

(1) Method of moment estimator

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

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\theta x^{\theta-1}}{3^\theta}, & 0 < x < 3 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}^+$  is unknown parameter.

(a) Show that the method of moments estimator for  $\theta$  is  $T_n = \frac{\bar{X}}{3-\bar{X}}$ .

(b) Find the limiting distribution of  $\frac{T_n - \theta}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

$$a) \mu(\theta) = \int_0^3 \frac{\theta x^{\theta-1}}{3^\theta} x dx = \theta 3^{-\theta} \left[ \frac{x^{\theta+1}}{\theta+1} \right]_{x=0}^3 = \frac{\theta}{\theta+1} 3 \stackrel{!}{=} \bar{X} \Leftrightarrow 3\theta = \bar{X}\theta + \bar{X} \Leftrightarrow \theta(3-\bar{X}) = \bar{X}$$

$$\text{Thus, } T_n = \frac{\bar{X}}{3-\bar{X}}.$$

$$b) g: ]0, 3[ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}: y \mapsto \frac{y}{3-y}; \quad g'(y) = (3-y)^{-1} + y(3-y)^{-2} = \frac{3-y+y}{(3-y)^2} = \frac{3}{(3-y)^2}$$

$$(\sigma(\theta))^2 - (\mu(\theta))^2 = \int_0^3 \frac{\theta x^{\theta-1}}{3^\theta} x^2 dx = \theta 3^{-\theta} \left[ \frac{x^{\theta+2}}{\theta+2} \right]_0^3 = \frac{9\theta}{\theta+2} \Rightarrow (\sigma(\theta))^2 = \frac{9\theta}{\theta+2} - \frac{9\theta^2}{(\theta+1)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sigma(\theta))^2 = ((\theta+2)(\theta+1)^2)^{-1} (9\theta(\theta+1)^2 - 9\theta^2(\theta+2)) \\ = ((\theta+2)(\theta+1)^2)^{-1} (9\theta^3 + 18\theta^2 + 9\theta - 9\theta^3 - 18\theta^2) = 9\theta((\theta+2)(\theta+1)^2)^{-1}$$

$$\text{By CLT, we have } \sqrt{n} \left( \bar{X} - \frac{3\theta}{\theta+1} \right) \xrightarrow{d} Y \sim \mathcal{N}(0, (\sigma(\theta))^2) = \mathcal{N}\left(0, \frac{9\theta}{(\theta+2)(\theta+1)^2}\right).$$

$$g\left(\frac{3\theta}{\theta+1}\right) = \frac{\frac{3\theta}{\theta+1}}{3 - \frac{3\theta}{\theta+1}} = \frac{3\theta}{3(\theta+1) - 3\theta} = \frac{3\theta}{3\theta + 3 - 3\theta} = \theta$$

We apply the delta method and obtain

$$\sqrt{n}(T_n - \theta) = \sqrt{n}\left(g(\bar{X}) - g\left(\frac{3\theta}{\theta+1}\right)\right) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}\left(0, (\sigma(\theta))^2 \left(g'\left(\frac{3\theta}{\theta+1}\right)\right)^2\right)$$

$$g'\left(\frac{3\theta}{\theta+1}\right) = \frac{3}{\left(3 - \frac{3\theta}{\theta+1}\right)^2} = \frac{3(\theta+1)^2}{(3(\theta+1) - 3\theta)^2} = \frac{(\theta+1)^2}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sigma(\theta))^2 \left(g'\left(\frac{3\theta}{\theta+1}\right)\right)^2 = \frac{9\theta}{(\theta+2)(\theta+1)^2} \cdot \frac{(\theta+1)^4}{9} = \frac{\theta(\theta+1)^2}{\theta+2}$$

$$\text{Thus, } \sqrt{n}(T_n - \theta) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}\left(0, \frac{\theta(\theta+1)^2}{\theta+2}\right)$$