

Unit-4 Point Estimation

- * Sample mean is an unbiased estimation of population mean.
- * Sample variance is a biased estimator of population variance.

Pf: ✓ $E(s^2) = \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)\sigma^2 \Rightarrow E(s^2) \neq \sigma^2$.

✓ $E(s^2) \neq \sigma^2$

$$\begin{aligned} E\left(\frac{n}{n-1}s^2\right) &= \frac{n}{n-1}E(s^2) \\ &= \frac{n}{n-1} \times \frac{n-1}{n}\sigma^2 \\ &= \sigma^2 \end{aligned}$$

✓ s^2 — sample variance
✓ $\frac{\sigma^2}{n}$ — pop. variance
sample size.

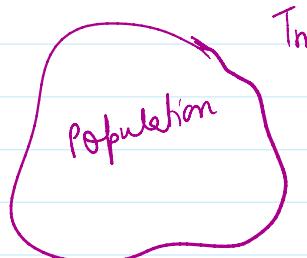
∴ $\left(\frac{n}{n-1}s^2\right)$ is an unbiased estimator of pop. variance.

$\frac{n}{n-1}$

- * Random sampling:
 - (a) with replacement
 - (b) without replacement

(ii) Consistent estimators:

✓
 $B(n, p)$
 $P(\lambda)$
 $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$



As $n \rightarrow \infty$, $(T_n) \rightarrow \theta$

s_1
 s_2
 s_3
 \vdots
 $n \rightarrow \infty$
 $T_n \rightarrow \theta$

μ
 M_i
As $n \rightarrow \infty$
 $\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots, \mu_n, \dots$
 $M_i \rightarrow \mu$,

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Defⁿ: An estimator $T_n = T(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$, based on a random sample of size n , is said to be a consistent estimator of θ , if T_n converges to θ i.e. as $n \rightarrow \infty$, $T_n \rightarrow \theta$.

* Invariance property of consistent estimators:

If T_n is a consistent estimator of θ and $\psi(\theta)$ is a continuous function of θ , then $\psi(T_n)$ is a consistent estimator of $\psi(\theta)$.

i.e. as $n \rightarrow \infty$, $T_n \rightarrow \theta$. $\psi(\theta) \rightarrow \psi(\theta)$

\Rightarrow as $n \rightarrow \infty$, $\psi(T_n) \rightarrow \psi(\theta)$

Sufficient condition for consistency: let $\{T_n\}$ be a sequence of estimators such that $\forall \theta \in \Theta$ (parameter space),

- (i) $E(T_n) \rightarrow \theta$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$
- (ii) $\text{Var}(T_n) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

Then, T_n is a consistent estimator of θ .

Q) Prove that in sampling from a $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ population, the sample mean is a consistent estimator of μ .

Solⁿ: In sampling from $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ population, the sample mean \bar{x} is also normally distributed as $N(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n})$ i.e.

$$E(\bar{x}) = \mu, \quad V(\bar{x}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}.$$

As $n \rightarrow \infty$, $E(\bar{x}) = \mu$ & $V(\bar{x}) = 0$

∴ Sample mean is a consistent estimator of μ .

μ, σ^2

$\frac{n\mu}{n}$

$\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$

i. Sample mean is a consistent estimator of μ .

$$E(T_n) = \theta$$

$$V(T_n) = 0$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$

Q) Which of the following is an unbiased estimator of pop. variance if the sample size is 100.

(a) $\frac{100}{99} s^2$

(d) $\frac{9}{10} s^2$

$$E\left(\frac{n}{n-1} s^2\right) = \sigma^2$$

(b) $\frac{99}{100} s^2$

(c) s^2

§ If $E(T_n) > \theta$, then T_n is a positively biased estimator of θ .

If $E(T_n) < \theta$, then T_n is a negative biased estimator of θ .

$$\text{Amount of biasness} = E(T_n) - \theta.$$

Q) X_1, X_2, X_3 is a random sample of size 3 from a population with mean value μ & variance σ^2 . T_1, T_2, T_3 are the estimators used to estimate the mean value μ , where

$$T_1 = X_1 + X_2 - X_3, \quad T_2 = 2X_1 + 3X_3 - 4X_2,$$

$$T_3 = \frac{1}{3}(X_1 + X_2 + X_3)$$

(a) Are T_1 & T_2 unbiased estimators?

(i) Yes

(ii) No

(iii) T_1 is unbiased & T_2 is biased

$$\begin{aligned} E(T_1) &= E(X_1 + X_2 - X_3) \\ &= E(X_1) + E(X_2) \\ &\quad - E(X_3) \\ &= \mu + \mu - \mu \end{aligned}$$

- (ii) No
 (iii) T_1 is unbiased & T_2 is biased
 (iv) T_1 is biased & T_2 is unbiased.

$$\begin{aligned} & -c(x_3) \\ & = \mu + \mu - \mu \\ & = \mu \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(T_2) &= E(2x_1 + 3x_3 - 4x_2) \\ &= 2\mu + 3\mu - 4\mu \\ &= \mu. \end{aligned}$$

(b) For what value of λ , T_3 is an unbiased estimator of μ .

- (i) 0
 ✓(ii) 1
 (iii) 2
 (iv) 3

$$\begin{aligned} T_3 &= \frac{1}{3}(x_1 + x_2 + x_3) \\ E(T_3) &= \mu \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{3}(\lambda\mu + \mu + \mu) &= \mu \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{3}(\lambda + 2) &= 1 \Rightarrow \lambda + 2 = 3 \\ \Rightarrow \lambda &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

(iii) efficient estimators: If T_1 is the most efficient estimator with variance V_1 and T_2 is any other estimator with variance V_2 , then the efficiency of T_2 is defined as -

$$E = \frac{V_1}{V_2}. \quad E \text{ cannot exceed unity.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_1 &\leq V_2 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{V_1}{V_2} &\leq 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\checkmark \\ &\sqrt{V(T_1)} \sqrt{V(T_2)} \\ &= 3 \Leftrightarrow 4 \end{aligned}$$

(c) Which is the best estimator?

$$T_1 = x_1 + x_2 - x_3$$

$$T_2 = 2x_1 + 3x_3 - 4x_2$$

$$T_3 = \frac{1}{3}(x_1 + x_2 + x_3)$$

- (a) T_1
 (b) T_2

$$V(T_1) = V(x_1 + x_2 - x_3)$$

$$6^2$$

$$\sqrt{ax+b} \approx \sqrt{a}\sqrt{x} + 0$$

(a) T_1

(b) T_2

(c) T_3

$$V(T_1) = V(x_1 + x_2 - x_3)$$

$$\approx V(x) + 0$$

$$= \text{Var}(x_1) + \text{Var}(x_2) + \text{Var}(x_3)$$

$$= 3\sigma^2$$

$$V(T_2) = 4\sigma^2 + 9\sigma^2 + 16\sigma^2 = 29\sigma^2$$

$$V(T_3) = \frac{1}{9}(6^2 + 6^2 + 6^2) = \frac{\sigma^2}{3} \checkmark$$