

1 General definitions

1.1 Basic

- Sample variance

$$S_X^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_1^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 \quad (1)$$

- Sample correlation coefficient

$$r_{X,Y} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})(Y_i - \bar{Y})}{(n-1)\sqrt{(S_X^2 S_Y^2)}} \quad (2)$$

- QQ-plot for cumulative distribution function F is the set of points $(q_F(\frac{i}{n+1}), x_{(i)})$, where $q_F(\cdot)$ is the quantile function for the distribution.

- Mean Squared Error (MSE)

$$\text{MSE}(\theta; T(X), g(\theta)) = \mathbf{E}_\theta (T(X) - g(\theta))^2 \quad (3)$$

- Bias-variance decomposition

$$\text{MSE}(\theta; T(X)) = \text{var}_\theta T + (\mathbf{E}_\theta T(X) - g(\theta))^2 \quad (4)$$

1.2 k -th order statistic $X_{(k)}$

$X_{(k)}$ — k -th order statistic distribution for n i.i.d. variables from continuous distribution F .

$$f_{(k)}(x) = \frac{n!}{(k-1)!(n-k)!} F(x)^{k-1} (1-F(x))^{n-k} f(x) \quad (5)$$

$$F_{(k)}(x) = \sum_{j=k}^n \binom{n}{j} F(x)^j (1-F(x))^{n-j} \quad (6)$$

$$\mathbf{E}F(X_{(k)}) = \frac{k}{n+1} \quad (7)$$

2 Important distributions

- Geometric distribution $G(\theta)$, $0 \leq \theta \leq 1$

- pdf

$$f_{\theta}(k) = (1 - \theta)^{1-k} \theta \quad (8)$$

- cdf

$$F_{\theta}(k) = 1 - (1 - \theta)^k \quad (9)$$

- Gamma distribution $\Gamma(\alpha, \lambda)$, $\alpha > 0, \lambda > 0$

- α and λ are known as “shape” and “inverse scale” parameters.

- pdf

$$p_{\alpha, \lambda}(x) = \frac{x^{\alpha-1} \lambda^{\alpha} e^{-\lambda x}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \quad (10)$$

- cdf (where $\gamma(s, x) = \int_0^x t^{s-1} e^{-t} dt$ — is the “incomplete gamma function”)

$$F_{\alpha, \lambda}(x) = \frac{\gamma(\alpha, x\lambda)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \quad (11)$$

3 Estimators

3.1 Maximum of n uniformly distributed statistics

Set up: X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n i.i.d. drawn from $U[0, \theta]$, where θ is the parameter of interest.

- $\hat{\theta} = 2\bar{X}_n$
 - method of moments estimator
 - *unbiased*
 - $\text{MSE}(\theta, \hat{\theta}) = \frac{\theta^2}{3n}$, see (5)
- $\frac{n+1}{n}X_{(n)}$ — n -th order statistic, i.e. maximum.
 - $\mathbf{E}_{\theta}X_{(n)} = \frac{n+1}{n+2}\theta$, see (5)
 - $\text{MSE}(\theta, X_{(n)}) = \frac{2\theta^2}{(n+2)(n+1)}$

- $\frac{n+2}{n+1}X_{(n)}$
 - *unbiased*
 - $\text{MSE}(\theta, \frac{n+2}{n+1}X_{(n)}) = \frac{2\theta^2}{(n+1)^2}$

3.2 Univariate normal distribution

- $(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\sigma}^2) = \left(\bar{X}_n, \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X}_n)^2 \right) = \left(\bar{X}_n, \frac{n-1}{n} S_X^2 \right)$
 - maximum likelihood estimator
 - method of moments estimator
 - $\hat{\mu}$ is unbiased
 - $\mathbf{E}_{(\mu, \sigma^2)} \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{n-1}{n} \sigma^2$