

Example 2: Recall that $X_{(n)}$ is a biased estimator for N , when N represents the upper bound of distributed values that is uniform between 0 and N . Is $X_{(n)}$ a consistent estimator for N ?

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{N}, \quad F_X(x) = \int_0^x \frac{1}{N} dx = \frac{x}{N}, \quad 0 < x < N, \quad f_{X_{(n)}}(x) = n \left(\frac{x}{N}\right)^{n-1} \frac{1}{N} = \frac{n}{N^n} x^{n-1}$$

$$E[X_{(n)}] = \int_0^N \frac{x x^{n-1} n}{N^n} dx = \frac{n}{N^n} \int_0^N x^n dx = \frac{Nn}{n+1} \leftarrow \text{biased Estimator for } N.$$

$$\text{let } \Theta = N, \quad \hat{\Theta} = X_{(n)}$$

$$P(|\hat{\Theta}_n - \Theta| < \epsilon) = P(|X_{(n)} - N| < \epsilon) = P(-\epsilon < X_{(n)} - N < \epsilon)$$

$$= P(N - \epsilon < X_{(n)} < N + \epsilon) = \int_{N-\epsilon}^{N+\epsilon} \frac{n}{N^n} x^{n-1} dx$$

But max value of support of $X_{(n)}$ is N So Bound of $N + \epsilon$ impossible

$$= \int_{N-\epsilon}^N \frac{n}{N^n} x^{n-1} dx = \frac{n}{N^n} \left[\frac{x^n}{n} \right]_{x=N-\epsilon}^N = \frac{N^n}{N^n} - \frac{(N-\epsilon)^n}{N^n} = 1 - \left(\frac{N-\epsilon}{N} \right)^n$$

$$\text{Then } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|X_{(n)} - N| < \epsilon) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[1 - \left(\frac{N-\epsilon}{N} \right)^n \right], \text{ clearly } 0 < \frac{N-\epsilon}{N} < 1$$

we know anything between 0 & 1 to power " ∞ " is 0

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|X_{(n)} - N| < \epsilon) = 1 - 0 = 1$$

So, $X_{(n)}$, largest number from sample converges in Prob. to, N , largest possible value. i.e. As $n \rightarrow \infty$, $X_{(n)} = N$

Note: bias estimates can be consistent

Consistency \nRightarrow (does Not imply) "Unbiasness"