

# Advanced Statistical Methods Hw6

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## Problem 7.2

In table 7.1, suppose the MLE batting averages were based on 180 at-bats for each player, rather than 90. What would the JS column look like?

## Solution

There are two methods in the book. I'll show tables for  $n = 180$  cases.

First table is based on normal assumption method and second table is based on arcsine method.

```
library(knitr)
bball <- read.csv("https://web.stanford.edu/~hastie/CASI_files/DATA/baseball.txt", sep = " ")

#1 Using normal transformation
n <- nrow(bball)
num <- 180
true_p <- bball$TRUTH
mle_p <- bball$MLE
sig_p <- mean(mle_p)/num
s_mle <- sum((mle_p - mean(mle_p))^2)

p_js <- mean(mle_p) + (1 - 15*sig_p/s_mle)*(mle_p - mean(mle_p))

mse_js <- sum((p_js - true_p)^2)
mse_mle <- sum((mle_p - true_p)^2)

bball[, "JS"] <- p_js
bball <- bball[, c(1,2,4,3)]
kable(bball, caption = "baseball player 180 at-bats(normal method) ",
      align=c("c", "c", "c", "c"))
```

Table 1: baseball player 180 at-bats(normal method)

| Player | MLE   | JS        | TRUTH |
|--------|-------|-----------|-------|
| 1      | 0.345 | 0.3047351 | 0.298 |
| 2      | 0.333 | 0.2980222 | 0.346 |
| 3      | 0.322 | 0.2918687 | 0.222 |
| 4      | 0.311 | 0.2857151 | 0.276 |
| 5      | 0.289 | 0.2734081 | 0.263 |
| 6      | 0.289 | 0.2734081 | 0.273 |
| 7      | 0.278 | 0.2672545 | 0.303 |

| Player | MLE   | JS        | TRUTH |
|--------|-------|-----------|-------|
| 8      | 0.255 | 0.2543881 | 0.270 |
| 9      | 0.244 | 0.2482345 | 0.230 |
| 10     | 0.233 | 0.2420810 | 0.264 |
| 11     | 0.233 | 0.2420810 | 0.264 |
| 12     | 0.222 | 0.2359275 | 0.210 |
| 13     | 0.222 | 0.2359275 | 0.256 |
| 14     | 0.222 | 0.2359275 | 0.269 |
| 15     | 0.211 | 0.2297740 | 0.316 |
| 16     | 0.211 | 0.2297740 | 0.226 |
| 17     | 0.200 | 0.2236204 | 0.285 |
| 18     | 0.145 | 0.1928528 | 0.200 |

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#2 Using arcsine transformation
x <- 2*sqrt(num+0.75)*asin(sqrt((num*mle_p+0.375)/(num+0.75)))
mu <- 2*sqrt(num+0.75)*asin(sqrt((num>true_p+0.375)/(num+0.75)))
s_x <- sum((x - mean(x))^2)

mu_js <- mean(x) + (1 - 15/s_x)*(x - mean(x))

p_arcs_js <- 1/num*{(num+0.75) * (sin(mu_js/(2*sqrt(num+0.5))))^2 - 0.375}

bball[, "JS"] <- p_arcs_js
bball[, "x"] <- x

kable(bball,
      caption = "baseball player 180 at-bats(arcsine method) ",
      align=c("c", "c", "c", "c", "r"))

```

Table 2: baseball player 180 at-bats(arcsine method)

| Player | MLE   | JS        | TRUTH | x        |
|--------|-------|-----------|-------|----------|
| 1      | 0.345 | 0.3142896 | 0.298 | 16.89893 |
| 2      | 0.333 | 0.3063570 | 0.346 | 16.55968 |
| 3      | 0.322 | 0.2990731 | 0.222 | 16.24603 |
| 4      | 0.311 | 0.2917749 | 0.276 | 15.92958 |
| 5      | 0.289 | 0.2771249 | 0.263 | 15.28723 |
| 6      | 0.289 | 0.2771249 | 0.273 | 15.28723 |
| 7      | 0.278 | 0.2697672 | 0.303 | 14.96076 |
| 8      | 0.255 | 0.2542951 | 0.270 | 14.26494 |
| 9      | 0.244 | 0.2468457 | 0.230 | 13.92505 |
| 10     | 0.233 | 0.2393586 | 0.264 | 13.57999 |
| 11     | 0.233 | 0.2393586 | 0.264 | 13.57999 |
| 12     | 0.222 | 0.2318294 | 0.210 | 13.22927 |
| 13     | 0.222 | 0.2318294 | 0.256 | 13.22927 |
| 14     | 0.222 | 0.2318294 | 0.269 | 13.22927 |
| 15     | 0.211 | 0.2242528 | 0.316 | 12.87236 |
| 16     | 0.211 | 0.2242528 | 0.226 | 12.87236 |
| 17     | 0.200 | 0.2166233 | 0.285 | 12.50865 |
| 18     | 0.145 | 0.1774267 | 0.200 | 10.56016 |

## Problem 7.3

In table 7.1, calculate the JS column based on (7.20).

### Solution

By using problem 7.2 solution, we can easily find the james stein estimator under normal assumption.

```
library(knitr)
bball <- read.csv("https://web.stanford.edu/~hastie/CASI_files/DATA/baseball.txt", sep = " ")

#1 Using normal transformation
n <- nrow(bball)
num <- 90
true_p <- bball$TRUTH
mle_p <- bball$MLE
sig_p <- mean(mle_p)/num
s_mle <- sum((mle_p - mean(mle_p))^2)

p_js <- mean(mle_p) + (1 - 15*sig_p/s_mle)*(mle_p - mean(mle_p))

mse_js <- sum((p_js - true_p)^2)
mse_mle <- sum((mle_p - true_p)^2)

bball[, "JS"] <- p_js
bball <- bball[, c(1,2,4,3)]
kable(bball, caption = "baseball player 90 at-bats(normal method) ",
      align=c("c","c","c","c"))
```

Table 3: baseball player 90 at-bats(normal method)

| Player | MLE   | JS        | TRUTH |
|--------|-------|-----------|-------|
| 1      | 0.345 | 0.2644703 | 0.298 |
| 2      | 0.333 | 0.2630444 | 0.346 |
| 3      | 0.322 | 0.2617373 | 0.222 |
| 4      | 0.311 | 0.2604303 | 0.276 |
| 5      | 0.289 | 0.2578161 | 0.263 |
| 6      | 0.289 | 0.2578161 | 0.273 |
| 7      | 0.278 | 0.2565091 | 0.303 |
| 8      | 0.255 | 0.2537761 | 0.270 |
| 9      | 0.244 | 0.2524691 | 0.230 |
| 10     | 0.233 | 0.2511620 | 0.264 |
| 11     | 0.233 | 0.2511620 | 0.264 |
| 12     | 0.222 | 0.2498550 | 0.210 |
| 13     | 0.222 | 0.2498550 | 0.256 |
| 14     | 0.222 | 0.2498550 | 0.269 |
| 15     | 0.211 | 0.2485479 | 0.316 |
| 16     | 0.211 | 0.2485479 | 0.226 |
| 17     | 0.200 | 0.2472409 | 0.285 |
| 18     | 0.145 | 0.2407056 | 0.200 |

## Problem 7.5

Your brother-in-law's favorite player, number 4 in Table 7.1, is batting .311 after 90 at-bats, but JS predicts only 0.272. He says that this is due to the lousy 17 other players, who didn't have anything to do with number 4's results and are averaging only 0.250. How would you answer him?

### Solution

Actually, the james-stein estimator is shrinkage estimator. The shrinkage estimate does not work well when it is really good or bad. As the brother-in-law argues in the problem, the JS estimator of number 4 player is much lower than the actual value because other 17 players.

## Problem 2

Show that the Bayes risk of James-Stein estimator ( $M = 0$  case) is  $NB + \frac{2}{A+1}$  (see note page 3).

### Solution

Let  $\mu_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(M, A)$  and  $x_i | \mu_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\mu_i, 1)$ . Assume that  $M = 0$ . This means  $\mu_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, A)$ . Define  $S = \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2$  and  $B = \frac{A}{A+1}$ . Then, we know that  $\mu_i | x_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(Bx_i, B)$ ,  $x_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, A+1)$  and  $\frac{S}{A+1} \sim \chi^2(N) = \text{Gamma}(\frac{N}{2}, 2)$ . Then,  $E(\frac{S}{A+1}) = N$  and  $E(\frac{A+1}{S}) = \frac{1}{N-2} \quad \because \frac{A+1}{S} \sim \text{InverseGamma}(\frac{N}{2}, 2)$ .

Also, we know that the bayes estimator of  $\mu_i$  is  $\hat{\mu}_i^B = E(\mu_i | x_i) = Bx_i$  and james-stein estimator of  $\mu_i$  is  $\hat{\mu}_i^{JS} = (1 - \frac{N-2}{S})x_i$ .

we'll show that  $E_{X, \mu}(\|\hat{\mu}^{JS} - \mu\|^2) = NB + \frac{2}{A+1}$ .

Since we know that  $E(X) = E(E(X|Y)) \quad \forall X, Y$  random variables which is double expectation theorem, we apply this for  $\hat{\mu}_i^{JS}$  each  $i = 1, \dots, N$ .

$$\begin{aligned} E((\hat{\mu}_i^{JS} - \mu_i)^2 | X) &= E((\hat{\mu}_i^{JS} - \hat{\mu}_i^B + \hat{\mu}_i^B - \mu_i)^2 | X) \\ &= E((\hat{\mu}_i^{JS} - \hat{\mu}_i^B)^2 | X) + E((\hat{\mu}_i^B - \mu_i)^2 | X) + 2E((\hat{\mu}_i^{JS} - \hat{\mu}_i^B)(\hat{\mu}_i^B - \mu_i) | X) \end{aligned}$$

Define  $C = E((\hat{\mu}_i^{JS} - \hat{\mu}_i^B)(\hat{\mu}_i^B - \mu_i) | X)$ . We'll show that  $C = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} C &= E((\hat{\mu}_i^{JS} - \hat{\mu}_i^B)(\hat{\mu}_i^B - \mu_i) | X) \\ &= (\hat{\mu}_i^{JS} - \hat{\mu}_i^B)E((\hat{\mu}_i^B - \mu_i) | X) \quad \because (\hat{\mu}_i^{JS} - \hat{\mu}_i^B) \text{ is function of } X \\ &= (\hat{\mu}_i^{JS} - \hat{\mu}_i^B)(\hat{\mu}_i^B - E(\mu_i | X)) \quad \because \hat{\mu}_i^B \text{ is function of } X \\ &= (\hat{\mu}_i^{JS} - \hat{\mu}_i^B)(\hat{\mu}_i^B - \hat{\mu}_i^B) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Then, we can simplify for MSE of  $\hat{\mu}_i^{JS}$  conditional X.

$$\begin{aligned} E((\hat{\mu}_i^{JS} - \mu_i)^2 | X) &= E((\hat{\mu}_i^{JS} - \hat{\mu}_i^B)^2 | X) + E((\hat{\mu}_i^B - \mu_i)^2 | X) + 2E((\hat{\mu}_i^{JS} - \hat{\mu}_i^B)(\hat{\mu}_i^B - \mu_i) | X) \\ &= E((\hat{\mu}_i^{JS} - \hat{\mu}_i^B)^2 | X) + E((\hat{\mu}_i^B - \mu_i)^2 | X) \\ &= E((1 - \frac{N-2}{S} - B)^2 x_i^2 | X) + \text{Var}(\mu_i | X) \quad \because \hat{\mu}_i^B = E(\mu_i | x_i) \\ &= (1 - \frac{N-2}{S} - B)^2 x_i^2 + B \quad \because (1 - \frac{N-2}{S} - B)^2 x_i^2 \text{ is function of } X \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
E(\|\hat{\mu}^{JS} - \mu\|^2) &= E(E(\|\hat{\mu}^{JS} - \mu\|^2 | X)) \\
&= E\left(\sum_{i=1}^N \left((1 - \frac{N-2}{S} - B)^2 x_i^2\right)\right) + NB \\
&= E\left((1 - \frac{N-2}{S} - B)^2 S\right) + NB \\
&= E\left((1-B)^2 S + \left(\frac{N-2}{S}\right)^2 S - 2(1-B)\frac{N-2}{S}S\right) + NB \\
&= \frac{1}{(A+1)^2} E(S) + (N-2)E\left(\frac{N-2}{S}\right) - \frac{2(N-2)}{A+1} + NB \\
&= \frac{1}{(A+1)^2} (A+1)N + \frac{N-2}{A+1} - \frac{2(N-2)}{A+1} + NB \\
&= NB + \frac{2}{A+1}
\end{aligned}$$

### Problem 3

Let  $\hat{\mu}_i$  be the  $i$ th coordinate of the JS-estimator in the setting of p. 93 (of the textbook). Compare the risk of  $\hat{\mu}_i$  with that of the MLE of  $\mu_i$ .

#### Solution

In this case,  $M \neq 0$ . So similar to problem 2, we can show the above problem.

Let  $\mu_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(M, A)$  and  $x_i | \mu_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\mu_i, 1)$ . Define  $S = \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})^2$  and  $B = \frac{A}{A+1}$  where  $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i$ . Then, we know that  $\mu_i | x_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(M + B(x_i - M), B)$ ,  $x_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(M, A+1)$  and  $\frac{S}{A+1} \sim \chi^2(N-1) = \text{Gamma}(\frac{N-1}{2}, 2)$ . Then,  $E(\frac{S}{A+1}) = N-1$  and  $E(\frac{A+1}{S}) = \frac{1}{N-3} \quad \because \frac{A+1}{S} \sim \text{InverseGamma}(\frac{N-1}{2}, 2)$ .

Also, we know that the bayes estimator of  $\mu_i$  is  $\hat{\mu}_i^B = E(\mu_i | x_i) = M + B(x_i - M)$  and james-stein estimator of  $\mu_i$  is  $\hat{\mu}_i^{JS} = \bar{x} + (1 - \frac{N-3}{S})(\bar{x} - x_i)$ . Let  $\hat{B} = 1 - \frac{N-3}{S}$

we'll show that  $E_{X,\mu}(\|\hat{\mu}^{JS} - \mu\|^2) = NB + \frac{3}{A+1}$ .

Since we know that  $E(X) = E(E(X|Y)) \quad \forall X, Y$  random variables which is double expectation theorem, we apply this for  $\hat{\mu}_i^{JS}$  each  $i = 1, \dots, N$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
E((\hat{\mu}_i^{JS} - \mu_i)^2 | X) &= E((\hat{\mu}_i^{JS} - \hat{\mu}_i^B + \hat{\mu}_i^B - \mu_i)^2 | X) \\
&= E((\hat{\mu}_i^{JS} - \hat{\mu}_i^B)^2 | X) + E((\hat{\mu}_i^B - \mu_i)^2 | X) + 2E((\hat{\mu}_i^{JS} - \hat{\mu}_i^B)(\hat{\mu}_i^B - \mu_i) | X)
\end{aligned}$$

Define  $C = E(\hat{\mu}_i^{JS} - \hat{\mu}_i^B)(\hat{\mu}_i^B - \mu_i) | X$ . We'll show that  $C = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
C &= E((\hat{\mu}_i^{JS} - \hat{\mu}_i^B)(\hat{\mu}_i^B - \mu_i) | X) \\
&= (\hat{\mu}_i^{JS} - \hat{\mu}_i^B) E((\hat{\mu}_i^B - \mu_i) | X) \quad \because (\hat{\mu}_i^{JS} - \hat{\mu}_i^B) \text{ is function of } X \\
&= (\hat{\mu}_i^{JS} - \hat{\mu}_i^B)(\hat{\mu}_i^B - E(\mu_i | X)) \quad \because \hat{\mu}_i^B \text{ is function of } X \\
&= (\hat{\mu}_i^{JS} - \hat{\mu}_i^B)(\hat{\mu}_i^B - \hat{\mu}_i^B) = 0
\end{aligned}$$

Then, we can simplify for MSE of  $\hat{\mu}_i^{JS}$  conditional X.

$$\begin{aligned}
E((\hat{\mu}_i^{JS} - \mu_i)^2 | X) &= E((\hat{\mu}_i^{JS} - \hat{\mu}_i^B)^2 | X) + E((\hat{\mu}_i^B - \mu_i)^2 | X) + 2E((\hat{\mu}_i^{JS} - \hat{\mu}_i^B)(\hat{\mu}_i^B - \mu_i) | X) \\
&= E((\hat{\mu}_i^{JS} - \hat{\mu}_i^B)^2 | X) + E((\hat{\mu}_i^B - \mu_i)^2 | X) \\
&= E((\bar{x} + \hat{B}(x_i - \bar{x}) - M - B(x_i - \bar{x}))^2 | X) + Var(\mu_i | X) \quad \because \hat{\mu}_i^B = E(\mu_i | x_i) \\
&= E(((1-B)(\bar{x} - M) + (\hat{B} - B)(x_i - \bar{x}))^2 | X) + B \\
&= ((1-B)(\bar{x} - M) + (\hat{B} - B)(x_i - \bar{x}))^2 + B \quad \because ((1-B)(\bar{x} - M) + (\hat{B} - B)(x_i - \bar{x}))^2 \text{ is function of } X
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
E(\|\hat{\mu}^{JS} - \mu\|^2) &= E(E(\|\hat{\mu}^{JS} - \mu\|^2 | X)) \\
&= E\left(\sum_{i=1}^N ((1-B)(\bar{x} - M) + (\hat{B} - B)(x_i - \bar{x}))^2\right) + NB \\
&= E(N(1-B)^2(\bar{x} - M)^2 + (\hat{B} - B)^2 S + 2(1-B)(\hat{B} - B)(\bar{x} - M) \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})) + NB \\
&= N(1-B)^2 Var(\bar{x}) + E((\hat{B} - B)^2 S) + 0 + NB \quad \because \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x}) = 0 \\
&= N \frac{1}{(1+A)^2} \frac{A+1}{N} + E\left((1 - \frac{N-3}{S} - B)^2 S\right) + NB \quad \because \bar{x} \sim N(M, \frac{A+1}{N}) \\
&= \frac{1}{A+1} + E((1-B)^2 S) + E\left(\left(\frac{N-3}{S}\right)^2 S\right) - 2E\left((1-B) \frac{N-3}{S} S\right) + NB \\
&= \frac{1}{A+1} + \frac{N-1}{A+1} + \frac{N-3}{A+1} - 2\frac{N-3}{A+1} + NB \quad \because E\left(\frac{S}{A+1}\right) = N-1, \quad E\left(\frac{A+1}{S}\right) = \frac{1}{N-3} \\
&= \frac{1}{A+1} + \frac{N-1}{A+1} + \frac{N-3}{A+1} - 2\frac{N-3}{A+1} + NB \\
&= \frac{3}{A+1} + NB
\end{aligned}$$

The mle of  $\mu_i$  is  $\hat{\mu}_i^{MLE} = x_i$ ,  $E((\hat{\mu}_i^{MLE} - \mu_i)^2) = 1$ .  $E(\|\hat{\mu}^{MLE} - \mu\|^2) = N$ . Thus, if  $N \geq 3$ ,  $E(\|\hat{\mu}^{MLE} - \mu\|^2) \leq E(\|\hat{\mu}^{JS} - \mu\|^2)$ . But, we cannot assure that for each  $\hat{\mu}_i^{JS}$  is better than  $\hat{\mu}_i^{MLE}$ . This means that there might be for some  $i$  such that  $E(\hat{\mu}_i^{MLE} - \mu_i)^2 \not\leq E(\|\hat{\mu}^{JS} - \mu\|^2)$ .