

Homework 6

STA4322/STA5328

Introduction to Statistics Theory

Spring 2020, MWF 3:00pm

Due date: Monday, March 16th, 2020

All work must be shown for complete credit. W.M.S. denotes the course textbook, *Mathematical Statistics with Applications*.

1. Find the maximum likelihood estimator of θ based on the random sample of size n from a $\text{Uniform}(0, 2\theta)$ distribution.
2. Suppose that X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are independent and identically distributed random variables with density

$$f_X(x | \theta) = \begin{cases} e^{-(x-\theta)} & x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where $\theta > 0$ is an unknown constant.

- (a) Find an estimator $\hat{\theta}_1$ for θ using the method of moments.
 - (b) Find the maximum likelihood estimator (MLE) of θ , $\hat{\theta}_2$.
 - (c) Modify both $\hat{\theta}_1$ and $\hat{\theta}_2$ so that they are unbiased for θ .
 - (d) Using the modified versions from part (c), compute the efficiency of the modified version of $\hat{\theta}_2$ relative to the modified version of $\hat{\theta}_1$.
3. Suppose that m integers are randomly drawn *with replacement* from the integers $1, 2, \dots, M$. That is, each integer has probability $1/M$ of taking on any values $1, 2, \dots, M$, and the sampled values are independent.
 - (a) Find the method of moments estimator of \hat{M} of M .
 - (b) Compute $E(\hat{M})$ and $\text{Var}(\hat{M})$.
 4. The geometric distribution has probability mass function

$$P(Y = y) = p(1 - p)^y.$$

Suppose we have observed a random sample of size n from the geometric distribution with unknown parameter p .

- (a) Find the method of moments estimator of p .
- (b) Find the MLE of p .
- (c) Using a sufficient statistic, find an unbiased estimator of p .

5. Let X_1, \dots, X_n be independent and identically distributed random variables with density

$$f_X(x | \theta) = \begin{cases} \frac{3x^2}{\theta^3} & 0 \leq x \leq \theta \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Show that $X_{(n)} = \max(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ is a sufficient statistic.
- (b) Find the MLE of θ .
- (c) Find a function of the MLE which is a pivotal quantity.
- (d) Use the pivotal quantity to construct a $100(1 - \alpha)\%$ confidence interval for θ .