Time: 08.00-13.00. Total sum: 40p. Grades 3, 4 and 5 require 18p, 25p and 32p, respectively. Note:

- Motivate solutions well but no more than necessary.
- Just write on one side of the paper.
- Start new question on new page, and label the question number clearly next to your solution.
- Do not write with red-ink pen.
- Write the solutions in increasing order of question numbers.
- Hints and other information provided in a problem may also be useful for subsequent problems.

Permitted aids: Any books, notes, and pocket calculator.

Ex. 1 — 5p – Eight earthquakes with the largest magnitude (in Richter scale) that hit Christchurch, NZ on 22nd February 2011 are:

5.8450, 4.6800, 5.9100, 5.0110, 4.7550, 4.8350, 4.6310, 4.6400

- (a)— 1p Report the sample mean.
- (b)— 1p Report the sample variance and sample standard deviation.
- (c)— 1p Report the five order statistics from minimum to maximum.
- (d)—2p Sketch the Empirical Distribution Function showing discontinuities in the function and clearly labeling the axes.
- **Ex. 2** 5p Suppose you plan to obtain an independent and identically distributed (IID) sequence of n measurements from an instrument. This instrument has been calibrated so that the distribution of measurements made with it have population variance of 1/4. Possibly useful fact: If $1-\alpha=0.95$ and $Z \sim N(0,1)$ is the standard Normal RV, then from the Z Table, $z_{\alpha/2}=1.96$, where, $P(-z_{\alpha/2} < Z < z_{\alpha/2}) = 1 \alpha$. If $X \sim Poisson(\lambda)$ then $V(X) = E(X) = \lambda$
 - (a)— 4p Your boss wants you to make a point estimate of the unknown population mean from an IID sample of size n. He also insists that the tolerance for error has to be 1/10 and the probability of meeting this tolerance should be just above 95%. Use the Central Limit Theorem to

find how large should n be to meet the specifications of your boss. In summary,

$$X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \stackrel{IID}{\sim} X_1, \quad V(X_1) = 1/4$$

Find n such that $P(|\bar{X}_n - E(X_1)| < 1/10) = 0.95$.

(b)— 1p – Making the further assumption that the IID samples are Poisson distributed random variables, find the Method of Moments Estimate for the mean parameter λ of the $Poisson(\lambda)$ RV X_i whose probability mass function is given by:

$$f(x;\lambda) = \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}e^{-\lambda}, \quad k \in \{0, 1, 2, \ldots\}, \quad \lambda > 0$$

Ex. 3 — 5 p – Assume that an independent and identically distributed sample, X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n is drawn from the distribution of X with PDF $f(x; \theta)$:

$$f(x; \theta) = \begin{cases} \theta x^{\theta - 1} & \text{if } 0 < x < 1\\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

for a fixed and unknown parameter $\theta \in (0, \infty)$ and derive the maximum likelihood estimate of θ .

Hint: you only need to do Steps 1–5 to find the MLE: (Step 1:) find $\ell(\theta)$, the log-likelihood as a function of the parameter θ , (Step 2:) find $\frac{d}{d\theta}\ell(\theta)$, the first derivative of $\ell(\theta)$ with respect to θ , (Step 3:) solve the equation $\frac{d}{d\theta}\ell(\theta)=0$ for θ and set this solution equal to $\widehat{\theta}_n$, (Step 4:) find $\frac{d^2}{d\theta^2}\ell(\theta)$, the second derivative of $\ell(\theta)$ with respect to θ and finally (Step 5:) $\widehat{\theta}_n$ is the MLE if $\frac{d^2}{d\theta^2}\ell(\theta)<0$.

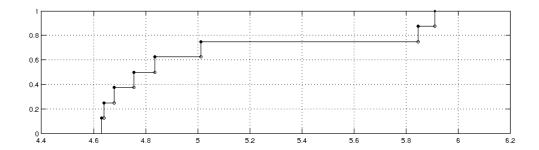
Ex. 4 — 15p – Let $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n \stackrel{IID}{\sim} Normal(\mu, \sigma^2)$. Suppose that μ is known and σ is unknown. The parameter of interest is $\psi = \log(\sigma)$. Answer the following:

- (1)— 2p Find the log-likelihood function $\ell(\sigma)$
- (2)— 2p Find its derivative with respect to the unknown parameter σ
- (3)— 2p Set the derivative equal to 0 and solve for σ
- (4)— 2p Find the estimated standard error \widehat{se}_n for the estimator of σ via Fisher Information

- (5)— 2p Derive the estimated standard error of $\psi = \log(\sigma)$ via the Delta method
- (6)— 2p Obtain the 95% confidence interval for ψ
- (7)— 1p Suppose you observed n=110 samples and a sample standard deviation of 12.4, Will you reject or fail to reject the null hypothesis $H_0: \psi = 10.0$ versus $H_1: \psi \neq 10.0$ using a size $\alpha = 0.05$ Wald test?
- (8)— 1p Obtain the 95% confidence interval for σ based on n=110 samples and a sample standard deviation of 12.4
- (9)— 1p Will you reject or fail to reject the null hypothesis $H_0: \sigma = 10.0$ versus $H_1: \sigma \neq 10.0$ using a size $\alpha = 0.05$ Wald test?
- **Ex. 5** 5p Let $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n \stackrel{IID}{\sim} Poisson(\lambda)$ where $\lambda = E(X_i) > 0$ is unknown. Show that the sample mean $\bar{X}_n = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ is a sufficient statistic.
- **Ex.** 6 5p Suppose $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_m \stackrel{IID}{\sim} F$ where F is any distribution function of a real-valued random variable. Recall that a permutation can be defined as a bijection from a set onto itself, i.e., $\pi : \{1, 2, \ldots, m\} \to \{1, 2, \ldots, m\}$.
 - (a)– 2p Show that $\widehat{F}_n(x) := n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}(X_i \leq x)$ is an unbiased estimator of F(x), for each $x \in \mathbb{R}$, where,

$$\mathbf{1}(X_i \le x) = \begin{cases} 1 \text{ if } X_i \le x \\ 0 \text{ if } X_i > x \end{cases}$$

- (b)– 2p What is the Variance of the estimator $\widehat{F}_n(x)$ of F(x), for each $x \in \mathbb{R}$
- (c)- 1p Why is $P(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, ..., X_m = x_m) = P(X_1 = x_{\pi(1)}, X_2 = x_{\pi(2)}, ..., X_m = x_{\pi(m)}) = 1/m!$? Explain your answer step by step.



Figur 1: Empirical Distribution Function

Answer (Ex. 1) —

- (a)sample mean = 5.0384
- (b)sample variance and sample standard deviation are: 0.2837, 0.5326, respectively.
- (c)order statistics is:

(d)Empirical Distribution Function is given in Fig. 1.

Answer (Ex. 2) —

(a) Using the CLT and the given fact:

$$P(|\bar{X}_n - E(X_1)| < 0.10) = 0.95$$

$$P(-0.10 < \bar{X}_n - E(X_1) < 0.10) = 0.95$$

$$P\left(\frac{-0.10}{\sqrt{V(X_1)/n}} < \frac{\bar{X}_n - E(X_1)}{\sqrt{V(X_1)/n}} < \frac{0.10}{\sqrt{V(X_1)/n}}\right) = 0.95$$

$$P\left(\frac{-0.10}{\sqrt{1/4n}} < Z < \frac{0.10}{\sqrt{1/4n}}\right) = 0.95$$

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We want $1-\alpha=0.95$, and from the standard Normal Table we know that the corresponding $z_{\alpha/2}=1.96$. So, $\frac{0.10}{\sqrt{1/4n}}=z_{\alpha/2}=1.96$ (1p) and therefore we can get the right sample size n as follows:

$$n = \left((\sqrt{1/4} \times 1.96) / (1/10) \right)^{2}$$
$$= (((1/2) \times 1.96) / (1/10))^{2} = (0.98 \times 10)^{2} = 9.8^{2} = 96.04$$

Finally, by rounding 96.04 up to the next largest integer we need n = 97 measurements to meet the specifications of your boss (at least up to the approximation provided by the CLT). (1p)

(b)

$$E(X_i; \lambda) = \lambda = \bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

The Method of Moment Estimator of λ is \bar{X}_n .

Answer (Ex. 3) — Step 1: If $x_i \in (0,1)$ for each $i \in \{1,2,\ldots,n\}$, i.e. when each data point lies inside the open interval (0,1), the log-likelihood is

$$\ell(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log(f_X(x_i; \theta)) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(\log\left(\theta x_i^{\theta-1}\right)\right) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(\log(\theta) + \log\left(x_i^{\theta-1}\right)\right)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\log(\theta) + (\theta - 1)(\log(x_i))) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (\log(\theta) + \theta \log(x_i) - \log(x_i))$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log(\theta) + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \theta \log(x_i) - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log(x_i) = n \log(\theta) + \theta \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log(x_i) - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log(x_i)$$

Step 2:

$$\frac{d}{d\theta}(\ell(\theta)) = \frac{d}{d\theta}\left(n\log(\theta) + \theta\sum_{i=1}^{n}\log(x_i) - \sum_{i=1}^{n}\log(x_i)\right) = \frac{n}{\theta} + \sum_{i=1}^{n}\log(x_i) - 0 = \frac{n}{\theta} + \sum_{i=1}^{n}\log(x_i)$$

Step 3:

$$\frac{d}{d\theta}(\ell(\theta)) = 0 \iff \frac{n}{\theta} + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \log(x_i) = 0 \iff \frac{n}{\theta} = -\sum_{i=1}^{n} \log(x_i) \iff \theta = -\frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \log(x_i)}$$

Let

$$\widehat{\theta}_n = -\frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n \log(x_i)} .$$

Step 4:

$$\frac{d^2}{d\theta^2}\ell(\theta) = \frac{d}{d\theta} \left(\frac{d}{d\theta} (\ell(\theta)) \right) = \frac{d}{d\theta} \left(\frac{n}{\theta} + \sum_{i=1}^n \log(x_i) \right) = \frac{d}{d\theta} \left(n\theta^{-1} + \sum_{i=1}^n \log(x_i) \right)$$
$$= -n\theta^{-2} + 0 = -\frac{n}{\theta^2}$$

Step 5: The problem states that $\theta > 0$. Since $\theta^2 > 0$ and $n \ge 1$, we have indeed checked that

$$\frac{d^2}{d\theta^2}\ell(\theta) = -\frac{n}{\theta^2} < 0$$

and therefore the MLE is indeed

$$\widehat{\theta}_n = \frac{-n}{\sum_{i=1}^n \log(x_i)} .$$

Answer (Ex. 4) — (a)— 2 hp –

$$\ell(\sigma) := \log(L(\sigma)) := \log(L(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n; \sigma)) = \log\left(\prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i; \sigma)\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log(f(x_i; \sigma))$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \log\left(\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x_i - \mu)^2\right)\right)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\log\left(\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}\right) + \log\left(\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x_i - \mu)^2\right)\right)\right)$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^n \log\left(\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}\right) + \sum_{i=1}^n \left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x_i - \mu)^2\right) = n\log\left(\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}}\right) + \left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}\right)\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2$$

$$= n\left(\log\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}\right) + \log\left(\frac{1}{\sigma}\right)\right) - \left(\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}\right)\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2$$

$$= n\log\left(\sqrt{2\pi}\right) + n\log\left(\sigma\right) - \left(\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}\right)\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2$$

$$= -n\log\left(\sqrt{2\pi}\right) - n\log(\sigma) - \left(\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}\right)\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2$$

(b)— 2p -

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma} \ell(\sigma) := \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma} \left(-n \log\left(\sqrt{2\pi}\right) - n \log(\sigma) - \left(\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}\right) \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2 \right)$$

$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma} \left(-n \log\left(\sqrt{2\pi}\right) \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma} (n \log(\sigma)) - \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma} \left(\left(\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}\right) \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2 \right)$$

$$= 0 - n \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma} (\log(\sigma)) - \left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2 \right) \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma} \left(\sigma^{-2}\right)$$

$$= -n\sigma^{-1} - \left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2 \right) \left(-2\sigma^{-3}\right) = -n\sigma^{-1} + \sigma^{-3} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2$$

(c)— 2p -

$$0 = -n\sigma^{-1} + \sigma^{-3} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \mu)^2 \iff n\sigma^{-1} = \sigma^{-3} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \mu)^2 \iff n\sigma^{-1}\sigma^{+3} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \mu)^2$$
$$\iff n\sigma^{-1+3} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \mu)^2 \iff n\sigma^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \mu)^2$$
$$\iff \sigma^2 = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \mu)^2\right) / n \iff \sigma = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \mu)^2 / n}$$

So MLE $\widehat{\sigma_n} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^2 / n}$.

(d)— 2p – The Log-likelihood function of σ , based on one sample from the $Normal(\mu, \sigma^2)$ RV with known μ is,

$$\log f(x;\sigma) = \log \left(\frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (x-\mu)^2 \right) \right) = -\log \left(\sqrt{2\pi} \right) - \log(\sigma) - \left(\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \right) (x-\mu)^2$$

Therefore, in much the same way as in part (2) earlier.

$$\frac{\partial^2 \log f(x;\sigma)}{\partial^2 \sigma} := \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma} \left(-\log\left(\sqrt{2\pi}\right) - \log(\sigma) - \left(\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}\right)(x-\mu)^2 \right) \right)$$
$$= \frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma} \left(-\sigma^{-1} + \sigma^{-3}(x-\mu)^2 \right) = \sigma^{-2} - 3\sigma^{-4}(x-\mu)^2$$

Now, we compute the Fisher Information of one sample as an expectation

of the continuous RV X over $(-\infty, \infty)$ with density $f(x; \sigma)$,

$$I_{1}(\sigma) = -\int_{x \in (-\infty,\infty)} \left(\frac{\partial^{2} \log f(x;\sigma)}{\partial^{2} \lambda} \right) f(x;\sigma) \ dx = -\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\sigma^{-2} - 3\sigma^{-4} (x - \mu)^{2} \right) f(x;\sigma) \ dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} -\sigma^{-2} f(x;\sigma) \ dx + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} 3\sigma^{-4} (x - \mu)^{2} f(x;\sigma) \ dx$$

$$= -\sigma^{-2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x;\sigma) \ dx + 3\sigma^{-4} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^{2} f(x;\sigma) \ dx$$

$$= -\sigma^{-2} + 3\sigma^{-4} \sigma^{2} \qquad \because \sigma^{2} = V(X) = E(X - E(X))^{2} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - \mu)^{2} f(x;\sigma) \ dx$$

$$= -\sigma^{-2} + 3\sigma^{-4+2} = -\sigma^{-2} + 3\sigma^{-2} = 2\sigma^{-2}$$

Therefore, the estimated standard error of the estimator of the unknown σ is

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{I_n(\widehat{\sigma}_n)}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{nI_1(\widehat{\sigma}_n)}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n2(\widehat{\sigma}_n)^{-2}}} = \frac{\widehat{\sigma}_n}{\sqrt{2n}}.$$

(e)— 2p –

$$\widehat{\operatorname{se}}_n(\widehat{\Psi}_n) = |g'(\sigma)|\widehat{\operatorname{se}}_n(\widehat{\sigma}_n) = \left|\frac{\partial}{\partial \sigma}\log(\sigma)\right|\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{2n}} = \frac{1}{\sigma}\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{2n}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n}}$$
.

(f)— 2p – Finally, the 95% confidence interval for ψ is

$$\widehat{\psi}_n \pm 1.96\widehat{\mathsf{se}}_n(\widehat{\Psi}_n) = \log(\widehat{\sigma}_n) \pm 1.96 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n}}.$$

(g)— 1p – Since n=110 and $\hat{\sigma}_n=12.4$, the $(1-\alpha)=95\%$ confidence interval for ψ is

$$\log(\widehat{\sigma}_n) \pm 1.96 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2n}} = \log(12.4) \pm 1.96 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \times 110}} = 0.8754 \pm 0.132 = [0.7433, 1.0076]$$

Since $(1 - \alpha) = 95\%$ confidence interval for ψ does not contain 10.0, we reject $H_0: \psi = 10.0$ in favour of $H_1: \psi \neq 10.0$ using a size $\alpha = 0.05$ Wald test

(h)— 1p – The 95% confidence interval for σ based on n=110 samples and a sample standard deviation of 12.4 is:

$$\hat{\sigma}_n \pm 1.96 \frac{\hat{\sigma}_n}{\sqrt{2n}} = 12.4 \pm 1.96 \frac{12.4}{\sqrt{2 \times 110}} = [10.76, 14.04]$$

(i)— 1p – Since the 95% confidence interval for σ does contain 10.0, we fail to reject the null hypothesis $H_0: \sigma = 10.0$ versus $H_1: \sigma \neq 10.0$ using a size $\alpha = 0.05$ Wald test.

Answer (Ex. 5) — -1p – First set up what you need to show:

We need to show that: $P_{\lambda}(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_n = x_n | \bar{X}_n)$ is independent of λ for any $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}^n$ and any $\bar{x}_n \geq 0$.

— 1p – Realising the following equality

$$P_{\lambda}(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_n = x_n | \bar{X}_n) = \frac{P_{\lambda}(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_n = \bar{x}_n, \bar{X}_n = \bar{x}_n)}{P_{\lambda}(\bar{X}_n = \bar{x}_n)}$$

—
$$1p$$
 – Realising $n\bar{X}_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim Poisson(n\lambda)$ and noting that $P_{\lambda}(n\bar{X}_n = n\bar{x}_n) = e^{-n\lambda} \frac{(n\lambda)^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}}{(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)!} = e^{-n\lambda} \frac{(n\lambda)^k}{k!}, \quad k := n\bar{x}_n$

— 1p – Realising the last equality below, with say $k = n\bar{x}_n \geq 0$

$$\frac{P_{\lambda}(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_n = x_n, \bar{X}_n = \bar{x}_n)}{P_{\lambda}(\bar{X}_n = \bar{x}_n)} = \frac{P_{\lambda}(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_n = x_n, n\bar{X}_n = k)}{P_{\lambda}(n\bar{X}_n = k)} = \frac{P_{\lambda}(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_n = x_n, n\bar{X}_n = k)}{P_{\lambda}(n\bar{X}_n = k)}$$

— 1p – Realising the following equality

$$\frac{P_{\lambda}(X_1=x_1,X_2=x_2,\dots,X_n=x_n)}{P_{\lambda}(n\bar{X}_n=k)} = \frac{\prod_{i=1}^n \left(e^{-\lambda}\frac{\lambda^x_i}{x_i!}\right)}{e^{-n\lambda}\frac{(n\lambda)^k}{k!}} = \frac{e^{-n\lambda}\frac{\lambda^k}{\prod_{i=1}^n x_i!}}{e^{-n\lambda}\frac{(n\lambda)^k}{k!}}$$

— 1p - Finally, showing that the conditional probability is independent of parameter explicitly:

$$P_{\lambda}(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_n = x_n | \bar{X}_n) = \frac{k!}{n^k \prod_{i=1}^n x_i!} = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right)! \left(n^{\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right)} \prod_{i=1}^n x_i!\right)^{-1}$$

Answer (Ex. 6) — (a)– 1p — For writing what needs to be shown:

Fix any x. Bias is the expected value of the estimator, so we need to show that $E(\widehat{F}_n(x)) - F(x) \to 0$ as $n \to \infty$.

And 1p — For showing:

$$E(\widehat{F}_n(x)) = E(n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}(X_i \le x)) = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n E(\mathbf{1}(X_i \le x))$$

$$= n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} P(X_i \le x) = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} F(x) = F(x).$$

Thus $\widehat{F}_n(x)$ is an unbiased estimator of F(x) for any x.

- (b)– 2p Realise that $Y_i := \mathbf{1}(X_i \le x) \sim Bernoulli(\theta = F(x))$ RV and use IID sum of Bernoulli RVs $V(\widehat{F}_n(x)) = V(n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i) = n^{-2} n \sum_{i=1}^n F(x) (1 F(x)) = \frac{F(x)(1 F(x))}{n}$
- (c)– 1p Realizing IID likelihood is constant over the permutations of the m data points: $X_1,\ldots,X_m \overset{IID}{\sim} F \implies P(X_1=x_1,\ldots,X_m=x_m) = \prod_{i=1}^m P(X_i=x_i) = \prod_{i=1}^m P(X_i=x_{i(i)})$ And since there are m! possible permutations and each of them is equally likely gives $P(X_1=x_1,X_2=x_2,\ldots,X_m=x_m) = P(X_1=x_{\pi(1)},X_2=x_{\pi(2)},\ldots,X_m=x_{\pi(m)}) = 1/m!$.