

Statistics - homework 3

① a) prove that the difference between this estimator's expected value and the true value is 0.

we must show that $E[\hat{\mu}_k] = \mu$

$$\hat{\mu}_k = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k x_i}{k}$$

$$E[\hat{\mu}_k] = E\left[\frac{\sum_{i=1}^k x_i}{k}\right]$$

$$E[\hat{\mu}_k] = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k E[x_i]}{k} \quad E[\hat{\mu}_k] = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k \mu}{k} \quad E[\hat{\mu}_k] = \frac{k\mu}{k} \Rightarrow E[\hat{\mu}_k] = \mu$$

⑥ $\hat{\mu}_M$ is a better estimator, since a higher value of k will result in lower variance

② a) we must show that $E[\hat{\mu}] = \mu$

$$\hat{\mu} = a\bar{x}_1 + (1-a)\bar{x}_2$$

$$E[\hat{\mu}] = E[a\bar{x}_1 + (1-a)\bar{x}_2]$$

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$$E[\hat{\mu}] = aE[\bar{x}_1] + (1-a)E[\bar{x}_2]$$

$$E[\hat{\mu}] = a\mu + (1-a)\mu$$

$$E[\hat{\mu}] = a\mu + \mu - a\mu$$

$$E[\hat{\mu}] = \mu$$

⑥ $\text{var}(\hat{\mu}) = \text{var}[a\bar{x}_1 + (1-a)\bar{x}_2]$

$$\text{var}(\hat{\mu}) = a^2\sigma^2 + (1-a)^2\sigma^2$$

$$\text{var}(\hat{\mu}) = 2a^2\sigma^2 - 2a\sigma^2 + \sigma^2$$

The minimum variance occurs when the derivative with respect to a is 0

$$\text{var}(\hat{\mu})' = 4a\sigma^2 - 2\sigma^2 = 0$$

$$2a - 1 = 0$$

$$a = \frac{1}{2}$$

This is a minimum (not a maximum) if the second derivative is positive at $a = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\text{var}(\hat{\mu})'' = 4\sigma^2 \geq 0$$

④ a) i. $\hat{\mu}_1$ unbiased.

$$\hat{\mu}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^7 x_i}{7}$$

$$E[\hat{\mu}_1] = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^7 E[x_i]}{7}$$

$$E[\hat{\mu}_1] = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^7 \mu}{7}$$

$$E[\hat{\mu}_1] = \frac{7\mu}{7} = \mu$$

ii. $\hat{\mu}_2$ is unbiased

$$\hat{\mu}_2 = \frac{2x_1 - x_6 + x_4}{2}$$

$$E(\hat{\mu}_2) = 2E(x_1) - E(x_6) + E(x_4)$$

$$E[\hat{\mu}_2] = \frac{2\mu - \mu + \mu}{2}$$

$$E[\hat{\mu}_2] = \frac{2\mu}{2} = \mu$$

(b) (i) $\hat{\mu}_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^7 x_i}{7}$ $\text{var}(\hat{\mu}_1) = \text{var}\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^7 x_i}{7}\right)$

$$\text{var}(\hat{\mu}_1) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^7 \sigma^2}{49} \quad \text{v}(\hat{\mu}_1) = \frac{\sigma^2}{7}$$

(ii) $\hat{\mu}_2 = \frac{2x_1 - x_6 + x_4}{2}$ $\text{var}(\hat{\mu}_2) = \text{var}\left(\frac{2x_1 - x_6 + x_4}{2}\right)$

$$\text{var}(\hat{\mu}_2) = \frac{4\sigma^2 - \sigma^2 + \sigma^2}{4} \quad \text{var}(\hat{\mu}_2) = \frac{4\sigma^2}{4} = \sigma^2$$

$\hat{\mu}_1$ is a better estimator since its variance is lower.

(9) (a) $L(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log(f(x_i)) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log\left(\frac{2x_i}{\alpha^2}\right) = \log\left(\sum_{i=1}^n (2x_i) - \sum_{i=1}^n (\alpha^2)\right) = \log\left(2\sum_{i=1}^n x_i - n\alpha^2\right)$

Differentiate with respect to α and set equal to 0.

$$L(\theta)' = \log\left(2\sum_{i=1}^n x_i - n\alpha^2\right)' = 2 - \frac{2}{\alpha} = 0$$

$$\alpha = 1$$

this is a minimum since $L(\theta)''(1) = \frac{2}{\alpha^2} \geq 0$

(10) $L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{e^{-\lambda x_i} \lambda^m x_i^{m-1}}{\Gamma(m)}$ $= \frac{\lambda^{mn} e^{-\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n x_i} \left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i\right)^{m-1}}{\Gamma(m)^n}$

$$\log(L(\theta)) = \log\left(\frac{\lambda^{mn} e^{-\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n x_i} \left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i\right)^{m-1}}{\Gamma(m)^n}\right)$$

$$\log(L(\theta)) = \log\left(\lambda^{mn} e^{-\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n x_i} \left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i\right)^{m-1}\right) - \log(\Gamma(m)^n)$$

$$\log(L(\theta)) = \log(\lambda^{mn}) + \log(e^{-\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n x_i}) + \log\left(\left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i\right)^{m-1}\right) - n \log(\Gamma(m))$$

$$\log(L(\theta)) = mn \log(\lambda) - \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n x_i + (m-1) \log\left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i\right) - n \log(\Gamma(m))$$

differentiate with respect to lambda and set equal to 0

$$\log(L(\theta))' = \frac{mn}{\lambda} - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = 0 \quad \lambda = \frac{mn}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}$$

check the second derivative is negative $\log(L(\theta))'' = -\frac{mn}{\lambda^2} \leq 0$