

1. Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be independent identically distributed random variables with density function

$$h(t; \theta) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } t \notin [0, 1] \\ \theta t^{\theta-1}, & \text{if } t \in [0, 1]. \end{cases}$$

Find a moment estimator for θ .

$$\bar{X} = \int_0^1 t \theta t^{\theta-1} dt$$

$$= \int_0^1 \theta t^{\theta} dt$$

$$= \frac{\theta t^{\theta+1}}{\theta+1} \Big|_{t=0}^{t=1}$$

$$= \frac{\theta}{\theta+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \bar{X}(\theta+1) = \bar{X}\theta + \bar{X}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta - \bar{X}\theta = \bar{X}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta(1 - \bar{X}) = \bar{X}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\bar{X}}{1 - \bar{X}}$$

Therefore, $\hat{\theta} = \frac{\bar{X}}{1 - \bar{X}}$ is a moment estimator

for θ ~~in the interval [0, 1]~~

Note that $P(\bar{X} = 1) = 0$.