

Q4 Soln. Claim: $X_{(n-1)}$ converges to θ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Proof:

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be identically distributed obs. from uniform distribution $(0, \theta)$ and $X_{(1)} \leq \dots \leq X_{(n)}$ be the order statistics for these observations.

As $n \rightarrow \infty$, $\{X_{(i)}\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$ will form a sequence which is monotonically increasing and also bounded as $X_{(i)} \in (0, \theta] \forall i \in \mathbb{N}$.

Therefore $X_{(n)}$ will converge.

Now, we have to choose 'n' values from the interval $(0, \theta]$ randomly. The probability that a specific chosen value was picked from the interval $(\theta - \epsilon, \theta]$ is ϵ/θ where $\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}$, $0 < \epsilon < \theta$.

Let the no. of points falling in the interval $(\theta - \epsilon, \theta]$ be N_n . The expected value of $N_n = E(N_n) = \frac{n\epsilon}{\theta}$.

As $n \rightarrow \infty$, $P(E(N_n) < 1) \rightarrow 0$.

And $P(E(N_n) < 1) \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow P(X_{(n-1)} \in (\theta - \epsilon, \theta]) \rightarrow 1$.

Therefore as $n \rightarrow \infty$, $|X_{(n-1)} - \theta| < \epsilon \forall 0 < \epsilon < \theta$.

$\Rightarrow X_{(n-1)}$ converges to θ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.