

# HW: Simulating Estimator Properties

## 1a) Unbiasness

### Part I: $\hat{\mu}_{MLE}$

$$\ln(X) \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

we know that

$$E(\ln(x_i)) = \mu$$

$$\sigma^2(\ln(x_i)) = \sigma^2$$

$$\hat{\mu}_{MLE} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(x_i)$$

$$E[\hat{\mu}_{MLE}] = \mu$$

$$E\left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(x_i)\right] = \frac{1}{n} E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n \ln(x_i)\right] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E[\ln(x_i)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \times E[\ln(x_i)] = \mu$$

so  $E(\hat{\mu}_{MLE}) = \mu$  is unbiased

### Part II: $\hat{\sigma}_{MLE}^2$

- So we know that the MLE for variance is actually biased

$$\hat{\sigma}_{MLE}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\ln(x_i) - \hat{\mu}_{MLE})^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} Y_i &= \ln(x_i) \\ \bar{Y} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(x_i) \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{\mu}_{MLE} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(x_i)$$

So the expected value

$$E\left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2\right] = E[\hat{\sigma}_{MLE}^2] = \frac{n-1}{n} \sigma^2$$

$$\text{Bias}(\hat{\sigma}_{MLE}^2) = E[\hat{\sigma}_{MLE}^2] - \sigma^2$$

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

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

So the MLE of  $\sigma^2$  is biased

$$E(\hat{\sigma}_{MLE}^2) = \sigma^2 \neq -\frac{1}{n} \sigma^2$$

it underestimates the true variance slightly because its expected value is not equal to the true variance  $\rightarrow$  it's smaller  $-\frac{1}{n} \sigma^2$

1b)  $E(\hat{\sigma}_{MLE}^2)$  is biased

To make unbiased, I need to multiply  $\frac{n}{n-1}$

$$E\left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2\right] = E[\hat{\sigma}_{MLE}^2] = \frac{n-1}{n} \sigma^2 \text{ biased}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\sigma}_{unbiased}^2 &= \frac{n}{n-1} \times \hat{\sigma}_{MLE}^2 = \frac{n}{n-1} \times \frac{n-1}{n} \sigma^2 \\ &= \sigma^2 \text{ so } \hat{\sigma}_{MLE}^2 \text{ is unbiased!!}\end{aligned}$$

1d) Comparison simulated bias of 3 MLE

Theoretical bias

$$E(\hat{\mu}_{MLE}) = \mu \Rightarrow \text{Bias} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}E(\hat{\sigma}_{MLE}^2) &= \frac{n-1}{n} \sigma^2 \Rightarrow \text{Bias} = -\frac{1}{n} \sigma^2 \\ &= -\frac{1}{1000} \times 1 = -0.001\end{aligned}$$

Simulated Bias

- Bias  $\mu$  MLE = -0.00214
- Bias  $\sigma$  MLE = -0.09166
- Bias  $\sigma$  Unbiased = 0.00926

so The simulated biases closely match the theoretical biases for the MLE estimators.



# Efficiency

$$\hat{U}_{MLE} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(x_i)$$

$$\text{Var}(\ln(x_i)) = \sigma^2$$

$$\text{Var}(\hat{U}_{MLE}) = \text{Var}\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(x_i)\right) = \frac{1}{n^2} \text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \ln(x_i)\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n^2} n \text{Var}(\ln(x_i)) = \frac{1}{n} \sigma^2$$

$$\boxed{\text{Var}(\hat{U}_{MLE}) = \frac{1}{n} \sigma^2}$$

$$L(\hat{U}_{MLE}) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i \sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(\ln(x_i) - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\prod_{i=1}^n x_i \sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\ln(x_i) - \mu)^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i (2\pi\sigma^2)^{\frac{n}{2}}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(x_i) - \mu^n}$$

$$\ln(L(\hat{U}_{MLE})) = \ln\left(\frac{1}{\sum x_i (2\pi\sigma^2)^{\frac{n}{2}}}\right) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum \ln(x_i) - \mu^n$$

$$= \ln(1) - \ln\left(\sum x_i (2\pi\sigma^2)^{\frac{n}{2}}\right) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum \ln(x_i) - \mu^n$$

$$= \ln(1) - \ln(\sum x_i)$$

# Efficiency

Step 1: Define Model

$$X \sim \text{Lognormal}(\mu, \sigma^2) \Rightarrow \ln(X) \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

Known:

$$\hat{\mu}_{MLE} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(X_i)$$

Step 2: Variance of MLE

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(\hat{\mu}_{MLE}) &= \text{Var}\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(X_i)\right) = \frac{1}{n^2} \text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \ln(X_i)\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} n \text{Var}(\ln(X_i)) = \frac{1}{n} \sigma^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Var}(\hat{\mu}_{MLE}) = \frac{1}{n} \sigma^2}$$

Step 3: CRLB

$$f(x, \mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{x \sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(\ln(x) - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

$$L(\mu, \sigma^2) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i \sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(\ln(x_i) - \mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} = \frac{1}{\prod_{i=1}^n x_i \sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\ln(x_i) - \mu)^2}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}}\right)^n \frac{1}{\prod_{i=1}^n x_i} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\ln(x_i) - \mu)^2}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}}\right)^n \frac{1}{\prod_{i=1}^n x_i} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\ln(x_i) - \mu)^2}$$

$$\ln(L(\mu, \sigma^2)) = \ln \left[ \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}}\right)^n \frac{1}{\prod_{i=1}^n x_i} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\ln(x_i) - \mu)^2} \right]$$

$$= \ln \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}}\right)^n + \ln \left(\frac{1}{\prod x_i}\right) + \ln e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\ln(x_i) - \mu)^2}$$

$$= n \ln(1) - n \ln(\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}) + \ln(1) - \ln(\prod x_i) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\ln(x_i) - \mu)^2$$

$$= -\frac{n}{2} \ln(2\pi\sigma^2) - \sum \ln x_i - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum (\ln x_i - \mu)^2$$

$$\boxed{\ln(L(\mu, \sigma^2)) = -\frac{n}{2} \ln(2\pi\sigma^2) - \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(x_i) - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\ln(x_i) - \mu)^2}$$

Derivative:

$$\frac{d}{d\mu} \left[ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\ln(x_i) - \mu)^2 \right]:$$

I am going to use chain rule

$$\frac{d}{d\mu} = -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n 2(\ln(x_i) - \mu)(-1) = -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n 2(\ln(x_i) - \mu)$$

$$\boxed{\frac{d}{d\mu} = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\ln(x_i) - \mu)}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum \ln$$

## Efficiency

2.a) step 1:

Since  $\ln(x_i) \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , we can use the known Fisher Information for Normal distribution

$$I_n(\mu) = \frac{n}{\sigma^2} \Rightarrow \text{CRLB} = \frac{1}{I_n(\mu)} = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$$

Step 2: Variance of MLE

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(\hat{\mu}_{MLE}) &= \text{Var}\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(x_i)\right) = \frac{1}{n^2} \text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \ln(x_i)\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n^2} \cdot n \cdot \text{Var}(\ln(x_i)) = \frac{1}{n} \sigma^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Var}(\hat{\mu}_{MLE}) = \frac{1}{n} \sigma^2}$$

We can see that variance of  $\hat{\mu}_{MLE}$  equals to CRLB, the MLE estimator efficiency!!

2.c) My simulated variance of MLE estimator for  $\mu$  was approximately 0.0985 based on 1000 samples, each size of  $n=10$

- The theoretical variance from CRLB:

$$\text{CRLB} = \frac{\sigma^2}{n} = \frac{1}{10} = 0.1$$

$$V(\hat{\mu}_{MLE}) = 0.0985 \approx 0.1$$

$$\text{CRLB} = 0.1$$

$$V(\hat{\mu}_{MLE}) \geq \text{CRLB}$$

So I concluded that MLE is approximately efficient.

## Consistency

3a)

1. We know that  $\hat{\mu}_{MLE}$  is unbiased ✓
2.  $\text{Var}(\hat{\mu}_{MLE}) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  ✓

$$P(|\hat{\mu}_{MLE} - \mu| < \epsilon) \rightarrow 1$$

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\mu}_{MLE}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$$

as  $n$  increase is getting close to 0.  
Therefore by Chebyshev's inequality  
 $\hat{\mu}_{MLE}$  is a consistent estimator for  $\mu$ .

3b) In 3.a) I approved that  $\hat{\mu}_{MLE}$  is unbiased  
& the variance is getting close to 0 as  
 $n \rightarrow \infty$  according to Chebyshev's inequality  
which means the probability that  $\hat{\mu}_{MLE}$  is close to  
true value  $\mu$  increases with larger sample size

- In My simulation confirm this behavior  
because as I observe the probability  
 $\hat{\mu}_{MLE}$  falls within 0.01 of true value increases
- $n = 10 \rightarrow P \approx 0.0260$
- $n = 100 \rightarrow P \approx 0.0910$
- $n = 1000 \rightarrow P \approx 0.2480$

So finally the simulation agrees with the  
theory that  $\hat{\mu}_{MLE}$  is consistent

3.d) From simulation I observed that  
the probability of  $\hat{\mu}_{MM}$  falling 0.01 of  
the true value increases which shows me  
a consistency. This suggest that  $\hat{\mu}_{MM}$   
converges to true value of  $\mu$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

- Although  $\hat{\mu}_{MM}$  is not biased and has higher  
variance compare to MLE. Therefore I concluded  
that  $\hat{\mu}_{MM}$  is consistent, but less efficient &  
more biased than  $\hat{\mu}_{MLE}$ .