

7.1.1. Show that the mean \bar{X} of a random sample of size n from a distribution having pdf $f(x; \theta) = (1/\theta)e^{-(x/\theta)}$, $0 < x < \infty$, $0 < \theta < \infty$, zero elsewhere, is an unbiased estimator of θ and has variance θ^2/n .

$$f(x; \theta) = \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-\frac{x}{\theta}}, \quad 0 < x < \infty$$

$$E[\bar{X}] = E\left[\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E[X_i] = n \times \frac{1}{n} E[X_1] = \theta$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[X_1] &= \int_0^{\infty} x f(x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x}{\theta} e^{-\frac{x}{\theta}} dx, \quad \text{let } u = \frac{x}{\theta}, \quad \theta du = dx \\ &= \theta \int_0^{\infty} u e^{-u} du, \quad \begin{array}{l} u \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{array} \begin{array}{l} e^{-u} \\ -e^{-u} \\ e^{-u} \end{array} \\ &= \theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Var}(\bar{X}) = \text{Var}\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) = \frac{1}{n^2} n \text{Var}(X_1) = \frac{\text{Var}(X_1)}{n} = \frac{\theta^2}{n}$$

$$\text{Var}(X_1) = E[X_1^2] - E[X_1]^2 = 2\theta^2 - \theta^2 = \theta^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[X_1^2] &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^2}{\theta} e^{-\frac{x}{\theta}} dx = \theta \int_0^{\infty} u^2 e^{-u} \theta du \\ &= \theta^2 \left(-u^2 e^{-u} - 2u e^{-u} + 2e^{-u} \right) \Big|_0^{\infty} \\ &= \theta^2 (0 - 0 + 0 + 0 - 0 + 2) = 2\theta^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} + u^2 \\ - 2u \\ + 2 \\ - 0 \end{array} \begin{array}{l} e^{-u} \\ -e^{-u} \\ e^{-u} \\ e^{-u} \end{array}$$