

# STAT562 Final Exam

Winter 2019

1.  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  is a random sample from a distribution having a p.d.f of the form.  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda x^{\lambda-1} & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$  Find a complete sufficient statistic for  $\lambda$ . Justify your answer

- **Step1: Proof sufficient**

From Fisher–Neyman factorization theorem (2019-2-14p5)

$$f(x|\lambda) = L(\lambda) = \lambda^n \left( \prod x_i \right)^{\lambda-1} = \lambda^n e^{(\lambda-1) \sum_{i=1}^n \ln x_i} \cdot 1 = k(t|\lambda)h(\vec{x})$$

$h(\vec{x}) = 1$  is free of  $\lambda$ . So  $T = \sum_{i=1}^n \ln x_i$  is a sufficient statistic for  $\lambda$ .

- **Step2: Proof complete**

$f(x|\lambda)$  is a member of the exponential family (2019-2-19p12). By the Theorem of Complete Statistics in the exponential family

$$f(x|\vec{\lambda}) = \lambda^n e^{\sum_{i=1}^n (\lambda-1) \ln x_i} = h(x)c(\vec{\lambda})e^{\sum_{j=1}^k W_j(\vec{\lambda})t_j(x)}$$

For pdf  $f(x) > 0$  and  $x^{\lambda-1} > 0$ ,  $\lambda > 0$ .  $\{W_1(\vec{\lambda}), \dots, W_k(\vec{\lambda})\}$  contains an open interval in  $\mathbb{R}$ , so  $T(\vec{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^n \ln x_i$  is a complete sufficient statistic for  $\lambda$ .

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2. Let  $Y_n$  be the  $n^{th}$  order statistic of a random sample of size  $n$  from the normal distribution  $N(\theta, \sigma^2)$ . Prove that  $Y_n - \bar{Y}$  and  $\bar{Y}$  are independent.

- **Step1:  $\theta$  is a location parameter**

Let  $x = y - \theta$ . For  $N(\theta, \sigma^2)$  is a location family of densities (2018. 11. 20p7),

$$g(y|\theta) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(y-\theta)^2}{2\sigma^2}} = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}} = f(x) = f(y - \theta)$$

Thus,  $\theta$  is a location parameter.

- **Step2:  $Y_n - \bar{Y}$  is location invariant**

For  $Y_n \sim N(\theta, \sigma^2)$ ,  $\bar{Y} \sim N(\theta, \sigma^2/n)$  2019-2-21p4-6

Consider the group of transformations defined by  $\mathcal{G} = \{Y_n - \bar{Y}, -\infty < \bar{Y} < \infty\}$ ,  $Y_n + a - (\bar{Y} + a) = Y_n - \bar{Y}$ .

Thus, the joint distribution of  $Y_n - \bar{Y}$  is in  $\mathcal{F}$  and hence  $\mathcal{F}$  is invariant under  $\mathcal{G}$ .

- **step3:  $Y_n - \bar{Y}$  is ancillary statistic for  $\theta$**

$f(y|\theta)$  is a location exponential family. Let  $X_n = Y_n - \theta$  is a random sample from  $f(y|0)$  2019-2-19p6

$$Y_n - \bar{Y} = Y_n - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i = (Y_n - \theta) - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \theta) = X_n - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

$Y_n - \bar{Y}$  is a function of only  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  and be free of  $\theta$ . It is an ancillary statistic for  $\theta$ .

- **step4:** For  $Y \sim N(\theta, \sigma^2)$ ,  $\bar{Y}$  is sufficient statistic for  $\theta$
- **step5:**  $\bar{Y}$  is complete statistic for  $\theta$

$\bar{Y} \sim N(\theta, \sigma^2/n)$  is a member of the exponential family. It is a complete sufficient statistic.

- **step6:** By Basu's theorem, an ancillary statistic  $Y_n - \bar{Y}$  and a complete sufficient statistic  $\bar{Y}$  are independent. 2019-2-19p10

3. Suppose that  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \sim \text{i.i.d.}$   $f(x|\theta) = \theta e^{-\theta x}, x > 0$ . Assume that the prior distribution of  $\theta$  is  $\pi(\theta) = \lambda e^{-\lambda \theta}, \theta > 0$

a. Find the posterior distribution  $\pi(\theta|\vec{x})$ .

For  $L(\theta) = \hat{\theta} e^{-\theta \sum x_i}$ ,  $\pi(\theta) = \lambda e^{-\lambda \theta}$ , and the kernel of a function is the main part of the function, the part that remains when constants are disregarded (2019-2-26p8-9, p11-p13 2019-2-28p8 Example 2.3.8). that is

$$\pi(\theta|\vec{x}) \propto L(\theta)\pi(\theta) = \theta^n e^{-\theta \sum x_i} \lambda e^{-\lambda \theta} \propto \theta^{n+1-1} e^{-\theta(\lambda + \sum x_i)}$$

which is  $\text{Gamma}(\alpha = n + 1, \beta = \frac{1}{\lambda + \sum x_i})$  distribution.

b. Find the Bayes estimator of  $\theta$ , assuming square-error loss

Suppose  $L_0(\hat{\theta}) = (\hat{\theta} - \theta)^2$ . 2019-2-28p1  $E[L_0(\hat{\theta})|\vec{x}]$  is minimized when

$$\hat{\theta}_{\text{Bayes}} = E[\theta|\vec{x}] = \alpha\beta = \frac{n+1}{\lambda + \sum x_i}$$

which is the posterior mean.

c. writing this estimator as a weighted (arithmetic, geometric, or harmonic) average of the MLE and some prior constant

$$\hat{\theta}_{\text{Bayes}} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{n+1}(\lambda + n\bar{x})} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{n+1}(\frac{1}{1/\lambda} + \frac{n}{1/\bar{x}})}$$

which is the weighted harmonic mean of  $1/\lambda$ , which is the prior mean, and  $1/\bar{x}$ , which is the MLE of  $\theta$ .

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Suppose  $L_1(\hat{\theta}) = |\hat{\theta} - \theta|$ .  $E[|\hat{\theta} - \theta|]$  is minimized when

$$\hat{\theta}_{\text{Bayes}} = \text{median}[\theta|\vec{x}]$$

For the median of Gamma distribution doesn't have a closed form, the posterior median would not have a closed form.

Postmedian  $\hat{\theta} = F^{-1}(\frac{1}{2})$  where  $F(x)$  is the  $\text{Gamma}(\alpha = n + 1, \beta = \frac{1}{\lambda + \sum x_i})$  cdf, for which there is no closed form.

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e. Find the Bayes estimator of  $\theta$ , assuming binary loss 2019-2-28p5-6

$$\text{Suppose } L_0(\hat{\theta}) = \begin{cases} 0 & \hat{\theta} = \theta \\ 1 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}.$$

$$E[L_0(\hat{\theta})|\vec{x}] = 0 \cdot P[\theta = \hat{\theta}|\vec{x}] + 1 \cdot P[\theta \neq \hat{\theta}|\vec{x}] = P[\theta \neq \hat{\theta}|\vec{x}] = 1 - P[\theta = \hat{\theta}|\vec{x}]$$

To minimize this, maximize  $P[\theta = \hat{\theta}|\vec{x}]$

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4. Redo all of problem 3, using the non-informative prior  $\pi(\theta) = 1, \theta > 0$ . Note that this is not a valid density function since its integral is infinite, but proceed with it anyway

a. Find the posterior distribution  $\pi(\theta|\vec{x})$ . 2019-2-26p8-9

For  $\pi(\theta) = 1, \theta > 0, L(\theta) = \theta^n e^{-\theta \sum x_i}$ , from the kernel of function,

$$\pi(\theta|\vec{x}) \propto L(\theta)\pi(\theta) = \theta^n e^{-\theta \sum x_i} \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha = n + 1, \beta = \frac{1}{\sum x_i})$$

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which is the weighted harmonic mean of  $c$ , which is the prior mean when  $c \rightarrow \infty$ , and  $1/\bar{x}$ , which is the MLE of  $\theta$ .

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5. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \sim \text{i.i.d.}$   $f(x|\theta) = \theta x^{-\theta-1}, x_i > 1, \theta > 2$ .

a. Find  $\hat{\theta}_{MLE}$ , the maximum likelihood estimator of  $\theta$ . 2019-2-2p12

$$f(\vec{x}|\theta) = L(\theta) = \theta^n (\prod x_i)^{\theta-1} = \theta^n e^{(-\theta-1) \sum_{i=1}^n \ln x_i}$$

$$l(\theta) = n \ln \theta - (\theta + 1) \sum_{i=1}^n \ln x_i$$

$$l'(\theta) = \frac{n}{\theta} - \sum_{i=1}^n \ln x_i \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0$$

$$\hat{\theta}_{MLE} = \frac{n}{\sum \ln x_i}$$

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b. Find the expected value of  $\hat{\theta}_{MLE}$ .

Let  $Y_i = \ln x_i$ , then  $X = e^y, \frac{dx}{dy} e^y$

$$g(Y) = \theta (e^y)^{-\theta-1} e^y = \theta e^{-y\theta}, y > 0$$

So  $Y_i = \ln x_i \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha = n, \beta = \frac{1}{\theta})$

$$E[\hat{\theta}] = nE[Y^{-1}] = n \frac{\beta^{-1} \Gamma(-1 + \alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} = \frac{n\theta \Gamma(n-1)}{\Gamma(n)} = \frac{n\theta(n-2)!}{(n-1)!} = \frac{n\theta}{n-1}$$

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c. Find the variance of  $\hat{\theta}_{MLE}$ .

$$E[\hat{\theta}^2] = n^2 E[Y^{-2}] = n^2 \frac{\beta^{-2} \Gamma(-2 + \alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} = \frac{n^2 \theta^2 \Gamma(n-2)}{\Gamma(n)} = \frac{n^2 \theta^2 (n-3)!}{(n-1)!} = \frac{n^2 \theta^2}{(n-1)(n-2)}$$

$$Var[\hat{\theta}^2] = \frac{n^2 \theta^2}{(n-1)(n-2)} - \frac{n^2 \theta^2}{(n-1)^2} = \frac{n^2 \theta^2}{(n-1)} \left[ \frac{1}{n-2} - \frac{1}{n-1} \right] = \frac{n^2 \theta^2}{(n-1)^2 (n-2)}$$


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d. Using  $\hat{\theta}_{MLE}$ , create an unbiased estimator  $\hat{\theta}_U$ .

$$\hat{\theta}_U = \frac{n-1}{n} \hat{\theta}_{MLE}$$


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e. Find the variance of  $\hat{\theta}_U$ .

$$Var[\hat{\theta}_U] = \left( \frac{n-1}{n} \right)^2 \frac{n^2 \theta^2}{(n-1)^2 (n-2)} = \frac{\theta^2}{n-2}$$

6. Refer to problem 5.

a. Find  $\hat{\theta}_{MOM}$ , the method of moments estimator of  $\theta$ . 2019-2-21p8 7.2.1

$$EX = \mu = \int_1^\infty x \theta x^{-\theta-1} dx = \theta \left. \frac{x^{-\theta+1}}{-\theta+1} \right|_1^\infty = \frac{\theta}{\theta-1}$$

$$\text{Set } \bar{X} = \frac{\theta}{\theta-1} \implies \theta \bar{x} - \bar{x} = \theta \implies \theta(\bar{x} - 1) = \bar{x},$$

$$\hat{\theta}_{MOM} = \frac{\bar{x}}{\bar{x} - 1}$$


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b. Using the delta method to approximate the expected value of  $\hat{\theta}_{MOM}$ .

$$\text{For } EX = \mu = \frac{\theta}{\theta-1}$$

$$E[X^2] = \int_1^\infty x^2 \theta x^{-\theta-1} dx = \theta \left. \frac{x^{-\theta+2}}{-\theta+2} \right|_1^\infty = \frac{\theta}{\theta-2}$$

$$Var[X] = \sigma^2 = E[X^2] - E[X]^2 = \frac{\theta}{\theta-2} - \left( \frac{\theta}{\theta-1} \right)^2$$

$$= \frac{\theta(\theta-1)^2 - \theta^2(\theta-2)}{(\theta-1)^2(\theta-2)} = \frac{\theta^3 - 2\theta^2 + \theta - \theta^3 + 2\theta^2}{(\theta-1)^2(\theta-2)} = \frac{\theta}{(\theta-1)^2(\theta-2)}$$

Use a 2<sup>nd</sup> order Taylor series 2019-3-5p1

$$g(x) = g(x_0) + g'(x_0)(x - x_0) + g''(x_0) \frac{(x - x_0)^2}{2} + R$$

$$\text{Consider } g(x) = \frac{x}{x-1}, \quad g'(x) = \frac{(x-1) \times 1 - x \times 1}{(x-1)^2} = \frac{-1}{(x-1)^2}, \quad g''(x) = \frac{2}{(x-1)^3}$$

Choose  $x_0 = EX = \mu$

$$g(x) \approx \frac{\mu}{\mu-1} + \frac{-1}{(\mu-1)^2}(x-\mu) + \frac{2}{(\mu-1)^3} \frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2}$$

$$\hat{\theta}_{MOM} = \frac{\bar{x}}{\bar{x}-1} \approx \frac{\mu}{\mu-1} + \frac{-1}{(\mu-1)^2}(\bar{x}-\mu) + \frac{1}{(\mu-1)^3}(\bar{x}-\mu)^2$$

$$E[\hat{\theta}_{MOM}] \approx \frac{\mu}{\mu-1} + 0 + \frac{1}{(\mu-1)^3} \frac{\sigma^2}{n} = \frac{\frac{\theta}{\theta-1}}{\frac{\theta}{\theta-1}-1} + \frac{1}{(\frac{\theta}{\theta-1}-1)^3} \frac{1}{n} \frac{\theta}{(\theta-1)^2(\theta-2)} = \theta + \frac{\theta(\theta-1)}{n(\theta-2)}$$


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c. Using the delta method to approximate the variance of  $\hat{\theta}_{MOM}$ . 2019-3-5p3

$$Var[\hat{\theta}_{MOM}] \approx Var[g(x_0) + g'(x_0)(x - x_0)] = Var[\frac{\mu}{\mu-1} + \frac{1}{(\mu-1)^2}(\bar{x} - \mu)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{(\mu-1)^4} \frac{\sigma^2}{n} = \frac{1}{(\frac{\theta}{\theta-1}-1)^4} \frac{1}{n} \frac{\theta}{(\theta-1)^2(\theta-2)} = \frac{\theta(\theta-1)^2}{n(\theta-2)}$$

End