

Uniform Estimators

1. $MSE(\hat{\theta}) = \text{bias}(\hat{\theta})^2 + \text{var}(\hat{\theta})$

$$\begin{aligned}
 MSE(\hat{\theta}) &= E(\hat{\theta}^2 - 2\hat{\theta}\theta + \theta^2) \\
 &= E(\hat{\theta}^2) - E(\hat{\theta})^2 + E(\hat{\theta})^2 - 2\theta E(\hat{\theta}) + \theta^2 \\
 &= \theta^2 - 2\theta E(\hat{\theta}) + E(\hat{\theta})^2 + E(\hat{\theta}^2) - 2E(\hat{\theta})^2 + E(\hat{\theta})^2 \\
 &= \text{bias}(\hat{\theta})^2 + E(\hat{\theta}^2) + E(2\hat{\theta}(E(\hat{\theta}))) + E(E(\hat{\theta})^2) \\
 &= \text{bias}(\hat{\theta})^2 + E((\hat{\theta} - E(\hat{\theta}))^2) \\
 &= \text{bias}(\hat{\theta})^2 + \text{var}(\hat{\theta})
 \end{aligned}$$

2. \hat{L}_{LMOM} is unbiased, but that \hat{L}_{MLE} has bias

A. \hat{L}_{MOM}

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{bias}(\hat{L}_{MOM}) &= L - E(2\bar{X}_n) \\
 &= L - \frac{2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E(X_i) \\
 &= L - \frac{2}{n} n \frac{L}{2} = L - L = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

B. \hat{L}_{MLE}

Notice that the pdf of $\hat{L}_{MLE} = \max_i X_i$ is:

$$f(x) = n \frac{x^{n-1}}{L^n} \quad [1]$$

Therefore, $E(\hat{L}_{MLE}) = \int_0^L x n \frac{x^{n-1}}{L^n} dx = \frac{n}{n+1} L$ (, which is less than L .)

$$\text{bias}(\hat{L}_{MLE}) = \frac{1}{n+1} L$$

3. the variance

A. \hat{L}_{MOM}

$$\text{var}(\hat{L}_{MOM}) = \frac{4}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{var}(X_i) = \frac{4}{n} \frac{L^2}{12} = \frac{L^2}{3n}$$

B. \hat{L}_{MLE}

$$\text{var}(\hat{L}_{MLE}) = E(\hat{L}_{MLE}^2) - E(\hat{L}_{MLE})^2 = \int_0^L x^2 n \frac{x^{n-1}}{L^n} dx - \left(\frac{n}{n+1} L\right)^2 = \left(\frac{n}{n+2} - \frac{n^2}{(n+1)^2}\right) L^2 = \frac{n}{(n+2)(n+1)^2} L^2$$

4. the better estimator

$$MSE(\hat{L}_{MOM}) = 0^2 + \frac{L^2}{3n} = \frac{L^2}{3n}$$

$$MSE(\hat{L}_{MLE}) = \left(\frac{1}{n+1}L\right)^2 + \frac{n}{(n+2)(n+1)^2}L^2 = \frac{2}{(n+2)(n+1)}L^2$$

Let $MSE(\hat{L}_{MLE}) \leq MSE(\hat{L}_{MOM})$:

$$\frac{2}{(n+2)(n+1)}L^2 \leq \frac{1}{3n}L^2$$

$$0 \leq n^2 - 3n + 2$$

$$n \leq 1, \text{ or } n \geq 2$$

Notice that $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$:

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, MSE(\hat{L}_{MLE}) \leq MSE(\hat{L}_{MOM})$$

Therefore, \hat{L}_{MLE} is the better estimator.

5. Experimentally verify

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D:\Users\endlesstory\Desktop\536\hw1>python UE.py
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Estimated:

$$MSE_{\{MOM\}} = 0.3307$$

$$MSE_{\{MLE\}} = 0.0204$$

Theoretical:

$$MSE_{\{MOM\}} = 0.3333$$

$$MSE_{\{MLE\}} = 0.0194$$

6. an explanation

Here is the idea:

Assuming $k = \max_i X_i$, $\hat{L} = 10^6 k$ is obviously better than $\hat{L} = 10^9 k$. If L was that large, it would be much likely to get a larger k . Therefore, $\hat{L} = 10k$ is also better than $\hat{L} = 10^6 k$ for the same reason, and $\hat{L} = k$ is even better.

Notice that here are 2 cases: if $\hat{L}_{MLE} \leq \hat{L}_{MOM}$, by previous argument, \hat{L}_{MLE} is the better one. If $\hat{L}_{MLE} > \hat{L}_{MOM}$, we have seen a k , and \hat{L}_{MOM} estimates a number less than k . Obviously, in this case, \hat{L}_{MOM} is out.

7. $P(\hat{L}_{MLE} < L - \epsilon)$

$$P(\hat{L}_{MLE} < L - \epsilon) = \int_{L-\epsilon}^L n \frac{x^{n-1}}{L^n} dx = 1 - \left(\frac{L-\epsilon}{L}\right)^n$$

Let $P(\hat{L}_{MLE} < L - \epsilon) \leq \delta$:

$$1 - \left(\frac{L-\epsilon}{L}\right)^n \leq \delta$$

$$n \geq \log_{(1-\frac{\epsilon}{L})}(1 - \delta) = \frac{\log(1-\delta)}{\log(1-\frac{\epsilon}{L})}$$

8. $L = (n-1) \max_{i=1, \dots, n} X_i$

$$E(\hat{L}) = \frac{n+1}{n} \int_0^L x n \frac{x^{n-1}}{L^n} dx = L$$

$$\text{bias}(\hat{L}) = 0$$

$$\text{var}(\hat{L}) = \left(\frac{n+1}{n}\right)^2 \text{var}(\hat{L}_{MLE}) = \frac{(n+1)^2}{n^2} \frac{n}{(n+2)(n+1)^2} L^2 = \frac{1}{n(n+2)} L^2$$

$$MSE(\hat{L}) = 0^2 + \frac{L^2}{n(n+2)} = \frac{L^2}{n(n+2)}$$

Compared to $MSE(\hat{L}_{MOM}) = \frac{L^2}{3n}$:

Let $MSE(\hat{L}) \leq MSE(\hat{L}_{MOM})$:

$$n^2 - n \leq 0$$

$$n \leq 0, \text{ or } n \geq 1$$

Therefore, $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, MSE(\hat{L}) \leq MSE(\hat{L}_{MOM})$

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