

Question 3.

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a sample from the pmf

$$P_\theta(X = x) = \frac{\alpha(x)\theta^x}{f(\theta)}, \quad x = 0, 1, 2, \dots,$$

where $\theta > 0$, $\alpha(x) > 0$, $f(\theta) = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \alpha(x)\theta^x$, $\alpha(0) = 1$, and let $T = T(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$. Write

$$c(t, n) = \sum_{\vec{x} \in R(t)} \prod_{i=1}^n \alpha(x_i),$$

where $\vec{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$ and $R(t) = \{(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{N}_0^n : T(x_1, \dots, x_n) = t\}$. Show that T is a complete sufficient statistic for θ , and that the *UMVUE* for $d(\theta) = \theta^r$ ($r > 0$ is an integer) is given by

$$Y_r(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } t < r, \\ \frac{c(t-r, n)}{c(t, n)}, & \text{if } t \geq r. \end{cases}$$

Using this result find the UMVUE of θ^r when $X_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(\theta)$.

(15 marks)

