

Homework 5

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Question 1

Problem 1

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Question 2

Problem 2

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Question 3

Problem 3

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Problem 1: (Best Unbiased estimators, 20pts)

1. Let X_1, \dots, X_n be iid Poisson Random variables with parameter $\lambda > 0$. Find the UMVUE for (i) $e^{-\lambda}$ (ii) $\lambda e^{-\lambda}$.

Solution: Poisson r.v. $X_i \sim \frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!}$

We know that $T = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ is a complete sufficient statistic for λ .

Also T is poisson($n\lambda$)

By Lehmann-Scheffé theorem, UMVUE for any parameter $\theta(\lambda)$ can be obtained by first finding an unbiased estimator U of $\theta(\lambda)$ and then conditioning that estimator on T to get $\hat{\theta} = E[U|T]$ which is UMVUE.

- (i) We need to find a statistic U for $e^{-\lambda}$.

Since X_i are iid & $X_i \sim \frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!}$, if we take $k=0$,

$$\text{we get } P(X_i = 0) = \frac{\lambda^0 e^{-\lambda}}{0!} = e^{-\lambda}.$$

So we can pick any particular $i \in [0, n]$ & $U = \mathbb{I}[X_i = 0]$.

Let us pick $i=1$ for simplicity. Then $U = \mathbb{I}[X_1 = 0]$.

U is an unbiased estimator of $e^{-\lambda}$ because $E[U] = P(X_1 = 0) = e^{-\lambda}$.

To get UMVUE, we take the conditional expectation $E[U|T]$ where T is a complete sufficient statistic. We know $T = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ is complete.

$$\begin{aligned} E[U|T=t] &= \sum_u u p(u|T=t) = 0 \cdot p(u=0|T=t) + 1 \cdot p(u=1|T=t) \\ &= p(u=1|T=t) = P(X_1=0|T=t) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Now } P(X_1=0 | T=t) &= P(X_1=0 | x_1+x_2+\dots+x_n=t) \\
&= \frac{P(X_1=0, x_1+\dots+x_n=t)}{P(x_1+x_2+\dots+x_n=t)} \\
&= \frac{P(X_1=0, x_2+x_3+\dots+x_n=t)}{P(x_1+x_2+\dots+x_n=t)} \\
&= \frac{P(X_1=0) P(x_2+x_3+\dots+x_n=t)}{P(x_1+\dots+x_n=t)} \\
&= \frac{\frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^0}{0!} \cdot \frac{e^{-(n-1)\lambda} [(n-1)\lambda]^t}{t!}}{\frac{e^{-n\lambda} [n\lambda]^t}{t!}} \\
&= \frac{e^{-\lambda} \cdot e^{-(n-1)\lambda} \cdot (n-1)^t \lambda^t}{e^{-n\lambda} (n\lambda)^t} \\
&= \frac{\cancel{e^{-n\lambda}} (n-1)^t \cancel{\lambda^t}}{\cancel{e^{-n\lambda}} n^t \cancel{\lambda^t}} \\
&= \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^t = \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^t
\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore E[U | T=t] = \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^t$$

$$\therefore E[U | T] = \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^T = \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}$$

$$\therefore \text{the UMVUE is } e^{-\lambda} = E[U | T] = \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}$$

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(ii) Now we want to find the UMVUE for (ii) $\lambda e^{-\lambda}$.

We can see, just like in (i), $P(X_1=1) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^1}{1!} = \lambda e^{-\lambda}$.

So we can just take $U = \mathbb{I}[X_1=1]$ such that

$$E[U] = P(X_1=1) = \lambda e^{-\lambda}$$

which makes U an unbiased estimator of $\lambda e^{-\lambda}$.

We can do the same thing we did in the previous part.

$$\begin{aligned} E[U|T=t] &= \sum_u u p(u=1|T=t) \\ &= 1 \cdot p(u=1|T=t) + 0 \cdot p(u=0|T=t) \\ &= p(u=1|T=t) \end{aligned}$$

The event $U=1$ is same as the event $X_1=1$.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore E[U|T=t] &= p(u=1|T=t) = p(X_1=1|T=t) \\ &= \frac{P(X_1=1, T=t)}{P(T=t)} = \frac{P(X_1=1, X_1+X_2+\dots+X_n=t)}{P(T=t)} \\ &= \frac{P(X_1=1, X_2+X_3+\dots+X_n=t-1)}{P(X_1+X_2+\dots+X_n=t)} \\ &= \frac{P(X_1=1) P(X_2+X_3+\dots+X_n=t-1)}{P(X_1+X_2+\dots+X_n=t)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{\lambda^1 e^{-\lambda}}{1!} \cdot \frac{e^{-(n-1)\lambda} \cdot [(n-1)\lambda]^{t-1}}{(t-1)!}}{\frac{e^{-n\lambda} (n\lambda)^t}{t!}} = \frac{\cancel{\lambda} e^{-\cancel{\lambda}} \cancel{e^{-(n-1)\lambda}} \cdot (n-1)^{t-1} \lambda^{t-1}}{\frac{e^{-n\lambda} n^t \lambda^t \cdot (t-1)!}{t!}} \end{aligned}$$

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$$= \frac{\lambda \cdot (n-1)^{t-1} \lambda^{t-1}}{\frac{n^t \lambda^t (t-1)!}{t!}} = \frac{\cancel{\lambda} \cdot (n-1)^{t-1} \cancel{\lambda^{t-1}}}{\frac{n^t \cancel{\lambda^t}}{t}}$$

$$= \frac{t}{n} \left(\frac{n-1}{n} \right)^{t-1} = \frac{t}{n-1} \left(\frac{n-1}{n} \right)^t$$

$$\therefore \hat{\lambda} e^{-\lambda} = \frac{T}{n} \left(\frac{n-1}{n} \right)^{T-1} = \frac{T}{n-1} \left(\frac{n-1}{n} \right)^T$$

where $T = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ is the best unbiased estimator i.e. UMVUE

2. Let X_1, \dots, X_n be i.i.d $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$.

Find the best unbiased estimator of σ^p , where p is a known positive constant, not necessarily an integer.

Solⁿ: Let us layout a sketch.

If T is a complete sufficient statistic for θ , then $g(T)$ is complete sufficient for $g(\theta)$ for bijective g .

Since $S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2$ is complete for σ^2 ,

by Lehman-Scheffé theorem, we need to find an unbiased estimator U for σ^p that is a function of S^2 .

We know that $E[Y^r] = 2^r \frac{\Gamma(\frac{k}{2} + r)}{\Gamma(\frac{k}{2})}$ if $Y \sim \chi_k^2$

$$\text{Also } \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$$

χ_k^2
chi-squared
with k
degrees of
freedom.

We can probably look for a function involving $(S^2)^{p/2}$.

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Let $Y = \frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2}$. When $Y \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$

$$(S^2)^{p/2} = \left(\frac{\sigma^2 Y}{n-1} \right)^{p/2} = \frac{\sigma^p Y^{p/2}}{(n-1)^{p/2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow E[(S^2)^{p/2}] = \frac{\sigma^p}{(n-1)^{p/2}} E[Y^{p/2}]$$

$$E[Y^{p/2}] = 2^{p/2} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{n-1}{2} + \frac{p}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{n-1}{2})}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore E[(S^2)^{p/2}] &= \frac{\sigma^p}{(n-1)^{p/2}} 2^{p/2} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{n-1}{2} + \frac{p}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{n-1}{2})} \\ &= \sigma^p \left(\frac{1}{n-1} \right)^{p/2} 2^{p/2} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{n-1+p}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{n-1}{2})} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now if we set } Z = \frac{(S^2)^{p/2}}{\left(\frac{1}{n-1} \right)^{p/2} 2^{p/2} \frac{\Gamma(\frac{n-1+p}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{n-1}{2})}}$$

This has expectation equal to σ^p .

i.e. $E[Z] = \sigma^p$ & this is UMVUE as it is a function of S^2 which is a complete statistic for σ^2 .

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Problem 2 (Loss function optimality, 20pts)

1. Show that if X is a continuous random variable, then $\min_a E|X-a| = E|X-m|$ where m is the median of X .

Solⁿ: The median ' m ' is that value where the cumulative distribution function becomes $\frac{1}{2}$ i.e. $F(m) = \frac{1}{2}$.

$$\text{Let } g(a) = E|X-a| = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x-a| f(x) dx$$

where $f(x)$ = probability density function & $F'(x) = f(x)$.

$$g(a) = \int_{-\infty}^a |x-a| f(x) dx + \int_a^{\infty} |x-a| f(x) dx.$$

$$|x-a| = \begin{cases} a-x; & x < a \\ x-a; & x > a. \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore g(a) = \int_{-\infty}^a (a-x) f(x) dx + \int_a^{\infty} (x-a) f(x) dx$$

At any minimum of $g(a)$, $g'(a)$ must change sign from -ve to +ve going through zero i.e. $g'(a) = 0$

$$g'(a) = \frac{d}{da} \int_{-\infty}^a (a-x) f(x) dx + \int_a^{\infty} (x-a) f(x) dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^a (+1) f(x) dx + \int_a^{\infty} (-1) f(x) dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^a f(x) dx - \int_a^{\infty} f(x) dx$$

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$$\Rightarrow g'(a) = F(a) - (1 - F(a)) = 2F(a) - 1$$

$$\text{Setting } g'(a) = 0, 2F(a) - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow F(a) = 1/2 \Rightarrow a = m. \quad \underline{\underline{Q.E.D}}$$

Q2 Let x_1, \dots, x_n be a random sample from $N(\theta, \sigma^2)$ where σ^2 is known. Consider estimating θ using squared error loss. Let $\pi(\theta)$ be a $N(\mu, \tau^2)$ prior distribution on θ and δ^π be the Bayes estimator of θ . Prove the following holds:

a) For any constant a, b , the estimator $\delta(x) = a\bar{x} + b$ has risk function $R(\theta, \delta) = a^2 \frac{\sigma^2}{n} + [b - (1-a)\theta]^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\underline{\text{Sol}^n}} :- \quad R(\theta, \delta) &\equiv E_x[(\delta(x) - \theta)^2] \\ &= E_x[(a\bar{x} + b - \theta)^2] \\ &= E_x[\{a(\bar{x} - \theta) + b + (a-1)\theta\}^2] \\ &= E_x[a^2(\bar{x} - \theta)^2 + \{b + (a-1)\theta\}^2 + 2a(\bar{x} - \theta)(b + (a-1)\theta)] \\ &= a^2 E[(\bar{x} - \theta)^2] + [b + (a-1)\theta]^2 + 2a[b + (a-1)\theta] \cancel{E[\bar{x} - \theta]} \\ &= a^2 \text{Var}(\bar{x}) + [b + (a-1)\theta]^2 + 0 \\ &= a^2 \frac{\sigma^2}{n} + [b + (a-1)\theta]^2 \end{aligned}$$

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b) Let $\eta = \frac{\sigma^2}{\eta\tau^2 + \sigma^2}$. The risk function for the Bayes estimator is $R(\theta, \delta^\pi) = (1-\eta)^2 \frac{\sigma^2}{n} + \eta^2 (\theta - \mu)^2$

Solⁿ $R(\theta, \delta^\pi) = E[(\delta^\pi(x) - \theta)^2]$

$$\pi(\theta|\bar{x}) \propto L(\theta; \bar{x}) \pi(\theta)$$

$$\propto \exp\left\{-\frac{n}{2\sigma^2}(\bar{x} - \theta)^2 - \frac{1}{2\tau^2}(\theta - \mu)^2\right\}$$

$$\propto \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{n}{\sigma^2}(\bar{x} - \theta)^2 + \frac{1}{\tau^2}(\theta - \mu)^2\right)\right\}$$

$$\propto \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{n}{\sigma^2}(\theta^2 - 2\bar{x}\theta) + \frac{1}{\tau^2}(\theta^2 - 2\mu\theta)\right)\right\}$$

$$\propto \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\left[\left(\frac{n}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{\tau^2}\right)\theta^2 - 2\left(\frac{n}{\sigma^2}\bar{x} + \frac{\mu}{\tau^2}\right)\theta\right]\right\}$$

$$\theta_{\text{post}} = \frac{\left(\frac{n}{\sigma^2}\right)\bar{x} + \frac{\mu}{\tau^2}}{\frac{n}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{\tau^2}}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{post}} = \frac{1}{\frac{n}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{\tau^2}}$$

$$\therefore \delta^\pi(x) = \theta_{\text{post}} = \frac{\frac{n}{\sigma^2}\bar{x} + \frac{\mu}{\tau^2}}{\frac{n}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{\tau^2}}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{n}{\sigma^2}}{\frac{n}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{\tau^2}} \bar{x} + \frac{\frac{1}{\tau^2}}{\frac{n}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{\tau^2}} \mu = (1-\eta)\bar{x} + \eta\mu$$

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$$\delta^\pi(x) = (1-n)\bar{x} + n\mu$$

$$R(\theta, \delta^\pi) = E[\{(1-n)\bar{x} + n\mu - \theta\}^2] = E[(\delta^\pi - \theta)^2]$$

$$= E[\{(1-n)(\bar{x} - \theta) + n(\mu - \theta)\}^2]$$

$$= E[(1-n)^2(\bar{x} - \theta)^2 + 2n(1-n)(\bar{x} - \theta)(\mu - \theta) + n^2(\mu - \theta)^2]$$

$$= (1-n)^2 E[(\bar{x} - \theta)^2]$$

$$+ n^2(\mu - \theta)^2$$

$$+ 2n(1-n)(\mu - \theta) E[\bar{x} - \theta]$$

$$= (1-n)^2 \frac{\sigma^2}{n} + n^2(\mu - \theta)^2$$

Q.E.D

c) The Bayes risk of the Bayes estimator is

$$B(\pi, \delta^\pi) = \tau^2 n.$$

Soln $B(\pi, \delta) = \int R(\theta, \delta) d\pi(\theta)$

where $R(\theta, \delta) = E_\theta[(\delta(x) - \theta)^2]$

$$B(\pi, \delta^\pi) = \int (1-n)^2 \frac{\sigma^2}{n} + n^2(\mu - \theta)^2$$

$$= (1-n)^2 \frac{\sigma^2}{n} + n^2 \underbrace{\int (\theta - \mu)^2 d\pi(\theta)}_{\tau^2 \text{ as } \theta \sim N(\mu, \tau^2)}$$

$$= (1-n)^2 \frac{\sigma^2}{n} + \tau^2 n^2$$

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$$B(\pi, \delta\pi) = \frac{(1-\eta)^2 \frac{\sigma^2}{n} + z^2 \eta^2}{\downarrow}$$

on simplification, this gives us $z^2 \eta$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sigma^2}{n} (1-\eta)^2 &= \frac{\eta^2 z^2}{(\eta z^2 + \sigma^2)^2} \cdot \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \\ &= \frac{\eta z^2 \cdot \sigma^2}{(\eta z^2 + \sigma^2)^2} \end{aligned}$$

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Problem 3: (EM algorithm, 20 pts)

Let x_1, \dots, x_n be i.i.d exponential random variables with rate λ (i.e. pdf $f(x, \lambda) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$ for $x > 0$)

For each $i=1, \dots, n$, define the indicator

$$Y_i = \mathbb{I} \{x_i > c_i\}$$

where $c_1, \dots, c_n > 0$ are known constants.

a) Derive the EM recursion to compute the MLE of λ based on Y_1, \dots, Y_n .

b) Suppose $n=3$ and we observe $Y_1=1, Y_2=1, Y_3=0$

with thresholds $c_1=1, c_2=2, c_3=3$.

If our initial guess is $\hat{\lambda}_0=1$, compute the first two EM iterates $\hat{\lambda}_1$ & $\hat{\lambda}_2$.

Solⁿ a) $\underbrace{l_{\text{complete}}(\lambda; x_1, \dots, x_n)}_{\text{log-likelihood}} = \sum_{i=1}^n [\ln(\lambda) - \lambda x_i]$
 $= n \ln(\lambda) - \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$

E-Step $Q(\lambda | \lambda^{(k)}) = E[l_{\text{complete}}(\lambda; x_1, \dots, x_n) | Y_1, \dots, Y_n, \lambda^{(k)}]$

$$= E[n \ln(\lambda) - \lambda \sum x_i | Y_1, \dots, Y_n, \lambda^{(k)}]$$

$$= E[n \ln(\lambda) | Y_1, \dots, Y_n, \lambda^{(k)}]$$

$$- \lambda \underbrace{E[\sum x_i | Y_1, \dots, Y_n, \lambda^{(k)}]}_{\hat{s}^{(k)}}$$

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$$\text{If } Y_i = 1 (X_i > c_i)$$

$$X_i | X_i > c_i \stackrel{d}{=} c_i + Z \text{ where } Z \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda^{(k)})$$

$$\therefore E[X_i | Y_i = 1, \lambda^{(k)}] = E[X_i | X_i > c_i, \lambda^{(k)}] = c_i + \frac{1}{\lambda^{(k)}}$$

If $Y_i = 0 (X_i \leq c_i)$ then X_i is truncated to $[0, c_i]$

$$f_{X_i | X_i \leq c_i}(x) = \frac{\lambda^{(k)} e^{-\lambda^{(k)} x}}{1 - e^{-\lambda^{(k)} c_i}}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq c_i$$

$$\therefore E[X_i | X_i \leq c_i, \lambda^{(k)}] = \frac{1}{\lambda^{(k)}} - \frac{c_i e^{-\lambda^{(k)} c_i}}{1 - e^{-\lambda^{(k)} c_i}}$$

$$\therefore E[X_i | Y_i, \lambda^{(k)}] = \begin{cases} c_i + \frac{1}{\lambda^{(k)}} & ; Y_i = 1 \\ \frac{1}{\lambda^{(k)}} - \frac{c_i e^{-\lambda^{(k)} c_i}}{1 - e^{-\lambda^{(k)} c_i}} & , Y_i = 0 \end{cases}$$

Summing over $i = 1, \dots, n$

$$\hat{S}^{(k)} = \sum E[X_i | Y_i, \lambda^{(k)}]$$

M-Step $Q(\lambda | \lambda^{(k)}) = n \ln(\lambda) - \lambda \hat{S}^{(k)}$

To maximize $\frac{d}{d\lambda} Q(\lambda | \lambda^{(k)}) = \frac{n}{\lambda} - \hat{S}^{(k)} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{n}{\hat{S}^{(k)}} = \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n E[X_i | Y_i, \lambda^{(k)}]}$$

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Part b) $n=3$, $Y_1=1$, $Y_2=1$, $Y_3=0$

$$C_1=1, C_2=2, C_3=3$$

$$E[x_i | Y_i=1, \lambda] = \begin{cases} C_i + \frac{1}{\lambda} & \text{if } Y_i=1 \\ \frac{1}{\lambda} - \frac{C_i e^{-\lambda C_i}}{1 - e^{-\lambda C_i}} & , \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

E-Step $\hat{S}^{(k)} = \sum_{i=1}^3 E[x_i | Y_i, \lambda^{(k)}]$

M-Step $\lambda^{(k+1)} = \frac{3}{\hat{S}^{(k)}}$

Iteration 1 $\hat{S}^{(0)} = 2 + 3 + 0.842854$

E-Step ≈ 5.842

M-Step $\lambda^{(1)} = \frac{3}{\hat{S}^{(0)}} \approx 0.513$

Iteration - 2 $\hat{S}^{(1)} = 2.949 + 3.949 + 1.132 \approx 8.03$

M-Step $\lambda^{(2)} = \frac{3}{\hat{S}^{(1)}} = \frac{3}{8.03} \approx 0.373$