

Solution — M440 — SA #2

(#1) $Y \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$, $E(Y) = np$, $\text{Var}(Y) = np(1-p)$

(a) show $n(\frac{Y}{n})(1 - \frac{Y}{n})$ is an unbiased est. of $\text{Var}(Y) = np(1-p)$

pt: let $\hat{\theta} = n(\frac{Y}{n})(1 - \frac{Y}{n})$

$$\begin{aligned} E(\hat{\theta}) &= E\left[n\left(\frac{Y}{n}\right)\left(1 - \frac{Y}{n}\right)\right] = n E\left[\frac{Y}{n} - \frac{Y^2}{n}\right] = (n)E\left[\frac{Y}{n}\right] - (n) \cdot E\left[\frac{Y^2}{n}\right] \\ &= (n)\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)E(Y) - (n)\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)E(Y^2) \\ &= E(Y) - E(Y^2) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Note that $\text{Var}(Y) = E(Y^2) - (E(Y))^2$

$$\text{So, } E(Y^2) = \text{Var}(Y) + (E(Y))^2 = np(1-p) + n^2p^2 = np - np^2 + n^2p^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore, } E(\hat{\theta}) &= E(Y) - E(Y^2) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{n}\right) = (np) - (np - np^2 + n^2p^2)\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \\ &= np - p + p^2 - np^2 \end{aligned}$$

(b). Form an unbiased est. of $\text{Var}(Y)$

$$\therefore E(\hat{\theta}) = np - p + p^2 - np^2 = p(n-1) - p^2(n-1) = (n-1)(p)(1-p)$$

$$\theta = np - np^2 = np(1-p)$$

so consider the estimator $\hat{\theta} = \left(\frac{n}{n-1}\right)(n)\left(\frac{Y}{n}\right)\left(1 - \frac{Y}{n}\right)$

#2 $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n \sim f(y) = \frac{\alpha y^{\alpha-1}}{\theta^\alpha}$ for $0 \leq y \leq \theta$. α is known
 θ is unknown

$$\hat{\theta} = Y_{(n)} = \max(Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n)$$

(a) show that $\hat{\theta}$ is a biased est. for θ .

Pf. The pdf of $\hat{\theta} = Y_{(n)}$ is:

$$f_{Y_{(n)}}(y) = n(F(y))^{n-1} f(y)$$

$$F(y) = \int_0^y \frac{\alpha t^{\alpha-1}}{\theta^\alpha} dt = \left(\frac{\alpha}{\theta^\alpha}\right) \left(\frac{1}{\alpha}\right) t^\alpha \Big|_0^y = \left(\frac{1}{\theta^\alpha}\right) (y^\alpha) = \left(\frac{y}{\theta}\right)^\alpha$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } f_{Y_{(n)}}(y) &= n \cdot \left(\frac{y}{\theta}\right)^{\alpha(n-1)} \cdot \frac{\alpha}{\theta^\alpha} \cdot y^{\alpha-1} \\ &= (n\alpha) \left(\frac{1}{\theta}\right)^{\alpha n} (y)^{\alpha n-1} \quad \text{for } 0 \leq Y_{(n)} \leq \theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } E(Y_{(n)}) &= \int_0^\theta (n\alpha) \left(\frac{1}{\theta}\right)^{\alpha n} \cdot (y) (y)^{\alpha n-1} dy \\ &= \frac{n\alpha}{\theta^{\alpha n}} \int_0^\theta y^{\alpha n} dy \\ &= \left(\frac{n\alpha}{\theta^{\alpha n}}\right) \cdot \frac{y^{\alpha n+1}}{\alpha n+1} \Big|_0^\theta = \frac{n\alpha}{\theta^{\alpha n}} \frac{\theta^{\alpha n+1}}{(\alpha n+1)} \\ &= \left(\frac{n\alpha}{\alpha n+1}\right) \theta \end{aligned}$$

Hence $\hat{\theta} = Y_{(n)}$ is a biased est. for θ .

(b) consider $\left[\left(\frac{n\alpha+1}{n\alpha} \right) Y_{(n)} \right]$ as an unbiased est. of θ

$$(c) \text{MSE}(\hat{\theta}) = E[(Y_{(n)} - \theta)^2] = E[Y_{(n)}^2] - 2\theta E(Y_{(n)}) + \theta^2$$

$$E(Y_{(n)}^2) = \int_0^\theta (n\alpha) \left(\frac{1}{\theta} \right)^{n\alpha} (y^2) (y)^{\alpha n-1} dy$$

$$= \frac{n\alpha}{\theta^{n\alpha}} \int_0^\theta y^{\alpha n+1} dy = \frac{n\alpha}{\theta^{n\alpha}} y^{\alpha n+2} \Big|_0^\theta$$

$$= \frac{n\alpha}{\theta^{n\alpha}} \theta^{\alpha n+2} = n\alpha \theta^2$$

$$\text{Hence, } \text{MSE}(\hat{\theta}) = n\alpha \theta^2 - 2\theta \left(\frac{n\alpha}{\alpha n+1} \right) \theta + \theta^2$$

$$= \frac{2}{(n\alpha+1)(n\alpha+2)} \theta^2$$

#3 Suppose $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n \sim \text{UNIF}(\theta - \frac{1}{2}, \theta + \frac{1}{2})$ $\begin{cases} E(Y_i) = \frac{1}{2}(2\theta) = \theta \\ V(Y_i) = \frac{1}{12} \end{cases}$

Let $\hat{\theta}_1 = \frac{Y_1 + Y_2}{2}$ and $\hat{\theta}_2 = \bar{Y}$

Solution: $MSE(\hat{\theta}_1) = \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_1) + [B(\hat{\theta}_1)]^2 = \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_1) + [E(\hat{\theta}_1) - \theta]^2$

$$E(\hat{\theta}_1) = E\left(\frac{Y_1 + Y_2}{2}\right) = \frac{\theta + \theta}{2} = \theta$$

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_1) = \frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{1}{12} + \frac{1}{12}\right) = \frac{1}{24}$$

$$\Rightarrow MSE(\hat{\theta}_1) = \left(\frac{1}{24}\right) + (\theta - \theta)^2 = \frac{1}{24}$$

$$MSE(\hat{\theta}_2) = \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_2) + [E(\hat{\theta}_2) - \theta]^2$$

$$E(\hat{\theta}_2) = E(\bar{Y}) = \frac{n\theta}{n} = \theta$$

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\theta}_2) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n} = \frac{1}{12n}$$

$$\Rightarrow MSE(\hat{\theta}_2) = \frac{1}{12n} + (\theta - \theta)^2 = \frac{1}{12n}$$

Therefore, if $n > 1$, then $\hat{\theta}_2$ is a better estimator since it has a lower MSE.

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step 1: $V = \frac{2x}{\theta} \sim \chi^2(2)$

So $V = \frac{2x}{\theta}$ is a pivot as it doesn't depend on unknown parameters

step 2: $P(a \leq \frac{2x}{\theta} \leq b) = 0.90$

Look for the $\chi^2(2)$ table, we can easily get

$$\begin{cases} a = 0.102587 \\ b = 5.99147 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(0.102587 \leq \frac{2x}{\theta} \leq 5.99147) = 0.9$$

step 3:

$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{2Y}{5.99147}, \frac{2Y}{0.102587} \right)$ represents a 90% C.I. for θ .

#5 $X_1, X_2 \sim \text{Unif}(0, \theta)$, $R = X_{(2)} - X_{(1)}$

$$f_R(r) = \left(\frac{2}{\theta^2}\right)(\theta - r), \text{ for } 0 < r < \theta$$

(a) let $u = \frac{R}{\theta}$

Use transformation method to find the pdf of u , $f_u(u)$

step 1: $R = u\theta$

step 2: $\frac{dR}{du} = \theta$

step 3: $f_u = f_R(u\theta) \cdot \theta = \left(\frac{2}{\theta^2}\right)(\theta - u\theta) \cdot \theta = \left(\frac{2}{\theta^2}\right)(\theta)(1-u)\theta = 2(1-u)$

$\Rightarrow f_u(u) = 2(1-u)$, for $0 < u < 1$

This is Beta($\alpha=1$, $\beta=2$)

That's $u = \frac{R}{\theta} \sim \text{Beta}(1, 2)$, which is a pivot as it doesn't depend on any unknown parameters.

(b) $P(a \leq \frac{R}{\theta} \leq b) = 0.9$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \int_a^b 2(1-u) du = 0.9 \\ \int_0^a 2(1-u) du = 0.05 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a = 0.025 \\ b = 0.776 \end{cases}$$

Hence, the 90% C.I. for θ is $\left(\frac{R}{0.776}, \frac{R}{0.025}\right)$

That's $\left(\frac{X_{(2)} - X_{(1)}}{0.776}, \frac{X_{(2)} - X_{(1)}}{0.025}\right)$

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#3 $X_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\theta, \theta)$ where $\theta > 0$

choices of pivots (1) $U_1 = \frac{\bar{X} - \theta}{\sqrt{\theta}/\sqrt{n}} \sim N(0, 1)$

$$(2) U_2 = \frac{\bar{X} - \theta}{s/\sqrt{n}} \sim t(n-1)$$

$$(3) U_3 = \frac{(n-1)s^2}{\theta} \sim \chi^2(n-1)$$

U_2 & U_3 are easier than U_1 .

Take $U_2 = \frac{\bar{X} - \theta}{s/\sqrt{n}}$ as an example.

$$P(-t_{\alpha/2, n-1} < \frac{\bar{X} - \theta}{s/\sqrt{n}} < t_{\alpha/2, n-1}) = P\left(\bar{X} - t_{\alpha/2, n-1} \left(\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}\right) < \theta < \bar{X} + t_{\alpha/2, n-1} \left(\frac{s}{\sqrt{n}}\right)\right) = 1 - \alpha.$$

The c.I for θ is: $(\bar{X} \pm t_{\alpha/2, n-1} \cdot \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}})$.

#4 Let $X \sim \text{Beta}(\theta, 1)$, where $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ unknown

(1) let $u_1 = -\frac{1}{\log x}$ then c.i. for $\theta \in [\frac{u_1}{2}, u_1]$

$$\because X \sim \text{Beta}(\theta, 1), f_X(x) = \frac{\Gamma(\theta+1)}{\Gamma(\theta)\Gamma(1)} \cdot x^{\theta-1} (1-x)^0 = \theta x^{\theta-1}$$

use transformation to find pdf of u_1 :

$$\textcircled{1} x = e^{-\frac{1}{u_1}} \quad \textcircled{2} \frac{1}{u_1^2} e^{-\frac{1}{u_1}} \quad \textcircled{3} f_{u_1}(u) = \frac{\theta}{u^2} e^{-\frac{\theta}{u}} \text{ for } 0 < u < \infty$$

Given that the $100(1-\alpha)\%$ c.i. for $\theta \in [\frac{u_1}{2}, u_1]$

$$\text{that is, } P(\frac{u_1}{2} < \theta < u_1) = 1-\alpha$$

$$\textcircled{\text{or}} P(\theta < u_1 < 2\theta) = 1-\alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_{\theta}^{2\theta} \frac{\theta}{u^2} \cdot e^{-\frac{\theta}{u}} du = e^{-\frac{\theta}{u}} \Big|_{\theta}^{2\theta} = e^{-\frac{1}{2}} - e^{-1} = 0.239$$

Thus, the confidence coefficient $1-\alpha = 0.239$

(2) let $u_2 = X^{\theta}$

use transformation to find pdf of u_2 :

$$\textcircled{1} x = u_2^{\frac{1}{\theta}} \quad \textcircled{2} \left(\frac{1}{\theta}\right) u_2^{\left(\frac{1}{\theta}-1\right)} \quad \textcircled{3} f_{u_2}(u) = \theta \left(u_2^{\frac{1}{\theta}}\right)^{\theta-1} \cdot \frac{1}{\theta} \cdot u_2^{\frac{1}{\theta}-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_{u_2}(u) = 1 \text{ for } 0 < u_2 < 1$$

$u_2 \sim \text{unif}(0, 1) \Rightarrow u_2$ is a pivot.

$$(3) P(a < X^{\theta} < b) = 0.239 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \int_a^b 1 du = 0.239 \\ \int_0^a 1 du = 0.3805 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow b-a = 0.239 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a = 0.3805 \\ b = 0.6195 \end{cases} \Rightarrow (\log 0.3805, \log 0.6195)$$

(#5) n X_i iid $\text{Unif}(0, \theta)$

(1) see previous practice.

$$f(u) = nu^{n-1} \quad \text{for } 0 < u < 1 \quad \theta \text{ a pivot.}$$

$$(2) P(a < u < b) = 1 - \alpha$$

$$\Leftrightarrow P\left(a < \frac{X_{(n)}}{\theta} < b\right) = P\left(\frac{X_{(n)}}{b} < \theta < \frac{X_{(n)}}{a}\right) = 1 - \alpha$$

The length of the ~~the~~ C.I for θ is $d = \frac{X_{(n)}}{a} - \frac{X_{(n)}}{b} = \frac{X_{(n)}(b-a)}{ab}$

Since $f(u)$ is increasing, $(b-a)$ is minimized and ab is maximized if $b=1$.

Thus shortest interval will have $b=1$ and a satisfying

$$\alpha = \int_0^a nu^{n-1} du = a^n \Rightarrow a = \alpha^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

Therefore, the shortest $(1-\alpha)100\%$ C.I. for θ is $\left(X_{(n)}, \frac{X_{(n)}}{\alpha^{\frac{1}{n}}}\right)$

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Problem #9: $x_i \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ $E(x_i) = \lambda$, $V(x_i) = \lambda$

(1) suggest $\hat{\lambda} = \bar{x}$, since $E(\bar{x}) = E(x_i) = \lambda$

(2) Try $E(\bar{x}^2) = V(\bar{x}) + [E(\bar{x})]^2 = \frac{\lambda}{n} + \lambda^2$

let $\hat{\theta} = a\bar{x}^2 + b\bar{x}$ be an unbiased est. for $(5\lambda - 2\lambda^2)$

such that $E(\hat{\theta}) = 5\lambda - 2\lambda^2$

$$\text{That is } aE(\bar{x}^2) + bE(\bar{x}) = \frac{a\lambda}{n} + a\lambda^2 + b\lambda = a\lambda^2 + \left(\frac{a}{n} + b\right)\lambda = -2\lambda^2 + 5\lambda$$

$$\begin{cases} a = -2 \\ \frac{a}{n} + b = 5 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a = -2 \\ b = 5 + \frac{2}{n} \end{cases}$$

suggest $-2\bar{x}^2 + (5 + \frac{2}{n})\bar{x}$ as the unbiased est. for $5\lambda - 2\lambda^2$.

Problem #10

The point estimate is given by the difference of the sample

proportions: $\frac{126}{180} - \frac{54}{100} = 0.70 - 0.54 = 0.16$

The error bound B: $2 \sqrt{\frac{(0.7)(0.3)}{180} + \frac{(0.54)(0.46)}{100}} = 0.121$

$$P(|\hat{p} - p| < 0.121) = P\left(|Z| < \frac{0.121 - 0}{0.121}\right) = P(|Z| < 1) = 0.68$$