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Exercise: Theoretical properties

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Let $\widehat{\Theta}$ be an estimator of a random variable Θ , and let $\widetilde{\Theta}=\widehat{\Theta}-\Theta$ be the

a) In this part of the problem, let $\widehat{\Theta}$ be specifically the LMS estimator of $\widehat{\Theta}$. We have seen that for the case of the LMS estimator, $\mathbf{E}[\widetilde{\Theta} \mid X=x]=0$ for every x. Is it also true that $\mathbf{E}[\widetilde{\Theta} \mid \Theta = \theta] = 0$ for all θ ? Equivalently, is it true that $\mathbf{E}[\widehat{\Theta} \mid \Theta = \theta] = \theta$ for all θ ?



X Answer: No

b) In this part of the problem, $\widehat{\Theta}$ is no longer necessarily the LMS estimator of Θ . Is the property $var(\Theta) = var(\widehat{\Theta}) + var(\widetilde{\Theta})$ true for every estimator $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\Theta}}$?



Answer: No

Answer:

- a) There is no reason for this relation to be true. For an example, suppose that Θ is a Bernoulli random variable. With a noisy measurement. $\widehat{\Theta}$ will be somewhere in between 0 and 1, and therefore will never be equal to the true value of θ , which is either 0 or 1 exactly.
- b) There is no reason for this to be the case. In fact, the variance of Θ , for a poorly chosen estimator, can be larger than the variance of Θ . For an example, consider the usual model of an observation $X=\Theta+W$ and the estimator $\widehat{\Theta}=100X$.

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