

1. $X_1, X_2,$ and X_3 are a sample of three independent realizations from a distribution with mean θ and variance 1.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a) \quad T_1 &= (X_1 + X_2 + X_3)/3 & T_2 &= (4X_1 + 3X_2 + X_3)/9 \\
 E(T_1) &= 3\theta/3 = \theta & E(T_2) &= (4 + 3 + 1)\theta/9 = 8\theta/9 \\
 b_1(\theta) &= E(T_1) - \theta = 0 & b_2(\theta) &= E(T_2) - \theta = -\theta/9 \\
 (b) \quad \text{var}(T_1) &= (1/9) \cdot (1 + 1 + 1) = 1/3 = 27/81 & \text{var}(T_2) &= (16 + 9 + 1)/81 = 26/81 \\
 (c) \quad \text{mse}(T_1) &= b_1^2 + \text{var}(T_1) = 0 + 27/81 & \text{mse}(T_2) &= b_2^2 + \text{var}(T_2) = \theta^2/81 + 26/81
 \end{aligned}$$

(a) From (a) above, T_1 is unbiased, T_2 is not.

(b) From (b) above, T_2 has smaller variance.

(c) From (c) above, they have the same mse if $\theta = \pm 1$.

Otherwise, if $|\theta| < 1$, T_2 has smaller mse; if $|\theta| > 1$, T_1 has smaller mse;

$$2(a) \quad E(X^2) = \text{var}(X) + (E(X))^2 = \theta + \theta^2$$

$$(b) \quad \text{var}(X^2) = E(X^4) - (E(X^2))^2 = \theta(\theta^3 + 6\theta^2 + 7\theta + 1) - \theta^2(\theta + 1)^2$$

Call this mess $K(\theta)$.

$$(c) \quad E(T) = (1/n) \sum E(X_i^2) = E(X^2) = \theta^2 + \theta \text{ for all } \theta.$$

so T is an unbiased estimator of $\theta^2 + \theta$.

(d) From Chebychev's inequality, T_n will be consistent if $\text{mse}(T_n) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Since T_n is unbiased, $\text{mse}(T_n) = \text{var}(T_n)$ so we need $\text{var}(T_n) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

But $\text{var}(T_n) = (1/n)^2 \sum_{i=1}^n \text{var}(X_i^2)$ since the X_i^2 are independent.

So $\text{var}(T_n) = nK(\theta)/n^2 = K(\theta)/n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, and T_n is consistent.

3. (a) The MoM equation is to set $(1/n) \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n x_i = E(X_i) = \theta$

That is the MoM estimator of θ is $\bar{X}_n = (1/n) \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$, and the MoM estimator of $\theta^2 + \theta$ is $W = \bar{X}_n^2 + \bar{X}_n$.

$$(b) \quad E(\bar{X}_n^2) = \text{var}(\bar{X}_n) + (E(\bar{X}_n))^2 = (1/n) \text{var}(X_i) + (E(X_i))^2 = \theta/n + \theta^2$$

using the fact that the X_i are independent for the variance term.

$$(c) \quad E(W) = E(\bar{X}_n^2) + E(\bar{X}_n) = \theta/n + \theta^2 + \theta$$

So $b_W(\theta) = E(W) - (\theta^2 + \theta) = \theta/n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

So W is a biased estimator of $\theta^2 + \theta$, but asymptotically unbiased.