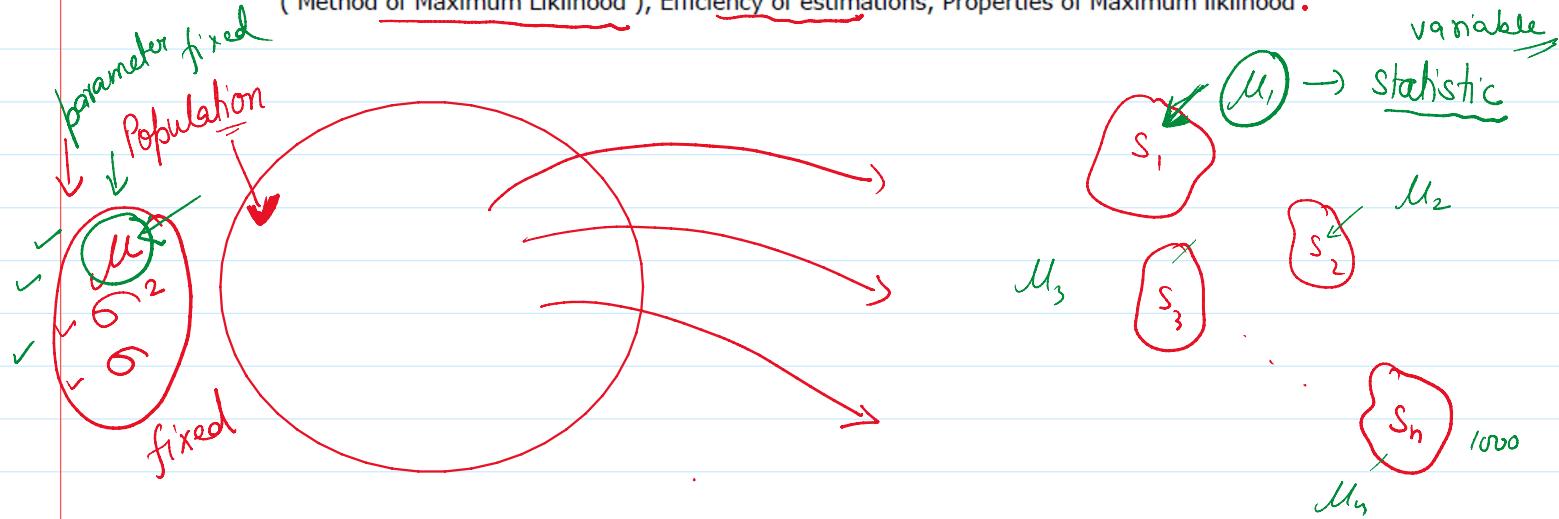


Unit IV

Point Estimation : Definition, Unbiased Estimators, Consistent Estimators, Sufficient Estimator, MLE (Method of Maximum Likelihood), Efficiency of estimations, Properties of Maximum Likelihood.



Definition :- Any function of the random sample x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n that are being observed, say $T_n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ is called a statistic. Clearly, a statistic is a random variable.

If it is used to estimate unknown parameter θ of the distribution, it is called an estimator.

A particular value of the estimator, say $T_n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ is called an estimate of θ .

§ Characteristic of estimators:

- (i) Unbiasedness or unbiased estimator
- (ii) Consistency or consistent estimator
- (iii) Efficiency or efficient estimator
- (iv) Sufficiency or sufficient estimator

(i) Unbiased estimator: An estimator $T_n(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ is said to be unbiased estimator of θ if $E(T_n) = \theta$.

An unbiased estimator of θ if $E(T_n) = \theta$. ✓

Eg: x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n is a random sample from a population $N(\mu, 1)$. ✓

Show that $\hat{\tau} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2$, is an unbiased estimator of $\mu^2 + 1$.

$$E(\hat{\tau}) = \mu^2 + 1$$

Sol: $E(x_i) = \mu$, $V(x_i) = 1$ $\forall i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore E(\hat{\tau}) &= E\left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right\} = \frac{1}{n} \left\{ E\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right) \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E(x_i^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\{ V(x_i) + (E(x_i))^2 \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(1 + \mu^2 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n} (1 + \mu^2) \sum_{i=1}^n 1 \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \times n (1 + \mu^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow E(\hat{\tau}) = \mu^2 + 1 \Rightarrow \hat{\tau} \text{ is unbiased estimator of } \underline{\mu^2 + 1}.$$

$$\underbrace{E(\hat{\tau})}_{=} = \theta$$

Q) Let T be an unbiased estimator for θ . Then, which of the follⁿ is correct?

(a) T^2 is also an unbiased estimator for θ^2 .

$$E(T_n) \neq \theta$$

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T_n -biased estimator of θ

- (a) T^2 is also an unbiased estimator for θ^2 .
- (b) T^2 is an unbiased estimator of θ .
- (c) T^2 is a biased estimator of θ^2
- (d) None of these.

$$E(T) = \theta$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} E(T^2) &= \theta^2 \\ \theta &\neq \theta^2 \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$E(T^2) - \{E(T)\}^2 = \text{Var}(T)$$

$$\Rightarrow E(T^2) = \{E(T)\}^2 + \text{Var}(T)$$

$$\Rightarrow E(T^2) = \theta^2 + \text{Var}(T)$$

Since $\text{Var}(T) \geq 0$, $E(T^2) > \theta^2 \neq \theta^2$

✓ Sample mean is an unbiased estimator of population mean.

True False

$$E(\bar{U}_i) = \mu$$

x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n

✓ Sample variance is a biased estimator of population variance.

True False

$$E(S_i^2) \neq \sigma^2$$

✓ Consistent estimators