

# ECO227Y5 Tutorial 15

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# Question 7.21

**Question:** Refer to Exercise 7.13. Suppose that  $n = 20$  observations are to be taken on  $\ln(\text{LC50})$  measurements and that  $\sigma^2 = 1.4$ . Let  $S^2$  denote the sample variance of the 20 measurements.

Recall:  $\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2_{n-1}$   
 where  $n-1$  is the degrees of freedom

- (a) Find a number  $b$  such that  $P(S^2 \leq b) = 0.975$ .  
 (b) Find a number  $a$  such that  $P(a \leq S^2) = 0.975$ .  
 (c) If  $a$  and  $b$  are as in parts (a) and (b), what is  $P(a \leq S^2 \leq b)$ ?

$n=20 \Rightarrow \text{d.f.} = 19, \sigma^2 = 1.4$

a)  $P(S^2 \leq b) = 0.975 \Rightarrow P\left(\frac{19 \cdot S^2}{1.4} \leq \frac{19 \cdot b}{1.4}\right) = 0.975 \Rightarrow P(\chi^2_{19} \leq \frac{19 \cdot b}{1.4}) = 0.975$

$\Rightarrow P(\chi^2_{19} > \frac{19 \cdot b}{1.4}) = 0.025 \Rightarrow \frac{19 \cdot b}{1.4} = 32.8523 \Rightarrow b = 2.42$

b)  $P(0 \leq S^2) = P(S^2 \geq a) = P(\chi^2_{19} \geq \frac{19 \cdot a}{1.4}) = 0.975$   
 $\frac{19 \cdot a}{1.4} = 8.90657 \Rightarrow a = 0.656272$

c)  $P(a \leq S^2 \leq b) = P(S^2 \leq b) - P(S^2 \geq a)$   
 $= 0.975 - (1 - 0.975)$   
 $= 0.975 - 0.025 = 0.95$



How to Read  $\chi^2$  table: Right tailed table



$\chi^2_\alpha$  is the point on your chi-square table where  $\alpha$  % of data lies to the right

| d.f. | $\chi^2_{0.997}$ | ... | $\chi^2_{0.010}$ |
|------|------------------|-----|------------------|
| 1    |                  |     |                  |
| 2    |                  |     |                  |
| ...  |                  |     |                  |
| 8    |                  |     | 2.73269          |
| ...  |                  |     |                  |

Ex.  $P(\chi^2_8 \geq 2.73) \approx 0.950$



# Question 7.26

**Question:** Refer to Exercise 7.11. Suppose that in the forest fertilization problem the population standard deviation of basal areas is not known and must be estimated from the sample. If a random sample of  $n = 9$  basal areas is to be measured, find two statistics  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  such that

Recall:  $\frac{\bar{Y} - \mu}{s/\sqrt{n}} \sim t_{n-1}$ , using  $s$  as  $\sigma$  not known

$$P[g_1 \leq (\bar{Y} - \mu) \leq g_2] = 0.90.$$

$n=9$ ,  $\sigma^2$  not known, not dealing with estimating variance  $\Rightarrow$  Student's T

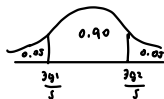
d.f. =  $9-1 = 8$ .  $P\left[\frac{g_1}{s/\sqrt{9}} \leq t_8 \leq \frac{g_2}{s/\sqrt{9}}\right] = 0.90$

note: T distributions are symmetric.

From table:  $P(-1.860 \leq t_8 \leq 1.860) = 0.90$

$$-1.860 = \frac{g_1}{s/\sqrt{9}} \Rightarrow g_1 = -0.625$$

$$1.860 = \frac{g_2}{s/\sqrt{9}} \Rightarrow g_2 = 0.625$$



How To Read Student's T Table:



$$P(t_7 \geq 1.895) = 0.05$$

| $t_{.100}$ | $t_{.050}$ | ... | $t_{.005}$ | d.f. |
|------------|------------|-----|------------|------|
| ..         | .          | .   | .          | 2    |
|            |            |     |            | ...  |
|            |            |     |            | 7    |
|            |            |     |            | ...  |
|            |            |     |            | 80   |

1.895

## Question 7.29

**Question:** If  $Y$  is a random variable that has an  $F$  distribution with  $\nu_1$  numerator and  $\nu_2$  denominator degrees of freedom, show that  $U = 1/Y$  has an  $F$  distribution with  $\nu_2$  numerator and  $\nu_1$  denominator degrees of freedom.

$$Y \sim F_{\nu_1, \nu_2}$$

$$U = \frac{1}{Y}$$

**Proof:** Recall: If  $w_1 \sim \chi^2_{\nu_1}$ ,  $w_2 \sim \chi^2_{\nu_2}$ . Then  $X = \frac{\frac{w_1^2}{\nu_1}}{\frac{w_2^2}{\nu_2}} \sim F_{\nu_1, \nu_2}$

$$\text{so } Y = \frac{\frac{w_1^2}{\nu_1}}{\frac{w_2^2}{\nu_2}} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{Y} = \frac{\frac{w_2^2}{\nu_2}}{\frac{w_1^2}{\nu_1}} = U \sim F_{\nu_2, \nu_1} \quad \blacksquare$$

# Question 7.36

**Question:** Let  $S_1^2$  denote the sample variance for a random sample of ten  $\ln(\text{LC50})$  values for copper and let  $S_2^2$  denote the sample variance for a random sample of eight  $\ln(\text{LC50})$  values for lead, both samples using the same species of fish. The population variance for measurements on copper is assumed to be twice the corresponding population variance for measurements on lead. Assume  $S_1^2$  to be independent of  $S_2^2$ .

(a) Find a number  $b$  such that

Recall:  $\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$

Copper  $S_1^2, n_1 = 10 \Rightarrow \text{d.f.}_1 = 9, \sigma_1^2$   
 Lead  $S_2^2, n_2 = 8 \Rightarrow \text{d.f.}_2 = 7, \sigma_2^2$

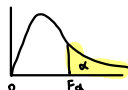
$$P\left(\frac{S_1^2}{S_2^2} \leq b\right) = 0.95.$$

$$P\left(\frac{\frac{\overset{\chi_{n_1-1}^2}{(n_1-1)S_1^2}}{\underset{\chi_{n_2-1}^2}{\sigma_1^2/n_1-1}}}{\frac{\sigma_2^2}{\sigma_2^2/n_2-1}} \leq \frac{\frac{1}{\sigma_1^2}}{\frac{1}{\sigma_2^2}} b\right) = 0.95$$

$$\Rightarrow P\left(\frac{\chi_{n_1-1}^2/n_1-1}{\chi_{n_2-1}^2/n_2-1} \leq \frac{\sigma_2^2}{\sigma_1^2} b\right) = 0.95 \Rightarrow P(F_{n_1-1, n_2-1} \leq \frac{\sigma_2^2}{2\sigma_1^2} b) = 0.95$$

$$\Rightarrow P(F_{9, 7} \leq \frac{b}{2}) = 0.95 \Rightarrow P(F_{9, 7} > \frac{b}{2}) = 0.05 \Rightarrow \frac{b}{2} = 7.68 \Rightarrow b = 7.36$$

How to read F table:



Denominator d.f.

| Denominator d.f. | 1     | 2 | ... | 6    | 7 |
|------------------|-------|---|-----|------|---|
| 1                | 0.950 |   |     |      |   |
| 2                | 0.950 |   |     |      |   |
| ...              |       |   |     |      |   |
| 6                | 0.950 |   |     | 7.14 |   |
| 7                |       |   |     |      |   |

Read  $\alpha$  beside the specific denominator d.f.

$$P(F_{2,6} \geq 7.14) = 0.050$$

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(b) Find a number  $a$  such that

copper  $S_1^2$ ,  $n_1 = 10 \Rightarrow \text{d.f.}_1 = 9$ ,  $\sigma_1^2 = 2\sigma_2^2$   
 Lead  $S_2^2$ ,  $n_2 = 8 \Rightarrow \text{d.f.}_2 = 7$ ,  $\sigma_2^2$

$$P\left(a \leq \frac{S_1^2}{S_2^2}\right) = 0.95.$$

*- to be d.f. one/two*

$$P\left(a \leq \frac{S_1^2}{S_2^2}\right) \Rightarrow P\left(\frac{S_1^2}{S_2^2} \geq a\right) = 0.95 \Leftrightarrow P\left(\frac{S_2^2}{S_1^2} \leq \frac{1}{a}\right) = 0.95 \Rightarrow P\left(\frac{S_2^2}{S_1^2} > \frac{1}{a}\right) = 0.05$$

$$\Rightarrow P\left(\frac{\frac{(n_2-1)S_2^2}{\sigma_2^2} / (n_2-1)}{\frac{(n_1-1)S_1^2}{\sigma_1^2} / (n_1-1)} > \frac{1}{a}\right) = 0.05 \Rightarrow P\left(F_{7,9} > \frac{7}{a}\right) = 0.05$$

*$\frac{\sigma_2^2}{\sigma_1^2} = \frac{2\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_1^2} = 2$*

$$\Rightarrow \frac{7}{a} = 3.19 \Rightarrow a = 0.607$$

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(c) If  $a$  and  $b$  are as in parts (a) and (b), find

$$P\left(a \leq \frac{S_1^2}{S_2^2} \leq b\right).$$

$$P\left(a \leq \frac{S_1^2}{S_2^2} \leq b\right) = P\left(\frac{S_1^2}{S_2^2} \geq a\right) - P\left(\frac{S_1^2}{S_2^2} \geq b\right) = 0.95 - 0.05 = 0.90$$

## Question 7.43

**Question:** An anthropologist wishes to estimate the average height of men for a certain race of people. If the population standard deviation is assumed to be 2.5 inches and if she randomly samples 100 men, find the probability that the difference between the sample mean and the true population mean will not exceed 0.5 inch.

$$\begin{aligned} n &= 100 \\ \sigma^2 &= 2.5^2 \quad \text{know} \\ &\quad \text{can use } z \\ \text{Recall: } \frac{\bar{y} - \mu}{\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}} &\sim z \\ P(|\bar{y} - \mu| \leq 0.5) & \\ \Rightarrow P(-0.5 \leq \bar{y} - \mu \leq 0.5) & \\ \Rightarrow P\left(\frac{-0.5}{\frac{2.5}{10}} \leq z \leq \frac{0.5}{\frac{2.5}{10}}\right) &= P(-2 \leq z \leq 2) = 0.9544 \end{aligned}$$


## Question 7.45

**Question:** Workers employed in a large service industry have an average wage of \$7.00 per hour with a standard deviation of \$0.50. The industry has 64 workers of a certain ethnic group. These workers have an average wage of \$6.90 per hour. Is it reasonable to assume that the wage rate of the ethnic group is equivalent to that of a random sample of workers from those employed in the service industry?

**[Hint:** Calculate the probability of obtaining a sample mean less than or equal to

$$\sigma^2 = 0.5^2, \mu = 7.00$$

$$n = 64$$

\$6.90 per hour.]

$$P(\bar{y} \leq 6.9) = P\left(\frac{\bar{y} - 7.00}{\frac{0.5}{8}} \leq \frac{6.9 - 7.00}{\frac{0.5}{8}}\right) \Rightarrow P(Z \leq -1.6) = P(Z > 1.6) = 0.0548$$

## Question 7.48

**Question:** An important aspect of a federal economic plan was that consumers would save a substantial portion of the money that they received from an income tax reduction. Suppose that early estimates of the portion of total tax saved, based on a random sampling of 35 economists, had mean 26% and standard deviation 12%.

- (a) What is the approximate probability that a sample mean estimate, based on a random sample of  $n = 35$  economists, will lie within 1% of the mean of the population of the estimates of all economists?
- (b) Is it necessarily true that the mean of the population of estimates of all economists is equal to the percent tax saving that will actually be achieved?

$$\text{a.) } n = 35, s^2 = 12^2 \quad P(|\bar{y} - \mu| \leq 1) \Rightarrow P\left(\frac{-1}{\frac{12}{\sqrt{35}}} \leq \frac{\bar{y} - \mu}{\frac{12}{\sqrt{35}}} \leq \frac{1}{\frac{12}{\sqrt{35}}}\right) \Rightarrow P(-0.49 \leq Z \leq 0.49) = 1 - 2P(Z > 0.49) \\ = 1 - 2 \cdot 0.3121 \\ = 0.3758$$

since  $n = 35 > 30$ , we can  
use CLT, therefore  
we z instead of  
student's T

b.) no, mean estimates can very much differ from actualized tax saving.

## Question 7.60

**Question:** The result in Exercise 7.58 holds even if the sample sizes differ. That is, if  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{n_1}$  and  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_{n_2}$  constitute independent random samples from populations with means  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  and variances  $\sigma_1^2$  and  $\sigma_2^2$ , respectively, then  $\bar{X} - \bar{Y}$  will be approximately normally distributed, for large  $n_1$  and  $n_2$ , with mean  $\mu_1 - \mu_2$  and variance  $(\sigma_1^2/n_1) + (\sigma_2^2/n_2)$ .

The flow of water through soil depends on, among other things, the porosity (volume proportion of voids) of the soil. To compare two types of sandy soil,  $n_1 = 50$  measurements are to be taken on the porosity of soil A and  $n_2 = 100$  measurements are to be taken on soil B. Assume that  $\sigma_1^2 = 0.01$  and  $\sigma_2^2 = 0.02$ . Find the probability that the difference between the sample means will be within 0.05 unit of the difference between the population means  $\mu_1 - \mu_2$ .

we know  $\sigma_1^2, \sigma_2^2$  to combine  $n_1 = 50$   
 $n_2 = 100$

$$P(|(\bar{y}_1 - \bar{y}_2) - (\mu_1 - \mu_2)| \leq 0.05) = P(-0.05 \leq (\bar{y}_1 - \bar{y}_2) - (\mu_1 - \mu_2) \leq 0.05)$$
$$\sigma^2 = \left(\frac{\sigma_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n_2}\right) \Rightarrow P\left(\frac{-0.05}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n_2}}} \leq z \leq \frac{0.05}{\sqrt{\frac{\sigma_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n_2}}}\right) = P\left(\frac{-0.05}{\frac{1}{50}} \leq z \leq \frac{0.05}{\frac{1}{50}}\right) = P(-2.5 \leq z \leq 2.5) = 1 - 2P(z > 2.5) = 1 - 0.0062 = 0.9938$$

sample size  
already accounted  
for in variance!

## Question 8.6

**Question:** Suppose that  $E(\hat{\theta}_1) = E(\hat{\theta}_2) = \theta$ ,  $V(\hat{\theta}_1) = \sigma_1^2$ , and  $V(\hat{\theta}_2) = \sigma_2^2$ . Consider the estimator

$$\hat{\theta}_3 = a\hat{\theta}_1 + (1-a)\hat{\theta}_2.$$

- (a) Show that  $\hat{\theta}_3$  is an unbiased estimator for  $\theta$ .
- (b) If  $\hat{\theta}_1$  and  $\hat{\theta}_2$  are independent, how should the constant  $a$  be chosen in order to minimize the variance of  $\hat{\theta}_3$ ?

**Definition:**  $\hat{\theta}$  is an unbiased estimator for  $\theta$  if  $E(\hat{\theta}) = \theta$

$$a.) \quad E(\hat{\theta}_3) = E(a\hat{\theta}_1 + (1-a)\hat{\theta}_2) = aE(\hat{\theta}_1) + (1-a)E(\hat{\theta}_2) = a\theta + (1-a)\theta = \theta$$

$$b.) \quad V(\hat{\theta}_3) = V(a\hat{\theta}_1 + (1-a)\hat{\theta}_2) = a^2V(\hat{\theta}_1) + (1-a)^2V(\hat{\theta}_2) = a^2\sigma_1^2 + (1-a)^2\sigma_2^2$$

$$\frac{dV(\hat{\theta}_3)}{da} = 0 \Rightarrow 2a\sigma_1^2 - 2(1-a)\sigma_2^2 = 0 \Rightarrow 2a\sigma_1^2 - 2\sigma_2^2 + 2a\sigma_2^2 = 0 \Rightarrow a = \frac{\sigma_2^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}$$

# Question 8.8

**Question:** Suppose that  $Y_1, Y_2, Y_3$  denote a random sample from an exponential distribution with density function

$$f(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-y/\theta}, & y > 0, \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

$$F_{Y_1}(y) = P(Y_1 \leq y)$$

$$F(y) = \int_0^y \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-y/\theta} dy = 1 - P(Y_1 > y)$$

$$= 1 - P(Y_1 > y)^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\theta} \int_0^y e^{-y/\theta} dy = 1 - (1 - P(Y_1 \leq y))^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\theta} [-\theta e^{-y/\theta}]_0^y = 1 - (1 - F(y))^3$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - e^{-y/\theta} = 1 - (1 - (1 - e^{-y/\theta}))^3$$

$$= 1 - (e^{-y/\theta})^3$$

$$\Rightarrow F_{Y_1}(y) = \frac{3}{\theta} e^{-y/\theta}$$

order statistic

$$\hat{\theta}_5 = \bar{Y}$$

Consider the following five estimators of  $\theta$ :

$$\hat{\theta}_1 = Y_1, \quad \hat{\theta}_2 = \frac{Y_1 + Y_2}{2}, \quad \hat{\theta}_3 = \frac{Y_1 + 2Y_2}{3}, \quad \hat{\theta}_4 = \min(Y_1, Y_2, Y_3), \quad \hat{\theta}_5 = \bar{Y}.$$

(a) Which of these estimators are unbiased?

$$E(\hat{\theta}_1) = E(Y_1) = \theta \text{ unbiased}$$

$$E(\hat{\theta}_2) = E\left(\frac{Y_1 + Y_2}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}(E(Y_1) + E(Y_2)) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2\theta = \theta \text{ unbiased}$$

$$E(\hat{\theta}_3) = E\left(\frac{Y_1 + 2Y_2}{3}\right) = \frac{1}{3}(E(Y_1) + 2E(Y_2)) = \frac{1}{3}(\theta + 2\theta) = \theta \text{ unbiased}$$

$$E(\hat{\theta}_4) = E(Y_{(1)}) = \frac{\theta}{3} \neq \theta \text{ biased}$$

$$E(\hat{\theta}_5) = E(\bar{Y}) = E\left(\frac{Y_1 + Y_2 + Y_3}{3}\right) = \frac{1}{3}(3\theta) = \theta \text{ unbiased}$$

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(b) Among the unbiased estimators, which has the smallest variance?

$$v(\hat{\theta}_1) = \theta^2 \quad \text{no cov}$$

$$v(\hat{\theta}_2) = \frac{1}{4}(v(Y_1) + v(Y_2)) = \frac{\theta^2}{2}$$

$$v(\hat{\theta}_3) = \frac{1}{9}(v(Y_1) + 4v(Y_2)) = \frac{5\theta^2}{9}$$

$$v(\hat{\theta}_4) = \frac{1}{9}(v(Y_1) + v(Y_2) + v(Y_3)) = \frac{\theta^2}{3}$$

clearly  $v(\hat{\theta}_4)$  is smallest

# Question 8.15

**Question:** Let  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n$  denote a random sample of size  $n$  from a population whose density is given by

Recall:  $\text{MSE}(\hat{\theta}) = \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}) + (\text{Bias}(\hat{\theta}))^2$

$$f(y) = \begin{cases} 3\beta^3 y^{-4}, & \beta \leq y, \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere,} \end{cases} \quad F(y) = \int_{\beta}^y 3\beta^3 y^{-4} dy = 3\beta^3 \left[ \frac{y^{-3}}{-3} \right]_{\beta}^y = -\beta^3 y^{-3} + 1$$

where  $\beta > 0$  is unknown. (This is one of the Pareto distributions introduced in Exercise 6.18.) Consider the estimator  $\hat{\beta} = \min(Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n)$ .

(a) Derive the bias of the estimator  $\hat{\beta}$ .

(b) Derive  $\text{MSE}(\hat{\beta})$ .

a.)  $\hat{\beta} = Y_{(1)}$ .  $F_{Y_{(1)}}(y) = P(Y_{(1)} \leq y) = 1 - P(Y_{(1)} > y) = 1 - P(Y_1 > y, \dots, Y_n > y) = 1 - (1 - P(Y_1 \leq y))^n = 1 - (1 - F_Y(y))^n$   
 $\Rightarrow 1 - (1 - (-\beta^3 y^{-3} + 1))^n = 1 - (-\beta^3 y^{-3})^n = 1 - \beta^{3n} y^{-3n} = 1 - \left(\frac{\beta}{y}\right)^{3n} \Rightarrow f_{Y_{(1)}}(y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\beta^{3n}}{y^{3n+1}}$

$$E(\hat{\beta}) = \int_{\beta}^{\infty} y \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\beta^{3n}}{y^{3n+1}} dy = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \beta^{3n} \int_{\beta}^{\infty} \frac{1}{y^{3n}} dy = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \beta^{3n} \left[ \frac{1}{-(3n-1)y^{3n-1}} \right]_{\beta}^{\infty} = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \beta^{3n} \left( \frac{1}{(3n-1)\beta^{3n-1}} \right) = \frac{\beta}{3n-1}$$

$$\text{Bias} = E(\hat{\beta}) - \beta = \beta \left( \frac{1}{3n-1} - 1 \right) = \frac{\beta}{3n-1} - \beta \Rightarrow \text{Bias} = \frac{\beta}{3n-1} - \frac{9n^2}{(3n-1)^2} \beta^2 + \frac{1}{(3n-1)^2} \beta^2$$

b.)  $\text{Var}(\hat{\beta}) = E(\hat{\beta}^2) - E(\hat{\beta})^2 = \int_{\beta}^{\infty} y^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \frac{\beta^{3n}}{y^{3n+1}} dy - \left( \frac{\beta}{3n-1} \right)^2 = \frac{\beta}{3n-2} - \frac{9n^2}{(3n-1)^2} \beta^2$

# Question 8.17

**Question:** If  $Y$  has a binomial distribution with parameters  $n$  and  $p$ , then  $\hat{p}_1 = Y/n$  is an unbiased estimator of  $p$ . Another estimator of  $p$  is

$$Y \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$$

$$\hat{p}_2 = \frac{Y + 1}{n + 2}.$$

- (a) Derive the bias of  $\hat{p}_2$ .      a.)  $E(\hat{p}_2) = E\left(\frac{Y+1}{n+2}\right) = \frac{1}{n+2}(E(Y)+1) = \frac{1}{n+2}(np+1) = \frac{np+1}{n+2}$
- (b) Derive  $\text{MSE}(\hat{p}_1)$  and  $\text{MSE}(\hat{p}_2)$ .      Bias =  $E(\hat{p}_2) - p = \frac{np+1}{n+2} - p = \frac{np+1 - np - 2p}{n+2} = \frac{1-2p}{n+2}$
- (c) For what values of  $p$  is  $\text{MSE}(\hat{p}_1) < \text{MSE}(\hat{p}_2)$ ?

b.)  $\text{MSE}(\hat{p}_1) = V(\hat{p}_1) + (\text{Bias}(\hat{p}_1))^2 = V(\hat{p}_1) = V\left(\frac{Y}{n}\right) = \frac{1}{n^2} V(Y) = \frac{np(1-p)}{n^2} = \frac{p(1-p)}{n}$

$\text{MSE}(\hat{p}_2) = V(\hat{p}_2) + (\text{Bias}(\hat{p}_2))^2 = V\left(\frac{Y+1}{n+2}\right) + \left(\frac{1-2p}{n+2}\right)^2 = \frac{np(1-p)}{(n+2)^2} + \frac{(1-2p)^2}{(n+2)^2} = \frac{np(1-p) + (1-2p)^2}{(n+2)^2}$

c.)  $\frac{p(1-p)}{n} < \frac{np(1-p) + (1-2p)^2}{(n+2)^2} \Rightarrow (n+2)^2 p(1-p) < n^2 p(1-p) + n(1-2p)^2$

$\Rightarrow (n^2 + 4n + 4)(p - p^2) < n^2 p - n^2 p^2 + n(1 - 4p + 4p^2) \Rightarrow n^2 p + 4np + 4p - n^2 p^2 - 4np^2 - 4p^2 < n^2 p - n^2 p^2 + n - 4np + 4np^2$

$\Rightarrow 8np - 8np^2 - 4p^2 + 4p - n < 0 \Rightarrow -p^2(8n+4) + p(8n+4) - n < 0 \Rightarrow p^2(8n+4) - p(8n+4) + n > 0$

$p = \frac{(8n+4) \pm \sqrt{(8n+4)^2 - 4(8n+4)n}}{2(8n+4)} = \frac{1}{2} \pm \frac{\sqrt{n+1}}{2n+4}$

$0 \quad -a \quad d \quad 1$

so  $p \in \left(0, \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{n+1}}{2n+4}\right) \cup \left[\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{n+1}}{2n+4}, 1\right)$