

Problem 1. Consider samples X_1, \dots, X_n are from Simple Random Sampling (sample without replacement) with population size N . From the Lecture, we know that there is an unbiased estimator for σ^2 ,

$$\frac{S^2}{n} \left(1 - \frac{n}{N}\right),$$

where

$$S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X}_n)^2.$$

Please proof the following statements.

- (i) If X_1, \dots, X_n are either 1 or 0, then $\hat{\sigma}^2(\bar{X}_n) := \frac{\bar{X}_n(1-\bar{X}_n)}{n-1} \left(1 - \frac{n}{N}\right)$ is an unbiased estimator for σ^2 .
- (ii) $\sup_p \hat{\sigma}^2(p) = \frac{1}{4(n-1)} \left(1 - \frac{n}{N}\right)$.
- (iii) Apply CLT, then $\bar{X}_n \pm z_{\alpha/2} \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{\frac{1}{n-1} \left(1 - \frac{n}{N}\right)}$ is a $(1 - \alpha)$ confidence interval for all $\mu = E[X]$.

Problem 2. Under Simple Random Sampling, find an unbiased estimator for μ^2 .