

---

# MA204: Mathematical Statistics

## Suggested Solutions to Assignment 3

---

**3.1 Solution.** The parameter space  $\Theta = \{\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\theta_1, \theta_2)^\top: -\infty < \theta_1 \leq \theta_2 < +\infty\}$ . The joint density of  $\mathbf{x} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)^\top$  is

$$f(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \frac{1}{(\theta_2 - \theta_1)^n}, \quad \theta_1 \leq x_i \leq \theta_2,$$

so that the log-likelihood function is

$$\ell(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = -n \log(\theta_2 - \theta_1), \quad \theta_1 \leq x_{(1)} \quad \text{and} \quad \theta_2 \geq x_{(n)}.$$

Since  $\partial \ell(\boldsymbol{\theta}) / \partial \theta_2 = -n / (\theta_2 - \theta_1) < 0$ ; i.e.,  $\ell(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  is a monotonic decreasing function of  $\theta_2$  when  $\theta_1$  is fixed, so that the MLE of  $\theta_2$  is  $X_{(n)}$ .

Since  $\partial \ell(\boldsymbol{\theta}) / \partial \theta_1 = n / (\theta_2 - \theta_1) > 0$ ; i.e.,  $\ell(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  is a monotonic increasing function of  $\theta_1$  when  $\theta_2$  is fixed, so that the MLE of  $\theta_1$  is  $X_{(1)}$ .

**3.2 Solution.** (a) We know that the MLE of  $\mu_1$  is  $\hat{\mu}_1 = \bar{X}_1$ . Similarly, the MLE of  $\mu_2$  is  $\hat{\mu}_2 = \bar{X}_2$ . Then, by using Theorem 3.2, we obtain

$$\hat{\theta} = \hat{\mu}_1 - \hat{\mu}_2 = \bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2.$$

(b) Note that the two samples are independent, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}) &= \text{Var}(\bar{X}_1) + \text{Var}(\bar{X}_2) = \frac{\sigma_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n_2} \\ &= \frac{\sigma_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{n - n_1}. \end{aligned}$$

To minimize  $\text{Var}(\hat{\theta})$ , we treat  $n_1$  as a continuous variable, differentiate  $\text{Var}(\hat{\theta})$  with respect to  $n_1$  and set it to zero:

$$\frac{d\text{Var}(\hat{\theta})}{dn_1} = -\frac{\sigma_1^2}{n_1^2} + \frac{\sigma_2^2}{(n - n_1)^2} = 0.$$

By solving this equation, we obtain

$$n_1 = \frac{n\sigma_1}{\sigma_1 + \sigma_2} \quad \text{and} \quad n_2 = \frac{n\sigma_2}{\sigma_1 + \sigma_2}.$$

**3.3 Solution.** The likelihood function of  $(\alpha, \beta)$  is

$$\begin{aligned} L(\alpha, \beta) &\propto (\alpha\beta)^{n_1} [\alpha(1-\beta)]^{n_2} [(1-\alpha)\beta]^{n_3} [(1-\alpha)(1-\beta)]^{n_4} \\ &= \alpha^{n_1+n_2} (1-\alpha)^{n_3+n_4} \cdot \beta^{n_1+n_3} (1-\beta)^{n_2+n_4}. \end{aligned}$$

The log-likelihood function is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \ell(\alpha, \beta) &= (n_1 + n_2) \log \alpha + (n_3 + n_4) \log(1 - \alpha) \\ &\quad + (n_1 + n_3) \log \beta + (n_2 + n_4) \log(1 - \beta). \end{aligned}$$

By partially differentiating  $\ell(\alpha, \beta)$  with respect to both  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  and setting them to be zeros, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \ell(\alpha, \beta)}{\partial \alpha} &= \frac{n_1 + n_2}{\alpha} - \frac{n_3 + n_4}{1 - \alpha} = 0, \\ \frac{\partial \ell(\alpha, \beta)}{\partial \beta} &= \frac{n_1 + n_3}{\beta} - \frac{n_2 + n_4}{1 - \beta} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\hat{\alpha} = \frac{n_1 + n_2}{n} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\beta} = \frac{n_1 + n_3}{n}.$$

**3.4 Solution.** Let  $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3, \mu_4, \sigma^2)^\top$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_1 &= a + b + c, & \mu_2 &= a + b - c, \\ \mu_3 &= a - b + c, & \mu_4 &= a - b - c. \end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \mu_i}{\partial a} &= 1, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, 4, \\ \frac{\partial \mu_i}{\partial b} &= 1, \quad i = 1, 2, \quad \frac{\partial \mu_i}{\partial b} = -1, \quad i = 3, 4, \\ \frac{\partial \mu_i}{\partial c} &= 1, \quad i = 1, 3, \quad \frac{\partial \mu_i}{\partial c} = -1, \quad i = 2, 4,\end{aligned}$$

Since  $X_{i1}, \dots, X_{in} \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} N(\mu_i, \sigma^2)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, 4$  and the four random samples are independent, the likelihood function is

$$L(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = \prod_{i=1}^4 \prod_{j=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{(x_{ij} - \mu_i)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right\}.$$

Thus, the log-likelihood function is

$$\ell(\boldsymbol{\theta}) = -2n \log(2\pi) - 2n \log(\sigma^2) - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^4 \sum_{j=1}^n (x_{ij} - \mu_i)^2}{2\sigma^2}.$$

By partially differentiating  $\ell(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  with respect to  $a, b, c, \sigma^2$  and setting them to be zeros, we have

$$\frac{\partial \ell(\boldsymbol{\theta})}{\partial a} = -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \sum_{i=1}^4 \sum_{j=1}^n (-2)(x_{ij} - \mu_i) = 0, \quad (3.1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \ell(\boldsymbol{\theta})}{\partial b} &= -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (-2)(x_{ij} - \mu_i) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{i=3}^4 \sum_{j=1}^n (-2)(-1)(x_{ij} - \mu_i) \right] = 0, \quad (3.2)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\partial \ell(\boldsymbol{\theta})}{\partial c} &= -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \left[ \sum_{i=1,3} \sum_{j=1}^n (-2)(x_{ij} - \mu_i) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \sum_{i=2,4} \sum_{j=1}^n (-2)(-1)(x_{ij} - \mu_i) \right] = 0, \quad (3.3)\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial \ell(\boldsymbol{\theta})}{\partial \sigma^2} = -\frac{2n}{\sigma^2} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^4 \sum_{j=1}^n (x_{ij} - \mu_i)^2}{2\sigma^4}. \quad (3.4)$$

From (3.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= \sum_{i=1}^4 \sum_{j=1}^n (x_{ij} - \mu_i) \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^n [x_{1j} - (a + b + c)] + \sum_{j=1}^n [x_{2j} - (a + b - c)] \\
&\quad + \sum_{j=1}^n [x_{3j} - (a - b + c)] + \sum_{j=1}^n [x_{4j} - (a - b - c)] \\
&= n\bar{x}_1 - n(a + b + c) + n\bar{x}_2 - n(a + b - c) \\
&\quad + n\bar{x}_3 - n(a - b + c) + n\bar{x}_4 - n(a - b - c) \\
&= n(\bar{x}_1 + \bar{x}_2 + \bar{x}_3 + \bar{x}_4) - 4na,
\end{aligned}$$

i.e.,

$$\hat{a} = \frac{\bar{X}_1 + \bar{X}_2 + \bar{X}_3 + \bar{X}_4}{4}. \quad (3.5)$$

From (3.2), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= \sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=1}^n (x_{ij} - \mu_i) - \sum_{i=3}^4 \sum_{j=1}^n (x_{ij} - \mu_i) \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^n [x_{1j} - (a + b + c)] + \sum_{j=1}^n [x_{2j} - (a + b - c)] \\
&\quad - \sum_{j=1}^n [x_{3j} - (a - b + c)] - \sum_{j=1}^n [x_{4j} - (a - b - c)] \\
&= n\bar{x}_1 - n(a + b + c) + n\bar{x}_2 - n(a + b - c) \\
&\quad - n\bar{x}_3 + n(a - b + c) - n\bar{x}_4 + n(a - b - c) \\
&= n(\bar{x}_1 + \bar{x}_2 - \bar{x}_3 - \bar{x}_4) - 4nb,
\end{aligned}$$

i.e.,

$$\hat{b} = \frac{\bar{X}_1 + \bar{X}_2 - \bar{X}_3 - \bar{X}_4}{4}. \quad (3.6)$$

From (3.3), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= \sum_{i=1,3} \sum_{j=1}^n (x_{ij} - \mu_i) - \sum_{i=2,4} \sum_{j=1}^n (x_{ij} - \mu_i) \\
&= \sum_{j=1}^n [x_{1j} - (a + b + c)] - \sum_{j=1}^n [x_{2j} - (a + b - c)] \\
&\quad + \sum_{j=1}^n [x_{3j} - (a - b + c)] - \sum_{j=1}^n [x_{4j} - (a - b - c)] \\
&= n\bar{x}_1 - n(a + b + c) - n\bar{x}_2 + n(a + b - c) \\
&\quad + n\bar{x}_3 - n(a - b + c) - n\bar{x}_4 + n(a - b - c) \\
&= n(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2 + \bar{x}_3 - \bar{x}_4) - 4nc,
\end{aligned}$$

i.e.,

$$\hat{c} = \frac{\bar{X}_1 - \bar{X}_2 + \bar{X}_3 - \bar{X}_4}{4}. \quad (3.7)$$

From (3.4), we have

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^4 \sum_{j=1}^n (X_{ij} - \bar{X}_i)^2}{4n}. \quad (3.8)$$

**3.5 Solution.** The density of  $X$  is

$$f(x; \mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}\sigma} \cdot I_{[\mu - \sqrt{3}\sigma, \mu + \sqrt{3}\sigma]}(x). \quad (3.9)$$

Using the formulae in Appendix A.2.1, we have

$$E(X) = \mu \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2.$$

Let  $X_{(1)} = \min(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  and  $X_{(n)} = \max(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ . Furthermore, let  $x_{(1)} = \min(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  and  $x_{(n)} = \max(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  denote the realizations of  $X_{(1)}$  and  $X_{(n)}$ , respectively.

(a) The likelihood function is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
L(\mu, \sigma) &= \left( \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}\sigma} \right)^n \prod_{i=1}^n I_{[\mu-\sqrt{3}\sigma, \mu+\sqrt{3}\sigma]}(x_i) \\
&= \left( \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}\sigma} \right)^n \cdot I_{[\mu-\sqrt{3}\sigma, x_{(n)}]}(x_{(1)}) \cdot I_{[x_{(1)}, \mu+\sqrt{3}\sigma]}(x_{(n)}) \\
&= \left( \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}\sigma} \right)^n \cdot I_{[(\mu-x_{(1)})/\sqrt{3}, \infty]}(\sigma) \cdot I_{[(x_{(n)}-\mu)/\sqrt{3}, \infty]}(\sigma).
\end{aligned}$$

Note that  $L(\mu, \sigma)$  is  $(2\sqrt{3}\sigma)^{-n}$  (a decreasing function of  $\sigma$ ) if  $\sigma \geq \max\{(\mu-x_{(1)})/\sqrt{3}, (x_{(n)}-\mu)/\sqrt{3}\}$  and 0 elsewhere. Thus, when  $\sigma$  is smallest, which is the intersection of the lines  $\mu-\sqrt{3}\sigma = x_{(1)}$  and  $\mu+\sqrt{3}\sigma = x_{(n)}$ . Hence, the mles of  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  are

$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{x_{(1)} + x_{(n)}}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\sigma} = \frac{x_{(n)} - x_{(1)}}{2\sqrt{3}}.$$

Thus, the MLEs of  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  are

$$\hat{\mu}^{\text{MLE}} = \frac{X_{(1)} + X_{(n)}}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\sigma}^{\text{MLE}} = \frac{X_{(n)} - X_{(1)}}{2\sqrt{3}}. \quad (3.10)$$

(b) The moment estimators of  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  must satisfy

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i = E(X) = \mu, \quad \text{and}$$

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 = E(X^2) = \text{Var}(X) + [E(X)]^2 = \sigma^2 + \mu^2.$$

Thus,

$$\hat{\mu}^{\text{M}} = \bar{X} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\sigma}^{\text{M}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2} \quad (3.11)$$

are the corresponding moment estimators of  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$ .

**3.6 Solution.** (a) The likelihood function

$$\begin{aligned}
 L(\theta) &= \prod_{i=1}^n e^{-(x_i - \theta)} \cdot I_{[\theta, \infty)}(x_i) \\
 &= e^{-\sum_{i=1}^n x_i + n\theta} \prod_{i=1}^n I_{[\theta, \infty)}(x_i) \\
 &= e^{-n\bar{x} + n\theta} \cdot I_{[\theta, \infty)}(x_{(1)}) \\
 &= e^{-n\bar{x} + n\theta} \cdot I_{(-\infty, x_{(1)}]}(\theta)
 \end{aligned}$$

is an increasing function of  $\theta$ . When  $\theta = x_{(1)}$ ,  $L(\theta)$  reaches its maximum. Thus, the MLE of  $\theta$  is  $X_{(1)}$ .

(b) Let  $y = x - \theta$ , we obtain

$$E(X) = \int_{\theta}^{\infty} x e^{-(x-\theta)} dx = \int_0^{\infty} (y + \theta) e^{-y} dy = 1 + \theta.$$

The moment estimator of  $\theta$  must satisfy

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i = E(X) = 1 + \theta.$$

We have  $\hat{\theta}^M = \bar{X} - 1$ .

(c) The joint pdf of  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  and  $\theta$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x_1, \dots, x_n, \theta) &= L(\theta) \times \pi(\theta) \\
 &= e^{-n\bar{x} + n\theta} \cdot I_{(-\infty, x_{(1)}]}(\theta) \times e^{-\theta} I_{(0, \infty)}(\theta) \\
 &= e^{-n\bar{x} + (n-1)\theta} \cdot I_{(0, x_{(1)}]}(\theta).
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the posterior density is

$$p(\theta|x_1, \dots, x_n) \propto f(x_1, \dots, x_n, \theta) \propto e^{(n-1)\theta}, \quad 0 < \theta \leq x_{(1)}.$$

That is,  $p(\theta|x_1, \dots, x_n) = c^{-1} e^{(n-1)\theta}$ ,  $0 < \theta \leq x_{(1)}$ , where

$$c = \int_0^{x_{(1)}} e^{(n-1)\theta} d\theta$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{1}{n-1} e^{(n-1)\theta} \Big|_0^{x_{(1)}} \\
&= \frac{1}{n-1} [e^{(n-1)x_{(1)}} - 1].
\end{aligned} \tag{3.12}$$

Therefore, the Bayesian estimator of  $\theta$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
&E(\theta|x_1, \dots, x_n) \\
&= c^{-1} \int_0^{x_{(1)}} \theta e^{(n-1)\theta} d\theta \\
&= c^{-1} \int_0^{x_{(1)}} \theta d \left[ \frac{1}{n-1} e^{(n-1)\theta} \right] \\
&= c^{-1} \left[ \frac{\theta}{n-1} e^{(n-1)\theta} \Big|_0^{x_{(1)}} - \int_0^{x_{(1)}} \frac{e^{(n-1)\theta}}{n-1} d\theta \right] \\
&= c^{-1} \left[ \frac{x_{(1)} e^{(n-1)x_{(1)}}}{n-1} - \frac{c}{n-1} \right] \\
&= \frac{c^{-1} x_{(1)} e^{(n-1)x_{(1)}} - 1}{n-1},
\end{aligned}$$

where  $c$  is defined by (3.12).

**3.7 Solution.** (a) Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
E[t_1(X)] &= E(X) = 0 \cdot (1 - \theta) + 1 \cdot \theta = \theta, \quad \text{and} \\
E[t_2(X)] &= E(1/2) = 1/2.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $t_1(X)$  is unbiased estimator of  $\theta$  and  $t_2(X)$  is biased estimator of  $\theta$ .

(b) Note that

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{MSE}[t_1(X)] &= E(X - \theta)^2 = \text{Var}(X) = \theta(1 - \theta), \quad \text{and} \\
\text{MSE}[t_2(X)] &= E(1/2 - \theta)^2 = (1/2 - \theta)^2.
\end{aligned}$$

When  $\frac{2-\sqrt{2}}{4} \leq \theta \leq \frac{2+\sqrt{2}}{4}$ , we have

$$\text{MSE}[t_1(X)] \geq \text{MSE}[t_2(X)].$$



When  $0 < \theta < \frac{2-\sqrt{2}}{4}$  or  $\frac{2+\sqrt{2}}{4} < \theta < 1$ , we have

$$\text{MSE}[t_1(X)] < \text{MSE}[t_2(X)].$$

**3.8 Solution.** (a) Let  $Y_i = 1$  if the  $i$ -th respondent puts a tick in the triangle and  $Y_i = 0$  if the  $i$ -th respondent puts a tick in the circle. Let  $y_i$  denote  $Y_i$ 's realization for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \Pr\{Y_i = 1\} \\ &= \Pr\{\text{The } i\text{-th respondent puts a tick in the triangle}\} \\ &= \pi + (1 - \pi)p \triangleq \theta. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\pi = (\theta - p)/(1 - p)$ . Since  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{Bernoulli}(\theta)$ , then  $Y \triangleq \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i \sim \text{Binomial}(n, \theta)$ . Thus, the MLE of  $\theta$  is given by  $\hat{\theta} = \frac{1}{n}Y$ . By Theorem 3.1, the MLE of  $\pi$  is

$$\hat{\pi} = \begin{cases} \frac{\hat{\theta} - p}{1 - p} = \frac{\frac{1}{n}Y - p}{1 - p}, & \text{if } Y > np, \\ 0, & \text{if } Y \leq np. \end{cases}$$

(b) Since  $\hat{\pi} = (Y/n - p)/(1 - p) \cdot I_{(Y > np)}$ , we have

$$E(\hat{\pi}) = \sum_{y > np} \frac{\frac{1}{n}y - p}{1 - p} \cdot \binom{n}{y} \theta^y (1 - \theta)^{n-y}.$$

**3.9 Solution.** Let  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{ZTB}(m, \pi)$  and the observed data be  $Y_{\text{obs}} = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}$ . Then, the observed-data likelihood function is given by

$$\begin{aligned} L(\pi | Y_{\text{obs}}) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\binom{m}{y_i} \pi^{y_i} (1 - \pi)^{m-y_i}}{1 - (1 - \pi)^m} \\ &\propto \pi^{n\bar{y}} (1 - \pi)^{n(m-\bar{y})} \cdot [1 - (1 - \pi)^m]^{-n}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\bar{y} = (1/n) \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$  is a sufficient statistic of  $\pi$ , and the log-likelihood function is

$$\begin{aligned} \ell(\pi|Y_{\text{obs}}) &= n \left\{ \bar{y} \log(\pi) + (m - \bar{y}) \log(1 - \pi) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \log[1 - (1 - \pi)^m] \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.13)$$

From (3.13), the first and second derivatives of the log-likelihood function are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\ell(\pi|Y_{\text{obs}})}{d\pi} &= n \left[ \frac{\bar{y}}{\pi} - \frac{m - \bar{y}}{1 - \pi} - \frac{m(1 - \pi)^{m-1}}{1 - (1 - \pi)^m} \right] \quad \text{and} \\ \frac{d^2\ell(\pi|Y_{\text{obs}})}{d\pi^2} &= n \left[ -\frac{\bar{y}}{\pi^2} - \frac{m - \pi}{(1 - \pi)^2} + \frac{m(1 - \pi)^{m-2} \cdot A}{[1 - (1 - \pi)^m]^2} \right], \end{aligned}$$

respectively, where

$$A = (m - 1)[1 - (1 - \pi)^m] + m(1 - \pi)^m.$$

Let  $Y \sim \text{ZTB}(m, \pi)$ , then  $E(Y) = m\pi/[1 - (1 - \pi)^m] = E(\bar{Y})$ . Thus, the Fisher information is

$$\begin{aligned} J(\pi) &= E \left[ -\frac{d^2\ell(\pi|Y_{\text{obs}})}{d\pi^2} \right] \\ &= \frac{nm}{1 - (1 - \pi)^m} \left\{ \frac{1}{\pi} + \frac{1 - (1 - \pi)^{m-1}}{1 - \pi} - \frac{(1 - \pi)^{m-2} \cdot A}{1 - (1 - \pi)^m} \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\pi^{(0)}$  be initial value of the MLE  $\hat{\pi}$ . If  $\pi^{(t)}$  denotes the  $t$ -th approximation of  $\hat{\pi}$ , then, its  $(t + 1)$ -th approximation can be obtained by the following Fisher scoring algorithm:

$$\pi^{(t+1)} = \pi^{(t)} + J^{-1}(\pi^{(t)}) \frac{d\ell(\pi^{(t)}|Y_{\text{obs}})}{d\pi}$$

**3.10 Solution.** (a) The likelihood function is

$$L(\theta) = \left(\frac{1}{2\pi\theta}\right)^{n/2} \exp\left\{-\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu_0)^2}{2\theta}\right\}$$

so that

$$\ell(\theta) = \log L(\theta) = -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{n}{2} \log(\theta) - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu_0)^2}{2\theta}.$$

Therefore, the solution to

$$0 = \frac{d\ell(\theta)}{d\theta} = -\frac{n}{2\theta} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu_0)^2}{2\theta^2}$$

yields the MLE of  $\theta$ , given by

$$\hat{\theta} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu_0)^2.$$

(b) Note that the sample size is  $n$ , we then denote  $\hat{\theta}$  by  $\hat{\theta}_n$ . From Example 3.19, we have  $I(\theta) = 1/(2\theta^2)$ . From (3.34) of Chapter 3 (page 151), we obtain

$$[nI(\theta)]^{1/2}(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta) = \sqrt{\frac{n}{2\theta^2}}(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta) \xrightarrow{L} N(0, 1).$$

Hence

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta) = \sqrt{2\theta^2} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{n}{2\theta^2}}(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta) \xrightarrow{L} N(0, 2\theta^2).$$

**3.11 Solution.** (a) The joint density of  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  is

$$f(\mathbf{x}; \theta) = \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^n g(x_i) \right\} \times h^{-n}(\theta) \prod_{i=1}^n I_{[a(\theta), b(\theta)]}(x_i). \quad (3.14)$$

Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{i=1}^n I_{[a(\theta), b(\theta)]}(x_i) = 1 &\iff a(\theta) \leq x_{(1)}, x_{(n)} \leq b(\theta) \\ &\iff \theta \leq \min\{a^{-1}(x_{(1)}), b^{-1}(x_{(n)})\}. \end{aligned}$$

Define  $\tilde{\theta} = \min\{a^{-1}(x_{(1)}), b^{-1}(x_{(n)})\}$ , we have

$$f(\mathbf{x}; \theta) = \left\{ h^{-n}(\theta) \prod_{i=1}^n I_{[\theta, \infty)}(\tilde{\theta}) \right\} \times \prod_{i=1}^n g(x_i).$$

Thus  $\hat{\theta} \triangleq \min\{a^{-1}(X_{(1)}), b^{-1}(X_{(n)})\}$  is a sufficient statistic for  $\theta$ .

(b) The joint density is still given by (3.14). Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{i=1}^n I_{[a(\theta), b(\theta)]}(x_i) = 1 &\iff a(\theta) \leq x_{(1)}, x_{(n)} \leq b(\theta) \\ &\iff \theta \geq \max\{a^{-1}(x_{(1)}), b^{-1}(x_{(n)})\}. \end{aligned}$$

Define  $\tilde{\theta} = \max\{a^{-1}(x_{(1)}), b^{-1}(x_{(n)})\}$ , we have

$$f(\mathbf{x}; \theta) = \left\{ h^{-n}(\theta) \prod_{i=1}^n I_{(-\infty, \theta]}(\tilde{\theta}) \right\} \times \prod_{i=1}^n g(x_i).$$

Thus  $\hat{\theta} \triangleq \max\{a^{-1}(X_{(1)}), b^{-1}(X_{(n)})\}$  is a sufficient statistic for  $\theta$ .

(c) We only consider Case (a). The log-likelihood is

$$\ell(\theta) = -n \log h(\theta) + \sum_{i=1}^n \log g(x_i), \quad \theta \leq \tilde{\theta}.$$

Let  $\theta_2 \geq \theta_1$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} h(\theta_2) - h(\theta_1) &= \int_{a(\theta_2)}^{b(\theta_2)} g(x) \, dx - \int_{a(\theta_1)}^{b(\theta_1)} g(x) \, dx \\ &= - \int_{a(\theta_1)}^{a(\theta_2)} g(x) \, dx - \int_{b(\theta_2)}^{b(\theta_1)} g(x) \, dx \\ &\leq 0, \\ &\Rightarrow \ell(\theta_2) \geq \ell(\theta_1), \end{aligned}$$

$\ell(\theta)$  is an increasing function of  $\theta$ . Thus  $\tilde{\theta}$  is the mle of  $\theta$  and  $\hat{\theta}$  is the MLE of  $\theta$ .

**3.12 Solution.** (a) Since  $Y \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\theta)$ , we have  $E(Y) = \theta$  and  $E(Y^2) = \theta$ . On the other hand, from  $U \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ , we obtain

$$E(U) = \lambda \quad \text{and} \quad E(U^2) = \text{Var}(U) + (EU)^2 = \lambda + \lambda^2.$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{X} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i = E(X) = E(Y) + E(U) = \theta + \lambda, \\ \Delta &\doteq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 = E(X^2) = E(Y^2) + E(U^2) + 2E(YU) \\ &= \theta + \lambda + \lambda^2 + 2\theta\lambda \\ &= (\theta + \lambda) + \lambda[\theta + (\theta + \lambda)], \end{aligned}$$

we obtain the moment estimators as

$$\hat{\lambda}^M = \frac{\Delta - \bar{X}}{\hat{\theta}^M + \bar{X}} \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\theta}^M = \sqrt{\bar{X}(1 + \bar{X}) - \Delta}.$$

(b) We first find the distribution of  $X = Y + U$ . We consider two cases. If  $x = 0$ , then

$$\Pr(X = x) = \Pr(Y + U = 0) = \Pr(Y = 0, U = 0) = (1 - \theta)e^{-\lambda}.$$

If  $x \geq 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(X = x) &= \Pr(Y + U = x) \\ &= \sum_{y=0}^1 \Pr(Y = y, U = x - y) \\ &= \sum_{y=0}^1 \theta^y (1 - \theta)^{1-y} \cdot \frac{\lambda^{x-y}}{(x-y)!} e^{-\lambda} \\ &= (1 - \theta) \frac{\lambda^x}{x!} e^{-\lambda} + \theta \frac{\lambda^{x-1}}{(x-1)!} e^{-\lambda}. \end{aligned}$$

Without loss of generality, we assume  $X_i = 0$  for  $i = 1, \dots, m$  and  $X_i \geq 1$  for  $i = m+1, \dots, n$ . Thus, the likelihood function is

$$\begin{aligned} & L(\theta, \lambda | x_1, \dots, x_n) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^m \Pr(X_i = 0) \times \prod_{i=m+1}^n \Pr(X_i = x_i) \\ &= (1 - \theta)^m e^{-m\lambda} \prod_{i=m+1}^n \left[ (1 - \theta) \frac{\lambda^{x_i}}{x_i!} e^{-\lambda} + \theta \frac{\lambda^{x_i-1}}{(x_i - 1)!} e^{-\lambda} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Define  $\ell(\theta, \lambda) = \log L(\theta, \lambda | x_1, \dots, x_n)$ . Let

$$\frac{\partial \ell(\theta, \lambda)}{\partial \theta} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\partial \ell(\theta, \lambda)}{\partial \lambda} = 0,$$

we could obtain the mles of  $\theta$  and  $\lambda$ . However, for the current situation, explicit solutions are not available. We need to use an iterative method such as Newton–Raphson algorithm.

**3.13 Solution.** (a) Example 3.24 showed that  $Y_1$  is a sufficient statistic for  $\theta$ . The cdf of  $X$  is

$$F(y; \theta) = \int_{\theta}^y f(x; \theta) dx = 1 - e^{-(y-\theta)}, \quad y \geq \theta.$$

Then, the density of  $Y_1$  is

$$g_1(y) = n[1 - F(y; \theta)]^{n-1} f(y; \theta) = ne^{-n(y-\theta)}, \quad y \geq \theta.$$

We can prove that  $Y_1$  is also complete. According to Definition 3.9 on page 146, if

$$E[h(Y_1)] = 0 \quad \text{for all } \theta \in (-\infty, \infty),$$

then

$$E[h(Y_1)] = \int_{\theta}^{\infty} h(y) \cdot ne^{-n(y-\theta)} dy = 0.$$

This implies that

$$\int_{\theta}^{\infty} h(y)e^{-ny} dy = 0 \quad \text{for all } \theta \in (-\infty, \infty).$$

Differentiating both sides of the above identity with respect to  $\theta$  yields

$$h(\theta)e^{-n\theta} = 0,$$

i.e.,  $h(Y_1) = 0$  with probability 1. Therefore,  $Y_1$  is complete.

(b) Now

$$E(Y_1) = \int_{\theta}^{\infty} y \cdot ne^{-n(y-\theta)} dy = \theta + 1/n.$$

Then  $g(Y_1) = Y_1 - 1/n$  is an unbiased estimator of  $\theta$ . Using Theorem 3.7, we know that  $Y_1 - 1/n$  is the unique UMVUE of  $\theta$ .

**3.14 Solution.** (a) The joint pmf of  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  is

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n; \theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\theta} \cdot I_{(1 \leq x_i \leq \theta)} = \left\{ \frac{1}{\theta^n} I_{(x_{(n)} \leq \theta)} \right\} \cdot I_{(x_{(1)} \geq 1)}.$$

By Theorem 3.5 (Factorization Theorem),  $Y \triangleq X_{(n)}$  is sufficient for  $\theta$ . The cdf of  $X$  is

$$F(m) = \Pr(X \leq m) = \sum_{x=1}^m \frac{1}{\theta} = \frac{m}{\theta}, \quad m = 1, 2, \dots, \theta.$$

and the cdf of  $Y$  is

$$G_n(y) = \Pr(Y \leq y) = \Pr(X_{(n)} \leq y) = [F(y)]^n = [y/\theta]^n.$$

To prove that  $Y$  is also complete, we need to derive the pmf of  $Y$ :

$$\begin{aligned} g_n(y) &= \Pr(Y = y) \\ &= \Pr(Y \leq y) - \Pr(Y \leq y-1) \\ &= G_n(y) - G_n(y-1) \\ &= \left(\frac{y}{\theta}\right)^n - \left(\frac{y-1}{\theta}\right)^n, \quad y = 1, 2, \dots, \theta. \end{aligned}$$

If a function  $h(y)$  satisfies

$$E[h(Y)] = 0 \quad \text{for all } \theta = 1, 2, \dots$$

then

$$E[h(Y)] = \sum_{y=1}^{\theta} h(y) \frac{y^n - (y-1)^n}{\theta^n} = 0 \quad \text{for all } \theta = 1, 2, \dots$$

If  $\theta = 1$ , then, we have  $y = 1$  and

$$h(1) \cdot \frac{1^n - 0^n}{1^n} = 0,$$

i.e.,  $h(1) = 0$ . If  $\theta = 2$ , then we have

$$h(1) \cdot \frac{1^n - 0^n}{1^n} + h(2) \cdot \frac{2^n - 1^n}{2^n} = 0,$$

i.e.,  $h(2) = 0$ . By induction  $h(y) = 0$  for  $y = 1, 2, \dots, \theta$ . Therefore,  $Y$  is also complete.

(b) Let

$$g(Y) = \frac{Y^{n+1} - (Y-1)^{n+1}}{Y^n - (Y-1)^n},$$

then

$$\begin{aligned} E[g(Y)] &= \sum_{y=1}^{\theta} g(y) \cdot g_n(y) \\ &= \sum_{y=1}^{\theta} \frac{y^{n+1} - (y-1)^{n+1}}{y^n - (y-1)^n} \cdot \frac{y^n - (y-1)^n}{\theta^n} \\ &= \theta^{-n} \sum_{y=1}^{\theta} [y^{n+1} - (y-1)^{n+1}] \\ &= \theta. \end{aligned}$$

Then  $g(Y)$  is an unbiased estimator of  $\theta$ . By Theorem 3.7, we know that  $g(Y)$  is the unique UMVUE of  $\theta$ .



**3.15 Solution.** (a) The pmf of  $X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\theta)$  is

$$f(x; \theta) = \theta^x (1 - \theta)^{1-x}, \quad x = 0, 1,$$

so that  $\log f(x; \theta) = x \log \theta + (1 - x) \log(1 - \theta)$  and  $E(X) = \theta$ . From Example 3.17,  $I_n(\theta) = nI(\theta) = n/[\theta(1-\theta)]$ . From Theorem 3.3 on page 129, we know the CR lower bound is given by

$$\frac{[\tau'(\theta)]^2}{I_n(\theta)} = \frac{\theta(1-\theta)(1-2\theta)^2}{n}.$$

(b) From Example 3.28, we know that  $T = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  is a complete sufficient statistic for  $\theta$ . Let  $S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$  denote the sample variance. Note that  $X_i$  only takes value 0 or 1, then

$$S^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 - n\bar{X}^2}{n-1} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i - n\bar{X}^2}{n-1} = \frac{T - T^2/n}{n-1} \triangleq g(T)$$

is a function of  $T$ . Since

$$\begin{aligned} E(S^2) &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n E(X_i) - nE(\bar{X}^2)}{n-1} = \frac{n\theta - n[\text{Var}(\bar{X}) + (E\bar{X})^2]}{n-1} \\ &= \frac{n\theta - n[\theta(1-\theta)/n + \theta^2]}{n-1} = \theta(1-\theta), \end{aligned}$$

i.e.,  $S^2 = g(T)$  is an unbiased estimator of  $\tau = \theta(1-\theta)$ . According to Lehmann–Scheffe Theorem,  $S^2$  is the unique UMVUE of  $\tau(\theta)$ .

**3.16 Solution.** (a) The joint pmf of  $(Y_1, Y_2)$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} &\Pr(Y_1 = y_1, Y_2 = y_2) \\ &= \Pr(X_0 + X_1 = y_1, X_0 + X_2 = y_2) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{\min(y_1, y_2)} \Pr(X_0 = k) \cdot \Pr(X_0 + X_1 = y_1, X_0 + X_2 = y_2 | X_0 = k) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sum_{k=0}^{\min(y_1, y_2)} \Pr(X_0 = k) \cdot \Pr(X_1 = y_1 - k, X_2 = y_2 - k | X_0 = k) \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{\min(y_1, y_2)} \Pr(X_0 = k) \cdot \Pr(X_1 = y_1 - k) \cdot \Pr(X_2 = y_2 - k) \\
&= \sum_{k=0}^{\min(y_1, y_2)} \frac{\lambda_0^k e^{-\lambda_0}}{k!} \cdot \frac{\lambda_1^{y_1-k} e^{-\lambda_1}}{(y_1 - k)!} \cdot \frac{\lambda_2^{y_2-k} e^{-\lambda_2}}{(y_2 - k)!} \\
&= e^{-\lambda_0 - \lambda_1 - \lambda_2} \sum_{k=0}^{\min(y_1, y_2)} \frac{\lambda_0^k \lambda_1^{y_1-k} \lambda_2^{y_2-k}}{k! (y_1 - k)! (y_2 - k)!}.
\end{aligned}$$

(b) Since  $\min(\mathbf{y}_j) = \min(y_{1j}, y_{2j}) = 0$  for all  $j$ , the likelihood function of  $(\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2)$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
L(\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2) &= \prod_{j=1}^n e^{-\lambda_0 - \lambda_1 - \lambda_2} \sum_{k=0}^{\min(y_{1j}, y_{2j})} \frac{\lambda_0^k \lambda_1^{y_{1j}-k} \lambda_2^{y_{2j}-k}}{k! (y_{1j} - k)! (y_{2j} - k)!} \\
&= \prod_{j=1}^n e^{-\lambda_0 - \lambda_1 - \lambda_2} \frac{\lambda_1^{y_{1j}} \lambda_2^{y_{2j}}}{y_{1j}! y_{2j}!} \\
&\propto \lambda_1^{n\bar{y}_1} \lambda_2^{n\bar{y}_2} e^{-n(\lambda_0 + \lambda_1 + \lambda_2)},
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\bar{y}_i = (1/n) \sum_{j=1}^n y_{ij}$  for  $i = 1, 2$ , so that the log-likelihood function is

$$\ell(\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2) = n[\bar{y}_1 \log \lambda_1 + \bar{y}_2 \log \lambda_2 - \lambda_0 - \lambda_1 - \lambda_2].$$

Let  $\partial \ell(\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2) / \partial \lambda_i = 0$ , then, the MLE of  $\lambda_i$  is

$$\hat{\lambda}_i = \bar{Y}_i = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n Y_{ij}}{n}, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

Given  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ , since  $\ell(\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2)$  is a monotone decreasing function of  $\lambda_0$ , so the MLE of  $\lambda_0$  is  $\hat{\lambda}_0 = 0$ .

**3.17 Solution.** (a) In the last row of Table 1.2 of Chapter 1, we set  $r = 1$ , then the negative binomial distribution reduces to the geometric distribution. Let  $X$  denote the population random variable of the geometric distribution, then  $E(X) = 1/p$ . Let the sample mean be equal to the population mean; i.e.,  $\bar{X} = E(X) = 1/p$ , we obtain the moment estimator

$$\hat{p}^M = \frac{1}{\bar{X}}.$$

(b) The joint density of  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  is

$$f(\mathbf{x}; p) = p^n (1 - p)^{n\bar{x} - n}, \quad x_i = 1, 2, \dots,$$

so that the log-likelihood function of  $p$  is

$$\ell(p) = n \log(p) + n(\bar{x} - 1) \log(1 - p).$$

Therefore, the MLE of  $p$  is  $\hat{p} = 1/\bar{X}$ .

(c) Since  $p \sim U[0, 1]$ , the posterior density of  $p$  is

$$p(p|\mathbf{x}) \propto p^n (1 - p)^{n\bar{x} - n},$$

so that  $p|\mathbf{x} \sim \text{Beta}(n + 1, n\bar{x} - n + 1)$ . Therefore,

$$E(p|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{n + 1}{n\bar{x} + 2}$$

is the Bayesian estimate of  $p$ , and  $(n + 1)/(n\bar{X} + 2)$  is the Bayesian estimator of  $p$ .