



AHM: A Measure of the Value of Parameter μ of the Model $X = \mu + \varepsilon$

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ABSTRACT: In continuation to the study on formulation of arithmetic–geometric mean (abbreviated as *AGM*) by Gauss, which has recently been found to be a technique of evaluating the value of parameter from observed data containing the parameter itself and random error, an attempt has here been made on formulating of one measure of average termed as arithmetic–harmonic mean (abbreviated as *AHM*) with an attempt to derive that this formulation can be a technique of determining the value of parameter from observed data containing itself and random error. This paper describes the formulation of *AHM* and the derivation of the technique along with numerical application.

I. INTRODUCTION

There had been lot of researches on the construction of tables of random numbers by reputed researchers like *Tippett*. Several research have already been done on developing definitions of average [1 , 2], a basic concept used in developing most of the measures used in analysis of data. Pythagoras [3], the pioneer of researchers in this area, constructed three definitions / formulations of average namely Arithmetic Mean, Geometric Mean & Harmonic Mean which are called Pythagorean means [4 , 5 , 14 , 18]. A lot of definitions / formulations have already been developed among which some are arithmetic mean, geometric mean, harmonic mean, quadratic mean, cubic mean, square root mean, cube root mean, general p mean and many others [6 – 19]. Kolmogorov [20] formulated one generalized definition of average namely Generalized f - Mean [7 , 8]. It has been shown that the definitions/formulations of the existing means and also of some new means can be derived from this Generalized f - Mean [9 , 10]. In an study, Chakrabarty formulated one generalized definition of average namely Generalized f_H - Mean [11]. In another study, Chakrabarty formulated another generalized definition of average namely Generalized f_G - Mean [12 , 13] and developed one general method of defining average [15 – 17] as well as the different formulations of average from the first principles [19].

In many real situations, observed numerical data

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

are found to be composed of a single parameter μ and corresponding chance / random errors

$$\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_N$$

i.e. the observations can be expressed as

$$x_i = \mu + \varepsilon_i \quad , \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, N)$$

[21 – 29].

The existing methods of estimation of the parameter μ namely least squares method, maximum likelihood method, minimum variance unbiased method, method of moment and method of minimum chi-square, [31 – 52] cannot provide appropriate value of the parameter μ [21 – 23]. In some recent studies, some methods have been developed for determining the value of parameter from observed data containing the parameter itself and random error [21 – 30 , 53 – 60]. In continuation to the study on formulation of average starting from Pythagorean means, Gauss developed one formulation of average from the definitions of arithmetic mean and geometric mean. This definition later on was termed as arithmetic–geometric mean (abbreviated as *AGM*) [61 – 62]. Recently, this formulation of average (namely *AGM*) has been applied in evaluating the value of parameter from observed data containing the parameter itself and random error [63 – 64].

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the value of parameter from observed data containing itself and random error. This paper describes the formulation of AHM and the derivation of the technique along with numerical application.

II. ARITHMETIC-HARMONIC MEAN (AHM)

Let a_0 & h_0 be respectively the AM (Arithmetic Mean) & HM (Harmonic Mean) of the N numbers (or values or observations)

$$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N$$

From the inequality of Pythagorean means [4, 5] namely

$$AM > GM > HM$$

(where GM means Geometric Mean),
it follows that

$$a_0 > h_0$$

provided x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N are not all equal.

Let $\{a'_n = a'_n(a_0, h_0)\}$ & $\{h'_n = h'_n(a_0, h_0)\}$ be two sequences defined by

$$\begin{aligned} a'_{n+1} &= \frac{1}{2}(a'_n + h'_n) \\ \& \quad h'_{n+1} &= \frac{1}{2}(a'^{-1}_n + h'^{-1}_n)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

respectively.

It is obvious that

$$a'_0 = a'_0(a_0, h_0) = a_0 \quad \& \quad h'_0 = h'_0(a_0, h_0) = h_0$$

By the inequality of Pythagorean means [4, 5],

$$h'_n < a'_n$$

and thus

$$\begin{aligned} a'_{n+1} &= \frac{1}{2}(a'_n + h'_n) \\ \Rightarrow a'_{n+1} &< \frac{1}{2}(a'_n + a'_n) \\ \Rightarrow a'_{n+1} &< a'_n \end{aligned}$$

This means that the sequence $\{a'_n = a'_n(a_0, h_0)\}$ is non-increasing.

Moreover, the sequence $\{a'_n = a'_n(a_0, h_0)\}$ is bounded below by the smallest of

$$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N.$$

Therefore, by the monotone convergence theorem [65, 66], the sequence is convergent.

Therefore, there exists a finite number M_{AH} such that

$$a'_n \text{ converges to } M_{AH} \text{ as } n \text{ approaches infinity.}$$

Again, h'_n can be expressed as

$$h'_n = 2a'_{n+1} - a'_n$$

This implies that the limiting value of h'_n as n approaches infinity is M_{AH} .

Therefore,

$$h'_n \text{ converges to } M_{AH} \text{ as } n \text{ approaches infinity.}$$

Thus, the two sequences $\{a'_n = a'_n(a_0, h_0)\}$ & $\{h'_n = h'_n(a_0, h_0)\}$ converge to the same point M_{AH} as n approaches infinity.

This common converging point M_{AH} can be termed / named / regarded as the Arithmetic-Harmonic Mean (abbreviated as AHM) of the N numbers (or values or observations)

$$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N$$

III. AHM AS A TECHNIQUE OF EVALUATION OF μ

If the observations

$$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N$$

are composed of some parameter μ and random errors then the observations can be expressed as

$$x_i = \mu + \varepsilon_i \quad , \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, N)$$

where

$$\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_N$$

are the random errors, which assume positive and negative values in random order, associated to
 x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N

respectively.

In this case,

$$A(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) \rightarrow \mu \text{ as } N \rightarrow \infty$$

where $A(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i$

Again since the observations

$$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N$$

consist of μ and random errors,

therefore, the reciprocals

$$x_1^{-1}, x_2^{-1}, \dots, x_N^{-1}$$

are composed of μ^{-1} and random errors different from the respective random errors

$$\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_N$$

provided x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N are all different from zero.

In this case thus

$$x_i^{-1} = \mu^{-1} + \varepsilon_i' \quad , \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, N)$$

where

$$\varepsilon_1', \varepsilon_2', \dots, \varepsilon_N'$$

are the random errors, which assume positive and negative values in random order, associated to are the random errors associated to

$$x_1^{-1}, x_2^{-1}, \dots, x_N^{-1}$$

respectively..

In this case,

$$H(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) \rightarrow \mu \text{ as } N \rightarrow \infty$$

where $H(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) = \left(\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^{-1}\right)^{-1}$

This implies that the common converging value of

$$A(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) \quad \& \quad H(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N)$$

is the value of μ .

It is to be noted that the converging value may not be possible to be obtained for a finite set of observed values namely

$$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N$$

In order to obtain the value of μ , in this case, let us write

$$A(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) = A_0 \\ \& \quad H(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N) = H_0$$

and then define the two interdependent sequences $\{A_n\}$ and $\{H_n\}$ as

$$A_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} (A_n + H_n) \\ \& \quad H_{n+1} = \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (A_n^{-1} + H_n^{-1}) \right\}^{-1}$$

Then, both of A_n & H_n converges to some real number C as n approaches infinity.

Now, it is required to verify whether this C is equal to μ .

From the model it is obtained that

$$A_0 = \mu + \delta_0 \quad \& \quad H_0 = \mu + e_0$$

The inequality of Pythagorean means namely

$$AM > HM$$

implies that $A_0 > H_0$ i.e. $\delta_0 > e_0$

Thus $A_1 = \mu + \delta_1$ where $\delta_1 = \frac{1}{2} (\delta_0 + e_0) < \delta_0$

In general, corresponding to A_{n+1} , it holds that

$$\delta_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} (\delta_n + e_n) < \delta_n$$

This implies, δ_n converges to 0 i.e. A_n converges to μ .

By the existence of AHM, H_n also converges to μ .

Thus, the *AHM* of

$$x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N$$

is the value of μ .

IV. NUMERICAL EXAMPLE: APPLICATION TO NUMERICAL DATA

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

A. Annual Maximum of Surface Air Temperature at Guwahati

From the observed data on annual maximum of surface air temperature, occurred in temperature periodic year (TPR), at Guwahati during the period from 1969 to 2013 [63 , 64], the *AM* & the *HM* have been found to be
 37.2093023255814 & $37.175398903562627634836294491501$

respectively.

Here the observed values can be assumed to be composed of a parameter μ (representing the central tendency of annual maximum) and random errors.

Evaluation of Value of μ (the central tendency of annual maximum)

Let us write

$$A_0 = 37.2093023255814 \quad \& \quad H_0 = 37.175398903562627634836294491501$$

In this case the iterations give the values which are given in the following table (**Table – 1**):

Table – 1

n	A_n	H_n
0	<u>37.2093023255814</u>	<u>37.175398903562627634836294491501</u>
1	<u>37.192350614572013817418147245751</u>	<u>37.183872827043641055199463981829</u>
2	<u>37.18811172080782743630880561379</u>	<u>37.188111237636740962336357297681</u>
3	<u>37.188111479222284199322581455736</u>	<u>37.188111479222282629907723330485</u>
4	<u>37.188111479222283414615152393111</u>	<u>37.188111479222283022261437861789</u>
5	<u>37.18811147922228321843829512745</u>	<u>37.188111479222283218438295127448</u>
6	<u>37.188111479222283218438295127449</u>	<u>37.188111479222283218438295127449</u>

The digits in A_n and H_n , which are agreed, have been underlined in the above table.

The *AHM* of

$$37.2093023255814 \quad \& \quad 37.175398903562627634836294491501$$

is the common limit of these two sequences which is $37.188111479222283218438295127449$

Thus the value of μ , the central tendency of annual maximum of surface air temperature at Guwahati, obtained by *AHM*, is $37.188111479222283218438295127449$ Degree Celsius.

B. Annual Minima of Surface Air Temperature at Guwahati

From the observed data on annual minimum of surface air temperature, occurred in temperature periodic year (TPR), at Guwahati during the period from 1969 to 2013 [63 , 64], the *AM* & the *HM* have been found to be
 $7.36341463414634146341463415$ & $7.1543933802823525209849744707569$

respectively.

In this case also, the observed values can be assumed to be composed of a parameter μ (representing the central tendency of annual maximum) and random errors.

Determination of Value of μ (the central tendency of annual minimum)

In this case the iterations give the values which are given in the following table (**Table – 2**):

Table – 2

n	A_n	H_n
0	7.3634146341463414634146341463415	7.1543933802823525209849744707569
1	<u>7.2589040072143469921998043085492</u>	<u>7.2573993074510131470508335954916</u>
2	<u>7.2581516573326800696253189520204</u>	<u>7.2581515793472133602889381001075</u>
3	<u>7.258151618339946714957128526064</u>	<u>7.2581516183399465054777273757201</u>
4	<u>7.2581516183399466102174279508921</u>	<u>7.2581516183399466102174279508919</u>
5	<u>7.258151618339946610217427950892</u>	<u>7.258151618339946610217427950892</u>

The digits in A_n and H_n , which are agreed, have been underlined in the above table.

The AHM of

$$7.3634146341463414634146341463415 \quad \& \quad 7.1543933802823525209849744707569$$

is the common limit of these two sequences which is $7.258151618339946610217427950892$

Thus the value of μ , the central tendency of annual minimum of surface air temperature at Guwahati, obtained by AHM, is $7.258151618339946610217427950892$ Degree Celsius.

V. CONCLUSION

In the methods developed so far, for determining the value of parameter from observed data containing the parameter itself and random error, a finite set of observed data may not be sufficient for obtaining the value of the parameter. However, the application of AHM can yield the value of the parameter even if the set of observed data is small. Moreover, the application of AHM in determining the value of parameter in this situation involves lesser computational tasks than those involved in the methods developed so far for the same purpose. It seems that there is scope of developing more formulation(s) of average based on the other combinations of the three Pythagorean means namely arithmetic mean, geometric mean and harmonic mean.

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