

### HOMEWORK-4

#### PROBLEM 1

1. If  $f(x|\theta)$  satisfies

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} E_{\theta} \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(x|\theta) \right) = \int \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left[ \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(x|\theta) \right) f(x|\theta) \right] dx$$

Show that

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

Solution :- Let  $\ell(\theta) = \log f(x|\theta)$ , then  $\ell'(\theta) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(x|\theta) = \frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(x|\theta)}{f(x|\theta)}$

Now, the given information above can be expressed as

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} E_{\theta} [\ell'(\theta)] = \int \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} [\ell'(\theta) \cdot \ell(\theta)] dx$$

$$\text{Also we have } \frac{d\ell}{d\theta} = \ell'(\theta) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(x|\theta) = \frac{1}{f(x|\theta)} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(x|\theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow \ell(\theta) f(x|\theta) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(x|\theta)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore E_{\theta} [\ell'(\theta)] &= \int \left( \frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \theta} \right) f(x|\theta) dx = \int \underbrace{\frac{1}{f(x|\theta)}}_{\text{cancel}} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(x|\theta) \cdot f(x|\theta) dx \\ &= \int \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(x|\theta) dx = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \underbrace{\int f(x|\theta) dx}_{=1} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (1) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore E_{\theta} [\ell'(\theta)] = 0$$

$$\text{Now } \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} E_{\theta} [\ell'(\theta)] = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} (0) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \int \ell'(\theta) f(x|\theta) dx = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \int \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} [\ell'(\theta) f(x|\theta)]}_{\text{cancel}} dx = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \ell'(\theta) f(x|\theta) = \underbrace{\ell''(\theta)}_{||} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(x|\theta)}_{||} + \ell''(\theta) f(x|\theta)$$

$$= \frac{1}{f(x|\theta)} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(x|\theta) \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(x|\theta) + \ell''(\theta) f(x|\theta)$$

$$= \frac{1}{f(x|\theta)} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(x|\theta) \right]^2 + \ell''(\theta) f(x|\theta)$$

$$\therefore 0 = \int \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} [\ell'(\theta) f(x|\theta)] dx = \int \frac{1}{f(x|\theta)} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(x|\theta) \right]^2 dx + \underbrace{\int \ell''(\theta) f(x|\theta) dx}_{E_\theta[\ell''(\theta)]}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \int \frac{1}{f(x|\theta)} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(x|\theta) \right]^2 dx + E_\theta[\ell''(\theta)]$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \int \underbrace{\frac{1}{f(x|\theta)} \cdot \frac{1}{f(x|\theta)} \cdot \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} f(x|\theta) \right]^2}_{\frac{f(x|\theta)}{f(x|\theta)}} dx + E_\theta[\ell''(\theta)]$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \int \underbrace{\left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(x|\theta) \right]^2}_{\frac{f(x|\theta)}{f(x|\theta)}} dx + E_\theta[\ell''(\theta)]$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \underbrace{\int \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \ell(\theta) \right]^2 f(x|\theta) dx}_{E_\theta[\{\ell'(\theta)\}^2]} + E_\theta[\ell''(\theta)]$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = E_\theta[(\ell')^2] + E_\theta[\ell''(\theta)]$$

$$\Rightarrow E_\theta[(\ell')^2] = -E_\theta[\ell''(\theta)]$$

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

Q.E.D

2. For each of the following distributions, let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ , be a random sample. Is there a function of  $\theta$ , say  $g(\theta)$ , for which there exists an unbiased estimator whose variance attains the Cramér-Rao lower bound? If so, find it. If not, show why not.

a)  $f(x|\theta) = \theta x^{\theta-1}, x \in (0, 1), \theta > 0$

b)  $f(x|\theta) = \frac{\log \theta}{\theta-1} \theta^x, x \in (0, 1), \theta > 1$

Solutions a)  $f(x|\theta) = \theta x^{\theta-1}$ ,  $\ell(\theta) = \log f(x|\theta) = \log \theta x^{\theta-1}$   
 $\Rightarrow \ell(\theta) = \log \theta + (\theta-1) \log x$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Log Likelihood} := \log L(\theta) &= \log \left( \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i|\theta) \right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log f(x_i|\theta) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \log(\theta) + (\theta-1) \log x_i \\ &= n \log \theta + (\theta-1) \sum_{i=1}^n \log x_i\end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log L(\theta) = \frac{n}{\theta} + \sum_{i=1}^n \log x_i \quad \parallel \quad \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \log L(\theta) = -\frac{n}{\theta^2}$$

$$\text{Fisher Information } I(\theta) = -E_x \left[ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \log L(\theta) \right]$$

$$= -E_x \left[ -\frac{n}{\theta^2} \right] = \frac{n}{\theta^2}$$

$$\text{CR inequality says } \text{Var}_{\theta}(\hat{g}) \geq \frac{[g'(\theta)]^2}{I(\theta)}$$

where  $I(\theta)$  is the Fisher Information.

Equality can hold only if

$$\hat{g}(x) = g(\theta) + C(\theta) [\text{score function}]$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Hence, score function } s(x, \theta) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log \ell(\theta) \\ &\Rightarrow s(x, \theta) = \frac{1}{\theta} + \ln x\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \hat{g}(x) = g(\theta) + C(\theta) \left[ \frac{1}{\theta} + \ln x \right]$$

But  $\hat{g}(x)$  cannot depend explicitly on  $\theta$ . Hence  $C(\theta)$  must be zero to suppress the dependence on  $\frac{1}{\theta}$ .

Then  $\hat{g}(x) = g(\theta)$  which means  $\hat{g}(x)$  doesn't depend on  $x$  at all but is a constant w.r.t  $x$ .

$\therefore$  we don't have any  $g(\theta)$  other than a constant that can achieve the CR lower bound.

$$(b) f(x|\theta) = \frac{\log(\theta)}{\theta-1} x^\theta, 0 < x < 1; \theta > 1$$

$$S(x, \theta) = \frac{1}{\theta \log \theta} - \frac{1}{\theta-1} + \ln x. \text{ which depends on both } x \text{ & } \theta.$$

Similar to part a,  $C(\theta) = 0$  as

$$\hat{g}(x) = g(\theta) + C(\theta) \left[ \frac{1}{\theta \log \theta} - \frac{1}{\theta-1} + \ln x \right]$$

to suppress the explicit dependence of  $\hat{g}(x)$  on  $\theta$

Hence no non-constant  $g(\theta)$  can achieve the CR-lower bound.

PROBLEM 2: (Unbiased Estimators)

1. Let  $x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}$  be i.i.d  $\text{Bern}(p)$  and define

$$h(p) = P\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i > x_{n+1} \mid p\right)$$

a) Show that  $T(x_1, \dots, x_{n+1}) = \begin{cases} 1 & ; \sum_{i=1}^n x_i > x_{n+1} \\ 0 & ; \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

is an unbiased estimator of  $h(p)$

b) Find the best unbiased estimator of  $h(p)$ .

Solution: a) Clearly,  $T$  is an indicator random variable & hence

$$E[T] = P\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i > x_{n+1}\right) = h(p)$$

And that is the definition for an estimator to be unbiased  
i.e. the expectation of the estimator must match the  
estimand which is  $h(p)$  here.

b) Best unbiased estimator of  $h(p)$  i.e. UMVUE of  $h(p)$

The best unbiased estimator is obtained by conditioning  
 $T$  on the minimal sufficient statistic for  $p$ .

For Bernoulli Random variables, this M.S.S is  $S = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} x_i$ .

Hence the UMVUE is

$$\hat{h}_{\text{UMVUE}}(S) = E[T|S] = \Pr\left(\frac{1}{\{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i > x_{n+1}\}} \mid S\right)$$

Now, when  $x_{n+1} = 0$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i > x_{n+1} = 0$

$$\text{or } \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \geq 1$$

$$\text{or } \sum_{i=1}^n x_i + \underline{0} \geq 1$$

$$\text{or } \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \text{ if } \underline{x_{n+1}} \geq 1 \text{ or } \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} x_i \geq 1 \text{ or } S \geq 1 \text{ or } S > 0$$

Similarly, when  $X_{n+1} = 1$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i > X_{n+1} = 1$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \geq 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n X_i + \underline{1} \geq 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n X_i + \underline{X_{n+1}} \geq 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} X_i \geq 3 \text{ or } S \geq 3.$$

$$\therefore E[T|S] = \frac{\mathbf{1}_{\{S \geq 0\}} \binom{n}{S} + \mathbf{1}_{\{S \geq 3\}} \binom{n}{S-1}}{\binom{n}{S} + \binom{n}{S-1}}$$

$$= \frac{\mathbf{1}_{\{S \geq 0\}} \binom{n}{S} + \mathbf{1}_{\{S \geq 3\}} \binom{n}{S-1}}{\binom{n+1}{S}}$$

$$\therefore \hat{h}_{\text{UMVUE}}(S) = \begin{cases} 0, & S = 0 \text{ or } \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} X_i = 0 \\ \frac{n}{n+1}, & S = 1 = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} X_i \\ \frac{n-1}{n+1}, & S = 2 \\ 1 & S \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

is the best unbiased estimator for  $h(p)$  among all unbiased estimators of  $h(p)$ .

2. Let  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  be iid exponential( $\lambda$ ) with pdf  $f(x|\lambda) = \frac{1}{\lambda} e^{-x/\lambda}$ ,  $x > 0$ .

- a) Find an unbiased estimator of  $\lambda$  based only on  $Y = \min\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$   
 b) Find a better estimator than the one in part (a). Prove that it is better.

Solution :  $f(x|\lambda) = \frac{1}{\lambda} e^{-x/\lambda}$ ,  $x > 0$

$$Y := \min\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$$

Claim :-

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{n}{\lambda} e^{-ny/\lambda}, y > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y) = 1 - P(Y > y)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow F_Y(y) &= 1 - P(\min\{x_1, \dots, x_n\} > y) \\ &= 1 - P(x_1 > y, x_2 > y, \dots, x_n > y) \\ &= 1 - P(x_1 > y) \dots P(x_n > y) \\ &\quad \because \text{independence.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 1 - (e^{-y/\lambda}) \dots (e^{-y/\lambda}) \\ &= 1 - e^{-yn/\lambda}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_Y(y) = \frac{\partial}{\partial y} F_Y(y) = -e^{-y/\lambda} \cdot \frac{-n}{\lambda} = \frac{n}{\lambda} e^{-ny/\lambda}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_Y(y) = \frac{n}{\lambda} e^{-ny/\lambda}. \quad \underline{\text{Q.E.D}}$$

$$\text{Now } E[Y] = \int y \cdot f_Y(y) dy = \int_0^\infty y \frac{n}{\lambda} e^{-ny/\lambda} dy = \frac{n}{\lambda} \int_0^\infty y e^{-ny/\lambda} dy$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline \text{Set } u = \frac{ny}{\lambda} \Rightarrow du = \frac{n}{\lambda} dy & \begin{array}{l} y \rightarrow 0, u \rightarrow 0 \\ y \rightarrow \infty, u \rightarrow \infty \end{array} \\ \infty y = \frac{u\lambda}{n} & \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\therefore E[Y] = \frac{n}{\lambda} \int_0^\infty \frac{u\lambda}{n} \cdot e^{-u} \frac{\lambda}{n} du = \frac{\lambda}{n} \int_0^\infty u e^{-u} du = \frac{\lambda}{n} \cdot 1 = \frac{\lambda}{n}.$$

$$\int_0^\infty u e^{-u} du = u \int_0^\infty e^{-u} du - \int_0^\infty u e^{-u} du = -u e^{-u} \Big|_0^\infty - e^{-u} \Big|_0^\infty = (0 - 0) - (0 - 1) = 1$$

$$\therefore E[Y] = \frac{\lambda}{n}.$$

$$\Rightarrow E[nY] = \lambda.$$

Note:  $\text{exponential}(\lambda) = \frac{1}{\lambda} e^{-\frac{x}{\lambda}}$   
 has  $E[\text{exponential}(\lambda)] = \lambda$   
 $\text{Var}[\text{exponential}(\lambda)] = \lambda^2$ .

$\therefore$  If we define  $T_1 := nY$ , then  $T_1$  is an unbiased estimator of  $\lambda$  and is based only on  $n$ .

Solution b) We know that the mean of the exponential distribution is  $\lambda$ . We claim that the empirical mean, which we define as  $T_2 = \bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum x_i$  is a better estimator of  $\lambda$  in the sense that it has lower variance than the estimator  $T_1 = nY$ .

$$\text{Recall the } f_Y(y) = \frac{n}{\lambda} e^{-ny/\lambda} = \frac{n}{\lambda} e^{-\alpha y} = \text{exponential}(\alpha)$$

$$\text{Var}(\text{exponential}(\frac{1}{\lambda})) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2} = \left(\frac{1}{n/\lambda}\right)^2 = \frac{\lambda^2}{n^2}.$$

$$\therefore \text{Var}(T_1) = \text{Var}(nY) = n^2 \text{Var}(Y) = n^2 \frac{\lambda^2}{n^2} = \lambda^2.$$

$$\text{Var}(T_2) = \text{Var}(\bar{X}) = \text{Var}\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n^2} \text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(x_i) \quad (\because \text{independence})$$

$$= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(\text{exponential}(\lambda))$$

$$= \frac{1}{n^2} n \cdot \text{Var}(\text{exponential}(\lambda))$$

$$= \frac{1}{n^2} \cdot n \cdot (\lambda)^2$$

$$\text{Var}(T_1) = \frac{\lambda^2}{n} = \text{Var}(T_2).$$

Clearly  $\lambda^2 > \frac{\lambda^2}{n}$ , & hence  $T_2$  is a better estimator.

PROBLEM 3

1. Let  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  be i.i.d  $\text{Bern}(p)$ . Show that the variance of  $\bar{x}$  attains the Cramér-Rao lower bound, and hence  $\bar{x}$  is the best unbiased estimator of  $p$ .

Solution: For a single random variable  $X$ , the log-likelihood is

$$\ell(p; x) = x \log p + (1-x) \log(1-p)$$

Fisher Information of a single observation =  $I_1(p) = E_x \left[ \left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial p} \ell(p; x) \right\}^2 \right]$

$$\Rightarrow I_1(p) = E_x \left[ \left( \frac{x}{p} + \frac{1-x}{1-p} \right)^2 \right]$$

$$= p \cdot \left( \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1-1}{1-p} \right)^2 + (1-p) \cdot \left( \frac{0}{p} + \frac{1-0}{1-p} \right)^2$$

$$= p \cdot \frac{1}{p^2} + (1-p) \frac{1}{(1-p)^2} = \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{1-p}$$

$$= \frac{1-p+p}{p(1-p)} = \frac{1}{p(1-p)}$$

∴ With  $n$  i.i.d observations, the Fisher information is

$$I_n(p) = n I_1(p) = \frac{n}{p(1-p)}$$

The C-R lower bound for any unbiased estimator

$$\text{is } \text{Var}(\hat{p}) \geq \frac{1}{I_n(p)} = \frac{p(1-p)}{n}$$

$$\text{Now, } \text{Var}(\bar{x}) = \text{Var}\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right) = \frac{1}{n^2} \text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \underbrace{\text{Var}(x_i)}_{p(1-p) \text{ for Bernoulli}(p)} \quad (\because \text{independence})$$

$$= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n p(1-p) = \frac{1}{n^2} \cdot n \cdot p(1-p)$$

$$\text{or achieves} \quad = \underline{p(1-p)}$$

and hence  $\bar{x}$  hits the C-R lower bound & hence the best.

2. Let  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  be a random sample from a population with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ .

a) Show that the estimator  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i$  is an unbiased estimator of  $\mu$  if  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i = 1$

b) Among all unbiased estimators of this form (linear unbiased estimators), find the one with minimum Variance and calculate the variance.

Solution a) Let  $T_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i$  where  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} E[T_1] &= E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i\right] = \sum_{i=1}^n E[a_i x_i] = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i E[x_i] \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n a_i \mu = \mu \sum_{i=1}^n a_i = \mu(1) = \mu. \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $T_1$  is unbiased estimator of  $\mu$ .

$$b) \text{Var}(T_1) = \text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(a_i x_i) \quad ; \text{ independence}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Var}(T_1) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \text{Var}(x_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(x_i) \cdot a_i^2$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sigma^2 a_i^2 = \sigma^2 \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2$$

Now, we want to minimize  $\text{Var}(T_1) = \sigma^2 \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2$  because it is a function of  $a_i, i=1, 2, \dots, n$ .

$$\text{Let } f(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2.$$

$$\text{We also have the constraint } \sum_{i=1}^n a_i = 1.$$

Because of Symmetry, all the variables  $a_i$  are equivalent and the universe has no reason to pick one variable over the others. Hence  $a_i = a_j \forall i, j \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  at minima.

$$\therefore a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_n = 1/n.$$

Hence the best unbiased estimator is  $T_2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ .

and has  $\text{Var}(T_2) = \frac{1}{n} \sigma^2$ .

Alternatively, we can also prove this minima using AM  $\geq$  GM inequality (also can be done using Cauchy-Schwarz).

We know Arithmetic Mean  $\geq$  Geometric Mean.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(x - a_i) + (a_i)}{2} \geq \sqrt{(x - a_i)a_i}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 \geq (x - a_i)a_i \Rightarrow x^2 \geq 4(x - a_i)a_i$$

Now  $\sum_{i=1}^n x^2 \geq \sum_{i=1}^n 4(x - a_i)a_i$

$$\Rightarrow n x^2 \geq \sum_{i=1}^n 4(a_i x - a_i^2) = 4\left(x \sum_{i=1}^n a_i - \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow nx^2 \geq 4\left(x - \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2\right) = 4x - 4\sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{\frac{1}{n}x^2}_{a} - \underbrace{\frac{4}{n}x}_{b} + \underbrace{\frac{4}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2}_{c} \geq 0$$

Since this quadratic eq<sup>n</sup> is always  $\geq 0$   $\forall x$ ,

$$b^2 - 4ac \leq 0 = b^2 \leq 4ac \Rightarrow \left(\frac{4}{n}\right)^2 \leq 4 \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{4}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4^2}{n^2} \leq \frac{4^2}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \geq \frac{1}{n}$$

So we got a lower bound. And setting  $a_i = \frac{1}{n}$ , we

$$\text{achieve this lower bound because } \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^2 = n \cdot \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{1}{n}$$

3. Let  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  be i.i.d Gamma( $\alpha, \beta$ ) with  $\alpha$  known.

Find the best unbiased estimator of  $1/\beta$ .

Soln:  $X \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$

$$\therefore f(x|\beta) = \frac{x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta x} \beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)}$$

Let  $T = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ . Then  $T \sim \text{Gamma}(n\alpha, \beta)$

Now  $\frac{T}{\beta} \sim \text{Gamma}(n\alpha, 1)$

It is known that if  $Y \sim \text{Gamma}(j, 1)$  with  $j > 1$ ,

then  $E[1/Y] = \frac{1}{j-1}$ . Let  $Y := \frac{T}{\beta}$  so that  $j = n\alpha$

$$\therefore E\left[\frac{1}{T/\beta}\right] = \frac{1}{n\alpha-1} \text{ when } n\alpha > 1.$$

$$\therefore E\left[\frac{n\alpha-1}{T/\beta}\right] = 1 \text{ or } E\left[\frac{n\alpha-1}{T}\right] = \frac{1}{\beta}.$$

So  $T_1 = \frac{n\alpha-1}{T} = \frac{n\alpha-1}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}$  is an

unbiased estimator of  $\frac{1}{\beta}$ .

Now, because  $T$  is a sufficient and complete statistic

for  $\beta$  in  $\text{Gamma}(n\alpha, \beta)$ ,  $\beta > 0$ , any unbiased estimator that is a function of  $T$  must be the unique minimum variance unbiased estimator.

Hence  $\frac{n\alpha-1}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}$  is the UMVUE by Lehmann-Scheffé theorem.