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**Answer ALL SIX questions. Marks are shown in square brackets.**

## S&AS: STAT2602 Probability and Statistics II

1. Let  $X$  be a random variable which has a probability density function given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2e^{-2x}, & \text{for } x > 0; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (i) Calculate the moment generating function of  $X$ . [6 marks]  
(ii) Calculate  $E(X^s)$  for  $s = 1, 2, 3$ . [9 marks]

[Total: 15 marks]

2. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be an independent random sample from a Bernoulli distribution with parameter  $p$ .

- (i) Find the maximum likelihood estimator (MLE) of  $p$ . [5 marks]  
(ii) Show that this MLE is a UMVUE of  $p$ . [10 marks]  
(iii) Construct a method of moments estimator (MME) of  $p$ , which is different from the MLE. [5 marks]  
(iv) Which estimator is better when  $n$  is large? Explain it. [5 marks]

[Total: 25 marks]

3. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be an independent random sample from  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ .

- (i) Find the MLEs of  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$  on the space

$$\Omega = \{(\mu, \sigma^2) : \mu_0 \leq \mu \leq \mu_1, \sigma^2 > 0\},$$

where  $\mu_0$  and  $\mu_1$  are two given finite constants with  $\mu_0 < \mu_1$ . [10 marks]

- (ii) Suppose that  $\mu = 0$  and  $n = 10$ . Find a rejection region of size 0.1 for testing hypotheses

$$H_0 : \sigma^2 = 1 \quad \text{versus} \quad H_1 : \sigma^2 = 2.$$

[10 marks]

[Total: 20 marks]

4. Let  $X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4$  be an independent random sample of SAT mathematics scores, assumed to be  $N(\mu_X, \sigma^2)$ , and let  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_5$  be an independent random sample of SAT verbal scores, assumed to be  $N(\mu_Y, \sigma^2)$ . Suppose the following data are observed:

$$x_1 = 661 \quad x_2 = 492 \quad x_3 = 472 \quad x_4 = 623$$

$$y_1 = 565 \quad y_2 = 493 \quad y_3 = 462 \quad y_4 = 532 \quad y_5 = 644$$

- (i) Does the 95% confidence interval for  $\mu_X$  contain 600? [5 marks]

- (ii) Does the 95% confidence interval for  $\mu_X - \mu_Y$  contain 0? [5 marks]

[Total: 10 marks]

5. A journal reported that, in a bag of m&m's chocolate peanut candies, there are 25% brown, 35% yellow, 20% blue, 15% red and 5% green candies. Suppose you purchase a bag of m&m's chocolate peanut candies at a store and find 17 brown, 20 yellow, 10 blue, 10 red, and 3 green candies, for a total of 60 candies. At the 0.05 level of significance, does the bag purchased agree with the distribution suggested by the journal?

[Total: 10 marks]

6. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be an independent random sample from a Bernoulli distribution with parameter  $p$ .

- (i) Show that the most powerful test for hypotheses:

$$H_0 : p = \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{versus} \quad H_1 : p = \frac{1}{3}$$

has the rejection region  $\left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \leq c \right\}$  for some constant  $c$ . [5 marks]

Furthermore, suppose that  $n = 40$ .

- (ii) Use the central limit theorem to find  $c$  so that this test approximately has the size 0.05. [10 marks]
- (iii) Calculate the power of this test approximately. [5 marks]

[Total: 20 marks]

A LIST OF STATISTICAL FORMULAE

1.  $M_X(t) = E(e^{tX}). \quad \left( \frac{d^r}{dt^r} M_X(t) \right) \Big|_{t=0} = \mu'_r.$
2.  $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i. \quad S^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2.$
3. CLT:  $\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \approx N(0, 1)$  for large  $n$ .
4. Normal population  $\Rightarrow \frac{nS^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi_{n-1}^2, \quad \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{S/\sqrt{n-1}} \sim t_{n-1}.$
5.  $\text{Bias}(\hat{\theta}) = E(\hat{\theta}) - \theta. \quad E[(\hat{\theta} - \theta)^2] = \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}) + [\text{Bias}(\hat{\theta})]^2.$
6.  $I(\theta) = E \left[ \left( \frac{\partial \ln f(X; \theta)}{\partial \theta} \right)^2 \right] = E \left[ -\frac{\partial^2 \ln f(X; \theta)}{\partial \theta^2} \right]. \quad \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}) \geq \frac{1}{nI(\theta)}.$
7.  $\bar{x} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}. \quad \bar{x} \pm t_{\alpha/2, n-1} \frac{s}{\sqrt{n-1}}. \quad \left( \frac{ns^2}{\chi_{\alpha/2, n-1}^2}, \frac{ns^2}{\chi_{1-\alpha/2, n-1}^2} \right).$
8.  $\bar{x} - \bar{y} \pm z_{\alpha/2} \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_x^2}{n_1} + \frac{\sigma_y^2}{n_2}}. \quad \bar{x} - \bar{y} \pm t_{\alpha/2, n_x+n_y-2} \sqrt{\frac{n_x s_x^2 + n_y s_y^2}{n_x + n_y - 2} \left( \frac{1}{n_x} + \frac{1}{n_y} \right)}.$
9.  $-2 \ln \Lambda \approx \sum_i \frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i} = \sum_i \frac{O_i^2}{E_i} - n. \quad -2 \ln \Lambda \approx n \left( \sum_i \sum_j \frac{O_{i,j}^2}{n_i n_j} - 1 \right).$

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