
Questions to practice before Thursday's evaluation test

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be an i.i.d. sample generated by a one-parameter probability distribution P_θ . θ is the parameter of interest. Notation : $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$.

1. Find the bias, standard error and MSE of the estimator $\hat{\theta}$ in the following cases :
(*hint : for each parametric model, first calculates or finds in wikipedia or in a probability book the theoretical moments of the probability distribution*)
 - $P_\theta = \text{Bernoulli}(\theta)$, $\theta \in [0, 1]$; $\hat{\theta} = \bar{X}$.
 - $P_\theta = \text{Poisson}(\theta)$, $\theta > 0$; $\hat{\theta} = \bar{X}$.
 - $P_\theta = \text{Uniform}(0, \theta)$, $\theta > 0$; $pdf(x) = \frac{1}{\theta}$ if $0 \leq x \leq \theta$, $pdf(x) = 0$ otherwise.
 - $P_\theta = \text{Normal } \mathcal{N}(\theta, 1)$, $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$; $\hat{\theta} = \bar{X}$.
 - $P_\theta = \text{Exponential}(\theta)$, $\theta > 0$; $pdf(x) = \frac{1}{\theta} \exp(-x/\theta)$ if $x \geq 0$, $pdf(x) = 0$ otherwise; $\hat{\theta} = \bar{X}$.
 - $P_\theta = \text{Normal } \mathcal{N}(0, \theta)$, $\theta > 0$; $\hat{\theta} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2$.

2. Find the method of moments estimator of θ in the following cases :
 - $P_\theta(X_i = 1) = \theta = 1 - P_\theta(X_i = -1)$, $\theta \in [0, 1]$.
 - $P_\theta = \text{Geometric}(\theta)$, $\theta > 0$; $P_\theta(X_i = k) = \theta(1 - \theta)^{k-1}$, \dots , $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$
 - $P_\theta = \text{Normal } \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$, $\mu \in \mathbb{R}, \sigma^2 > 0$, $\theta = \sigma^2 = \text{Var}(X_i)$.
 - $P_\theta = \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$, $\theta = (\alpha, \beta)$, $pdf(x) = \frac{1}{\beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x/\beta}$, $x > 0$, $\mathbb{E}(X_i) = \alpha\beta$, $\text{Var}(X_i) = \alpha\beta^2$.

3. Let $X \sim \text{Exponential}(\theta)$. Find the cdf F of X and its quantile of order q , $q \in [0, 1]$, as a function of θ .