

# MATH230: Homework 11 (due Nov. 20)

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## 1 Chapter 9 #3

By using the provided values, we can plug  $\sigma = 0.0015, n = 75, \bar{x} = 0.310, \alpha = 0.05$  to the formula for confidence interval, we get

$$\bar{x} \pm z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} = 0.310 \pm 0.0003394757$$

which can be written as  $(0.3096605, 0.3103395)$ .

## 2 Chapter 9 #7

Let  $d = 0.0005$ , then a lower bound of sample size required can be calculated as

$$\left( \frac{z_{\frac{\alpha}{2}} \sigma}{d} \right)^2 = 34.57313$$

Thus, at least 35 samples are needed.

## 3 Chapter 9 #11

In this case, the variance of the distribution is not known, so we have to resort to the formula involving sample variance. Plugging in  $n = 9, \bar{x} = 1.005556, s = 0.02455153, \alpha = 0.05$ , we get

$$\bar{x} \pm t_{(n-1), \frac{\alpha}{2}} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} = 1.005556 \pm 0.01887198$$

which can be written as  $(0.9866836, 1.024428)$ .

## 4 Chapter 9 #30

### 4.1 Solution for (a)

Let  $\mu$  be the mean of the original distribution. We can write

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X} + \bar{X} - \mu)^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 + 2(\bar{X} - \mu) \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X}) + n(\bar{X} - \mu)^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 + n(\bar{X} - \mu)^2\end{aligned}$$

By taking expectations of both sides, we get

$$n\sigma^2 = E\left(\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2\right) + n \cdot \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$$

Thus, we can write

$$E(S'^2) = \frac{n-1}{n}\sigma^2$$

In conclusion, the bias is  $E(S'^2 - \sigma^2) = E(S'^2) - \sigma^2 = -\sigma^2/n$ .

### 4.2 Solution for (b)

It is well known that  $1/n$  converges to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , so the bias  $-\sigma^2/n$  also converges to zero as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

## 5 Chapter 9 #31

### 5.1 Solution for (a)

As  $E(X) = np$ ,  $E(\hat{P}) = E(X/n) = E(X)/n = np/n = p$ , so the bias is  $E(\hat{P} - p) = E(\hat{P}) - p = 0$ . Thus,  $\hat{P}$  is an unbiased estimator of  $p$ .

### 5.2 Solution for (b)

We can write

$$E(P') = E\left(\frac{X + \sqrt{n}/2}{n + \sqrt{n}}\right) = \frac{E(X) + \sqrt{n}/2}{n + \sqrt{n}} = \frac{np + \sqrt{n}/2}{n + \sqrt{n}}$$

Then, the bias can be calculated as

$$E(P' - p) = E(P') - p = \frac{np + \sqrt{n}/2}{n + \sqrt{n}} - p = \frac{\sqrt{n}/2 - p\sqrt{n}}{n + \sqrt{n}} \neq 0$$

Thus,  $P'$  is a biased estimator of  $p$ .

### 5.3 Solution for (c)

Letting  $q = 1 - p$ , We can write

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{MSE}(\hat{P}) &= E((\hat{P} - p)^2) = E(\hat{P}^2) - 2pE(\hat{P}) + p^2 = \frac{E(X^2)}{n^2} - p^2 \\
 &= \frac{\text{Var}(X) + (E(X))^2}{n^2} - p^2 = \frac{npq + n^2p^2}{n^2} - p^2 = \frac{pq}{n} \\
 \text{MSE}(P') &= E((P' - p)^2) = E(P'^2) - 2pE(P') + p^2 \\
 &= E\left(\left(\frac{X + \sqrt{n}/2}{n + \sqrt{n}}\right)^2\right) - 2p \cdot \frac{np + \sqrt{n}/2}{n + \sqrt{n}} + p^2 \\
 &= \frac{E(X^2) + \sqrt{n}E(X) + n/4}{(n + \sqrt{n})^2} - 2p \cdot \frac{np + \sqrt{n}/2}{n + \sqrt{n}} + p^2 \\
 &= \frac{\text{Var}(X) + (E(X))^2 + \sqrt{n}E(X) + n/4}{(n + \sqrt{n})^2} - 2p \cdot \frac{np + \sqrt{n}/2}{n + \sqrt{n}} + p^2 \\
 &= \frac{npq + (np)^2 + \sqrt{n}np + n/4}{(n + \sqrt{n})^2} - 2p \cdot \frac{np + \sqrt{n}/2}{n + \sqrt{n}} + p^2 \\
 &= \frac{n + \sqrt{n}}{4[n^2 + (3n + 1)\sqrt{n} + 3n]}
 \end{aligned}$$

## 6 Chapter 9 #33

We can write

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Var}(S^2) &= \frac{\sigma^4}{(n-1)^2} \text{Var}\left(\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2}\right) = \frac{\sigma^4}{(n-1)^2} \text{Var}(\chi_{n-1}^2) \\
 &= \frac{\sigma^4}{(n-1)^2} \cdot 2(n-1) = \frac{2\sigma^4}{n-1} \\
 \text{Var}(S'^2) &= \text{Var}\left(\frac{n-1}{n}S^2\right) = \frac{(n-1)^2}{n^2} \text{Var}(S^2) = \frac{2\sigma^4(n-1)}{n^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

As  $(n-1)^{-2} > n^{-2}$ ,  $(n-1)^{-1} > (n-1)/n^2$  holds, so  $\text{Var}(S^2) > \text{Var}(S'^2)$ , which means that  $S'^2$  is more efficient, when considering only variance.

## 7 Chapter 9 #34

We can write

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{MSE}(S^2) &= E((S^2 - \sigma^2)^2) = E((S^2)^2) - 2\sigma^2E(S^2) + \sigma^4 \\
 &= \text{Var}(S^2) + (E(S^2))^2 - 2\sigma^2E(S^2) + \sigma^4 = \text{Var}(S^2) + \sigma^4 - 2\sigma^4 + \sigma^4 \\
 &= \text{Var}(S^2) = \frac{2\sigma^4}{n-1} \\
 \text{MSE}(S'^2) &= E((S'^2 - \sigma^2)^2) = E((S'^2)^2) - 2\sigma^2E(S'^2) + \sigma^4 \\
 &= \text{Var}(S'^2) + (E(S'^2))^2 - 2\sigma^2E(S'^2) + \sigma^4 \\
 &= \frac{2\sigma^4(n-1)}{n^2} + \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\sigma^2\right)^2 - 2\sigma^2\left(\frac{n-1}{n}\sigma^2\right) + \sigma^4 = \frac{2n-1}{n^2}\sigma^4
 \end{aligned}$$

From this,

$$\frac{\text{MSE}(S^2)}{\text{MSE}(S'^2)} = \frac{2\sigma^4}{n-1} \left( \frac{2n-1}{n^2} \sigma^4 \right)^{-1} = \frac{2n^2}{(n-1)(2n-1)} = \frac{2n^2}{2n^2 - 3n + 1}$$

For  $n \geq 1$ ,  $2n^2 > 2n^2 - 3n + 1$  holds, so  $\text{MSE}(S^2)/\text{MSE}(S'^2) > 1$  and we can conclude that  $S'^2$  is more efficient in terms of mean-squared-error.