

Answer the Following Questions

1. Suppose that X_1, \dots, X_n is a random sample from a symmetric population with mean μ and variance σ^2
 - (a) Show that the sample median is an unbiased estimator of μ .
 - (b) Show that $\frac{\sum_{i=r+1}^{n-r} X_{i:n}}{n-2r}$ is also an unbiased estimator of μ , where $X_{i:n}$ is the i^{th} order statistics from the sample.

2. Suppose that X_1, \dots, X_n is a random sample from Uniform(0, θ) population, where θ is unknown parameter
 - (a) Show that \bar{X} and $\frac{(n+1)X_{n:n}}{n}$ are both unbiased estimators of θ
 - (b) Compare their variance and comment which parameter is more precise and what the relative efficiency is?

3. Suppose X_1, \dots, X_n is a random sample from the exponential distribution with mean θ
 - (a) Prove that $\frac{\bar{X} + X_1}{2}$ represents an unbiased estimate for θ .
 - (b) Prove that $\frac{n\bar{X}^2}{n+1}$ represents an unbiased estimate for θ^2 .

4. Let X_1, \dots, X_n is a random sample from

$$f(x; \alpha, c) = \frac{c}{\alpha} \left(\frac{x}{\alpha}\right)^{c-1} \exp\left[-\left(\frac{x}{\alpha}\right)^c\right], \quad x > 0, \quad \alpha, c > 0.$$

- (a) Find the MMEs and MLEs of both α and c .
- (b) Discuss the efficiency of the obtained estimates.