

3. Let  $X \sim \text{Exponential}(\lambda)$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ . Consider  $\theta = 1/\lambda$

(a) (1.5 points) Consider  $T(X) = X^2$ , find bias of  $T(X)$ .

(b) (2 points) Find MSE of  $T(X)$ .

(c) (2 points) Can we find Cramer-Rao lower bound. If yes, find it. If not, why not.

(a) statistic  $T(X) = X^2$

$X \sim \text{Exponential}(\lambda) \quad (\lambda > 0)$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore f_X(x) &= \lambda e^{-\lambda x} \quad (x \geq 0) \quad [\text{put } \lambda = \frac{1}{\theta}] \\ &= \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-x/\theta} \end{aligned} \quad [0.25 \text{ Marks}]$$

Now Bias =  $E[T(X)] - \theta \rightarrow$  Parameter we're estimating

$$\therefore \text{Bias} = E[X^2] - \theta \quad [0.25 \text{ marks}]$$

Note: ① Bias formula and correct identification of parameter we're estimating, both have to be correct to fetch 0.25 marks above.

$\rightarrow$  Calculating  $E[X^2]$   $\rightarrow$  0.75 marks

(Next page has 3 approaches).

## I) Approach - 1 g

we know  $\text{Var}(X) = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2$  0.25 Marks

for  $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$   $E[X] = \frac{1}{\lambda}$   $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$

$\therefore X \sim \text{Exp}\left(\frac{1}{\theta}\right)$  or  $\text{Exp}(\lambda) \Rightarrow E[X] = \theta$  0.25 marks  
 $\text{Var}(X) = \theta^2$

so,  $E[X^2] = \theta^2 + \theta^2 = 2\theta^2$  0.25 Marks

## approach - 3 g

we know MGF of exp distb

$M_X(t) = E[e^{tx}] = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - t}$  ( $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$ ) 0.25 Marks

we know,  $E[X^n] = M_X^{(n)}(t) \big|_{t=0}$  0.25 Marks  
 $\xrightarrow{\text{n}^{\text{th}} \text{ derivative w.r.t } t}$

$M_X'(t) = \frac{-\lambda}{(\lambda - t)^2}$   $M_X''(t) = \frac{2\lambda}{(\lambda - t)^3}$

$\therefore M_X''(0) = \frac{2\lambda}{\lambda^3} = \frac{2}{\lambda^2} = 2\theta^2$  0.25 marks

## Approach - 2 g

$E[X^2] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f_X(x) dx$

$= \int_0^{\infty} x^2 \left(\frac{1}{\theta}\right) e^{-x/\theta} dx$  0.25 Marks  
 $\frac{1}{\theta}$  constant

Use integration by Parts

$\int u dv = u \int v dx - \int \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}\right) \int v dx dx$

Here  $u = x^2$   $v = e^{-x/\theta}$

$= \frac{1}{\theta} \left( -x^2 \theta e^{-x/\theta} \bigg|_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} 2x \theta e^{-x/\theta} dx \right)$  0.25 Marks

$= \frac{1}{\theta} \left( -x^2 \theta e^{-x/\theta} \bigg|_0^{\infty} - 2 \left( -x \theta e^{-x/\theta} \bigg|_0^{\infty} + \int_0^{\infty} \theta e^{-x/\theta} dx \right) \right)$

Solve it

$E[X^2] = 2\theta^2$  0.25 Marks

So, Bias =  $2\theta^2 - \theta$  (0.25 Marks)  
(for final correct expression)

(b) (2 points) Find MSE of  $T(X)$ .

Using  $MSE_{\theta}(W) = Var_{\theta}(W) + Bias_{\theta}^2(W)$  (0.25 Marks)  
 for estimator ' $W(X)$ ' estimating param ' $\theta$ '.

Note: If formula is fully correct  $\rightarrow$  0.25 marks  
 else  $\rightarrow$  0!!

We already know  $Bias_{\theta}(X^2)$  from Q3 (a)  
 So, we'll calculate  $Var_{\theta}(X^2)$ .

$Var_{\theta}(X^2) = E[X^4] - E[X^2]^2$  (0.25 marks)

Approach-1: (MGF)

MGF of  $X = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - t}$  (0.25)

$E[X^n] = M_X^{(n)}(t) \big|_{at=0}$  (0.25)

So,  $M_X(t) = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - t}$   $M_X'(t) = \frac{\lambda}{(\lambda - t)^2}$

$M_X''(t) = \frac{2\lambda}{(\lambda - t)^3}$   $M_X'''(t) = \frac{-6\lambda}{(\lambda - t)^4}$

$M_X^{(4)}(t) = \frac{24\lambda}{(\lambda - t)^5}$  (0.25)

$E[X^4] = \frac{24\lambda}{\lambda^5}$

$= 24\theta^4$  (0.25)

Approach-2: (Using Integration)

$E[X^4] = \int_0^{\infty} x^4 \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-x/\theta} dx$  (0.25)

$E[X^4] = 24\theta^4$  (0.25)

$\rightarrow$  Solving all 4 integration  
 by parts  $\rightarrow$  (0.25 x 4)

now,  $\text{Var}_\theta[X^2] = 24\theta^4 - (2\theta^2)^2 = 20\theta^4$  0.25 marks

so,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{MSE}_\theta[W(X) = X^2] &= \text{Var}_\theta[X^2] + \text{Bias}_\theta^2[X^2] \\ &= 20\theta^4 + (2\theta^2 - \theta)^2 \\ &= 20\theta^4 + 4\theta^4 + \theta^2 - 4\theta^3 = 24\theta^4 - 4\theta^3 + \theta^2\end{aligned}$$

0.25 marks

Note: If someone has done

$$\text{MSE}(T(X)) = E[(X^2 - \theta)^2]$$

$$= E[X^4] + \theta^2 - 2\theta E[X^2]$$

will receive 0.25 marks for formula too!!

(c) (2 points) Can we find Cramer-Rao lower bound. If yes, find it. If not, why not. 0.5 → Checking, 1.5 → Calculating CRLB

Checking if it exists or not → 0.5

Approach-1

Regularity condition ↔  $-\log \theta - \frac{x}{\theta}$

$$\text{show } \text{Var}\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta}(\log f_\theta(x))\right] = -E\left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \log f_\theta(x)\right]$$

LHS RHS

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f_\theta(x)\right] &= E\left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f_\theta(x)\right)^2\right] - \left(E\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f_\theta(x)\right]\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{\theta^2} - \frac{2\theta}{\theta^3} + \frac{E[X^2]}{\theta^4} - \left(-\frac{1}{\theta} + \frac{E[X]}{\theta^2}\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{\theta^2} - \frac{2\theta}{\theta^3} + \frac{2\theta^2}{\theta^4} - \left(\frac{1}{\theta} + \frac{1}{\theta^2}\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{\theta^2}\end{aligned}$$

LHS = RHS!! 0.25 formula

∴ CRLB exists 0.25 correct with steps

Approach 2 Show it is exponential family & use the fact that CRLB can always be found for exponential family.

$$f(x|\theta) = \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-x/\theta} = e^{-\log \theta - \frac{x}{\theta}}$$

∴ Yes from exp family of dists

0-25

$$-\log \theta - \frac{x}{\theta}$$

compare with  $h(\eta) e^{\eta(\theta) T(x) - A(\theta)}$

$$h(\eta) = 1$$

$$T(x) = x$$

$$A(\theta) = \log \theta$$

$$\eta(\theta) = -1/\theta$$

0-25

Note: This is formula in general.

Cramer Rao Lower Bound

$$= \frac{\left\{ \frac{d}{d\theta} (E_{\theta}[T(x)]) \right\}^2}{E_{\theta} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \ln f_X(x|\theta) \right)^2 \right]}$$

$$E_{\theta} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \ln f_X(x|\theta) \right)^2 \right]$$

$$\text{Numerator} = \frac{d}{d\theta} (E_{\theta}[x^2]) = \frac{d}{d\theta} (2\theta^2) = 4\theta$$

$$\text{denominator} = E_{\theta} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left( \ln \left( \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-x/\theta} \right) \right) \right)^2 \right]$$

Use Fisher's Inequality (holds for exponential)

$$= -E_{\theta} \left[ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \left( -\log \theta - \frac{x}{\theta} \right) \right]$$

$$= E_{\theta} \left[ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \left( \log \theta + \frac{x}{\theta} \right) \right] = E_{\theta} \left[ \frac{1}{\theta^2} - \frac{2x}{\theta^3} \right]$$

$$= 1/\theta^2 - 2/\theta^2 = 1/\theta^2$$

$$\text{So, CRLB} = \frac{(4\theta)^2}{1/\theta^2} = 16\theta^4$$

