# Methods of Point Estimation stats6255point 625.4 - Point estimation

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#### Point Estimation

A (point) estimator is a function of random variables,  $T = T(X_1, ..., X_n)$ , which is itself also a random variable.

A point estimate is an outcome of the estimator  $t = T(x_1, ..., x_n) = T(X(u))$ .

## Maximum Likelihood Estimators



## Method of Moments

## Comparing estimators

# Method of Least Squares

## **Linear Estimators**

## Minimum Chi-Squared

## Induced Likelihood Function

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