

Example 1 Suppose $X \sim P_0(\lambda)$.

Let $\hat{\lambda} = X$ be an estimator.

Find bias and MSE of $\hat{\lambda}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{bias}(\hat{\lambda}) &= E(\hat{\lambda}) - \lambda \\ &= E(X) - \lambda \\ &= \lambda - \lambda \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \hat{\lambda}$ is unbiased for λ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MSE}(\hat{\lambda}) &\stackrel{\text{prop 1}}{=} \text{Var}(\hat{\lambda}) + [\text{Bias}(\hat{\lambda})]^2 \\ &= \text{Var}(\hat{\lambda}) + 0 \\ &= \text{Var}(X) \\ &= \lambda. \end{aligned}$$

Example 2 Suppose X_1, \dots, X_n are IID $P_0(\lambda)$. Let $\hat{\lambda} = \bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ be an estimator of λ . Find bias and MSE of $\hat{\lambda}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Bias}(\hat{\lambda}) &= E(\hat{\lambda}) - \lambda \\ &= E(\bar{X}) - \lambda \\ &= E\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) - \lambda \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E(X_i)\right) - \lambda \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda\right) - \lambda \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \times n\lambda - \lambda \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
\text{MSE}(\hat{\lambda}) &\stackrel{\text{Prop 1}}{=} \text{Var}(\hat{\lambda}) + [\text{Bias}(\hat{\lambda})]^2 \\
&= \text{Var}(\hat{\lambda}) \\
&= \text{Var}(\bar{X}) \\
&= \text{Var}\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) \\
&= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(X_i) \\
&= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda \\
&= \frac{1}{n^2} \times n\lambda \\
&= \frac{\lambda}{n} \longrightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty
\end{aligned}$$

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Example 3 Suppose $X \sim \text{Bin}(m, p)$.

Let $\hat{p} = X/m$ be an estimator of p . Find bias and MSE of \hat{p} .

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Bias}(\hat{p}) &= E(\hat{p}) - p \\ &= E\left(\frac{X}{m}\right) - p \\ &= \frac{1}{m} E(X) - p \\ &= \frac{1}{m} \times mp - p \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \hat{p}$ is unbiased for p .

$$\begin{aligned}\text{MSE}(\hat{p}) &= \text{Var}(\hat{p}) + [\text{Bias}(\hat{p})]^2 \\ &= \text{Var}(\hat{p}) \\ &= \text{Var}\left(\frac{X}{m}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{m^2} \text{Var}(X) \\ &= \frac{1}{m^2} \times mp(1-p) \\ &= \frac{p(1-p)}{m}.\end{aligned}$$

Example 4 Suppose X_1, \dots, X_n are IID $\text{Exp}(a)$. Let $\hat{a} = \bar{X}$ be an estimator of a . Find bias and MSE of \hat{a} .

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Bias}(\hat{a}) &= E(\hat{a}) - a \\ &= E(\bar{X}) - a \\ &= E\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) - a \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E(X_i)\right) - a \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{a}\right) - a \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \times \frac{n}{a} - a \\ &= \frac{1}{a} - a \neq 0\end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \hat{a}$ is a biased estimator of a .

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{MSE}(\hat{a}) &\stackrel{\text{prop 1}}{=} \text{Var}(\hat{a}) + [\text{Bias}(\hat{a})]^2 \\
&= \text{Var}(\hat{a}) + \left(\frac{1}{a} - a\right)^2 \\
&= \text{Var}(\bar{X}) + \left(\frac{1}{a} - a\right)^2 \\
&= \text{Var}\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right) + \left(\frac{1}{a} - a\right)^2 \\
&= \left(\frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(X_i)\right) + \left(\frac{1}{a} - a\right)^2 \\
&= \left(\frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{a^2}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{a} - a\right)^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{n^2} \times \frac{n}{a^2} + \left(\frac{1}{a} - a\right)^2 \\
&= \frac{1}{na^2} + \left(\frac{1}{a} - a\right)^2 \\
&\rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{a} - a\right)^2 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty \\
&\quad \neq 0
\end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow \hat{a}$ is not a consistent estimator

Example 5 Suppose X_1, \dots, X_n are IID with CDF $F(x)$ and PDF $f(x)$. Find CDF and PDF of $\max(X_1, \dots, X_n)$.

Let $Z = \max(X_1, \dots, X_n)$.

The CDF of Z is

$$\begin{aligned} F_Z(z) &= P(Z \leq z) \\ &= P(\max(X_1, \dots, X_n) \leq z) \\ &= P(X_1 \leq z, \dots, X_n \leq z) \\ &\stackrel{\text{indep}}{=} P(X_1 \leq z) \dots P(X_n \leq z) \\ &= F(z) \dots F(z) \\ &= [F(z)]^n. \end{aligned}$$

The PDF of Z is

$$\begin{aligned} f_Z(z) &= \frac{d}{dz} F_Z(z) \\ &= \frac{d}{dz} [F(z)]^n \\ &= n [F(z)]^{n-1} f(z) \end{aligned}$$

Example 6 Suppose X_1, \dots, X_n are IID with CDF $F(x)$ and PDF $f(x)$. Find CDF and PDF of $\min(X_1, \dots, X_n)$.

Let $Z = \min(X_1, \dots, X_n)$.

The CDF of Z is

$$\begin{aligned} F_Z(z) &= P(Z \leq z) \\ &= 1 - P(Z > z) \\ &= 1 - P(\min(X_1, \dots, X_n) > z) \\ &= 1 - P(X_1 > z, \dots, X_n > z) \\ &\stackrel{\text{indep}}{=} 1 - P(X_1 > z) \cdots P(X_n > z) \\ &= 1 - [1 - P(X_1 \leq z)] \cdots [1 - P(X_n \leq z)] \\ &= 1 - [1 - F(z)] \cdots [1 - F(z)] \\ &= \boxed{1 - [1 - F(z)]^n}. \end{aligned}$$

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