

Ejercicio 3. Sea (X_1, \dots, X_n) m.i.s. Demostrar que

$S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^n (X_j - \bar{X})^2$ es un estimador insesgado para estimar la varianza poblacional.

Vamos a calcular $E[S^2]$.

$$E[S^2] = E\left[\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^n (X_j - \bar{X})^2\right] = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^n E[(X_j - \bar{X})^2].$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[(X_j - \bar{X})^2] &= E[X_j^2 - 2X_j\bar{X} + \bar{X}^2] = E[X_j^2] - 2E[X_j\bar{X}] + E[\bar{X}^2] = \\ &= \text{Var}(X_j) + E[X_j]^2 - 2E[X_j\bar{X}] + \text{Var}(\bar{X}) + E[\bar{X}]^2 = \\ &= \text{Var}(X) + E[X]^2 + \frac{\text{Var}(X)}{n} + E[X]^2 - \frac{2}{n} E[X_j \sum_{i=1}^n X_i]. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Ahora } E\left[X_j \sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right] &= E\left[X_j^2 + \sum_{i \neq j} X_i X_j\right] = E[X_j^2] + \sum_{i \neq j} E[X_i X_j] = \\ &= \text{Var}(X_j) + E[X_j]^2 + \sum_{i \neq j} E[X_i]E[X_j] = \text{Var}(X) + E[X]^2 + (n-1)E[X]^2 = \\ &= \text{Var}(X) + nE[X]^2 \end{aligned}$$

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 $X_i \text{ y } X_j \text{ indep.}$

Sustituyendo

$$\begin{aligned} E[(X_j - \bar{X})^2] &= \text{Var}(X) + E[X]^2 + \frac{\text{Var}(X)}{n} + E[X]^2 - \frac{2}{n} (\text{Var}(X) + nE[X]^2) = \\ &= \text{Var}(X) \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} - \frac{2}{n}\right) + E[X]^2 \left(1 + 1 - \frac{2}{n} \cdot n\right) = \text{Var}(X) \frac{n-1}{n} \end{aligned}$$

Y volviendo al principio

$$E[S^2] = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^n E[(X_j - \bar{X})^2] = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{j=1}^n \text{Var}(X) \frac{n-1}{n} = \text{Var}(X), \text{ es decir,}$$

la varianza poblacional. Por tanto el sesgo de S^2 para estimar $\text{Var}(X)$ es $b_\theta(S^2) = E[S^2] - \text{Var}(X) = \text{Var}(X) - \text{Var}(X) = 0$, es decir, S^2 es insesgado.