

1. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from  $X \sim f(x) = e^{-(x-\theta)} I_{(\theta, \infty)}(x)$ . Let  $Y_n = \min\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$ . Then  $Y_n$  is the first order statistic of the random sample. Recall that the density of  $Y_n$  is given by  $f_{Y_n}(y) = 1 - (1 - F_X(y))^n$ . First we find  $F_X(y)$ .

$$F_X(y) = \int_{-\infty}^y e^{-(x-\theta)} I_{(\theta, \infty)}(x) dx = \int_{\theta}^y e^{-(x-\theta)} dx = \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-(x-\theta)} \Big|_{\theta}^y = -e^{-(y-\theta)} = 1 - e^{-(y-\theta)}$$

Using this we see

$$f_{Y_n}(y) = n(1 - 1 + e^{-(y-\theta)})^{n-1} e^{-(y-\theta)} I_{(\theta, \infty)}(y) = n e^{-n(y-\theta)} I_{(\theta, \infty)}(y)$$

Now, we are ready to show that  $Y_n$  is a consistent point estimator of  $\theta$ .

$$\begin{aligned} P(|Y_n - \theta| < \epsilon) &= P(\theta - \epsilon \leq Y_n \leq \theta + \epsilon) \\ &= P(\theta - \epsilon \leq Y_n \leq \theta) + P(\theta \leq Y_n \leq \theta + \epsilon) \\ &= 0 + \int_{\theta}^{\theta+\epsilon} f_{Y_n}(y) dy \\ &= \int_{\theta}^{\theta+\epsilon} n e^{-n(y-\theta)} I_{(\theta, \infty)}(y) dy \\ &= n \int_{\theta}^{\theta+\epsilon} e^{-n(y-\theta)} dy \\ &= -e^{-n(y-\theta)} \Big|_{\theta}^{\theta+\epsilon} \\ &= 1 - e^{-n\epsilon} \end{aligned}$$

Now, letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  shows that  $P(|Y_n - \theta| < \epsilon) \rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 - e^{-n\epsilon} = 1$ . Thus our point estimator is consistent.

2. Let  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \theta x) I_{(-1, 1)}(x)$ . Then for  $X \sim f(x)$  the mean is given by

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{2} x(1 + \theta x) I_{(-1, 1)}(x) dx = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{2} (x + \theta x^2) dx = x^2 + \theta \frac{x^3}{6} \Big|_{-1}^1 = 1 + \frac{\theta}{6} - 1 + \frac{\theta}{6} = \frac{\theta}{3}$$

Moreover we can find variance by the following

$$\mathbb{E}(X^2) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \frac{1}{2} x^2(1 + \theta x) I_{(-1, 1)}(x) dx = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{1}{2} (x^2 + \theta x^3) dx = \frac{x^3}{6} + \theta \frac{x^4}{8} \Big|_{-1}^1 = \frac{1}{6} + \frac{\theta}{8} + \frac{1}{6} - \frac{\theta}{8} = \frac{1}{3}$$

This implies

$$\text{Var}(X) = \mathbb{E}(X^2) - \mathbb{E}(X)^2 = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{\theta^2}{9} = \frac{3 - \theta^2}{9}$$

Therefore, our candidate point estimate is  $\hat{\theta} = 3\bar{X}$ . Recall that  $\bar{X}$  is unbiased for the mean. Therefore  $\mathbb{E}(\hat{\theta}) = \mathbb{E}(3\bar{X}) = 3\frac{\theta}{3} = \theta$ . So our estimate is unbiased. To see why our estimate is consistent in mean squared error, consider the following

$$\begin{aligned}
E|\hat{\theta} - \theta|^2 &= \mathbb{E}(\hat{\theta}^2) - 2\mathbb{E}(\hat{\theta})\theta + \theta^2 \\
&= \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}) + [\mathbb{E}(\hat{\theta})]^2 - 2\mathbb{E}(\hat{\theta})\theta + \theta^2 \\
&= \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}) + [\mathbb{E}(\hat{\theta}) - \theta]^2 \\
&= 9\text{Var}(\bar{X}) \\
&= \frac{9\text{Var}(X)}{n} \\
&= \frac{3 - \theta^2}{n}
\end{aligned}$$

The fourth equality is justified by  $\hat{\theta}$  being unbiased estimate for  $\theta$ . Letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we see that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E|\hat{\theta} - \theta|^2 = 0$  and  $\hat{\theta}$  is mean squared - consistent.

3. (a) Recall that by the Central Limit Theorem (CLT)

$$\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu)}{\sigma} \xrightarrow{D} Z \sim (0, 1)$$

In our case  $\mu = \theta$  and  $\sigma^2 = \theta(1 - \theta)$ . First note that the sequence  $\theta(1 - \theta) \rightarrow \theta(1 - \theta)$  in probability (it is a constant sequence). So by Slutsky's Theorem we see

$$\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \theta) = \sqrt{\theta(1 - \theta)} \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \theta)}{\sqrt{\theta(1 - \theta)}} \xrightarrow{D} \sqrt{\theta(1 - \theta)} Z$$

Now notice that the random variable  $Y = \sqrt{\theta(1 - \theta)} Z$  is normally distributed with

$$\mathbb{E}(Y) = \mathbb{E}(\sqrt{\theta(1 - \theta)} Z) = \sqrt{\theta(1 - \theta)} \mathbb{E}(Z) = 0$$

Moreover we see

$$\text{Var}(Y) = \text{Var}(\sqrt{\theta(1 - \theta)} Z) = \theta(1 - \theta) \text{Var}(Z) = \theta(1 - \theta)$$

Therefore, we see

$$\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \theta) \xrightarrow{D} Y \sim N(0, \theta(1 - \theta))$$

- (b) Let  $g(t) = t(1 - t)$ . Then  $g(t)$  is differentiable everywhere with  $g'(t) = 1 - 2t$ . Moreover we note that  $g'(\theta) \neq 0$  for  $\theta \neq 0.5$ . Having shown these properties, we can apply the first order Delta method to the result in *a*. Specifically, for

$$\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \theta) \xrightarrow{D} Y \sim N(0, \theta(1 - \theta))$$

we note that

$$\sqrt{n}(g(\bar{X}_n) - g(\theta)) \xrightarrow{D} V \sim N(0, \theta(1 - \theta)g'(\theta)^2)$$

Here we see that  $\theta(1 - \theta)g'(\theta)^2 = \theta(1 - \theta)(1 - 2\theta)^2$ . Simplifying the form above we see

$$\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n(1 - \bar{X}_n) - \theta(1 - \theta)) \xrightarrow{D} Y \sim N(0, \theta(1 - \theta)(1 - 2\theta)^2)$$

- (c) To apply the Delta method we required that  $\theta \neq 0.5$  so  $g'(\theta) \neq 0$ . If  $\theta = 0.5$  we instead need to look at higher orders of the Delta method. Namely, the second order Delta method. Specifically, note that for  $g(t) = t(1-t)$ ,  $g''(t) = -2 \neq 0$  for all values of  $\theta$ . This along with  $g'(0.5) = 0$  allows us to use the second order Delta Method. Specifically, we have

$$\begin{aligned} n[g(\bar{X}_n) - g(\theta)] &\xrightarrow{D} \frac{\theta(1-\theta)g''(\theta)}{2} Z^2 \\ n[\bar{X}_n(1-\bar{X}_n) - 1/2(1-1/2)] &\xrightarrow{D} \frac{-2(1/2(1-1/2))}{2} Z^2 \\ n[\bar{X}_n(1-\bar{X}_n) - \frac{1}{4}] &\xrightarrow{D} -\frac{1}{4} Z^2 \end{aligned}$$

Seeing this, we can apply Slutsky's Theorem to see

$$-4n[\bar{X}_n(1-\bar{X}_n) - \frac{1}{4}] = 4n[\frac{1}{4} - \bar{X}_n(1-\bar{X}_n)] \xrightarrow{D} Z^2 = \chi^2(1)$$

4. First consider the following equality.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu_n)}{\sigma_n} &= \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \bar{\mu}_n + \bar{\mu}_n - \mu_n)}{\sigma_n} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \bar{\mu}_n)}{\sigma_n} + \sqrt{n} \frac{(\bar{\mu}_n - \mu_n)}{\sigma_n} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \bar{\mu}_n)}{\bar{\sigma}_n} \frac{\bar{\sigma}_n}{\sigma_n} + \sqrt{n} \frac{(\bar{\mu}_n - \mu_n)}{\sigma_n} \end{aligned}$$

Assume  $X \sim AN(\mu_n, \sigma_n^2)$ ,  $\bar{\sigma}_n/\sigma_n \rightarrow 1$  and  $\frac{\bar{\sigma}_n - \mu_n}{\sigma_n} \rightarrow 0$ . Then we see

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu_n)}{\sigma_n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \bar{\mu}_n)}{\bar{\sigma}_n} = Z \sim N(0, 1)$$

Hence  $\bar{X}_n \sim AN(\bar{\mu}_n, \bar{\sigma}_n^2)$ . Now, assuming that  $\bar{X}_n \sim AN(\bar{\mu}_n, \bar{\sigma}_n^2)$  and  $X_n \sim AN(\mu_n, \sigma_n^2)$ . Then we see that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \bar{\mu}_n)}{\bar{\sigma}_n} \frac{\bar{\sigma}_n}{\sigma_n} + \sqrt{n} \frac{(\bar{\mu}_n - \mu_n)}{\sigma_n} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu_n)}{\sigma_n} = Z \sim N(0, 1)$$

Since  $\bar{X}_n \sim AN(\bar{\mu}_n, \bar{\sigma}_n^2)$  we see that the left hand side limit is given by

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \bar{\mu}_n)}{\bar{\sigma}_n} \frac{\bar{\sigma}_n}{\sigma_n} + \sqrt{n} \frac{(\bar{\mu}_n - \mu_n)}{\sigma_n} \right) \xrightarrow{D} aZ + b$$

where  $a = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \bar{\sigma}_n/\sigma_n$  and  $b = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\bar{\mu}_n - \mu_n}{\sigma_n}$  (if they exist). But note that as we see above this limit is equal  $Z \sim (0, 1)$  and hence  $a = 1$  and  $b = 0$ . Thus

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\bar{\sigma}_n}{\sigma_n} = 1 \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\bar{\mu}_n - \mu_n}{\sigma_n} = 0$$

5. (a) First notice that

$$Z_n = \frac{S_n - \mathbb{E}(S_n)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(S_n)}} = \frac{1/n S_n - \mathbb{E}(S_n)}{1/n \sqrt{\text{Var}(S_n)}} = \frac{\bar{X}_n - E(\bar{X}_n)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(\bar{X}_n)}} = \frac{X_n - \mu}{\sqrt{\sigma^2/n}} = \frac{\sqrt{n}(X_n - \mu)}{\sigma}$$

We note that this is just a statement of the CLT for  $X \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda)$ . We require that  $\mu < \infty$  and  $0 < \sigma^2 < \infty$ . Here,  $\mu = \sigma^2 = \lambda$  and by assumption  $0 < \lambda < \infty$ . Thus we apply the CLT and see that

$$Z_n = \frac{S_n - E(S_n)}{\sqrt{\text{Var}(S_n)}} \xrightarrow{D} Z \sim N(0, 1)$$

- (b) Using the above fact, and the fact that  $\cos(\cdot)$  is infinity differentiable, we can use the Delta method to find the limiting distribution of  $\cos(\bar{X}_n)$ .

Let  $g(t) = \cos(t)$ . Then assuming that  $g'(\lambda) = -\sin(\lambda) \neq 0$  we have

$$\sqrt{n}(\cos(\bar{X}_n) - \cos(\lambda)) \xrightarrow{D} N(0, -\lambda \sin^2(\lambda))$$

If  $-\sin(\lambda) = 0$  then we use the second order delta method (this is sufficient because  $-\sin(\lambda)$  and  $-\cos(\lambda)$  cannot both be zero simultaneously). Specifically, we see

$$n(\cos(\bar{X}_n) - \cos(\lambda)) \xrightarrow{D} \frac{-\lambda \cos(\lambda)}{2} \chi_1^2$$

- (c) By the Delta Method of the first order

$$\sqrt{n}(g(\bar{X}_n) - g(\lambda)) \xrightarrow{D} N(0, \sigma^2 g'(\lambda)^2)$$

Thus, we seek a function  $g(\cdot)$  such that the variance of this asymptotic distribution is 1. This corresponds to solving the equation the following  $\sigma^2 g'(\lambda)^2 = 1$ . Recall that  $\sigma^2 = \lambda$ . This yields

$$g(\lambda) = \int \frac{d\lambda}{\sqrt{\lambda}} = 2\sqrt{\lambda}$$

Using this transformation along with the Delta Method we have

$$\sqrt{n}(2\sqrt{\bar{X}_n} - 2\sqrt{\lambda}) \xrightarrow{D} Z \sim N(0, \lambda(1/\sqrt{\lambda})^2) = N(0, 1)$$

Thus we see that  $\sqrt{n}(2\sqrt{\bar{X}_n} - 2\sqrt{\lambda}) \sim AN(0, 1)$

6. For  $\mu \neq 0$ , then the first derivative of  $\log(x)$  is nonzero at  $\mu$ . That is  $1/\mu \neq 0$ . Therefore, we can apply the first order delta method to see,  $Y_n = \log |X_n| \sim AN(\log |\mu|, (\sigma/\mu)^2)$ . Now notice for  $\mu = 0$ , we note that *all derivatives of  $\log(\cdot)$  are not defined*. That is  $\frac{d}{dx} \log(x)|_{x=0}$  does not exist for all  $n$ . Therefore, the asymptotic distribution for  $\mu = 0$  does not exist.