

A2Q1

$$\begin{aligned} 1. E(\tilde{\theta}_1) &= E(2\bar{X}) = 2E(\bar{X}) = 2E\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) \\ &= \frac{2}{n} E\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) = \frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (E(X_i)) = \frac{2}{n} n \left(\frac{0+\theta}{2}\right) \\ &= 2\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) = \boxed{\theta} \end{aligned}$$

$\tilde{\theta}_1$ is an unbiased estimator of θ

$$\begin{aligned} 2. E(\tilde{\theta}_2) &= E(\max(X_1, \dots, X_n)) = E(X_i) \text{ where } i \\ &\quad \text{is an integer} \\ &\quad 1 \leq i \leq n \\ &= \frac{0+\theta}{2} = \theta/2 \neq \theta \end{aligned}$$

$\tilde{\theta}_2$ is a biased estimator of θ

$$\begin{aligned} 3. \text{Var}(\tilde{\theta}_1) &= \text{Var}(2\bar{X}) \\ &= 2^2 \text{Var}(\bar{X}) \\ &= 4 \text{Var}\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) \\ &= \frac{4}{n^2} \text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) \\ &= \frac{4}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\text{Var}(X_i)) \text{ because } X_i \text{ are independent} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{4}{n^2} n \left(\frac{(\theta - 0)^2}{12} \right)$$

$$= \frac{4}{n} \frac{\theta^2}{12} = \boxed{\frac{\theta^2}{3n}}$$

4. See simulation.R and simulation.txt

Comparison: The sample mean & sample variance of the 10000 samples of $\tilde{\theta}_1$ are closer to the theoretical results I've obtained for $E(\tilde{\theta}_1)$ and $\text{Var}(\tilde{\theta}_1)$

5. See simulation.R and simulation.txt

6. $\tilde{\theta}_1$ over $\tilde{\theta}_2$: The sample mean & sample variance of the 10000 samples of $\tilde{\theta}_1$ are closer to the theoretical results I've obtained for $E(\tilde{\theta}_1)$ and $\text{Var}(\tilde{\theta}_1)$. Also, $\tilde{\theta}_1$ is an unbiased estimator of θ whereas $\tilde{\theta}_2$ is biased.

$\tilde{\theta}_2$ over $\tilde{\theta}_1$: From simulation, $\hat{MSE}(\tilde{\theta}_2) < \hat{MSE}(\tilde{\theta}_1)$