

Midterm 2

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Total Points

37 / 60 pts

Question 1

Problem 1

15 / 20 pts

+ 20 pts Correct

✓ + 7 pts (a) correct

+ 6 pts (a) minor error. We ask $I_X(\mu)$ for one variable X not for X_1, \dots, X_n

+ 3 pts (a) Partial credit for incorrect answers

✓ + 6 pts (b) correct

+ 5 pts (b) minor error

+ 7 pts (c) correct

✓ + 2 pts Only stated a CLT for $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i$

+ 4 pts (c) used the fact X_i^2 are i.i.d., and tried to prove a CLT, but the variance is not correctly computed or (ii) directly claim $\chi^2(n)$ is Gaussian without justification

+ 6 pts (c) almost correct except showing $\text{Var}(X_i^2) = 2$ in details.

Question 2

Problem 2

6 / 20 pts

+ 5 pts (a) Correct

+ 1 pt (a) no theorem is used. Only match the expectation

✓ + 3 pts (a) Incorrect theorem used

+ 5 pts (b) Correct

+ 4 pts (b) minor mistake

+ 2 pts partial correct for trying to compute $R(p, \delta(X))$

+ 10 pts (c) correct

✓ + 3 pts (c) Used Lehmann-Scheffe's thm but the complete sufficient statistics is incorrect or didn't write down a correct, explicit answer

+ 9 pts (c) only minor mistake

+ 2 pts (c) only showed ϕ is unbiased.

+ 5 pts (c) correct application of Lehmann-Scheffe and sufficient statistics is correct. Error in computing $\mathbb{E}[X_1 X_2 | \sum_i X_i]$.

+ 0 pts Incorrect

1 why? WLLN you need a sum of i.i.d. random variables.

Question 3

Problem 3

16 / 20 pts

+ 20 pts Correct

✓ + 7 pts (a) correct

+ 4 pts (a) incorrect answer involving Y_i

+ 7 pts (b) correct

+ 6 pts (b) minor error in the final answer

✓ + 3 pts partial credit for taking the derivative with respect to λ

✓ + 6 pts (c) correct

+ 5 pts (c) only one minor error in the final answer

+ 4 pts (c) one answer is correct

+ 2 pts (c) both answers are incorrect but with some correct intermediate steps

+ 0 pts (c) incorrect

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- There are 3 problems in total. Make sure your exam contains all these questions.
- You are allowed to use one page of double-sided **hand-written** 8.5 by 11 inch notes.
- You must show your work on all problems. The correct answer with no supporting work may result in no credit.
- If you need more room, use the backs of the pages and indicate to the grader that you have done so.

Problem 1	20	
Problem 2	20	
Problem 3	20	
Total	60	

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1. (20 pts) Let $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim N(\mu, 1)$ be i.i.d. samples. Recall the PDF for $N(\mu, 1)$ is

$$f(x|\mu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2}}.$$

- (a) (7 pts) For one random variable $X \sim N(\mu, 1)$, compute its Fisher information

$$I_X(\mu) = \mathbb{E} \left(\frac{d}{d\mu} \log f(X|\mu) \right)^2.$$

- (b) (6 pts) Find the Cram -Rao lower bound for any unbiased estimator (as a function of X_1, \dots, X_n) of μ .

- (c) (7 pts) Assume $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim N(0, 1)$ be i.i.d. random variables. Show the following convergence in distribution holds:

$$\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i^2 - 1)}{\sqrt{2n}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1).$$

a) $\frac{d}{d\mu} \log f(x|\mu) = \frac{d}{d\mu} \left[\log \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} - \frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2} \right] = \frac{d}{d\mu} \left[-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2} \right] = \frac{d}{d\mu} \left[-\frac{x^2 - 2x\mu + \mu^2}{2} \right] = \frac{d}{d\mu} \left[-\frac{x^2}{2} + x\mu - \frac{\mu^2}{2} \right] = x - \mu$

$\mathbb{E}_x \left[\left(\frac{d}{d\mu} \log f(x|\mu) \right)^2 \right] = \mathbb{E}_x \left[(x - \mu)^2 \right] = \text{Var}(x) = 1$

b) C.R lower bound = $\frac{1}{n I_X(\mu)} = \frac{1}{n \cdot 1} = \frac{1}{n}$

c) By CLT

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$$p^2(1-p) + (1-p)^2 p$$

2. (20 pts) Let X_1, \dots, X_n be i.i.d. $\text{Ber}(p)$.

(a) (5 pts) Show that the following convergence in probability holds:

$$\frac{1}{n^2}(X_1 + \dots + X_n)^2 \xrightarrow{p} p^2.$$

(b) (5 pts) Consider a risk function for any estimator $\delta(\mathbf{X})$ of p given by

$$R(p, \delta(\mathbf{X})) = \mathbb{E}_p |\delta(\mathbf{X}) - p|.$$

Let $\delta(\mathbf{X}) = X_1$ be the estimator, and $\pi(p) = \text{Uniform}(0, 1)$ be the prior distribution on p . Find the Bayes risk

$$\int_0^1 R(p, \delta(\mathbf{X})) \pi(p) dp.$$

(c) (10 pts) Show that $\phi(\mathbf{X}) = X_1 X_2$ is an unbiased estimator of p^2 . Based on $\phi(\mathbf{X})$ and the Lehmann-Scheffé Theorem, find the best unbiased estimator $W = W(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ of p^2 with an explicit form.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a) } E\left[\frac{1}{n^2}(X_1 + \dots + X_n)^2\right] &= \text{Var}\left(\frac{1}{n}(X_1 + \dots + X_n)\right) + E\left[\frac{1}{n}(X_1 + \dots + X_n)\right]^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{n} p(1-p) + p^2 = p^2 + \frac{p(1-p)}{n}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Also } \text{Var}\left(\frac{1}{n^2}(X_1 + \dots + X_n)^2\right) < \infty. \quad \therefore \text{ by WLL, } \frac{1}{n^2}(X_1 + \dots + X_n)^2 \xrightarrow{p} p^2.$$

$$\text{b) } \pi(p|x) = \frac{L(p|x) \cdot \pi(p)}{\int_{[0,1]} L(p|x) \cdot \pi(p) dp} = \frac{f(x_1, p) \pi(p)}{\int_{[0,1]} f(x_1, p) \pi(p) dp} = \frac{1 \cdot \pi(p)}{\int_{[0,1]} \pi(p) dp} = \pi(p)$$

Bayes risk for absolute error loss is median of posterior

$$\text{b) } \pi(p|x) = L(p|x) \cdot \pi(p) = f(x_1, p) \pi(p) = x_1^p (1-x_1)^{1-p} \cdot 1_{[0,1]}(p)$$

The minimizer is the median of posterior.

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(c) $\phi(X) = X_1 X_2$ is unbiased estimator for p^2 .

~~$f(\vec{x}|p) = p^2 (1-p)^{n-2}$~~ * ~~$p^2 (1-p)^{n-2}$~~ * ~~$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$~~

We ~~know that~~ need to find a complete sufficient statistics T

of p^2 & by L. Schotté.

$W = E[\phi(X) | T]$ is the UMVUE

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3. (20 pts) Let X_1, \dots, X_n be i.i.d. $\text{Exp}(\lambda)$ with pdf $f(x; \lambda) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$ for $x > 0$. For each $i = 1, \dots, n$, define the indicator $Y_i = 1\{X_i > 1\}$.

- (a) (7 pts) Compute the log-likelihood function

$$\log L(\lambda) = \log f(X_1, \dots, X_n | \lambda).$$

- (b) (7 pts) Consider the t -th iteration of an EM algorithm for approximating the MLE of λ . For the E-step, expected log-likelihood satisfies

$$Q(\lambda | \lambda^{(t)}) = n \log \lambda - \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{E}[X_i | Y_i, \lambda^{(t)}]. \quad \leftarrow \text{given.} \quad (1)$$

Given Equation (1), find the explicit solution for $\lambda^{(t+1)}$ in the M-step:

$$\lambda^{(t+1)} = \arg \max_{\lambda} Q(\lambda | \lambda^{(t)}).$$

Your answer should be a function of $\mathbb{E}[X_i | Y_i, \lambda^{(t)}]$.

- (c) (6 pts) Compute $\mathbb{P}(Y_1 = 1 | \lambda)$ and $\mathbb{E}[X_1 | Y_1 = 1, \lambda]$.

a) $\log L(\lambda) = \log f(x_1, \dots, x_n | \lambda) = \log \lambda^n e^{-\lambda \sum x_i} = n \log \lambda - \lambda \sum x_i$

b) $\frac{d}{d\lambda} Q(\lambda | \lambda^{(t)}) = \frac{n}{\lambda} - \sum \mathbb{E}[X_i | Y_i, \lambda^{(t)}]$

c) $\mathbb{P}(Y_1 = 1 | \lambda) = \mathbb{P}(X_1 > 1 | \lambda) = \int_1^{\infty} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx = \lambda \int_1^{\infty} e^{-\lambda x} dx$
 $= \lambda \left[\frac{e^{-\lambda x}}{-\lambda} \right]_1^{\infty} = e^{-\lambda}$

$\mathbb{E}[X_1 | Y_1 = 1, \lambda] = \int_1^{\infty} x f_x(x | Y_1 = 1, \lambda) dx = \int_1^{\infty} x \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda x}}{e^{-\lambda}} dx = \int_1^{\infty} x \lambda e^{-\lambda(x-1)} dx$

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$$= \lambda \int_1^{\infty} x e^{-\lambda(x-1)} dx = \lambda \left[x \int e^{-\lambda(x-1)} dx - \int \int e^{-\lambda(x-1)} dx \right]$$

$$= \lambda \left[x \frac{e^{-\lambda(x-1)}}{-\lambda} \right]_1^{\infty} - \int_1^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda(x-1)}}{-\lambda} dx$$

$$= \cancel{\lambda} \left[\frac{1}{\cancel{\lambda}} + \frac{1}{\cancel{\lambda}} \int_1^{\infty} e^{-\lambda(x-1)} dx \right]$$

$$= \left[1 + \int_1^{\infty} e^{-\lambda(x-1)} dx \right]$$

$$= 1 + \left[\frac{e^{-\lambda(x-1)}}{-\lambda} \right]_1^{\infty} = 1 - \frac{e^{-\lambda(x-1)}}{\lambda} \Big|_1^{\infty}$$

$$= 1 - \left(0 - \frac{1}{\lambda} \right) = 1 + \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

