

Problem Set 6

Q1: (a) $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$
 $W = \left(\frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}\right) \sim N(0, 1)$ [location-scale]

(b) $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$
 $W = \lambda X \sim \text{Exp}(1)$ [scale]

(c) $X \sim U(-\theta, \theta)$
 $W = \frac{X}{\theta} \sim U(-1, 1)$ [scale]

(d) $X \sim \text{Gamma}(n, \theta)$
 $W = \theta X \sim \text{Gamma}(n, 1)$ [scale]

(e) $X \sim N(\theta, \theta^2)$
 $W = \frac{X}{\theta} \sim N(1, 1)$ [scale]

(f) $X \sim U(\theta - \frac{1}{2}, \theta + \frac{1}{2})$
 $W = X - \theta \sim U(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ [location]

Q2: (a) $X_i = W_i + \theta$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$, $W_i \sim f$, free of θ .
 $\therefore X_i - X_j = W_i - W_j = Y_{ij}$ is also free of θ .
 $\quad \quad \quad + (i, j)$

So, any function of Y_{ij} has a distribution free of θ .

(b) $X_i = W_i/\theta$ for $i=1, \dots, n$, $W_i \sim f$, free of θ .

$$\frac{X_i}{\theta} = W_i; \quad i=1, \dots, n$$

$$Y = \frac{W_1^2}{\sum_{j=1}^n W_j^2} \quad \text{and} \quad Z = \frac{W_{(1)}}{W_{(n)}}, \quad \text{being functions}$$

of W_i ; $i=1, \dots, n$, have distributions free of θ .

Q3: Let $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} f_\beta$, where

$$f_\beta(x) = \frac{\gamma}{\beta} \left(\frac{x}{\beta}\right)^{\gamma-1}; \quad 0 \leq x \leq \beta$$

$$f_\beta(x) = \frac{\gamma^n}{\beta^n} \frac{\left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i\right)^{\gamma-1}}{\beta^{n(\gamma-1)}} \mathbb{I}(x_{(n)} \leq \beta)$$

The log-likelihood function:

$$\begin{aligned} \ln(\beta) &= n \log \gamma - n \log \beta + (\gamma-1) \sum_{i=1}^n \log x_i \\ &\quad - n(\gamma-1) \log \beta + \log \left\{ \mathbb{I}(x_{(n)} \leq \beta) \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

$$= n \log \gamma - n \gamma \log \beta + (\gamma-1) \sum_{i=1}^n \log x_i + \log \left\{ \mathbb{I}(x_{(n)} \leq \beta) \right\}.$$

Verify that $X_{(n)}$ is the MLE of β . — ①

Further, observe that $Y = \frac{X}{\beta}$ then

$$f_Y(y) = \gamma y^{\gamma-1}; \quad 0 \leq y \leq 1$$

Thus, X belongs to a scale family.

So, any function of X_i/β , $i=1, \dots, n$, can be a pivot. — ②

Combining ① and ②, we consider the pivot

$$T(\underline{x}, \beta) = \frac{X_{(n)}}{\beta} = Y_{(n)}.$$

Distribution of $T(\underline{x}, \beta)$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{CDF of } T(\underline{x}, \beta) : P(T(\underline{x}, \beta) \leq t) \\&= [P(Y_1 \leq t)]^n \\&= \left(\gamma \int_0^t y^{\gamma-1} dy \right)^n \\&= \left([y^\gamma]_0^t \right)^n \\&= t^{n\gamma} \quad \text{--- ③}\end{aligned}$$

\therefore PDF of $T(\underline{x}, \beta)$:

$$f_T(t) = n\gamma t^{n\gamma-1} ; \quad 0 \leq t \leq 1.$$

Finding Confidence Interval

Find a, b such that

$$P(a \leq T(\underline{x}, \beta) \leq b) = (1-\alpha).$$

We choose a, b symmetrically such that

$$P(T(\underline{x}, \beta) \leq a) = \frac{\alpha}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad P(T(\underline{x}, \beta) \geq b) = \frac{\alpha}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{i.e., } a^{n\gamma} = \frac{\alpha}{2} &\Leftrightarrow a = \left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)^{1/n\gamma} \quad \text{from ③} \\ \text{Similarly, } 1 - b^{n\gamma} = \frac{\alpha}{2} &\Leftrightarrow b = \left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right)^{1/n\gamma}.\end{aligned} \quad \text{--- ④}$$

Thus,

$$P\left(\left[\alpha/2\right]^{1/n\tau} \leq T(\underline{x}, \beta) \leq \left[1-\alpha/2\right]^{1/n\tau}\right) = (1-\alpha).$$

2) Next we solve the equations w.r.t. β :

$$T(\underline{x}, \beta) = a = (\alpha/2)^{1/n\tau} \quad \text{--- (I)}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{X_{(n)}}{\beta} = (\alpha/2)^{1/n\tau}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \hat{\beta}_n(a) = \frac{X_{(n)}}{(\alpha/2)^{1/n\tau}}$$

$$\text{and } T(\underline{x}, \beta) = b = (1-\alpha/2)^{1/n\tau} \quad \text{--- (II)}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \hat{\beta}_n(b) = \frac{X_{(n)}}{(1-\alpha/2)^{1/n\tau}}.$$

3) Finally, observe that $T(\underline{x}, \beta) = \frac{X_{(n)}}{\beta}$ is a

strictly decreasing function of β .

$$\text{So, } a \leq T(\underline{x}, \beta) \leq b$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \hat{\beta}_n(b) \leq \beta \leq \hat{\beta}_n(a).$$

$$\text{Thus, } P\left(\frac{X_{(n)}}{(1-\alpha/2)^{1/n\tau}} \leq \beta \leq \frac{X_{(n)}}{(\alpha/2)^{1/n\tau}}\right) = (1-\alpha).$$

$$\underline{\text{Ans:}} \left[\frac{X_{(n)}}{(1-\alpha/2)^{1/n\tau}}, \frac{X_{(n)}}{(\alpha/2)^{1/n\tau}} \right] \text{ is a } (1-\alpha)\text{-}$$

confidence interval based on MLE of β .

Q4: (a) $X_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} U(\theta - 1/2, \theta + 1/2)$; $i=1, \dots, n$

$$(1) W_i = (X_i - \theta) \sim U(-1/2, 1/2) ; i=1, \dots, n$$

Any function of $W_i ; i=1, \dots, n$ is a valid pivot.

Observe that, $E(X_i) = \theta$

So, \bar{X}_n is a good estimator of θ .

Therefore, we choose the pivot $\bar{W}_n = (\bar{X}_n - \theta)$

By CLT,

$$T(\underline{x}, \theta) = \frac{\sqrt{n} (\bar{X}_n - \theta)}{\sqrt{\text{var}(X_1)}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$$

where $\text{var}(X_1) = \frac{1}{12}$ (verify)

We choose $T(\underline{x}, \theta) = 2\sqrt{3n} (\bar{X}_n - \theta)$ as an appropriate pivot.

(2) We know that

$$P\left(-z_{\alpha/2} \leq T(\underline{x}, \theta) \leq z_{\alpha/2}\right) \approx (1-\alpha)$$

by CLT, where $z_{\alpha/2}$ is the upper $\alpha/2$ point of $N(0, 1)$ distribution.

(3) Solve the equations:

$$T(\bar{x}, \theta) = z_{\alpha/2} \Leftrightarrow \hat{\theta}_n(b) = \bar{x}_n - \frac{z_{\alpha/2}}{2\sqrt{3n}}$$

$$\text{and } T(\bar{x}, \theta) = -z_{\alpha/2} \Leftrightarrow \hat{\theta}_n(a) = \bar{x}_n + \frac{z_{\alpha/2}}{2\sqrt{3n}}.$$

(4) Finally as $T(\bar{x}, \theta)$ is a strictly decreasing function of θ , we have

$$P_{\theta} \left(\bar{x}_n - \frac{z_{\alpha/2}}{2\sqrt{3n}} \leq \theta \leq \bar{x}_n + \frac{z_{\alpha/2}}{2\sqrt{3n}} \right) \approx (1-\alpha).$$

So, $\left[\bar{x}_n - \frac{z_{\alpha/2}}{2\sqrt{3n}}, \bar{x}_n + \frac{z_{\alpha/2}}{2\sqrt{3n}} \right]$ is an approximate confidence interval with coefficient $(1-\alpha)$.

(b) $X_i \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} f_{\theta}(x)$ where $f_{\theta}(x) = \frac{2x}{\theta^2}$; $0 < x < \theta$, $\theta > 0$.
 $i=1, \dots, n$.

Let $W_i = \frac{X_i}{\theta}$; $i=1, \dots, n$.

Then the pdf of W_i is:

$$f_W(w) = 2w, \quad 0 < w < 1,$$

which is free of θ .

So, any function of W_i ; $i=1, \dots, n$; is a valid pivot.

Further, verify that, $X_{(n)}$ is the MLE of θ .

Combining the above two facts, we choose

$$T(\underline{x}, \theta) = \frac{X_{(n)}}{\theta}.$$

[Complete the procedure as in Q.3]

Q5. We know that $F_T(T; \theta) \sim U(0, 1)$ distribution.

Let α_1, α_2 satisfies $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 = \alpha$.

$$\text{Then } \int_{\alpha_1}^{1-\alpha_2} dx = 1 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2 = 1 - \alpha$$

$$\text{i.e., } P(\alpha_1 \leq F_T(T; \theta) \leq \alpha_2) = (1 - \alpha). \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

As $F_T(T; U(T)) = \alpha_1$, $U(T)$ is the solution of the equation $F_T(T; \theta) = \alpha_1$.

Similarly, $L(T)$ is the solution of $F_T(T; \theta) = \alpha_2$. --- (2)

Finally, as $F_T(T; \theta)$ is strictly decreasing w.r.t. θ ,

$$\{\alpha_1 \leq F_T(T; \theta) \leq \alpha_2\} \Leftrightarrow \{L(T) \leq \theta \leq U(T)\}$$

Hence, $P_{\theta} \left(L(T) \leq \theta \leq U(T) \right) = (1-\alpha).$

Hence $[L(T), U(T)]$ is a confidence interval with coefficient $(1-\alpha).$

Q7:

$$X \sim \text{Beta}(\theta, 1)$$

$$f_X(x) = \frac{\Gamma(\theta+1)}{\Gamma\theta} x^{\theta-1} \quad ; \quad 0 < x < 1$$

$$y = -(\log x)^{-1} \Leftrightarrow x = e^{-1/y}$$

$$J = \left| \frac{\partial x}{\partial y} \right| = e^{-1/y} / y^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_Y(y) &= \theta e^{-\frac{\theta-1}{y} - \frac{1}{y}} / y^2 \quad 0 < y < \infty \\ &= \theta y^{-2} e^{-\theta/y} \quad ; \quad 0 < y < \infty \end{aligned}$$

The confidence coefficient of $[y/2, y]$ is:

$$P_{\theta} \left[\frac{y}{2} \leq \theta \leq y \right] = P_{\theta} \left[\theta \leq y \leq 2\theta \right]$$

$$= \int_{\theta}^{2\theta} \frac{1}{\theta} \left(\frac{\theta}{y} \right)^2 e^{-\theta/y} dy$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{Here} \\ z = \theta/y \end{array} \right] &= \int_{1/2}^1 e^{-z} dz = \underline{e^{-1/2} - e^{-1}}. \quad [\text{ANS}] \end{aligned}$$

Q8: Let $X_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} U(0, \theta); i=1, \dots, n$

Given the pivot $T(\underline{x}, \theta) = \frac{X_{(n)}}{\theta}$,

choose a, b such that

$$\left. \begin{aligned} P(T(\underline{x}, \theta) \leq a) &= \frac{\alpha}{2} \\ \text{and } P(T(\underline{x}, \theta) \geq b) &= \frac{\alpha}{2} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{--- (symmetry)}$$

From the CDF of $T(\underline{x}, \theta)$ we get

$$a = \left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right)^{1/n} \quad \text{and} \quad b = \left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right)^{1/n}$$

By solving $T(\underline{x}, \theta) = a$ and $T(\underline{x}, \theta) = b$; and as $T(\underline{x}, \theta)$ is a decreasing function of θ ,

we get

$$P_{\theta} \left[\underbrace{\frac{X_{(n)}}{(1-\alpha/2)^{1/n}}}_{L(\underline{x})} \leq \theta \leq \underbrace{\frac{X_{(n)}}{(\alpha/2)^{1/n}}}_{U(\underline{x})} \right] = (1-\alpha).$$

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Next, consider $\theta' \neq \theta$.

Let us find the prob.

$$P_{\theta} [L(\underline{x}) \leq \theta' \leq U(\underline{x})]$$

$$= P_{\theta} \left[\theta' \left(\frac{\alpha}{2} \right)^{1/n} \leq x_{(n)} \leq \theta' \left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2} \right)^{1/n} \right] - \textcircled{1}$$

Let $\theta' < \theta$ then

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} &= P \left[x_{(n)} \leq \theta' \left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2} \right)^{1/n} \right] - P \left[x_{(n)} < \theta' \left(\frac{\alpha}{2} \right)^{1/n} \right] \\ &= \left(\frac{\theta'}{\theta} \right)^n \left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2} \right) - \left(\frac{\theta'}{\theta} \right)^n \frac{\alpha}{2} \\ &= \left(\frac{\theta'}{\theta} \right)^n (1 - \alpha) < (1 - \alpha). \quad - \textcircled{2} \end{aligned}$$

Let $\theta' > \theta$ then

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} &= P_{\theta} \left[\theta' \left(\frac{\alpha}{2} \right)^{1/n} \leq x_{(n)} \leq \min \left\{ \theta' \left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2} \right)^{1/n}, \theta \right\} \right] \\ &= \min \left\{ 1, \left(\frac{\theta'}{\theta} \right)^n \left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2} \right) \right\} - \left(\frac{\theta'}{\theta} \right)^n \left(\frac{\alpha}{2} \right) \\ &= \min \left\{ 1 - \left(\frac{\theta'}{\theta} \right)^n \frac{\alpha}{2}, \left(\frac{\theta'}{\theta} \right)^n (1 - \alpha) \right\} \end{aligned}$$

Now, $1 - \left(\frac{\theta'}{\theta} \right)^n \frac{\alpha}{2} \leq 1 - \alpha$ for sufficiently large n . So, $\textcircled{1} \leq (1 - \alpha)$. — $\textcircled{3}$

Combining $\textcircled{2}$ and $\textcircled{3}$ we get that the confidence interval is unbiased.

Q9. (a) $X_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\mu_0, \sigma^2)$; $i=1, \dots, n$, which belongs to the exponential family.

From the joint distribution

$$f_{\tilde{x}}(\tilde{x}) = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi\sigma^2} \right)^{n/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu_0)^2 \right\}$$

we get that $T(\tilde{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu_0)^2$ is a complete sufficient statistic (CSS). [Note that μ_0 is known]

Observe that,

$$\left(\frac{x_i - \mu_0}{\sigma} \right) \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(0, 1); \quad i=1, \dots, n$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{x_i - \mu_0}{\sigma} \right)^2 = \frac{T(\tilde{x})}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{(n)}^2 \text{ distr.}$$

$$\therefore E(T(\tilde{x})) = n\sigma^2$$

$$\Rightarrow E\left(\frac{1}{n} T(\tilde{x})\right) = \sigma^2.$$

So, $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu_0)^2 = S_0^2$ is the UMVUE of σ^2 .

(b) As, $\frac{T(\tilde{x})}{\sigma^2} = \frac{nS_0^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{(n)}^2$, which is free of σ^2 , it serves as an appropriate pivot for σ^2 based on UMVUE.

Q.10 (a) $X_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Exp}(\theta)$, $i=1, \dots, n$; with common

pdf $f_{\theta}(x) = \theta e^{-\theta x}$; $x > 0$.

The transformation $W_i = \theta X_i$ yields common pdf of W_i as

$$f_W(w) = e^{-w}; w > 0,$$

which is free of θ .

(b) $W_i \sim \text{Exp}(1)$ is itself a pivot.

Consider another pivot based on UMVUE of $1/\theta$;

$$T(\underline{x}, \theta) = \sum_{i=1}^n W_i = \theta \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \quad \text{as } \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \text{ is the UMVUE of } 1/\theta.$$

Note that, $\sum_{i=1}^n W_i \sim \text{Gamma}(n, 1)$.

(c) i. $(1-\alpha)$ symmetric confidence interval based on W_i

Let (a, b) be such that

$$P(W_i \leq a) = \frac{\alpha}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad P(W_i \geq b) = \frac{\alpha}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^a e^{-w} dw = \left[-e^{-w} \right]_0^a = 1 - e^{-a} = \frac{\alpha}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \frac{\alpha}{2} = e^{-a} \Rightarrow a = -\log\left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2}\right)$$

Similarly, $b = -\log(\alpha/2)$.

$$\therefore P_{\theta} \left(-\log \left(1 - \frac{\alpha}{2} \right) \leq W_1 \leq -\log(\alpha/2) \right) = (1-\alpha)$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{\theta} \left(-\frac{\log(1-\alpha/2)}{X_1} \leq \theta \leq -\frac{\log(\alpha/2)}{X_1} \right) = (1-\alpha).$$

$$\therefore \left[-\frac{\log(1-\alpha/2)}{X_1}, -\frac{\log(\alpha/2)}{X_1} \right] \text{ is confidence interval of}$$

θ with coefficient $(1-\alpha)$.

ii. $(1-\alpha)$ -symmetric confidence interval for $\sum_{i=1}^n W_i$

Find (a, b) such that

$$P\left(\sum_{i=1}^n W_i \leq a\right) = \frac{\alpha}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad P\left(\sum_{i=1}^n W_i > b\right) = \frac{\alpha}{2}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma_{1-\alpha/2; n, 1} = a \quad \text{and} \quad b = \gamma_{\alpha/2; n, 1}$$

$$\text{Thus, } P_{\theta} \left(\gamma_{1-\alpha/2; n, 1} \leq \sum_{i=1}^n W_i \leq \gamma_{\alpha/2; n, 1} \right) = (1-\alpha)$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{\theta} \left(\gamma_{1-\alpha/2; n, 1} \leq \theta \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \leq \gamma_{\alpha/2; n, 1} \right) = (1-\alpha)$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{\theta} \left(\frac{\gamma_{1-\alpha/2; n, 1}}{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\gamma_{\alpha/2; n, 1}}{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i} \right) = (1-\alpha)$$

$$\text{Thus, } \left[\frac{\gamma_{1-\alpha/2; n, 1}}{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}, \frac{\gamma_{\alpha/2; n, 1}}{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i} \right] \text{ is a } (1-\alpha) \text{-confidence interval for } \theta.$$

