

7.19 Suppose that the random variables Y_1, \dots, Y_n satisfy

$$Y_i = \beta x_i + \epsilon_i \quad , \quad i=1, \dots, n.$$

where x_1, \dots, x_n are fixed constants, and $\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_n$ are iid $n(0, \sigma^2)$, σ^2 unknown.

(a) Find a two-dimensional sufficient statistic for (β, σ^2) .

$$\begin{aligned} f(y_i | \beta, \sigma^2) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(y_i - \beta x_i)^2\right) \\ \text{Let } \theta &= (\beta, \sigma^2) \\ L(\theta | \mathbf{y}) &= \prod_{i=1}^n f(y_i | \beta, \sigma^2) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(y_i - \beta x_i)^2\right) \\ &= (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \beta x_i)^2\right) \\ &= (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i^2 - 2\beta x_i y_i + \beta^2 x_i^2)\right) \\ &= (2\pi\sigma^2)^{-\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 + \frac{\beta}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i - \frac{\beta^2}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2\right) \\ &= \underbrace{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{-\frac{n}{2}}}_{c(\theta)} \underbrace{\exp\left(-\frac{\beta^2}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2\right)}_{h(x)} \underbrace{\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 + \frac{\beta}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i\right)}_{w(\theta) t_i(\mathbf{y})} \end{aligned}$$

where $\theta = (\beta, \sigma^2)$. Then the statistic

$$T(\mathbf{Y}) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i^2, \sum_{i=1}^n x_i Y_i \right).$$

By Definition of sufficient statistic for θ (Defn 6.2.1),

$T(\mathbf{Y}) = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i^2, \sum_{i=1}^n x_i Y_i \right)$ is a sufficient statistic for $\theta = (\beta, \sigma^2)$.

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(b) Find the MLE of β and show that it is an unbiased estimator of β .

$$l(\theta|Y) = \log L(\theta|Y) = -\frac{n}{2} \log(\sigma^2\pi) - \frac{n}{2} \log \sigma^2 - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i^2 + \frac{\beta}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i Y_i - \frac{\beta^2}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2$$

For a fixed σ^2 ,

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \beta} = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i Y_i - \frac{\beta}{\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 = 0$$

Then we have $\hat{\beta} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i Y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$. (Notice that $\hat{\beta}$ doesn't depend on σ^2 .)

$$\frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \beta^2} = -\frac{\sum x_i^2}{\sigma^2} < 0 \quad (\text{local maximum})$$

Thus, $\hat{\beta}$ is the mle.

$$E\hat{\beta} = E\left(\frac{\sum x_i Y_i}{\sum x_i^2}\right) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i E Y_i}{\sum x_i^2} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i (\beta x_i)}{\sum x_i^2} = \beta$$

Thus $\hat{\beta}$ is an unbiased estimator of β .

(c) Find the distribution of the MLE of β .

We know $\hat{\beta} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i Y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$. We express $\hat{\beta} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i Y_i$, where $a_i = \frac{x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$ are constants.

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}) = \text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i Y_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \text{Var}(Y_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \sigma^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i}{\sum x_i^2}\right)^2 \sigma^2 = \frac{\sum x_i^2}{(\sum x_i^2)^2} \sigma^2 = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum x_i^2}$$

Therefore, $E(\hat{\beta}) = \beta$ (from the result of the part (b)) and $\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum x_i^2}$.

$$\hat{\beta} \sim N\left(\beta, \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}\right)$$

#7.20 Consider Y_1, \dots, Y_n as defined in Exercise 7.19.

(a) Show that $\frac{\sum Y_i}{\sum x_i}$ is an unbiased estimator of β

$$E\left(\frac{\sum Y_i}{\sum x_i}\right) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n E(Y_i)}{\sum x_i} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \beta x_i}{\sum x_i} = \frac{\beta \sum x_i}{\sum x_i} = \beta.$$

(b) Calculate the exact variance of $\sum Y_i / \sum x_i$ and compare it to the variances of the estimator in

$$\text{Var}\left(\frac{\sum Y_i}{\sum x_i}\right) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(Y_i)}{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right)^2} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma^2}{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right)^2} = \frac{n\sigma^2}{(\sum x_i)^2} = \frac{n\sigma^2}{(n\bar{x})^2} = \frac{\sigma^2}{n\bar{x}^2} \quad (\text{EX. 7.19})$$

From the part (c), we obtained

$$\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}$$

$$(\because \sum x_i = n\bar{x})$$

But $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - n\bar{x}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow \sum x_i^2 \geq n\bar{x}^2.$

Thus $\frac{\sigma^2}{n\bar{x}^2} > \frac{\sigma^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}.$

which means that $\text{Var}(\hat{\beta})$ is smaller than $\text{Var}\left(\frac{\sum Y_i}{\sum x_i}\right).$