

1. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be i.i.d. normal distribution  $N(\mu, 1)$  random variables with unknown  $\mu$ . Instead of recording all the observations, we record only whether the observations is less than 0. In other words, we record  $Y_i = \mathbb{I}_{\{X_i < 0\}}$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ . Find a MLE of  $\mu$ . You may use  $\Phi(x)$  to denote the CDF of a standard normal random variable  $N(0, 1)$ .
2. Let  $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  be a random sample from  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  containing all *symmetric distributions* with finite means and with proper probability density functions. Here, symmetric means that the pdf is a symmetric function, i.e., there exist a constant  $b$  such that  $f(b - x) = f(b + x)$  for all  $x > 0$ .
  - (a) When  $n = 1$ , show that  $X_1$  is the UMVUE of  $\mu = \mathbb{E}[X]$ .
  - (b) (For this part only.) Let  $(X_1, \dots, X_n), n \geq 2$ , be a random sample from the uniform distribution on the interval  $[\theta_1 - \theta_2, \theta_1 + \theta_2]$  where  $\theta_2 > 0$ . Find the UMVUE of  $\theta_1$ .
  - (c) (Back to the setting of the main question.) When  $n > 1$ , show that there is no UMVUE of  $\mu = \mathbb{E}[X]$ . [Hint: Consider the family in Part (b). Use the uniqueness of UMVUE.]
3. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be i.i.d. random variables with probability density function

$$f(x; \theta) = \frac{1}{\theta} f_0\left(\frac{x}{\theta}\right),$$

where  $\theta > 0$  is an unknown parameter,  $\mathbb{E}[|X_1|] < \infty$  and  $f_0(\cdot)$  is known, does not depend on  $\theta$  and is differentiable.

- (a) Suppose  $\eta = h(\theta)$ , where  $h(\cdot)$  is an invertible differentiable one-to-one function. Find an expression for the Fisher information  $I^\eta(\eta)$  based on  $X_1$  in terms of  $I^\theta(\theta)$ , the Fisher information for  $\theta$  based on  $X_1$ .
- (b) Let

$$\hat{\theta} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{|X_i|}{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x| f_0(x) dx}.$$

Is  $\hat{\theta}$  unbiased? If  $\mathbb{E}[X_i^2] < \infty$ , is it consistent? What is the asymptotic distribution of  $\hat{\theta}$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ?

4. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be iid  $\text{Normal}(\mu, \sigma^2)$  random samples, with known  $\sigma^2 > 0$ .
  - (a) Find the UMVUE of  $e^{\mu t}$  for a fixed  $t$ . Show that the variance of the UMVUE is larger than the Cramér-Rao lower bound but the ratio of the variance and the lower bound converges to 1 as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
  - (b) Find the UMVUE of  $\mathbb{P}(X_1 < t)$  with fixed  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ .
5. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  and  $Y_1, \dots, Y_m$  be two independent i.i.d. RV from  $\mathcal{N}(\mu_1, \sigma^2)$  and  $\mathcal{N}(\mu_2, \sigma^2)$ .
  - (a) Show that the MLE of  $(\mu_1, \mu_2, \sigma^2)$  is  $\bar{X}$ ,  $\bar{Y}$ , and

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{m+n} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 + \sum_{j=1}^m (Y_j - \bar{Y})^2 \right).$$

- (b) Let  $s_{pooled}^2 = \frac{m+n}{m+n-2} \hat{\sigma}^2$ . Show that  $s_{pooled}^2$  is unbiased, and then show it is UMVUE.