

1. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be i.i.d. sample from  $\text{Normal}(\theta, a\theta)$ , where  $\theta$  is unknown.
  - (a) Find the  $1 - \alpha$  confidence set for  $a$  that is obtained from the LRT of  $H_0 : a = a_0$  versus  $H_1 : a \neq a_0$ .
  - (b) Assume that  $a = 1$  is known, show that  $(\bar{X} - \theta)/\sqrt{a\theta/n}$  is pivot and derive a  $1 - \alpha$  confidence set for  $\theta$ .
  - (c) Assume that  $a = 1$  is known, show that  $(\bar{X} - \theta)/\sqrt{S^2/n}$  is pivot and derive a  $1 - \alpha$  confidence set for  $\theta$ .
  - (d) Assume that  $a = 1$  is known, show that  $(n - 1)S^2/\theta$  is pivot and derive a  $1 - \alpha$  confidence set for  $\theta$ .
2. Let  $X$  be a single observation from density  $f(x) = \theta x^{\theta-1}, 0 \leq x \leq 1$ .
  - (a) Let  $Y = -\log(X)^{-1}$ , evaluate the confidence coefficient of the set  $[y/2, y]$ .
  - (b) Find a pivotal quantity and use it to construct a confidence interval having the same confidence coefficient as in part (a).
  - (c) Compare the length from part (a) and (b).
3. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be i.i.d. sample from  $\text{Normal}(\theta, \sigma^2)$ .
  - (a) If  $\sigma^2$  is known, find a minimum value of  $n$  such that a  $1 - \alpha$  confidence interval for  $\theta$  will have length no more than  $\delta > 0$ .
  - (b) If  $\sigma^2$  is unknown, find a minimum value of  $n$  such that a  $1 - \alpha$  confidence interval for  $\theta$  will have expected length no more than  $\delta > 0$ .
  - (c) Compare the length from part (a) and (b).
4. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be iid  $\text{Normal}(\theta, \theta^2)$ . Give or describe four asymptotic confidence intervals for  $\theta$ .
5. *A variance stabilizing approach.* Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be i.i.d. from a Poisson distribution with mean  $\theta$ , and let  $\hat{\theta}_n = \bar{X}_n$  be the maximum likelihood estimator of  $\theta$ .
  - (a) Find a function  $g : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$Z_n = \sqrt{n}[g(\hat{\theta}_n) - g(\theta)] \Rightarrow N(0, 1).$$

- (b) Find a  $1 - \alpha$  asymptotic confidence interval for  $\theta$  based on the approximate pivot  $Z_n$ .