

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

$$T(x) := \min\{x_i | 1 \leq i \leq n\}$$

$$h(x) := \prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{-2}$$

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

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