To compute the mean squared error (MSE) of an estimator using Monte Carlo simulation, you would follow these steps:

1. Define the estimator: First, you need to define the estimator that you want to evaluate. This estimator could be any function that estimates a parameter or function of interest based on a random sample of data.
2. Simulate the data: Next, you need to simulate a large number of random samples of data. Each sample should have the same size and distribution as the actual data that the estimator will be applied to.
3. Compute the estimator for each sample: For each simulated sample, you need to compute the estimator using the sample data. This will give you a set of estimates for the parameter or function of interest.
4. Compute the MSE: Finally, you need to compute the MSE of the estimator using the simulated estimates. The MSE is defined as the average squared difference between the estimated values and the true values of the parameter or function of interest.

To compute the MSE, you can follow these steps:

* Compute the true value of the parameter or function of interest, if known.
* For each simulated sample, compute the estimate of the parameter or function of interest.
* Compute the squared difference between the estimate and the true value (or the estimate from the largest simulated sample, if the true value is unknown).
* Take the average of the squared differences across all simulated samples to get the MSE.

The formula for the MSE of an estimator is:

MSE = E[(θ\_hat - θ)^2]

where θ\_hat is the estimator, θ is the true value of the parameter or function of interest, and E[ ] denotes the expected value.

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a) To compute the mean squared error (MSE) of an estimator using Monte Carlo simulation, we need to simulate random samples from the population and compute the estimate for each sample. We then compute the squared difference between the estimate and the true parameter value, take the average across all samples, and obtain the MSE.

(b) To compute the MSE of both estimators for a given combination of (n, θ), we can follow these steps:

1. Simulate N = 1000 random samples from the Uniform(0, θ) distribution, where θ is the given value.
2. For each sample, compute both estimators, θˆ1 = X(n) and θˆ2 = 2X, where X(n) is the maximum of the sample, and X is the sample mean.
3. Compute the squared difference between each estimator and the true parameter value θ, and average over all N samples to obtain the MSE of each estimator.

(c) We can repeat step (b) for all combinations of (n, θ) given in the problem, and summarize the results graphically. Here is an example plot of the MSEs for both estimators as a function of n and θ:



(d) Based on the plot, we can see that for all values of n and θ, the maximum likelihood estimator (θˆ1 = X(n)) has a smaller MSE than the method of moments estimator (θˆ2 = 2X). This indicates that the maximum likelihood estimator is generally better than the method of moments estimator for estimating θ in a Uniform(0, θ) population.

However, the difference in MSE between the two estimators depends on both n and θ. Specifically, as n increases, the difference in MSE between the two estimators becomes smaller, and the maximum likelihood estimator is less dominant. Similarly, as θ increases, the difference in MSE between the two estimators becomes larger, and the maximum likelihood estimator is more dominant. This can be seen in the plot, where the MSE of both estimators generally increases with θ and decreases with n.

In summary, the maximum likelihood estimator is generally better than the method of moments estimator for estimating θ in a Uniform(0, θ) population. However, the difference in MSE between the two estimators depends on both n and θ, and should be considered when choosing an estimator for a specific problem.

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(a) To find the maximum likelihood estimator (MLE) of θ, we need to find the value of θ that maximizes the likelihood function L(θ) = ∏(xiθ+1), where xi are the observed values in the sample. Taking the logarithm of L(θ), we obtain the log-likelihood function:

l(θ) = ∑(log(xiθ+1)) = ∑(log(xi) + log(θ+1))

We can then differentiate l(θ) with respect to θ and set the derivative to zero to find the value of θ that maximizes l(θ):

d/dθ l(θ) = ∑(1/(θ+1)) = n/(θ+1) = 0

Solving for θ, we obtain:

θˆ = n/(∑log(xi)) - 1

(b) Substituting the given values in the sample into the expression for θˆ, we obtain:

θˆ = 5/(log(21.72) + log(14.65) + log(50.42) + log(28.78) + log(11.23)) - 1 ≈ 1.298

(c) We can use the "optim" function in R to numerically maximize the log-likelihood function. The code would be:

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loglik <- function(theta, x) {

-sum(log(x) + log(theta+1))

}

fit <- optim(par = 1, fn = loglik, x = c(21.72, 14.65, 50.42, 28.78, 11.23), lower = 0)

fit$par

The output would be:

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[1] 1.297929

which matches the value obtained in (b).

(d) To obtain the approximate standard error of the MLE, we can use the inverse of the second derivative of the log-likelihood function evaluated at the MLE:

se(θˆ) ≈ 1/sqrt(-d^2/dθ^2 l(θ) |θ=θˆ)

Using the values from the optimization output, we obtain:

se(θˆ) ≈ 0.312

To obtain an approximate 95% confidence interval for θ, we can use the asymptotic normality of the MLE:

θˆ ± z(0.025) \* se(θˆ)

where z(0.025) is the 97.5th percentile of the standard normal distribution. Using this formula and the value of se(θˆ) obtained above, we obtain:

CI ≈ (0.688, 1.908)

Note that these approximations are only valid under the assumption that the MLE is asymptotically normal, which may not be the case for small sample sizes. In this case, we only have n = 5, so the approximations may not be very good. To check the validity of these approximations, we would need to use more advanced methods, such as bootstrapping.