

Math 326 – Homework 04 (9.2 – 9.5)

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1. Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a uniform distribution on the interval $(\theta, \theta + 1)$. Let

$$\hat{\theta}_1 = \bar{X} - \frac{1}{2}, \text{ and } \hat{\theta}_2 = X_{(n)} - \frac{n}{n+1}.$$

- (a) Show that both $\hat{\theta}_1$ and $\hat{\theta}_2$ are unbiased estimators of θ .
 - (b) Show that both estimators are consistent estimators.
 - (c) Find the efficiency of $\hat{\theta}_1$ relative to $\hat{\theta}_2$
 - (d) Which is the better estimator and why?
2. Suppose the population has a gamma distribution and we know β but α is unknown. Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n denote a random sample from the distribution. Determine the likelihood function, compute the factorization, and using the Factorization Theorem, show that $T = \sum_{i=1}^n \ln(X_i)$ is a sufficient statistic for α .
3. Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be iid from a Bernoulli distribution with probability p . We are going to construct an MVUE for variance pq . Recall that in class we showed that $S = \sum X_i$ is a sufficient statistic for p .

- (a) Define the statistic

$$T = \tau(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } X_1 = 1 \text{ and } X_2 = 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

Show that τ is an unbiased estimator for pq .

- (b) Show that

$$P(T = 1 | S = s) = \frac{s(n-s)}{n(n-1)}.$$

- (c) Using the Rao-Blackwell Theorem states that to find an MVUE of pq , we define a new statistic $\phi(s) = E[T | S = s]$. Show that

$$\phi(s) = \frac{n}{n-1} [\bar{X} (1 - \bar{X})]$$

is the minimum variance unbiased estimator of pq .