

(1) **Cramér-Rao lower bound - Simulation**

In Homework 7 Exercise 2 a density $f(x|\theta) = \theta x^{\theta-1}$ for $0 < x < 1$ and $\theta > 0$ was given. The goal was to find a suitable function g of the parameter θ such that there exists an unbiased estimator of $g(\theta)$ which attains the Cramér-Rao lower bound.

A unbiased statistic which attains the Cramér-Rao lower bound is for $g(\theta) = \frac{1}{\theta}$ given by

$$S_n(X_1, \dots, X_n) = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(X_i).$$

Implement the following steps in R:

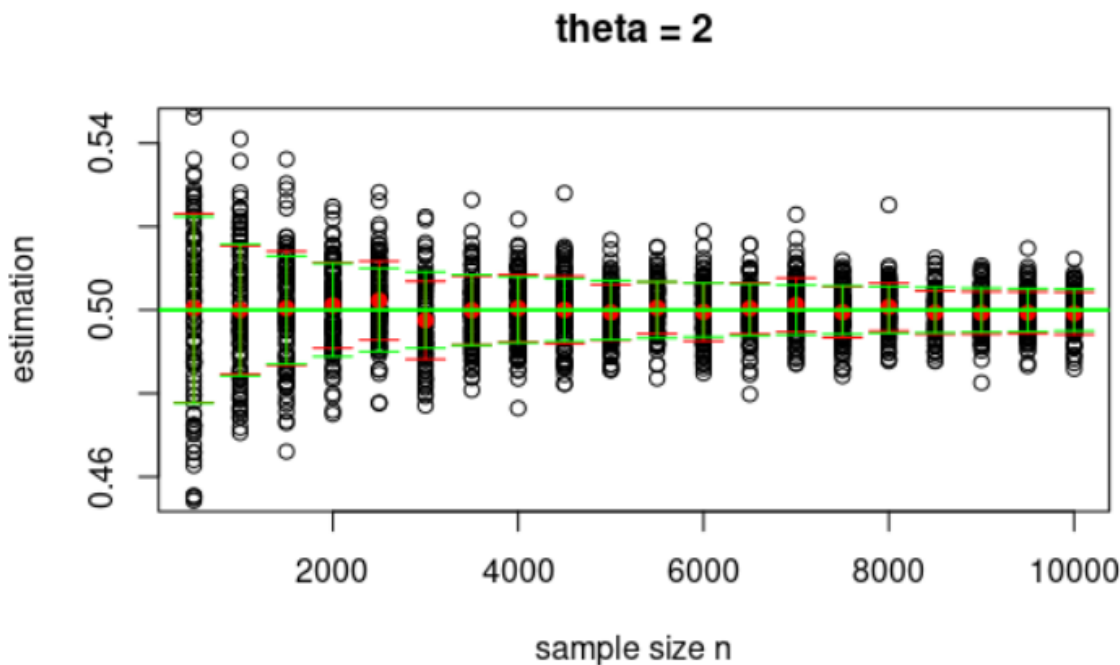
- Write pdf `dhw`, cdf `phw`, quantile `qhw` and random sampling function `rhw` for the above distribution parameterized by θ (see for example `?runif`, `?rnorm`).
Hint: Given an strict monotone continuous cdf F , then $F^{-1}(U)$ is distributed with cdf F for $U \sim U(0, 1)$.
- Fix an arbitrary θ and perform a simulation with growing sample size $n = 500, 1000, 1500, \dots, 10000$ each with 100 replications for the estimation of $g(\theta)$ with the statistic S_n .
- Create a scatter plot of all the estimates over the sample size, add the sample mean and standard deviation aggregated over the sample size to the plot. Finally, add the theoretical mean and standard deviation of the statistic S_n .

a) $\theta > 0$; $f_{\theta}(x) = \theta x^{\theta-1} \mathbb{1}_{(0,1)}(x)$, hence
$$F_{\theta}(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ x^{\theta}, & \text{if } 0 < x < 1 \\ 1, & \text{if } 1 \leq x \end{cases}$$

Consider any two numbers $x, p \in (0, 1)$. We have $F_{\theta}(x) = p \Leftrightarrow x^{\theta} = p \Leftrightarrow x = p^{\frac{1}{\theta}}$.

Hence, the Quantile function $Q_{\theta}: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ is given by $Q_{\theta}(p) := p^{\frac{1}{\theta}}$

c) We know from last weeks Homework, that $E(S_n) = \frac{1}{\theta}$ and $\text{Var}(S_n) = \frac{1}{n\theta^2}$.



(2) Sufficient statistic and point estimator statistics

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a population with pdf

$$f(x|\theta) = \begin{cases} \frac{\theta}{x^2}, & \theta \leq x \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

with unknown $\theta > 0$. Use the Factorization theorem to obtain a sufficient statistic for θ .

The likelihood is given by
$$L(x|\theta) = \begin{cases} \theta^n \prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{-2}, & \text{if } \theta \leq \min\{x_i | 1 \leq i \leq n\} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$T(x) := \left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{-2}, \min\{x_i | 1 \leq i \leq n\} \right) \quad h(x) := 1$$

$$g(y|\theta) := \begin{cases} \theta^n y_1, & \text{if } \theta \leq y_2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

We have $L(x, \theta) = g(T(x)|\theta) h(x)$, hence $T(x)$ is a sufficient statistic for θ by the factorization theorem.

(3) Minimal sufficient statistic 1

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a population with $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \mu)$ distribution, where $\mu > 0$ is unknown.

(a) Show that the statistic $\sum X_i^2$ is minimal sufficient in the $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \mu)$ family.

(b) Show that the statistic $(\sum X_i, \sum X_i^2)$ is sufficient but not minimal sufficient in the $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \mu)$ family.

$$a) L(x|\mu) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\mu}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{2\mu}\right) = (2\pi\mu)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{2\mu} (2x_i\mu - x_i^2 - \mu^2)\right)$$
$$= (2\pi\mu)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\mu} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - \frac{n\mu}{2}\right) \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right) = g(T(x)|\mu) h(x), \text{ where}$$

$$g(z|\mu) = (2\pi\mu)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\mu} z - \frac{n\mu}{2}\right) \text{ and } h(x) = \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right)$$

Hence, $T(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2$ is sufficient.

$$\frac{L(x|\mu)}{L(y|\mu)} = \exp\left(\frac{1}{2\mu} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2\right)\right) \text{ is constant as a function of } \mu, \text{ if and}$$

only if $T(y) = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 = T(x)$, hence $T(X)$ is minimal sufficient.

b) $S(x) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i, \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2\right)$ is clearly sufficient, since one component is $T(X)$, simply

take $\tilde{g}(z|\mu) = (2\pi\mu)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\mu} z - \frac{n\mu}{2}\right)$, but it is not minimal sufficient, since $\pi_2(S(X)) = T(X)$.

(4) Minimal sufficient statistic 2

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a population with pdf

$$f(x|\theta) = \begin{cases} \frac{2x}{\theta}, & 0 < x < \theta \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases},$$

with unknown parameter $\theta > 0$. Find a minimal sufficient statistic for θ .

$$L(x|\theta) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{2}{\theta}\right)^n \prod_{i=1}^n x_i, & \text{if } 0 < \min\{x_i | i=1, \dots, n\} \leq \max\{x_i | i=1, \dots, n\} < \theta \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

If we constrain x to $(\mathbb{R}^+)^n$ and define $T(x) := \max\{x_i | i=1, \dots, n\}$, $h(x) = \prod_{i=1}^n x_i$, and

$$g(z|\theta) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{2}{\theta}\right)^n z, & \text{if } z < \theta \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases} \quad \text{then } L(x|\theta) = g(T(x)|\theta) h(x), \text{ hence } T(X) \text{ is sufficient}$$

If $T(x) = T(y)$, then $\frac{L(x|\theta)}{L(y|\theta)} = \frac{h(x)}{h(y)}$ is constant as a function of $\theta \in (T(x), \infty)$.

If $T(y) < T(x)$, then we choose $\theta_1, \theta_2 \in \mathbb{R}^+$ such that $T(x) < \theta_2$ and $T(y) < \theta_1 < T(x)$, hence

$$\frac{L(x, \theta_1)}{L(y, \theta_1)} = 0 \text{ and } \frac{L(x, \theta_2)}{L(y, \theta_2)} = \frac{h(x)}{h(y)} > 0, \text{ hence } \frac{L(x|\theta)}{L(y|\theta)} \text{ is not constant as a}$$

function of θ . We conclude that $T(X)$ is a minimal sufficient statistic.

(5) Sufficiency, bias, Rao-Blackwell theorem

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be i.i.d. $Poi(\lambda)$, with unknown $\lambda > 0$.

(a) Show that $Y = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ is a sufficient statistic for λ .

(b) Find an unbiased estimator of $p_r = P(X = r)$, which depends only on X_1 .

Find $P(X_1 = r | Y = k)$ both for $k \geq r$ and $k < r$.

Hence use the Rao-Blackwell theorem to improve your estimator of p_r .

$$a) L(x|\lambda) = \begin{cases} \lambda^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} \left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i! \right)^{-1} \exp(-n\lambda) & , \text{ if } x = 0, 1, \dots \\ 0 & , \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

From now on we only consider $x \in \{0, 1, \dots\}$. Let $g(z|\lambda) := \lambda^z \exp(-n\lambda)$, and $h(x) := \left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i! \right)^{-1}$. We have $L(x|\lambda) = g(Y, \lambda) h(x)$, hence Y is a sufficient statistic for λ .

$$b) p_r = P(X=r) = \frac{\lambda^r}{r!} e^{-\lambda}, \quad \hat{p}_r(x) := \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x_1=r \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}, \text{ then } \hat{p}_r(X) \text{ is an}$$

unbiased estimator of p_r , since $E_\lambda(\hat{p}_r(X)) = \frac{\lambda^r}{r!} e^{-\lambda} = p_r$

Let $k < r$, if there was ω with $k = Y(\omega) = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i(\omega)$ and $X_1(\omega) = r$, then

$$r = X_1(\omega) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n X_i(\omega) = k, \text{ hence } P(X_1=r | Y=k) = 0$$

Let $r \leq k$, then

$$P(X_1=r | Y=k) = \frac{P(X_1=r, \sum_{i=2}^n X_i=k-r)}{P(Y=k)} = \frac{P(X_1=r) P(\sum_{i=2}^n X_i=k-r)}{P(Y=k)}$$

$$= \frac{\lambda^r}{r!} e^{-\lambda} \frac{((n-1)\lambda)^{k-r}}{(k-r)!} e^{-(n-1)\lambda} \left(\frac{(n\lambda)^k}{k!} e^{-n\lambda} \right)^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{k!}{r!(k-r)!} \frac{(n-1)^{k-r}}{n^k} = \binom{k}{r} \frac{(n-1)^{k-r}}{n^k}$$

We used that $\sum_{i=2}^n X_i \sim Poi((n-1)\lambda)$ and $Y \sim Poi(n\lambda)$

$$\text{Hence } \phi(k) = E(X_1=r | Y=k) = P(X_1=r | Y=k) = \begin{cases} \binom{k}{r} \frac{(n-1)^{k-r}}{n^k}, & \text{if } 0 \leq r \leq k \\ 0 & , \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

By the Rao-Blackwell Theorem, $\phi(Y)$ is an unbiased estimator of p_r with

$$\text{Var}_p(\phi(Y)) \leq \text{Var}(\hat{p}_r(X)).$$