

∴ Consistency ∴

Def:- An estimator $\hat{\theta}$ is called a consistent estimator for θ iff

- 1) $E(\hat{\theta}) = \theta$, $\hat{\theta}$ is unbiased estimator for θ
- 2) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}) = 0$.

Ex 1) let $X_i \sim N(\theta, 1)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. is $\hat{\theta} = \bar{X}$ a consistent estimator for θ ?

Sol:- ∴ $X \sim N(\theta, 1)$ $\begin{cases} \rightarrow E(\theta) = ? \\ \rightarrow V(\theta) = ? \end{cases}$

$$\begin{aligned} 1- \Rightarrow E(\hat{\theta}) &= E(\bar{X}) = E\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{n}\right) = \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n E(X_i)}{n}\right) \\ &= \frac{n\theta}{n} = \theta. \end{aligned}$$

→ So $\hat{\theta} = \bar{X}$ is unbiased estimator for θ .

$$2- \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{Var}(\bar{X}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{n}\right) = 0.$$

∴ $\hat{\theta} = \bar{X}$ is a consistent estimator for θ .

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow X &\sim N(\mu, \sigma^2) \Rightarrow V(X) = \sigma^2 \\ \therefore X &\sim N(\theta, 1) \Rightarrow V(X) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

* Remark:- if $X \sim N\left(\theta, \frac{1}{n}\right)$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, $\hat{\theta} = \bar{X}$ a consistent estimator for θ ?

Ex 2_g- let $X_i \sim \text{Bin}(1, \theta)$, $i=1, 2, \dots, n$. is $\hat{\theta} = \bar{X}$ a consistent estimator for θ ?

Solution_g 1. $E(\hat{\theta}) = E(\bar{X}) = E\left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{n}\right) = \frac{n\theta}{n} = \theta$

$\therefore \hat{\theta} = \bar{X}$ is unbiased estimator for θ .

$$\begin{aligned} 2- \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\text{Var}(\bar{X})) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(X_i)}{n^2} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \theta(1-\theta)}{n^2} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\theta(1-\theta)}{n} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \hat{\theta} = \bar{X}$ is a consistent estimator for θ .

Ex 3_g- let $X_i \sim \text{Exp}(\theta)$, $i=1, 2, \dots, n$. is $\hat{\theta} = \bar{X}$ a consistent estimator for θ ?

Sol_g 1. $E(\hat{\theta}) = E(\bar{X}) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n E(X_i)}{n} = \frac{n\theta}{n} = \theta$

So $\hat{\theta} = \bar{X}$ is unbiased estimator for θ .

$$2- \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{Var}(\bar{X}) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\theta^2}{n} = 0.$$

$\therefore \hat{\theta} = \bar{X}$ is a consistent estimator for θ .

H.W_g- let $X_i \sim P(\theta)$, $i=1, 2, \dots, n$. is $\hat{\theta} = \bar{X}$ a consistent estimator for θ ?