

Chapter 6

6.1 - Point Estimate

Definition

A **point estimate** of a parameter θ is a single number that can be regarded as a sensible value for θ . It is obtained by selecting a suitable statistic and computing its value from the given sample data. The selected statistic is called the **point estimator** of θ

A point estimator of θ is denoted by $\hat{\theta}$

Biased and Unbiased Estimators

Definition

A point estimate $\hat{\theta}$ is said to be an **unbiased estimator** of θ if $E(\hat{\theta}) = \theta$ for every possible value of θ . If $\hat{\theta}$ is not biased, the difference ...