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$X \sim \text{Uniform}(0, \theta)$, then PDF
and CDF

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} 1/\theta & 0 \leq x \leq \theta \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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Since $\hat{\theta}_n = X_{(n)}$, PDF of $\hat{\theta}_n$

is

$$f_{\hat{\theta}_n}(y) = \frac{n}{\theta^n} f_X(y) [F_X(y)]^{n-1}$$

[Recall order stat.]

$$= \begin{cases} n \cdot \frac{1}{\theta} \cdot \left(\frac{y}{\theta}\right)^{n-1} & 0 \leq y \leq \theta \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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To find the Bias of $\hat{\theta}_n$

$$E[\hat{\theta}_n] = \int_0^\theta y \cdot \frac{n}{\theta^n} y^{n-1} dy$$
$$= \frac{n}{\theta^n} \int_0^\theta y^n dy = \frac{n}{\theta^n} \left[\frac{y^{n+1}}{n+1} \right]_0^\theta$$
$$= \frac{n}{n+1} \theta$$

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Thus Bias

$$\begin{aligned} B(\hat{\theta}_n) &= E[\hat{\theta}_n] - \theta \\ &= \frac{n}{n+1}\theta - \theta = -\frac{\theta}{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{b} \text{ MSE}[\hat{\theta}_n] = \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_n) + B(\hat{\theta}_n)^2$$

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$$E(\hat{\theta}_n^2) = \int_0^\theta y^2 \frac{ny^{n+1}}{\theta^n} dy = \frac{n}{n+2}\theta^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_n) &= E[\hat{\theta}_n^2] - (E[\hat{\theta}_n])^2 \\ &= \frac{n}{(n+2)(n+1)^2}\theta^2 \quad (\text{check}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \text{MSE}[\hat{\theta}_n] &= \frac{n}{(n+2)(n+1)^2}\theta^2 + \frac{\theta^2}{(n+1)^2} \\ &= \frac{2\theta^2}{(n+2)(n+1)} \end{aligned}$$

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$\Rightarrow \hat{\theta}_n$ is a consistent estimator of θ .

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$$L(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n; \theta) = \frac{P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n; \theta)}{P(x_1)P(x_2) \dots P(x_n)}$$

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Solution: $X_i \sim \text{Geometric}(\theta)$, then

$$P_{X_i}(x_i; \theta) = \frac{(1-\theta)^{x_i-1} \theta}{1}$$

Likelihood f_n

$$\begin{aligned} L(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n; \theta) &= P_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n; \theta) \\ &= P_{X_1}(x_1; \theta) \cdot P_{X_2}(x_2; \theta) \cdot \dots \cdot P_{X_n}(x_n; \theta) \end{aligned}$$

$$= (1-\theta)^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i - n} \theta^n \quad \leftarrow$$

Better to use log likelihood to maximize

$$\begin{aligned} \ln L(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n; \theta) \\ = (\sum x_i - n) \ln(1-\theta) + n \ln \theta \end{aligned}$$

Maximize:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{d\theta} \ln L(x_1, \dots, x_n; \theta) \\ = \left(\sum x_i - n \right) \frac{-1}{1-\theta} + \frac{n}{\theta} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Solve for θ

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\theta}_{ML} = \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}$$

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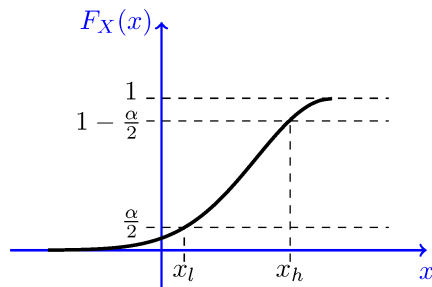
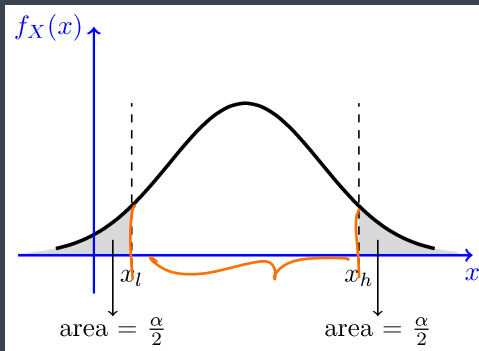
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5. Rewriting these equations by using inverse, we have

$$x_l = F_X^{-1}\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad x_h = F_X^{-1}\left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right)$$

» Plot of confidence Interval...



* $[x_l, x_h]$ is a $(1 - \alpha)$ interval for X , that is, $P(x_l \leq X \leq x_h) = 1 - \alpha$

» Example of Interval Estimation...

Example

Let $Z \sim N(0, 1)$, find x_l and x_h such that

$$P(x_l \leq Z \leq x_h) = 0.95 = 1 - \alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = 0.05$$

$$\text{CDF of } Z = \Phi$$

$$\textcircled{x_l} = \Phi^{-1}\left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) = \Phi^{-1}(0.025) = \underline{\underline{-1.96}}$$

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In the Bayesian framework, we treat the unknown quantity, Θ , as a random variable. More specifically, we assume that we have some **initial guess** about the distribution of Θ . This distribution is called the **prior distribution**. After observing some data, we update the distribution of Θ (based on the observed data).

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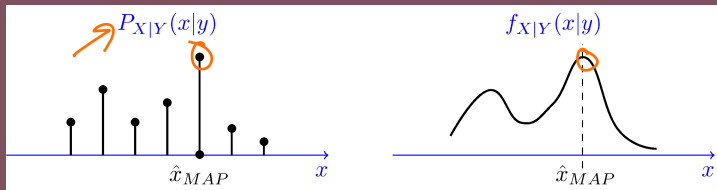
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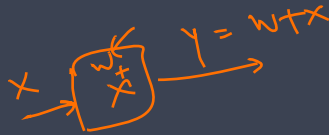
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