > 0$$

show that the sample mean  $\bar{x}$  is an unbiased est. for  $\theta$ .

$$\text{Soln: } E(\bar{x}) = E\left(\frac{\sum x_i}{n}\right) = \frac{1}{n} \sum E x_i$$

$$\text{we know that } E(x) = \theta$$

$$\therefore E(\bar{x}) = \frac{1}{n} \sum \theta = \frac{1}{n} n \theta = \theta \quad \therefore \bar{x} \text{ is unbiased}$$

Example 4:  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  is a r.v.s from a Poisson Binomial dist is the sample mean  $\bar{X}$  unbiased est. for the parameter  $p$ ?

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Sol: } E(\bar{X}) &= E\left(\frac{\sum X_i}{n}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum (E X_i) = \frac{1}{n} \sum p \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \cdot n p = p\end{aligned}$$

H.W: Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be r.v with  $P(x) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!}$   
 $x = 0, 1, \dots$

show that  $\bar{X}$  is unbiased est. for  $\lambda$ ?

1.2.2 Mean square error:

Def: A useful measure of performance of an estimator  $\hat{\theta}$  of  $\theta$  is the average squared error  $MSE(\theta)$  which can be defined as:

$$MSE(\theta) = E(\hat{\theta} - \theta)^2 = \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}) + B^2$$

Example:- Let  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  be i.i.d. from  $B(1, \theta)$   
 use (MSE) to compare  $\bar{x}$  and  $x_1$  for  $\theta$

$$\text{Sol: } 1. E(\bar{x}) = E\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum x_i\right) = \frac{1}{n} \sum E x_i = \theta$$

$$E(x_1) = \theta$$

$\therefore$  both  $\bar{x}$  &  $x_1$  are unbiased est. for  $\theta$

$$\begin{aligned} 2. \text{Var}(\bar{x}) &= \text{Var}\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n}{n}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} [V(x_1) + \dots + V(x_n)] + 0 \\ &= \frac{n\sigma^2}{n^2} = \frac{\theta(1-\theta)}{n} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Var}(x_1) = \sigma^2 = \theta(1-\theta)$$

$$\text{MSE}(\bar{x}) = \text{Var}(\bar{x}) + \beta^2$$

$$= \frac{\theta(1-\theta)}{n} + 0$$

$$= \frac{\theta(1-\theta)}{n}$$

note:- هلا  $\beta = \theta$   
 د هلا  $\bar{x}$  خير من  $x_1$ .

$$\text{MSE}(x_1) = \text{Var}(x_1) + \beta^2$$

$$= \theta(1-\theta) + 0 = \theta(1-\theta)$$

$$\therefore \text{MSE}(\bar{x}) < \text{MSE}(x_1)$$

$\therefore \bar{x}$  is better than  $x_1$