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Exercise: Mean squared error

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As in an earlier exercise, we assume that the random variables $oldsymbol{\Theta}$ and $oldsymbol{X}$ are described by a joint PDF which is uniform on the triangular set defined by the constraints $0 \le x \le 1$, $0 \le \theta \le x$.

a) Find an expression for the conditional mean squared error of the LMS estimator given that X=x, valid for $x\in[0,1]$. Express your answer in terms of $oldsymbol{x}$ using standard notation .

x^2/12 Answer: x^2/12

b) Find the (unconditional) mean squared error of the LMS estimator.

Answer: 0.04167 1/24

Answer:

- a) We saw that the conditional PDF of Θ is uniform on the range [0,x]. Hence, the conditional variance is $x^2/12$.
- b) This is given by the integral of the conditional variance, weighted by the PDF of X. The PDF of X is found using the formula for going from the joint to the marginal, and is $f_X(x)=2x$, for $x\in [0,1]$. Thus, the mean squared error is

$$\int_0^1 rac{x^2}{12} \cdot 2x \, dx = rac{1}{6} \int_0^1 x^3 \, dx = rac{1}{24}.$$

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