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**Practice Assignment**  
**Course - Econometrics**

**This is a practice assignment for your endsemester preparation. No need to submit it.**

1. Let  $\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$  be a sample of size  $n$  from a normal distribution with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ . Consider the following point estimators of  $\mu$

(a)  $\hat{\sigma}_1^2 = \frac{1}{n-3} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$

(b)  $\hat{\sigma}_2^2 = (X_1 - \bar{X})^2$

Answer the following questions with justification:

- (a) Which are the unbiased estimators?
  - (b) Which are the consistent estimators?
  - (c) Which is the most efficient?
  - (d) Is the normality assumption needed to answer (a) to (c)?
2. Suppose  $\hat{\mu}$  is an estimator of  $\mu$  derived from a sample of size  $n$ . You are given that  $E(\hat{\mu}) = \mu + \frac{2}{n}$  and  $Var(\hat{\mu}) = \frac{4\mu}{n} + \frac{\mu^2}{n^2}$
- (a) Examine whether  $\hat{\mu}$  is an unbiased estimator of  $\mu$ .
  - (b) Whether  $\hat{\mu}$  is a consistent estimator of  $\mu$ .
  - (c) Whether  $\hat{\mu}$  is asymptotically unbiased of  $\mu$ .
  - (d) Whether  $\hat{\mu}$  is asymptotically efficient of  $\mu$ .
  - (e) What is the asymptotic variance of  $\hat{\mu}$ ?
3. Comment briefly on the meaning of the following terms:
- (a) Estimated regression coefficient  $\beta$
  - (b) Standard error
  - (c)  $R^2$
  - (d)  $r$
  - (e) Residual sum of squares
  - (f) Total sum of squares
  - (g) Sum of squares due to regression or Regression sum of squares
  - (h) Unbiasedness
  - (i) Consistency
  - (j) Asymptotic unbiasedness
  - (k) p-value
  - (l) Type-I-error
  - (m) Level of significance
  - (n) Power of a test
  - (o) Least squares method
  - (p) Weighted least squares method
  - (q) Normal equations

- (r) Population and samples
- (s) Parameters
- (t) Random samples
- (u) Estimated regression coefficient  $\hat{\beta} = 2$

4. The following data present experience (x) and salary structure (y) of the faculties of Economics at the Calcutta University (in thousand of rupees) in the year 2022-23. Calculate the regression of  $Y$  on  $X$ :  $Y_i = \alpha + \beta X_i + u_i$ . Calculate  $R^2$  and  $r$ . Calculate the RSS. Calculate the 95% confidence interval for  $\beta$  assuming that the errors are normally distributed. Predict the value of  $Y$  when  $X = 3$ .

$X$	$Y$
20	300
15	250
5	150
12	200
30	350

5. Show that simple linear regression line of  $Y$  on  $X$  coincides with the regression line of  $X$  on  $Y$  if and only if  $r^2 = 1$ , where  $r$  is the sample correlation coefficient between  $X$  and  $Y$ .
6. Let  $Y_i = \alpha + \beta X_i + u_i$ . Show that if  $\bar{X} = 0$ , then  $\text{Cov}(\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}) = 0$  where  $\hat{\alpha}$  and  $\hat{\beta}$  are the least squares estimators.
7. Let  $\hat{u}_i$  be the residuals in the least squares fit of  $Y_i = \alpha + \beta X_i + u_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Derive the followings:

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{u}_i = 0$$

and

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \hat{u}_i = 0.$$

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