



## Observed Data Containing One Parameter and Chance Error: Probabilistic Evaluation of Parameter by Pythagorean Mean

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### Abstract

Recently some methods have been developed for determining the appropriate value of the parameter from observed data containing the parameter itself and chance error since the existing statistical methods of estimation in such situation fail in finding out the appropriate value of the parameter. However, the methods are based on some probabilistic assumptions. Accordingly, the value of the parameter obtained by the methods is not deterministic but probabilistic i.e. one cannot be fully certain that the value of the parameter obtained is identical with its actual value. This paper is based on the evaluation of the probability that the value obtained is the actual value of the parameter and on one numerical application of the method in determining the central tendency of each of annual maximum and annual minimum of ambient air temperature at Guwahati.

Key words: 1; Observed data 2; parameter 3; chance error 4; probabilistic evaluation of parameter

### 1. Introduction:

There are many situations where observed data

$$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$$

are composed of some parameter  $\mu$  and chance errors  $\epsilon_i$  i.e.

$$x_i = \mu + \epsilon_i, \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, n) \quad \text{----- (1.1)}$$

[Chakrabarty (2014a, 2014b, 2014c, 2015a, 2015b, 2015c, 2015d, 2015e)]. The existing methods of estimation of  $\mu$  namely least squares method, maximum likelihood method, minimum variance unbiased method, method of moment and method of minimum chi-square, [Aldrich (1930), Anders (1999),



Barnard (1949), Birnbaum (1962), Ivory (1825) , Kendall & Stuart (1977), Lehmann & Casella George (1998), Lucien (1990), Walker & Lev (1965)]

provides  $\bar{X}$  as estimator of the parameter  $\mu$  where  $\bar{X}$  is given by

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \quad \text{----- (1.2)}$$

It has been shown that this estimator  $\bar{X}$  of the parameter  $\mu$  suffers from an error  $\bar{\epsilon}$  given by

$$\bar{\epsilon} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i \quad \text{----- (1.3)}$$

which is not zero usually. In other words, none of these methods can provide appropriate value of the parameter  $\mu$  [Chakrabarty (2014a , 2014b , 2014c)].

Recently, some studies have been done on determining the true value of the parameter  $\mu$  involved in the model described by (1.1) [Chakrabarty (2014a , 2014b , 2014c , 2015a , 2015b , 2015c , 2015d , 2015e , 2015f , 2016a , 2016b) , Bordoloi & Chakrabarty (2015 , 2015 – 16 , 2016a , 2016b , 2016c , 2016 – 17)]. In these studies some methods have been developed for determining the true value of the parameter  $\mu$  when  $\epsilon_i$  occurs due to chance only. One of them is based on computing sequence of interval value of  $\mu$  with decreasing length of interval and then to find out the shortest interval value of  $\mu$  [Chakrabarty (2014a , 2014b , 2014c , 2015d) , Bordoloi & Chakrabarty (2016a , 2016b)]. The other one is based on stable mid range and median. However, these methods may not be always successful in determining the true value  $\mu$  [Chakrabarty (2015b) , Bordoloi & Chakrabarty (2015)]. For this reason, another method has been derived for determining the true value  $\mu$  which is based on the convergence of statistic i.e. some function of the available numerical data (Chakrabarty , 2017). However, in some situations, the available data may not be sufficient obtaining the converging point of the statistic considered. One method has been developed for determining the true value  $\mu$  in such situation (Chakrabarty, 2018a). The method is based on the Pythagorean means [Kolmogorov (1930), O'Meara (1989), Riedweg (2005), Cornelli, McKirahan & Macris (2013), de Carvalho (2016), Chakrabarty (2018b, 2018c, 2018d, 2018e)]. The methods, developed so far, for determining the appropriate value of the parameter from observed data containing the parameter itself and chance error are based on some probabilistic assumptions. Accordingly, the value of the parameter obtained by the methods is not



deterministic but probabilistic i.e. one cannot be fully certain that the value of the parameter obtained is identical with its actual value. This paper is based on the evaluation of the probability that the value obtained is the actual value of the parameter and on one numerical application of the method in determining the central tendency of each of annual maximum and annual minimum of ambient air temperature at Guwahati.

**2. Probabilistic Evaluation of  $\mu$ :**

**2.1. Probabilistic Convergence of Pythagorean Arithmetic Mean of Observations**

If the observations

$$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$$

are composed of some parameter  $\mu$  and chance errors then the observations can be expressed as

$$x_i = \mu + \epsilon_i \quad , \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, n) \quad \text{----- (2.1)}$$

where

- (i)  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are observed data,
- (ii)  $\mu$  is the parameter
- & (iii)  $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \dots, \epsilon_n$  are the chance errors associated to

$$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$$

respectively which assume positive and negative values in random order.

From Equations described by (2.1),

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i = n\mu + \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i$$

which implies

$$A(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \mu + A(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \dots, \epsilon_n) \quad \text{----- (2.2)}$$

where

$$A(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \quad \text{----- (2.3)}$$

$$\& \quad A(\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \dots, \epsilon_n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i \quad \text{----- (2.4)}$$

Now,

$$\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \dots, \epsilon_n$$



are independently and identically distributed random variables with arithmetic expectation zero (0).

Therefore by the law of large numbers, the series

$$\{ A_n(\varepsilon) = A(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \varepsilon_i \}$$

converges to 0 with probability approaching 1 that is with probability approaching certainty as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Accordingly with probability approaching 1 that is with probability approaching certainty, the series

$$\{ A_n(x) = A(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \} \quad \text{----- (2.5)}$$

converges to  $\mu$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Note (2.1.1):** Since

$$\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_n$$

are random, each of them can assume either positive value or negative value with equal probability i.e.

$$P(\varepsilon_i < 0) = P(\varepsilon_i > 0) = 1/2 \quad \text{for all } i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

This implies, the probability that all of them assume positive values is  $(1/2)^n$ .

Similarly, the probability that all of them assume negative values is  $(1/2)^n$ .

Therefore, the probability that all of them assume values with same sign is  $(1/2)^n + (1/2)^n = (1/2)^{n-1}$ .

The series  $\{A_n(\varepsilon)\}$  will never converge to 0 if all

$$\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_n$$

assume values with same sign

and hence the series  $\{A_n(x)\}$  will never converge to  $\mu$  with probability  $(1/2)^{n-1}$  i.e. the converging

point of the series  $\{A_n(x)\}$ , if exists, is not the actual value of  $\mu$  with probability  $(1/2)^{n-1}$ .

### 2.2. Probabilistic Convergence of Pythagorean Geometric Mean of Observations

If the observations

$$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$$

are composed of some parameter  $\mu$  and chance errors then the observations can also be expressed as

$$x_i = \mu \cdot e_i, \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, n) \quad \text{----- (2.6)}$$

where



$$e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n$$

are the chance errors associated to

$$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$$

respectively assuming positive values either pure decimal fraction or greater than 1 occurred in random order.

From Equations described by (2.6),

$$\left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i\right)^{1/n} = \mu \cdot \left(\prod_{i=1}^n e_i\right)^{1/n}$$

which implies

$$G(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \mu \cdot G(e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n) \quad \text{----- (2.7)}$$

where

$$G(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i\right)^{1/n} \quad \text{----- (2.8)}$$

$$\& G(e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n) = \left(\prod_{i=1}^n e_i\right)^{1/n} \quad \text{----- (2.9)}$$

Now,

$$e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n$$

are independently and identically distributed random variables with geometric expectation one (1).

Therefore by the similar logic of the law of large numbers, the series

$$\{ G_n(e) = G(e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n) = \left(\prod_{i=1}^n e_i\right)^{1/n} \}$$

converges to 1 with probability approaching 1 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

Accordingly, with probability approaching certainty, the series

$$\{ G_n(x) = G(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i\right)^{1/n} \} \quad \text{----- (2.10)}$$

converges to  $\mu$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

**Note (2.2.1):** Since

$$e_1, e_2, \dots, e_n$$

are random, each of them can assume positive values either pure decimal fraction and greater than 1 with equal probability i.e.

$$P(0 < e_i < 1) = P(e_i > 1) = 1/2 \quad \text{for all } i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$



This implies, the probability that all of them assume values in  $0 < e_i < 1$  is  $(1/2)^n$ .

Similarly, the probability that all of them assume values in  $e_i > 1$  is  $(1/2)^n$ .

Therefore, the probability that all of them assume values of same type is  $(1/2)^n + (1/2)^n = (1/2)^{n-1}$ .

Now, the series  $\{G_n(e)\}$  will never converge to 1 if all

$$\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_n$$

assume values of same type

and hence the series  $\{G_n(e)\}$  will never converge to  $\mu$  with probability  $(1/2)^{n-1}$  i.e. the converging point of the series  $\{G_n(e)\}$ , if exists, is not the actual value of  $\mu$  with probability  $(1/2)^{n-1}$ .

### 2.3. Evaluation of $\mu$

Each of the the two series given by (2.5) & (2.10) converges to  $\mu$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  with probability approaching 1 (i.e. with probability approaching certainty).

Therefore, in order to determine the value of  $\mu$ , it is required to compute the converging values of the two series

$$\{ A_n(x) = A(\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \}$$

$$\& \{ G_n(x) = G(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = (\prod_{i=1}^n x_i)^{1/n} \}$$

The common value of them is the actual value of  $\mu$  with probability approaching 1 (i.e. with probability approaching certainty) and is not the actual value of  $\mu$  with probability  $(1/2)^{n-1}$  where  $n$  is the number of observations.

**Note (2.3.1):** If the series is found to converge but fail to yield a common converging point for the available data then it is to be understood that the available data are insufficient for obtaining the value of  $\mu$ .

**Note (2.3.2):** If the series is found either not to converge or to converge to different points then it is to be understood that the errors involved in the data are not only due to chance but also due to some assignable cause(s). Consequently, the data do not follow the model described by the equation (2.1). Accordingly, the value of  $\mu$  cannot be determined from the given data in this case.

**Note (2.3.3):** From (2.6),



$$\log G(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log x_i$$

which yields,

$$G(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \text{antilog} \left\{ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \log x_i \right\} \quad \text{----- (2.11)}$$

This formula can be applied in computing the values of the series given by (2.10) since its computation by

$$G(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \left( \prod_{i=1}^n x_i \right)^{1/n}$$

is too complicated.

### 3. Application to Numerical Data:

Observed data considered here are the data on each of annual maximum & annual minimum of ambient air temperature, occurred in temperature periodic year (TPR), at Guwahati during the period from 1969 to 2013. The objective here is to evaluate, with probability approaching certainty, the central tendency of each of annual maximum & annual minimum of ambient air temperature at Guwahati

#### 3.1. Annual Maximum of Ambient Air Temperature at Guwahati:

The following table shows the observed data on annual maximum of ambient air temperature, occurred in temperature periodic year (TPR), at Guwahati during the period from 1969 to 2013:

**Table-3.1.1**

Observed Value on Annual Maximum of Ambient Air Temperature (in Degree Celsius)

TPR No (i)	Observed Value (x <sub>i</sub> )	TPR No (i)	Observed Value (X <sub>i</sub> )	TPR No (i)	Observed Value (x <sub>i</sub> )	TPR No (i)	Observed Value (X <sub>i</sub> )
1	37.1	12	35.1	23	37.4	34	38.0
2	36.6	13	35.8	24	39.4	35	36.6
3	36.0	14	36.5	25	36.4	36	38.0
4	35.7	15	36.7	26	38.1	37	37.3
5	39.0	16	37.2	27	36.3	38	37.3
6	36.1	17	36.5	28	39.9	39	38.0



7	39.2	18	38.4	29	37.4	40	37.2
8	39.0	19	37.2	30	37.5	41	37.3
9	35.3	20	36.4	31	36.7	42	37.4
10	36.8	21	36.7	32	35.7	43	38.8
11	38.6	22	36.0	33	37.4		

Here the observed values  $x_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 43$ ) can be assumed to be composed of a parameter  $\mu$  (representing the central tendency of annual maximum) and chance errors.

**3.2 Evaluation of Value of  $\mu$  (the central tendency of annual maximum)**

The computed values of  $A_n = A(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  &  $G_n = G(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  have been shown in **Table-3.1.2**.

In **Table-3.1.2**, it is found that the values of  $A_n = A(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  and  $G_n = G(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  are approaching 37.2.

Hence, with probability approaching 1, the value of the central tendency of annual maximum of the ambient air temperature at Guwahati can be taken as 37.2 Degree Celsius.

However, 37.2 Degree Celsius cannot be the actual value of the central tendency with probability

$$(1/2)^{42} = 2.273736754 \times 10^{-13}$$

**Table-3.1.2**

TPR No (n)	Value of $A_n = A(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$	TPR No (n)	Value of $A_n = A(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$
1	37.1	23	36.92608695652174
2	36.85	24	37.02916666666667
3	36.56666666666667	25	37.004
4	36.35	26	37.04615384615385
5	36.88	27	37.01851851851852
6	36.75	28	37.12142857142857
7	37.1	29	37.13103448275862



8	37.3375	30	37.14333333333333
9	37.11111111111111	31	37.12903225806452
10	37.08	32	37.084375
11	37.21818181818182	33	37.09393939393939
12	37.04166666666667	34	37.12058823529412
13	36.94615384615385	35	37.10571428571429
14	39.75492307692308	36	37.13055555555556
15	36.9	37	37.13513513513514
16	36.91875	38	37.13947368421053
17	36.89411764705882	39	37.16153846153846
18	36.97777777777778	40	37.1625
19	36.98947368421053	41	37.16585365853659
20	36.96	42	37.17142857142857
21	36.94761904761905	43	37.2093023255814
22	36.90454545454545		

**Table-3.1.3**

TPR No (n)	Value of $G_n = G(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$	TPR No (n)	Value of $G_n = G(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$
1	37.10000000000000000000000000000001	23	36.907951375530228273997704899203
2	36.849151957677397816492457471162	24	37.008568334146486997509657949442
3	36.563898828796401481877921649392	25	36.984031371155694976981399533444
4	36.345983740858013867930065117099	26	37.026342595226743557691601271825
5	36.861929466436019045199560948853	27	36.999183617772609404713638815137
6	36.733833524906529592733500969237	28	37.099058031246057185229984821213
7	37.076408237779582297449661223967	29	37.109394916981577631613488308734
8	37.311570055521037921393145135076	30	37.122349300390835138945562995519
9	37.082517567449318065559488651693	31	37.108649562396908895644952409924
10	37.054168483041978324085190136495	32	37.063799115887290185156645453858



11	37.192102443715679881528536182712	33	37.073942480150612130026293039573
12	37.013097252648824947218023353606	34	37.10085461802179646288605030756
13	36.918340130784241941575383015056	35	37.0864498129419154156748278045
14	36.888300330268507049140494882929	36	37.111527173121534380089866586791
15	36.875716972191085058307452585677	37	37.116608490052709885185023589966
16	36.895901586189937568294003784643	38	37.121423011021134475117582568853
17	36.872494839717900572818157696334	39	37.143694849862191868851959925933
18	36.955739386544954474314437641907	40	37.145101439431196544614817207745
19	36.968555130673424804462730928845	41	37.148871788937429088904002963936
20	36.939917603077075159918808821998	42	37.154831390672328678435909684177
21	36.928457471495227871573252621182	43	37.192287148576076781925812747586
22	36.885739991394209779636891882147		

**3.3. Annual Minimum of Ambient Air Temperature at Guwahati:**

The following table (**Table–3.2.1**) shows the observed data on annual maximum of ambient air temperature, occurred in temperature periodic year (TPR), at Guwahati during the period from 1969 to 2013.

As earlier, the observed values

$$x_i \text{ (} i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 43 \text{)}$$

can in this case also be assumed to be composed of a parameter  $\mu$  (representing the central tendency of annual minimum) and chance errors.

**Table–3.2.1**

Observed Value on Annual Minimum of Ambient Air Temperature (in Degree Celsius)

TPR No (i)	Observed Value ( $x_i$ )	TPR No (i)	Observed Value ( $x_i$ )	TPR No (i)	Observed Value ( $x_i$ )	TPR No (i)	Observed Value ( $x_i$ )
1	6.6	12	7.5	23	5.9	34	8.0
2	5.9	13	8.3	24	8.4	35	7.9
3	8.2	14	4.9	25	7.8	36	6.7
4	5.0	15	6.1	26	7.5	37	9.6



5	6.3	16	7.8	27	9.4	38	6.4
6	7.4	17	8.6	28	NA	39	7.8
7	6.6	18	7.7	29	NA	40	9.9
8	6.2	19	9.2	30	NA	41	8.6
9	7.3	20	6.7	31	8.3	42	7.0
10	6.2	21	8.6	32	8.9	43	6.4
11	6.4	22	7.4	33	8.6	44	5.6

**3.4. Determination of Value of  $\mu$  (the central tendency of annual minimum)**

The computed values of

$$A_n = A(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \text{ and } G_n = G(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

have been shown in **Table–3.2.2**.

In **Table–3.2.2**, it is found that the values of

$$A_n = A(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \text{ and } G_n = G(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

are not approaching a common value.

Thus, either the data are insufficient to yield the true value of the central tendency of annual minimum of the ambient air temperature at Guwahati or the data do not follow the model described by equation (2.1).

**Table–3.2.2**

TPR No (n)	Values of $A_n = A(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$	TPR No (n)	Values of $A_n = A(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$
1	6.6	23	7.021739130434783
2	6.6	24	6.975
3	6.366666666666667	25	7.032
4	6.825	26	7.061538461538462
5	6.46	27	7.077777777777778
6	6.433333333333333	28	7.160714285714286
7	6.571428571428571	29	7.220689655172414
8	6.575	30	7.266666666666667





14	6.5527362805560146596136072863623	36	7.2944086947827372183189849879502
15	6.5215350514733093207287599447551	37	7.3548715998389568402950960158236
16	6.5949101184036978619969386660223	38	7.8154612929430738975137961946202
17	6.6987014182595463410514031559311	39	7.7934100068228333088588686838578
18	6.7507455267102729305100790423158	40	7.7551256022354259620074788758758
19	6.8616303970395831831869394230887	41	7.6937848209202825772540315655963
20	6.8534570444635167207666214239384	42	6.8994798638029492332170025993497
21	6.9279444662370421736229802749321	43	6.9562840436945652525470112265315
22	6.9487332418478471976809533313006	44	6.9882108302873798619833480810597

**Note:** Data corresponding to TPR 29, 30 &31 are not available. Therefore, the values of

$$A_n = A(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \text{ and } G_n = G(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

could not be computed corresponding these three TPR.

#### 4. Conclusion:

The method, developed here, can provide the value of the parameter if the data follow the model described by equation (2.1) and if the data size is sufficiently large for obtaining the common converging point of  $A_n = A(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  and  $G_n = G(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ . Conversely, if the common converging point of  $A_n = A(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  and  $G_n = G(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  is not achieved from the set of data then it implies that either the data do not follow the model described by equation (2.1) or the data size is not sufficient to yield the common converging point.

Regarding the findings obtained on annual maximum and annual minimum of ambient air temperature at Guwahati, the following conclusion can be drawn:

**4.1.** The central tendency of Annual Maximum of Ambient Air Temperature at Guwahati can be taken as 37.2 Degree Celsius, with probability approaching 1 (i.e. with probability certainty), since all the methods applied have yielded the same numerical results and thus the corresponding data can be treated to follow the model described by equation (2.1).

**4.2.** The central tendency of Annual Minimum of Ambient Air Temperature at Guwahati is not determinable since the methods applied have yielded different numerical results and thus the corresponding data cannot be treated to follow the model described by equation (2.1).



In this connection, it is to be mentioned that the central tendency of each of annual maximum and annual minimum of the ambient air temperature at Guwahati has been evaluated by another method already developed (Chakrabarty, 2017). The findings obtained by that method have been found to be identical with the findings obtained by the method developed here.

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