

2000F

2000F1

Suppose $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$.

- A) Find $E[X]$
- B) Find $E[X(X-1)]$
- C) Find $E[X(X-1)(X-2)]$

2000F2

Suppose X_1 and X_2 are independent random variables with $X_1 \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_1)$, $X_2 \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_2)$. Prove that $X_1 + X_2 \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$.

2000F3

2003F6

Suppose $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$.

- A) Find $E[X]$.
- B) Find $E[X(X-1)]$.
- C) Find $E[X(n-X)]$.

2000F4

[@Bino] [@unbias] [@CRLB] [@MVUE] [@suff]

Suppose $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$

- A) Find an unbiased estimator of p^2 and an unbiased estimator of pq where $q = 1 - p$. (Hint: Use 3.)
- B) Determine the Cramer-Rao lower bound of the variance of all unbiased estimators T of p^2 .
- C) Find a MVUE (minimum variance unbiased estimator) of p^2 . Is it unique w.p.1? Why or why not? State the name(s) of the theorem(s) you are using.
- D) Is the estimator you found in part (c) an efficient estimator? Why or why not?

2000F5

[@SNorm] [@Norm] [@MGF]

- A) Let $Z \sim N(0, 1)$. Find $E[Z^k]$ for $k = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$.
- B) Let $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$. Find $E[X^k]$ for $k = 0, 1, 2, 3$.

2000F6

- A) What is the numerical value of $\sum_{k=0}^6 \binom{6}{k}$?
- B) What is the numerical value of $\sum_{k=0}^6 (-1)^k \binom{6}{k}$?

2000F7

[@Bino] [@UMP]

In genetic applications the truncated Binomial distribution has been used for a model. We say X has a truncated binomial distribution if:

$$P(X = x) = \frac{\binom{n}{x} \theta^x (1-\theta)^{n-x}}{1 - (1-\theta)^n} \text{ for } x = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n.$$

- A) Construct in detail the most powerful critical region for testing $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$ against $H_1 : \theta = \theta_1$, with $\theta_0 < \theta_1$.
- B) Will this test be UMP (uniformly most powerful) for testing $H_0 : \theta \leq \theta_0$ against $H_1 : \theta > \theta_0$?

2000F8

[@MLE] [@suff] [@MVUE]

Suppose X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n is a random sample from a distribution with density $f(x, \alpha, \beta) = \frac{1}{\beta} e^{-\frac{x-\alpha}{\beta}}$, where $x \geq \alpha$; $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$; $\beta > 0$. Define

$$\hat{\alpha} = \min(X_i), \text{ and } \hat{\beta} = \bar{X} - \min(X_i).$$

- A) Show that $\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}$ are MLE's for α, β .
- B) Show that $\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\beta}$ are sufficient for α, β .
- C) Using the fact that the above estimators are complete, find the MVUE's of α, β .

2000F9

[@BayesE]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from $f(x|\theta) = \theta(1 - \theta)^x$, with $x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. Let $g(\theta) = 1$ when $0 < \theta < 1$ be a uniform prior distribution for Θ .

- A) Find the posterior distribution of θ .
- B) Find the Bayes estimator of θ (assuming squared error loss).

2003S

2003S1

2008S1A

An urn contains 6 red and 3 blue balls. One ball is selected at random and replaced by a ball of the other color. A second ball is then chosen. What is the probability that the first ball selected is red given that the second was red?

2003S2

Let X be a continuous random variable with PDF $f(x) = 1 - |x|$, with $-1 < x < 1$. Let $Y = X^2$. Find the PDF of Y .

2003S3

2004F11 2007F3A 2008S2A 2009FA2 2010SA4 2015S1Ab 2016S5 2016F8 2018FA1 [@joint] [@marg]

Let X and Y be continuous random variables with joint PDF $f(x, y) = 8xy$, with $0 \leq x \leq y \leq 1$, and zero elsewhere. Let $W = XY$. Find the PDF of W .

2003S4

The time X for an appliance dealer to travel between Cityville and Ruralville is a normally distributed random variable with mean 30 minutes and standard deviation 10 minutes. The time Y it takes to install an appliance is also a normally distributed random variable with mean 20 minutes and standard deviation 5 minutes. If X and Y are independent, what is:

- A) The mean and variance of the total time to drive from Cityville to Ruralville, install an appliance, and return?
- B) The probability that the total time required in (a) is over 95 minutes? Set up only.

2003S5

[@Pois] [@Bino] [@indep]

Suppose that $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\theta)$ and $(Y|X = x) \sim \text{Binomial}(x, p)$.

- A) Find the distribution of Y .
- B) Show that Y and $X - Y$ are independent.

2003S6

[@MGF] [@LimD] [@mean] [@Var]

The MGF of a random variable X is of the form: $M(t) = \frac{e^t + e^{-t}}{2}$.

- A) Find the mean and variance of the sample mean \bar{X} based upon a random sample of size n taken from the random variable \bar{X} .
- B) Find the MGF of the sample mean \bar{X} .
- C) What is the limiting distribution of $\sqrt{n}\bar{X}$? Why?

2003S7

2008F5 2009SB1 2009FB4 2016S4 2016F7 2017FB4 2018FB2 2019SB4 [@MOM] [@MLE] [@effi] [@CRLB]

Let X be a random variable with PDF $f(x) = \frac{1}{\theta}x^{-\frac{1}{\theta}-1}$, where $x > 1$ (and 0 elsewhere), $\theta > 0$. Based on a sample of size n ,

- A) Find the method of moments estimator of θ .
- B) Find the maximum likelihood estimator of θ .
- C) Find the Cramer-Rao lower bound for the variance of an unbiased estimator of θ .
- D) Find the efficiency of the maximum likelihood estimator of θ .

2003S8

2010SB3 2010FB3[@Norm] [@MVUE]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n denote a random sample from a distribution that is $N(0, \theta)$. Find the unbiased minimum variance estimator of θ^2 .

2003S9

2003S9 2007F5B 2015S4B 2018S3B 2019SB3 [@SPower] [@power] [@UMP]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a distribution with PDF $f(x) = \theta x^{\theta-1}$, $x > 1$ (and 0 elsewhere). Find the best critical region for testing $H_0: \theta = 1$ against $H_1: \theta = 2$.

2003S10

2008F6 2016F5 [@Norm] [@indep] [@Basu]

Let Y_n be the n th order stat 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.

2003F**2003F1**

Let random variables X and Y have joint PDF $f(x, y) = e^{-x-y}$ for $x > 0, y > 0$, and zero otherwise. Let $Z = X + Y$.

- A) Find the joint PDF of X and Z .
- B) Find the PDF of Z .
- C) Find the PDF of Z , given $X = x$.
- D) Find the PDF of X , given $Z = z$.

2003F2

[@Var] [@Cov] [@Corr]

Suppose X_1 has variance $\sigma^2 = 4$, X_2 has variance $\sigma^2 = 3$, and $Cov(X_1, X_2) = -2$. If $U = X_1 + 2X_2$ and $V = 3X_1 + 4X_2$,

- A) Find $Var[U]$ and $Var[V]$.
- B) Find $Cov(U, V)$.
- C) Find $Corr(U, V)$.

2003F3

[@Var] [@Unif] [@mean]

Let $X \sim \text{uniform}(0, 1)$ and $Y = -\log(X)$.

- A) Find the CDF and PDF of Y .
- B) Find $E[Y]$ and $Var[Y]$.

2003F4

[@Pois] [@MLE] [@CRLB] [@suff]

Suppose X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n iid $\text{Poisson}(\theta)$ random variables with common marginal PDF $f(x) = \frac{\theta^x e^{-\theta}}{x!}, x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

- A) Find the maximum likelihood estimator of θ .
- B) Find a sufficient statistic for θ .
- C) Find the Cramer-Rao lower bound for the variance of unbiased estimators of θ .
- D) Does the MLE achieve the CRLB?

2003F5

[@Bino] [@Norm] [@Pois] [@comp]

A) Show that the $\text{Binomial}(n, p), 0 \leq p \leq 1$ family of PDFs is complete. $f(x) = \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$

B) Show that the $\text{Normal}(0, \sigma^2), 0 < \sigma^2 < 1$ family of PDFs is not complete. $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2\sigma^2}}$. But shouldn't there be a σ in the denominator of the constant?

C) Show that the $\text{Poisson}(\theta), 0 < \theta < 1$ family of PDFs is complete. $f(x) = \frac{\theta^x e^{-\theta}}{x!}$

2003F6**2000F3**

Let $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$ be a random variable.

- A) Prove that $E[X] = np$.
- B) Find $E[X(X-1)(X-2)]$.
- C) Find $E[X(n-X)]$.

2003F7

Let X be a single random variable having PDF $f(x) = \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-\frac{x}{\theta}}, x > 0$, zero elsewhere. Consider testing the null hypothesis $H_0 : \theta = 2$ versus the alternative $H_1 : \theta = 4$ using the critical region $x \geq 4$.

- A) Find α , the probability of a Type-I error.
- B) Find β , the probability of a Type-II error.

2003F8

2014SA2 2015F2 2017FA3 [@Expo] [@Basu] [@indep]

Let random variables X and Y have joint PDF $f(x, y) = e^{-x-y}$ for $x > 0, y > 0$, and zero otherwise. Define $U = \frac{X}{X+Y}$ and $V = X + Y$.

- A) Find the joint PDF of U and V .
- B) Show that U and V are independent.
- C) Find the PDF of U .

2003F9

2011F6 2017S6 [@Pois] [@UMP]

Suppose X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are iid $\text{Poisson}(\theta)$ random variables with common marginal PDF $f(x) = \frac{\theta^x e^{-\theta}}{x!}$ for $x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Find the form of a uniformly most powerful (UMP) test of $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$ versus $H_1 : \theta > \theta_0$. Explain why your test is a UMP.

2004F**2004F1**

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be iid *uniform* $[0, 1]$ random variables. Define $Y_1 = \min(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ and $Y_n = \max(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ Prove

- (a) $E(Y_1) = 1/(n-1)$
- (b) $E(Y_n) = n/(n-1)$

2004F2

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be iid *uniform* $[\theta_1, \theta_2]$ random variables, where $-\infty < \theta_1 < \theta_2 < \infty$. Define $Y_1 = \min(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ and $Y_n = \max(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$. Find the joint sufficient statistics for θ_1 and θ_2 .

2004F3

Let $Y = e^X$, where $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$. Find

- (a) the mean of Y , and
- (b) the variance of Y .

2004F4

Let T be a positive random variable with cdf $F(t)$. Define the function $H(t)$ as $H(t) = -\log(1 - F(t))$. Show that $H(T) \sim \exp(\lambda = 1)$. Note: The pdf of an exponential is $f(x|\lambda) = \lambda \exp(-\lambda x)$, for $0 < x < \infty$ and $\lambda > 0$. It equals 0 elsewhere.

2004F5

2009SB2 [Norm] [indep]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample of size $n = 5$ from a normal distribution $N(0, \theta)$.

- (a) Argue that the ratio and its denominator are independent. $R = (X_1^2 + X_2^2) / (X_1^2 + X_2^2 + X_3^2 + X_4^2 + X_5^2)$
- (b) Does $5R/2$ have an F-distribution with 2 and 5 degrees of freedom? Explain.

2004F6

[Bino] [Var] [unbias]

Let Y be *binomial* (n, p) .

- (a) Find an unbiased estimator $a(Y)$ of p .
- (b) Find an unbiased estimator $b(Y)$ of pq , where $q = 1 - p$.
- (c) Determine a lower bound for the variance of the estimator $b(Y)$ in part (b).

2004F7

[Pois]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be iid *Poisson* (λ) .

Let $\bar{X} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{n}$ and $S^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2}{n-1}$.

Determine $E(S^2 | \bar{X})$. State your argument clearly.

2004F8

2007F4B 2013FB4 2015S3B 2018S1B 2019SB2 [Laplace] [MLE]

Suppose the X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n form a random sample from a population with density function $f(x, \theta) = \frac{1}{2}e^{-|x-\theta|}$, $-\infty < x < \infty$, $-\infty < \theta < \infty$. Find the M.L.E. of θ .

2004F9

2003S9 2007F5B 2015S4B 2018S3B 2019SB3 [SPower] [power] [UMP]

Suppose Y is a random variable of size 1 from a population with density function $f(y|\theta) = \begin{cases} \theta y^{\theta-1} & 0 \leq y \leq 1, \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$, where $\theta > 0$

- (a) Sketch the power function of the test of the rejection: $Y > 0.5$.
- (b) Based on the single observation Y , find the uniformly most powerful test of size α for testing $H_0 : \theta = 1$ against $H_A : \theta > 1$.

2004F10

2014F5A

Let Z_1, Z_2, \dots be a sequence of random variables random variables; and suppose that, for $n = 1, 2, \dots$, the distribution of Z_n is follows: $P(Z_n = n^2) = 1/n$ and $P(Z_n = 0) = 1 - 1/n$. Show that

- (a) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E(Z_n) = \infty$ and
- (b) $Z_n \xrightarrow{p} 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

2004F11

2003S3 2007F3A 2008S2A 2010SA4 2015S1Ab 2016S5 2016F8 2018FA1 2019SA1 [@joint] [@marg]

Suppose a box contains a large number of tacks, and the probability X that a particular tack will land with its point up when it is tossed varies from tack to tack in accordance with the following pdf:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2(1-x) & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Suppose a tack is selected at random from this box and this tack is then tossed three times independently. Determine the probability the tack will land with its point up on all three tosses.

2004F12

2010SB4 2010FB4 2011S6 2015F5 2018S4B [@Expo] [@LRT] [@HypoT]

Let T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n be a random sample with density function $f(t|\theta) = \frac{1}{\theta} \exp(-t/\theta)$ for $0 < t < \infty$ and $0 < \theta < \infty$, $f(t|\theta) = 0$ elsewhere.

- Show that the likelihood ratio test (LRT) to test $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$ against $H_A : \theta \neq \theta_0$ is equivalent to the two-sided test based on the test statistic $T^* = \frac{2}{\theta_0} \sum_{i=1}^n T_i$
- Under $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$, what is the distribution of T^* ?

2005S

Kochar

2005S1

[@joint]

Let $F(x, y) = 1$ if $x + y \geq 1$, and zero otherwise. Show that $F(x, y)$ cannot be a joint cdf of two random variables X and Y .

2005S2

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be iid rv's from a distribution which has pdf $f(x) = e^{-x}, 0 \leq x < \infty$, and zero gtherwise. Let $0 \leq Y_1 < Y_2 < \dots < Y_n$ denote the order statistics of the sample. Define $W_i = Y_i - Y_{i-1}$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$, with $Y_0 = 0$.

- (6) Show that the W_i 's are independent random variables.
- (3) Find $E(W_i)$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.
- (3) Find $E(Y_i)$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

2005S3

2015S1Aa

Let X be a rv with finite mean μ , finite variance σ^2 , and assume $E(X^8) < \infty$. Prove or disprove:

- $E[(\frac{X-\mu}{\sigma})^2] \geq 1$.
- $E[(\frac{X-\mu}{\sigma})^4] \geq 1$.

2005S4

[@MGF] [@Cor] [@joint]

Let X and Y have joint mgf $M(t_1, t_2) = E(e^{t_1 X + t_2 Y}) = e^{t_1^2 + t_1 t_2 + 2t_2^2} - \infty < t_1, t_2 < \infty$

- (10) State the formal name and the defining parameter values for this joint distribution.
- (5) Find the correlation between X and Y ; that is, $\rho(X, Y)$.

2005S5

[@suff]

Let the rv's X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n form a random sample from a distribution with pdf denoted by $f(x|\theta)$. The unknown value of θ belongs to some parameter space Ω ; that is, $\theta \in \Omega \subset \mathbb{R}$. Define what we mean when we say $T = T(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ is a sufficient statistic for the parameter θ . That is, state the definition of a sufficient statistic for θ .

2005S6

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n form a random sample from $N(\theta, \sigma^2)$, $-\infty < \theta < \infty, 0 < \sigma^2 < \infty$. Argue that statistic Z defined as $Z = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (X_{i+1} - X_i)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2}$ is independent from the sample mean \bar{X} and the sample variance S^2

2005S7

Let X have pdf of the form $f(x|\theta) = 1/\theta, 0 < x < \theta$, zero elsewhere. Let $Y_1 < Y_2 < Y_3 < Y_4$ denote the order statistics of a random sample of size 4 from this distribution. Let the observed value of Y_4 be y_4 . We reject $H_0 : \theta = 1$ and accept $H_1 : \theta \neq 1$ if either $y_4 \leq 1/2$ or $y_4 \geq 1$.

- (6) Find the power function $K(\theta), 0 < \theta$, of the test.
- (4) What is the significance level (size) of the test?

2005S8

2014SA3 2014SA5 2015S3A 2016S3 [@SNorm] [@mean]

First, let $\Phi(\cdot)$ and $\phi(\cdot)$ denote the standard normal cdf and pdf respectively. Then, let X_1, \dots, X_n denote a random sample from a normal distribution with means θ and variance σ^2 , and let $F(\cdot)$ and $f(\cdot)$ denote the common cdf and pdf of the r.s. respectively. Assume the sample size n is odd; that is, $n = 2k - 1$; $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$. In this situation, the sample median is the k^{th} order statistic, denoted by Y_k .

- (a) (5) Let $g(y)$ denote the pdf of the sample median Y_k . Derive $g(y)$. You may use the symbols $F(\cdot)$ and $f(\cdot)$.
- (b) (3) Show that the pdf $g(y)$ is symmetric about θ .
- (c) (2) Find $E(Y_k)$.
- (d) (5) Determine the $E(Y_k | \bar{X})$, where \bar{X} is the sample mean of the above random sample. Justify your answer.

2005S9

2013FB5 2018FB4 [@Unif] [@MLE] [@suff]

Suppose X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n form a random sample from a uniform distribution over the interval $(\theta, \theta + 1)$, where the value of the parameter θ is unknown $-\infty < \theta < \infty$. The joint pdf $f_n(\underline{x} | \theta)$ of the random sample is expressed as follows: $f_n(\underline{x} | \theta) = \begin{cases} 1 & \theta \leq x_i \leq \theta + 1 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$

- (a) Express the joint pdf in terms of the $\min(x_i)$ and $\max(x_i)$.
- (b) Show that the statistics $\min(X_i)$ and $\max(X_i)$ are jointly sufficient statistics for θ .
- (c) If the MLE of θ exists, find it. Is it unique?

2007F

2007F1A

2008S4A 2013FB1 [@Norm] [@MLE] [@suff] [@consi] [@unbias]

Let Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n be a random sample from $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ distribution and let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m be an independent random sample from $N(2\mu, \sigma^2)$ distribution.

- (a) Find minimal sufficient statistics for (μ, σ^2)
- (b) Find maximum likelihood estimators of μ and σ^2
- (c) Show that $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m (X_i - \bar{X})^2 + \sum_{j=1}^n (Y_j - \bar{Y})^2}{m+n-2}$ is unbiased and consistent for estimating σ^2

2007F2A

2008S5A 2009FA1 2014F4A 2015S2A 2019SA2

Suppose Y_1 and Y_2 are i.i.d. random variables and the p.d.f. of each of them is as follows:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 10e^{-10x} & x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Find the p.d.f. of $X = Y_1 - Y_2$.

2007F3A

2003S3 2004F11 2008S2A 2010SA4 2015S1Ab 2016S5 2016F8 2018FA1 2019SA1 [@joint] [@marg]

Suppose Y_1 and Y_2 have the joint pdf $f(y_1, y_2) = \begin{cases} 2 & 0 \leq y_1 \leq y_2 \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$

- (a) Find the marginal density functions of Y_1 and Y_2 and check whether they are independent.
- (b) Find $E[Y_1 + Y_2]$
- (c) Find $P(Y_1 \leq 3/4 | Y_2 > 1/3)$

2007F4A

2015S4A [@CDF]

- (a) Let X be a continuous type random variable with cumulative distribution function $F(x)$. Find the distribution of the random variable $Y = \ln(1 - F(X))$:
- (b) Prove that for any $y \geq c$, the function $G_c(y) = P[X \leq y | X \geq c]$ has the properties of a distribution function.

2007F5A

2013FB2 2014F1B 2015S1B [@CDF] [@MLE]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a distribution with cumulative distribution function

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq 0 \\ (\frac{x}{\theta})^2 & 0 \leq x < \theta \\ 1 & x \geq \theta \end{cases}$$

- (a) Find $\hat{\theta}$, the mle of θ .
- (b) Find $E[\hat{\theta}]$.
- (c) Prove that $\hat{\theta}$ is consistent for θ .

2007F1B

2010SB3 2010FB3 [@Norm] [@MLE] [@UMVUE]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample of size m from $N(\theta, 1)$ distribution. Find MLE and UMVUE of θ^2 .

2007F2B

2014F5B 2017FB2 [@Unif] [@HypoT] [@power]

Let Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_{10} be a random sample from uniform distribution over $(0, \theta)$. For testing $H_0 : \theta = 0$ against the alternative $H_a : \theta > 1$, a reasonable test is to reject H_0 if $X_{(n)} = \max\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{10}\} \geq C$. Find C so that type I error probability is .05. Also find the power of the above test at $\theta = 1.5$.

2007F3B

2010SB1 2010FB1 2011S5 2013FB3 2015S2B 2018S2B [@Expo] [@FishI] [@CRLB]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from exponential distribution with p.d.f.

$$f(x, \theta) = \begin{cases} \theta e^{-\theta x} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & o.w. \end{cases}$$

for which the parameter $\theta > 0$ is unknown.

- Find the Fisher information $I(\theta)$ about θ in the sample.
- Find the 90th percentile of this distribution as a function of θ and call it $g(\theta)$.
- Find the Cramer-Rao lower bound on the variance of any unbiased estimator of $g(\theta)$.

2007F4B

2004F8 2013FB4 2015S3B 2018S1B 2019SB2 [@Laplace] [@MLE]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_9 be a random sample of size 9 from a distribution with pdf $f(x, \theta) = \frac{1}{2}e^{-|x-\theta|}$, $-\infty < x < \infty$;

where $-\infty < \theta < \infty$ is unknown.

Find the m.l.e. of θ and find its bias.

2007F5B

2003S9 2004F9 2015S4B 2018S3B 2019SB3 [@SPower] [@power] [@UMP]

Suppose X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n is a random sample from a distribution with pdf

$$f(x, \theta) = \begin{cases} \theta x^{\theta-1} & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 0 & o.w. \end{cases}$$

Suppose that the value of θ is unknown and it is desired to test the following hypotheses :

$$H_0 : \theta = 1 \quad H_1 : \theta > 1$$

Derive the UMP test of size α and obtain the null distribution of your test statistic.

2008S**2008S1A**

2003S1

A box contains 2 red balls, 2 white balls, and 3 blue balls. If 5 balls are selected at random without replacement, what is the probability that only one color is missing from the selection?

2008S2A

2003S3 2004F11 2007F3A 2009FA2 2010SA4 2015S1Ab 2016S5 2016F8 2018FA1 2019SA1 [@joint] [@marg]

Let (Y_1, Y_2) have the joint pdf $f(y_1, y_2) = \begin{cases} c(1 - y_2) & 0 \leq y_1 \leq y_2 \leq 1 \\ 0 & o.w. \end{cases}$

- Find the value of c .
- Find the marginal density functions of Y_1 and Y_2 .
- Find $P(Y_2 \leq 1/2 | Y_1 \leq 3/4)$

2008S3A

2008F1 2016F4 [@Unif] [@CDF] [@PDF]

Let (Y_1, Y_2) denote a random sample of size $n = 2$ from the uniform distribution on the interval $(0, 1)$. Find the probability density and cumulative distribution functions of $U = Y_1 + Y_2$.

2008S4A

2007F1A 2013FB1 [@Norm] [@unbias] [@consi]

Let Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n be a random sample of size n from a normal population with mean μ and variance σ^2 . Assuming $n = 2k$ for some integer k , one possible estimator for σ^2 is given by: $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{2k} \sum_{i=1}^k (Y_{2i} - Y_{2i-1})^2$

- Show that $\hat{\sigma}^2$ is an unbiased estimator for σ^2
- Show that $\hat{\sigma}^2$ is a consistent estimator for σ^2

2008S5A

2007F2A 2009FA1 2014F4A 2015S2A 2019SA2

The lifetime (in hours) Y of an electronic component is a random variable with density function $f(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{300} e^{-\frac{1}{300}y} & y > 0 \\ 0 & o.w. \end{cases}$

- What is the probability that a randomly selected component will operate for at least 300 hours?
- Five of these components operate independently in a piece of equipment. The equipment fails if at least three of the components fail. Find the probability that the equipment will operate for at least 300 hours without failure?

2008S1B

2009FA4 2015F1 [@Unif] [@mean] [@Var] [@suff] [@UMVUE]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample of size n from a uniform distribution over the interval $[-\theta/2, \theta/2]$, $\theta > 0$ being unknown.

- Prove that $T = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} |X_i|$ is complete and sufficient for θ .
- Find the UMVU estimator of θ .

2008S2B

2014F2B [@Pois] [@FishI]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from Poisson distribution with parameter $\lambda (> 0)$.

- Find the Fisher's information in the sample about the parameter λ .
- Suppose we want to estimate $P[X_1 = 0] = e^{-\lambda}$. Find a lower bound on the variance of any unbiased estimator of this parametric function.

2008S3B

[@consi]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a distribution with probability density function $f_{\theta_1}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\theta_1} e^{-\frac{x}{\theta_1}} & x > 0 \\ 0 & o.w. \end{cases}$ and Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n an

independent random sample from $f_{\theta_2}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\theta_2} e^{-\frac{x}{\theta_2}} & x > 0 \\ 0 & o.w. \end{cases}$

- Find $p_{\theta_1, \theta_2} = P[X_1 \leq Y_1]$.
- Find the MLE, \hat{p}_n , of $p_{\theta_1, \theta_2} = P[X_1 \leq Y_1]$.
- Show that \hat{p}_n is a consistent estimator of p_{θ_1, θ_2} .

2008S4B

2014SB2 [@Unif]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{10} be independent random variables such that X_i has $U(0, i\theta)$ distribution for $i = 1, 2, \dots, 10$. Based on these 10 observations, find the maximum likelihood estimator of θ and find its bias.

2008S5B

2017FB3 [@Norm] [@MLR] [@UMP] [@power] [@HypoT]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m be a random sample of size m from $N(\theta, 1)$ distribution and let Y_1, \dots, Y_m be an independent random sample of size m from $N(3\theta, 1)$.

- Show that the joint distribution of X 's and Y 's has @MLR (monotone likelihood ratio) property.
- Find the UMP test of size α for testing $H_0 : \theta \leq 0$ vs $H_1 : \theta > 0$.
- Find an expression of the power function of the UMP test.

2008F

Fountain

2008F1

2008S3A 2016F4 [@Unif] [@CDF] [@PDF]

Let Y_1 and Y_2 be a random sample of size 2 from $Uniform(0, 1)$. Find the cumulative distribution and probability density functions of $U = Y_1 + Y_2$.

2008F2

2010SA1 2014F2A

Only 5 in 1000 adults are afflicted with a rare disease for which a diagnostic test has been developed. The test is such that when an individual actually has the disease, a positive result will occur 99% of the time, whereas an individual without the disease will show a positive result only 2% of the time. If a randomly selected individual is tested and the result is positive, what is the probability that the individual has the disease? A man committed a suicide in a week after learning from his doctor that he has a terminal cancer. What do you think of his reaction based on your answer to this problem?

2008F3

2016F3 [@Cheb]

If X is a random variable such that $E[X] = 3$ and $E[X^2] = 13$, determine a lower bound for the probability $P(-2 < X < 8)$. (Hint: Use a famous inequality.)

2008F4

[@LimD]

Let Y_1 be the minimum of a random sample of size n from a distribution that has p.d.f. $f(x) = e^{-(x-\theta)}, \theta < x < \infty$, zero elsewhere. Let $Z_n = n(Y_1 - \theta)$. Determine the limiting distribution of Z_n . (Hint: Determine the p.d.f. of Y_1 and then apply the change of variable technique.)

2008F5

2003S7 2009SB1 2009FB4 2016S4 2016F7 2017FB4 2018FB2 2019SB4 [@MOM] [@MLE] [@MSE] [@CRLB]

Let $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n \sim \text{i.i.d. } f(x; \theta) = \theta(x+1)^{-\theta-1}, x > 0, \theta > 2$

- Find $\hat{\theta}_{MOM}$, the method of moments estimator of θ .
- Find $\hat{\theta}_{MLE}$, the maximum likelihood estimator of θ .
- Find the MSE (mean squared error) of $\hat{\theta}_{MLE}$.
- Using $\hat{\theta}_{MLE}$, create an unbiased estimator $\hat{\theta}_U$.
- Find the efficiency of $\hat{\theta}_U$.
- Construct the most powerful test of $H_0 : \theta = 3$ vs. $H_1 : \theta = 4$.

2008F6

2003S10 2016F5 [@Norm] [@indep] [@Basu]

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.

2008F7

2016F6 [@Expo] [@BayesE]

Suppose that X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n i.i.d. $Exponential(\theta)$, i.e. $f(x; \theta) = \theta e^{-\theta x}, x > 0$. Also assume that the prior distribution of θ is $h(\theta) = \lambda e^{-\lambda \theta}, \theta > 0$. Find the Bayes estimator of θ , assuming squared error loss.

2009S

unknown, Fountain

2009SA1

[@joint] [@marg]

Suppose random variables X and Y have a joint probability mass function $p(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{x+y+1}{30} & x, y = 0, 1, 2, \dots, x+y \leq 3 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$. Determine the marginal probability mass function of Y .

2009SA2

[@Pois]

Suppose a random variable X has a probability mass function $p(x) = \frac{e^{-\mu} \mu^x}{x!}, x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$, zero, elsewhere. Find the values of μ , so that $x = 1$ is the unique mode.

2009SA3

[@Pois]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be the independent $Poisson(m_i)$ random variables. Show that $Y = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ has $Poisson(\sum_{i=1}^n m_i)$.

2009SA4

[@Cor] [@Cheb]

Let $\sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2 = \sigma^2$ be the common variance, ρ the correlation coefficient, μ_1 and μ_2 the means of X_1 and X_2 , respectively. Show that $P[|(X_1 - \mu_1) + (X_2 - \mu_2)| \geq k\sigma] \leq \frac{2(1+\rho)}{k^2}$

2009SA5

[@Expo]

Let X_n have a probability density function $f(x; n) = \begin{cases} n e^{-nx} & 0 \leq x < \infty \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$. Find the limiting distribution of $Y_n = X_n/n$.

2009SB1

2003S7 2008F5 2009FB4 2016S4 2016F7 2017FB4 2018FB2 2019SB4 [@MOM] [@MLE] [@MSE] [@CRLB]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample of size n from the following distribution:

$f(x; \theta) = (\theta + 1)x^\theta, 0 \leq x \leq 1, \theta > -1$

- Find $\hat{\theta}_{MOM}$, the method of moments estimator for θ .
- Find $\hat{\theta}_{MLE}$, the maximum likelihood estimator for θ .
- Using $\hat{\theta}_{MLE}$, create an unbiased estimator $\hat{\theta}_U$.
- Find the Cramer-Rao lower bound on the variance of an unbiased estimator of θ .
- Construct the most powerful test of $H_0 : \theta = 0$ vs. $H_1 : \theta = 1$, showing as much detail as possible.

2009SB2

2004F5 [@Norm] [@indep]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_5 be a random sample of size 5 from the normal distribution $N(0, \sigma^2)$. Prove that $R = (X_1^2 + X_2^2) / (X_1^2 + X_2^2 + X_3^2 + X_4^2 + X_5^2)$ and $D = X_1^2 + X_2^2 + X_3^2 + X_4^2 + X_5^2$ are independent.

2009SB3

[@Pois] [@Gamma] [@BayesE]

Suppose thfrt X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n have i.i.d. $Poisson(\theta)$. Also assume that the prior distribution of θ is $Gamma(\alpha, \beta)$. Find the Bayes estimator of θ , assuming squared-error loss.

2009F**2009FA1**

2007F2A 2008S5A 2014F4A 2015S2A 2019SA2

The lifetime (in hours) Y of an electronic component is a random variable with density function $f(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{200} e^{-\frac{1}{200}y} & y > 0 \\ 0 & o.w. \end{cases}$

- What is the probability that a randomly selected component will operate for at least 400 hours?
- What is the probability that the lifetime of a randomly selected component will exceed its mean lifetime by more than two standard deviations?
- Four of these components operate independently in a piece of equipment. The equipment fails if at least three of the components fail. Find the probability that the equipment will operate for at least 400 hours without failure?

2009FA2

2003S3 2004F11 2007F3A 2008S2A 2010SA4 2015S1Ab 2016S5 2016F8 2018FA1 2019SA1 [@joint] [@marg]

Suppose (Y_1, Y_2) have the joint pdf $f(y_1, y_2) = \begin{cases} c & 0 \leq y_1 \leq y_2 \leq 1 \\ 0 & o.w. \end{cases}$

- Find the value of c .
- Find the marginal density functions of Y_1 and Y_2 and check whether they are independent.
- Find $P(Y_1 \leq 1 | Y_2 > 1)$

2009FA3

2015S5B 2019SA4 [@MOM] [@Pois]

Let Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_{12} be a random sample from a Poisson distribution with mean λ .

- (4 Ppts) Use the method of moment generating functions to find the distribution of $S_{12} = \sum_{i=1}^{12} Y_i$.
- (6 pts) Let $S_4 = \sum_{i=1}^4 Y_i$ Find the conditional distribution of S_4 given $S_{12} = s$.

2009FA4

2008S1B 2015F1 [@Unif] [@PDF] [@mean] [@Var] [@consi]

Suppose X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n is a random sample from a uniform distribution over $[1, \theta]$, where $\theta > 1$. Let $Y_n = \max\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$

- (3 pts) Find the probability density-function of Y_n .
- (4 pts) Find the mean and the variance of Y_n .
- (3 pts) Examine whether Y_n is a consistent estimator of θ .

2009FB1

2019SB1

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a normal distribution $N(\mu, \sigma^2 = 25)$. Reject $H_0 : \mu = 50$ and accept $H_1 : \mu = 55$ if $\bar{X}_n \geq c$. Find the two equations in n and c that you would solve to get $P(\bar{X}_n \geq c | \mu) = K(\mu)$ to be equal to $K(50) = 0.05$ and $K(55) = 0.90$. Solve these two equations. Round up if n is not an integer. Hint: $z_{.05} = 1.645$ and $z_{.1} = 1.28$

2009FB2

[@MLE] [@LRT] [3.E.23] [8.E.5] [@Pareto]

The Pareto distribution is a frequently used model in study of incomes and has the distribution function $F(x; \theta_1, \theta_2) = \begin{cases} 1 - (\theta_1/x)^{\theta_2} & \theta_1 < x \\ 0 & o.w. \end{cases}$ where $\theta_1 > 0$ and $\theta_2 > 0$.

- (4 pts) Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from this distribution. Find the MLEs of θ_1 and θ_2 .

$$f(x | \theta_1, \theta_2) = \frac{\theta_2 \theta_1^{\theta_2}}{x^{\theta_2+1}}$$

- (3 pts) Find the likelihood ratio test for testing $H_0 : \theta_1 = 1$ against $H_1 : \theta_1 \neq 1$.
- (3 pts) Using $\alpha = .05$, find out the critical value for your test. Hint: $\chi_{1,.025}^2 = 5.024$; $\chi_{1,.05}^2 = 3.841$; $\chi_{1,.975}^2 = .001$; $\chi_{1,.95}^2 = .004$, $\chi_{2,.025}^2 = 7.378$; $\chi_{2,.05}^2 = 5.991$; $\chi_{2,.975}^2 = .051$; $\chi_{2,.95}^2 = .103$

2009FB3

[@UMVUE] [@Expo] [@indep]

Let X_1, X_2 denote a random sample of size $n = 2$ from a distribution with pdf $f(x; \theta) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-\frac{x}{\theta}} & 0 < x < \infty \\ 0 & o.w. \end{cases}$ where $0 < \theta < \infty$ is an unknown parameter.

- (5 pts) Show that $Y_1 = X_1 + X_2$ is independent of X_1 / X_2 .
- (5 pts) Find the UMVUE of θ^2

2009FB4

2003S7 2008F5 2009SB1 2016S4 2016F7 2017FB4 2018FB2 2019SB4

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample of size n from a probability density function

$$f(x; \theta) = \begin{cases} (\theta + 1)x^\theta & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & o.w. \end{cases}$$

where $\theta > -1$ is an unknown parameter.

- (3 pts) Find $\hat{\theta}$, the maximum likelihood estimator of θ .
- (2 pts) Using $\hat{\theta}$, create an unbiased estimator $\hat{\theta}_U$ of θ .
- (3 pts) Find the Cramer-Rao lower bound for an unbiased estimator of θ .
- (2 pts) What is the asymptotic distribution of $\hat{\theta}$?

2010S**2010SA1**

2008F2 2014F2A

Only 1 in 1000 adults is afflicted with a rare disease for which a diagnostic test has been developed. The test is such that when an individual actually has the disease, a positive result will occur 99% of the time, whereas an individual without the disease will show a positive result only 2% of the time (false positive). If a randomly selected individual is tested and the result is positive, what is the probability that the individual has the disease?

2010SA2

Let X_1 and X_2 be a random sample of size 2 from the following pdf

$$f(x, \beta) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2\beta^3} x^2 e^{-x/\beta} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & o.w. \end{cases}$$

- Compute the expected value of X_1 / X_2
- Compute the variance of X_1 / X_2

2010SA3

2011S4 2018FA4 [@Pois] [@LimD]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from $Poisson(\mu)$. Derive the limiting distribution of $\sqrt{n}(e^{-\bar{X}_n} - e^{-\mu})$.

2010SA4

2003S3 2004F11 2007F3A 2008S2A 2015S1Ab 2016S5 2016F8 2018FA1 2019SA1 [@joint] [@marg]

Let X and Y have the following joint pdf: $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 6(y - x) & 0 < x < y < 1 \\ 0 & o.w. \end{cases}$ Define $Z = (X + Y) / 2$ and $W = Y - X$, respectively.

- Find the joint pdf of Z and W .
- Find the marginal pdf of Z .

2010SB1

2007F3B 2010FB1 2011S5 2013FB3 2015S2B 2018S2B [@Expo] [@FishI] [@CRLB]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{20} be a random sample from exponential distribution with p.d.f.

$$f(x, \theta) = \begin{cases} \theta e^{-\theta x} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & o.w. \end{cases}$$

for which the parameter $\theta > 0$ is unknown.

- Find the Fisher information $I(\theta)$ about θ in the sample.
- Find the 75th percentile of this distribution as a function of θ and call it $g(\theta)$.
- Find the Cramer-Rao lower bound on the variance of any unbiased estimator of $g(\theta)$.

2010SB2

[@power]

$$\text{Let } f_1(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 < x \leq 1 \\ 0 & o.w. \end{cases} \text{ and } f_2(x) = \begin{cases} 4x & 0 < x \leq 1/2 \\ 4(1-x) & 1/2 < x \leq 1 \\ 0 & o.w. \end{cases}$$

Based on a single observation X , derive the most powerful level $\alpha = 0.1$ test for testing $H_0 : X \sim f_1$ against the alternative $H_2 : X \sim f_2$. Also find the power of your test.

2010SB3

2007F1B 2010FB3 [@Norm] [@MLE] [@UMVUE]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from $N(1, \sigma^2)$ distribution.

- Find the MLE of σ^2
- Is it an unbiased estimator of σ^2 ? Justify your answer.
- Is it a UMVUE of σ^2 ? Justify your answer.

2010SB4

2004F12 2010FB4 2011S6 2015F5 2018S4B [@Expo] [@LRT] [@HypoT]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m be a random sample from the exponential distribution with mean θ_1 and let Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n be an independent random sample from another exponential distribution with mean θ_2 .

- Find the likelihood ratio test for testing $H_0 : \theta_1 = \theta_2$ vs $H_a : \theta_1 \neq \theta_2$
- Show that the test in (a) is equivalent to an exact F test. (Hint : Transform $\sum X_i$; and $\sum Y_i$ to χ^2 random variables).

2010F**2010FA1**

2013FA2 [@Unif] [@mean] [@Cov] [@Cor]

Suppose X is *uniform* $[0, 1]$. Assume Y , given $X = x$, is *uniform* $[0, x]$ Find the joint pdf of X and Y . Find the mean and variance of X and Y . Find the covariance and correlation of X and Y .

2010FA2

2013FA3 [@Unif] [@mean] [@LimD]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be iid *uniform* $[0, 1]$ random variables, and define $Y_1 = \min X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$. Find the cdf of Y_1 . Suppose $W_1 = nY_1$. Note that $0 < Y_1 < 1$, but $0 < W_1 < n$. Find the limiting distribution of W_1 as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

2010FA3

[@Norm] [@mean] [@Var]

Suppose X is $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$. Define $Y = e^X$. Find the mean and variance of Y .

2010FA4

[@Pois] [@MGF]

Assume that X_i is *Poisson* (μ_i) , $i = 1, \dots, n$. If the X_i 's are independent, use moment generating functions to show that $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ is also Poisson. Do you think $\sum_{i=1}^n iX_i$ is Poisson?

2010FB1

2007F3B 2010SB1 2011S5 2013FB3 2015S2B 2018S2B [@Expo] [@FishI] [@CRLB]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{20} be a random sample from exponential distribution with p.d.f.

$$f(x, \theta) = \begin{cases} \theta e^{-\theta x} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

for which the parameter $\theta > 0$ is unknown.

- Find the Fisher information $I(\theta)$ about θ in the sample.
- Find the 75th percentile of this distribution as a function of θ and call it $g(\theta)$.
- Find the Cramer-Rao lower bound on the variance of any unbiased estimator of $g(\theta)$.

2010FB2

2015F4 [@Beta] [@HypoT] [@power]

Let X_1 be a random sample of size $n = 1$ from the Beta distribution with pdf $f(x|\theta) = \begin{cases} \frac{\Gamma(2\theta)}{\Gamma(\theta)^2} x^{\theta-1} (1-x)^{\theta-1} & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$

Suppose a researcher is interested in testing $H_0 : \theta = 1$ against $H_1 : \theta = 2$. The researcher decides to reject H_0 in favor of H_1 if $X_1 < 2/3$.

- Find the size of the test
- Compute the power of the test at $\theta = 2$.

2010FB3

2007F1B 2010SB3 [@Norm] [@MLE] [@UMVUE]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from $N(1, \sigma^2)$ distribution.

- Find the MLE of σ^2
- Is it an unbiased estimator of σ^2 ? Justify your answer.
- Is it a UMVUE of σ^2 ? Justify your answer.

2010FB4

2004F12 2010SB4 2011S6 2015F5 2018S4B [@Expo] [@LRT] [@HypoT]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m be a random sample from the exponential distribution with mean θ_1 and let Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n be an independent random sample from another exponential distribution with mean θ_2 .

- Find the likelihood ratio test for testing $H_0 : \theta_1 = \theta_2$ vs $H_a : \theta_1 \neq \theta_2$
- Show that the test in (a) is equivalent to an exact F test. (Hint : Transform $\sum X_i$; and $\sum Y_i$ to χ^2 random variables).

2011S**2011S1**

[@Cor] [@Cov] [@Var]

Let U and V be r.v.'s such that $Var(U + V) = 30$ and $Var(U - V) = 10$.

- Find $Cov(U, V)$.
- If additionally, we know $Var(U) = Var(V)$, find the correlation of U and V .

2011S2

[@Unif]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n , be iid $Uniform[0, \theta]$ r.v. 's.

- Find an unbiased estimator of θ .
- Find the minimum variance unbiased estimator of θ .
- Find an unbiased estimator of θ^2
- Find the minimum variance unbiased estimator of θ^2

2011S3

[@Unif] [@Weib] [@trans]

Let $f(x) = 2xe^{-x^2}, 0 < x < \infty$, and zero elsewhere.

- Show $f(x)$ is a probability density function.
- If X has pdf $f(x)$, find $E(X)$.
- If X has pdf $f(x)$, find $E(X^2)$.

2011S4

2010SA3 2018FA4 [@Pois] [@LimD]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from $Poisson(\mu)$. Derive the limiting distribution of $\sqrt{n}(e^{-\bar{X}_n} - e^{-\mu})$.

2011S5

2007F3B 2010SB1 2010FB1 2013FB3 2015S2B 2018S2B [@Expo] [@FishI] [@CRLB]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{20} be a random sample from exponential distribution with p.d.f.

$$f(x, \theta) = \begin{cases} \theta e^{-\theta x} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

for which the parameter $\theta > 0$ is unknown.

- Find the Fisher information $I(\theta)$ about θ in the sample.
- Find the 75th percentile of this distribution as a function of θ and call it $g(\theta)$.
- Find the Cramer-Rao lower bound on the variance of any unbiased estimator of $g(\theta)$.

2011S6

2004F12 2010SB4 2010FB4 2015F5 2018S4B [@Expo] [@LRT] [@HypoT]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m be a random sample from the exponential distribution with mean θ_1 and let Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n be an independent random sample from another exponential distribution with mean θ_2 .

- Find the likelihood ratio test for testing $H_0 : \theta_1 = \theta_2$ vs $H_a : \theta_1 \neq \theta_2$
- Show that the test in (a) is equivalent to an exact F test. (Hint : Transform $\sum X_i$; and $\sum Y_i$ to χ^2 random variables).

2011F**2011F1**

[@Norm] [@mean]

Let X be a $N(0, \sigma^2)$ random variable. Find $E(X^4)$.

2011F2

[@Gamma]

Let (X, Y) have bivariate density $f(x, y) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+\gamma)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)\Gamma(\gamma)} x^{\alpha-1} y^{\beta-1} (1-x-y)^{\gamma-1}, 0 < x < 1, 0 < y < 1, 0 < x+y < 1$ for parameters $\alpha > 0, \beta > 0, \gamma > 0$. Determine

- the conditional density of Y given $X = .5$,
- the density of $Y/.5$ given $X = .5$,
- the marginal density of X .

2011F3

[@Unif] [@Weib] [@trans]

Determine the transformation g that will make $X = g(U)$ have the Weibull density $f(x) = 2xe^{-x^2}, x > 0$, where U is a *uniform* $(0, 1)$ random variable.

2011F4

[@Norm] [@t] [@MGF]

Suppose X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n is a random sample of $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ random variables. Find the moment generating function $M(t) = E(e^{tT}), t \in \mathbb{R}$, where $T = \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{S/\sqrt{n}}$ is the usual t-statistic.

2011F5

[@Norm] [@Cor] [@Cov] [@Var]

Suppose X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n is a random sample of $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ random variables.

- Find the correlation of \bar{X} and S^2 , the sample mean and sample variance.
- Find the variance of S^2 .
- Compute the covariance of X_1 and \bar{X} .

2011F6

2003F9 2011F6 [@Pois] [@UMP] [@HypoT]

Let X_1, X_2, X_3 be iid *Poisson* (λ) random variables. Find a UMP (uniformly most powerful) test of $H_0 : \lambda \geq 1$ versus $H_1 : \lambda < 1$ at a level α near .05.

2011F7

[@Pois] [@MLE] [@MSE]

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be iid *Poisson* (λ) random variables.

- Find the best unbiased estimator of $e^{-\lambda}$, the probability that $X = 0$.
- Find the MLE (maximum likelihood estimator) for $e^{-\lambda}$.
- Compute the MSE (mean-squared error) for the MLE as a function of λ ,

2011F8

[@Bino] [@CRLB] [@MLE]

Let X have the binomial distribution *bin* (n, p) . Find the Cramer-Rao lower bound on the variance of an unbiased estimator for p , and compare it to the variance of the MLE for p .

2013S**2013S1**

[@Norm]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be iid $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ random variables. If we have convergence in distribution $\sqrt{n}(S^2 - \sigma^2) \rightarrow N(0, 2\sigma^4)$ for the sample variance S^2 , use it to get a normal approximation for the distribution of S .

2013S2

2014F3A

Let (X, Y) have bivariate density $f(x, y) = e^{-x}, 0 < y < x$. Determine

- the marginal density of X ,
- the conditional density of Y given $X = x$.

2013S3

[@Pois] [@MLE] [@MOM]

Let X have the *Poisson* (λ) distribution. Find the Cramer-Rao lower bound on the variance of an unbiased estimator for λ and compare it to the variance of the Method of Moments estimator for λ .

2013S4

Find a transformation g that will make $X = g(U)$ have the $\chi^2(2)$ density where U is a *uniform*(0,1) random variable (useful for the Box-Mueller method of simulating standard normal random variables).

2013S5

[@Norm] [@MLE]

Suppose X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n is a random sample of $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ random variables. Find the mean-squared error of the MLE for σ^2 and the mean-squared error of its best unbiased estimator.

2013S6

[@Norm]

Suppose X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n is a random sample of $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ random variables.

- Find the exact distribution of \bar{X} .
- Compute the covariance of $X_1 - \bar{X}$ and X .

2013S7

[@Bino] [@UMP]

Let X_1, X_2 be two iid $\text{bin}(5, p)$ random variables. Find a UMP (uniformly most powerful) test of $H_0 : p \leq 0.5$ versus $H_1 : p > .5$ at a level α near .01.

2013S8

[@Gamma] [@MLE]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be iid $\text{Gamma}(\alpha = 1, \beta)$ random variables. Find the expectation of the MLE $1/\bar{X}$ for the rate $\lambda = 1/\beta$ and say whether it is greater than or less than λ

2013F**2013FA1**

Assume an urn contains R red and B blue marbles. Marbles are drawn from the urn, one at a time and without replacement, until all the marbles have been drawn.

- What is the probability that the first marble drawn is red?
- What is the probability that the second marble is red?
- What is the probability that the last marble is red?
- What is the probability that the first and last marbles are red?

2013FA2

2010FA1 [@Unif] [@mean]

Let X be a *uniform*[0,1] random variable. Let Y , given X , be *uniform*[0, X].

- What are the mean and variance of X ?
- What are the mean and variance of Y ?
- What is the joint pdf $f(x, y)$ of X and Y ?

2013FA3

2010FA2 [@Unif] [@mean] [@asym]

Suppose U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n are iid *uniform*[0, θ] random variables, where $0 < \theta < \infty$. Let $W_n = n \times \min\{U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n\}$, so that $0 \leq W_n \leq n \times \theta$.

Let $H_n(w) = P(W_n \leq w)$ be the cdf of W_n , and let $h_n(w)$ be the pdf of W_n

- Find the limit $H(w)$ of $H_n(w)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Is it a cdf of a random variable?
- Find the limit $h(w)$ of $h_n(w)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.
- What is the asymptotic distribution of W_n ?
- What is the mean, $E(W_n)$, of W_n ?

2013FA4

[@Bino]

Suppose X has a negative binomial distribution, with pdf. $P(X = x) = \binom{x-1}{r-1} p^r q^{x-r}$, $x = r, r+1, r+2, \dots$, where $p + q = 1$, and r is a fixed positive integer, namely the required number of successes to stop.

- Find the mean $E[X]$ of X .
- Find the variance $\text{Var}[X]$ of X .

2013FA5

Let X and Y be two continuous type independent random variables with distribution functions F and G , respectively. Find

- the pdf of $V = F(X) + G(Y)$,
- the pdf of $W = \min\{F(X), G(Y)\}$.

2013FB1

2007F1A 2008S4A [@Norm] [@MLE] [@suff] [@consi] [@unbias]

Let Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n be a random sample from $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ distribution and let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m be an independent random sample from $N(2\mu, \sigma^2)$ distribution.

- Find minimal sufficient statistics for (μ, σ^2)
- Find maximum likelihood estimators of μ and σ^2
- Show that $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^m (X_i - \bar{X})^2 + \sum_{j=1}^n (Y_j - \bar{Y})^2}{m+n-2}$ is unbiased and consistent for estimating σ^2

2013FB2

2007F5A 2014F1B 2015S1B [@CDF] [@MLE]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a distribution with cumulative distribution function

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ \left(\frac{x}{\theta}\right)^2 & 0 \leq x < \theta \\ 1 & x \geq \theta \end{cases}$$

- Find $\hat{\theta}$, the mle of θ .
- Find $E[\hat{\theta}]$.
- Prove that $\hat{\theta}$ is consistent for θ .

2013FB3

2007F3B 2010SB1 2010FB1 2011S5 2015S2B 2018S2B [@Expo] [@FishI] [@CRLB]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from exponential distribution with p.d.f.

$$f(x, \theta) = \begin{cases} \theta e^{-\theta x} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

for which the parameter $\theta > 0$ is unknown.

- Find the Fisher information $I(\theta)$ about θ in the sample.
- Find the 90th percentile of this distribution as a function of θ and call it $g(\theta)$.
- Find the Cramer-Rao lower bound on the variance of any unbiased estimator of $g(\theta)$.

2013FB4

2004F8 2007F4B 2015S3B 2018S1B 2019SB2 [@Laplace] [@MLE] [@suff]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_9 be a random sample of size 9 from a distribution with pdf $f(x, \theta) = \frac{1}{2}e^{-|x-\theta|}$, $-\infty < x < \infty$; where $-\infty < \theta < \infty$ is unknown.

Find the m.l.e. of θ and find its bias. Is the m.l.e. a sufficient statistic?

2013FB5

2018FB4 [@Unif] [@HypoT]

Let X_1 and X_2 be two independent random variables each having uniform distribution on the interval $(\theta, \theta + 1)$. For testing $H_0 : \theta = 0$ against $H_a : \theta > 0$, we have two competing tests :

- Test 1 : Reject H_0 if $X_1 > 0.95$
- Test 2 : Reject H_0 if $X_1 + X_2 > c$.

Find the value of c so that the Test 2 has the same value of Type I error probability as Test 1.

2014S

Crain, Kochar

2014SA1

[@Pois]

Let X given λ be *Poisson*(λ). Suppose λ is a random variable whkh has Poisson distribution with parameter μ . Find $E[X]$ and $Var[X]$.

2014SA2

2003F8 2015F2 2017FA3 [@Expo] [@Basu] [@indep]

Assume that X_1 and X_2 have joint pdf $f(x_1, x_2) = \exp(-x_1) \cdot \exp(-x_2)$ for $0 \leq x_1, x_2 < \infty$ and zero elsewhere. Define $Y_1 = X_1 / (X_1 + X_2)$, $Y_2 = X_2 / (X_1 + X_2)$ Use Basu's theorem to demonstrate that Y_1 and Y_2 are independent. Identify the marginal pdfs of Y_1 and Y_2 Find $E[X_1^3 / (X_1 + X_2)^2]$

2014SA3

2005S8 2014SA5 2015S3A 2016S3 [@SNorm] [@mean]

Suppose Z is a standard normal random variable with cdf $\Phi(\cdot)$. Evaluate $E[\Phi(Z)]$ and $E[\Phi^2(Z)]$.

2014SA4

[@Unif] [@mean]

Let U_1, U_2, \dots, U_n be iid *uniform*[0, 1] random variables. Let $0 \leq Y_1 < Y_2 < \dots < Y_n$ be the corresponding order statistics, ie, Y_k is the k^{th} smallest of the U_i . What is the joint pdf of Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n ? Find the marginal pdf of Y_k , where $1 \leq k \leq n$. Find the mean and variance of Y_k .

2014SA5

2005S8 2014SA3 2015S3A 2016S3 [@SNorm] [@mean]

Assume that Z is a standard normal or $N(0, 1)$ random variable. Find a formula for $E[Z^k]$ where k is a positive integer.

2014SB1

[@Expo] [@CDF]

The lifetime (in hours) X of an electronic component is a random variable with cumulative distribution function

$$F(y) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-y/5} & y > 0 \\ 0 & o.w. \end{cases}$$

- What is the probability that a randomly selected component will operate for at least 10 hours?
- What is the probability that the lifetime of a randomly selected component will exceed its mean lifetime by more than two standard deviations?
- Three of these components operate independently in a piece of equipment. The equipment fails if at least two of the components fail. Find the probability that the equipment will operate for at least 10 hours without failure?

2014SB2

2008S4B [@Unif]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{10} be random variables denoting 10 independent bids for an item that is for sale. Suppose that each X_i is uniformly distributed on the interval $[\theta - 50, \theta + 50]$, where $\theta > 100$. The seller sells to the highest bidder, how much can he expect to earn on the sale?

2014SB3

2014F4B [@Norm] [@MLE]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a normal distribution, $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, where $-\infty < \mu < +\infty$ and $\sigma > 0$. Find the MLE of μ/σ and find its expected value.

2014SB4

[@Beta] [@CRLB]

Suppose X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n is a random sample from a population with probability mass function

$$p_\theta(X = x) = \theta^x(1 - \theta)^{1-x}, x = 0, 1; 0 < \theta < 1$$

- Find the maximum likelihood estimator of $\text{Var}_\theta(X) = \theta(1 - \theta)$.
- Find the Cramer-Rao lower bound for the variance of any unbiased estimator of $\theta(1 - \theta)$.

2014SB5

[@Bino] [@Unif] [@BayesE] [@MLE]

Suppose X has Binomial distribution with parameters n and $\theta, 0 < \theta < 1$.

- Find the Bayes estimator of θ when the prior distribution is uniform on the interval $(0, 1)$ and the loss function is square error loss function.
- Compare the risk of the above Bayes estimator with that of the MLE of θ .

2014F**2014F1A**

[@Bern] [@MGF]

Repeat a sequence of i.i.d. Bernoulli trials until you observe the first success, where p = the probability of a success and $q = 1 - p$ = the probability of a failure on any one trial. Let the random variable Y count the number of failures before the first success.

- State the name of this statistical experiment.
- Provide a mathematical formula for the probability mass function, $P(Y = y)$ where $y = ?$.
- Give in closed form the $P(Y \geq y)$.
- Determine the $E(Y)$.
- Derive the moment generating function (M.G.F.) of Y . Remember to state the interval over which this M.G.F. exists.

2014F2A

2008F2 2010SA1

One percent of all individuals in a certain population are carriers of a particular disease. A diagnostic test for this disease has a 90% detection rate for carriers and a 5% detection rate for noncarriers. Suppose the test is applied independently to two different blood samples from the same randomly selected individual.

- What is the probability that both tests yield the same result?
- If both tests are positive, what is the probability that the selected individual is a carrier?

2014F3A

2013S2

Suppose X_1 and X_2 are i.i.d. random variables and the p.d.f. of each of them is as follows: $f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-x} & x > 0 \\ 0 & o.w. \end{cases}$

- Find the p.d.f. of $Y = 4(X_1 - X_2)$.
- Find the mean and variance of Y .

2014F4A

2007F2A 2008S5A 2009FA1 2015S2A 2019SA2

The lifetime (in hours) Y of an electronic component is a random variable with density function $f(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{300} e^{-\frac{1}{300}y} & y > 0 \\ 0 & o.w. \end{cases}$

- What is the probability that a randomly selected component will operate for at least 300 hours?
- Five of these components operate independently in a piece of equipment. The equipment fails if at least three of the components fail. Find the probability that the equipment will operate for at least 300 hours without failure?

2014F5A

2004F10

Let Z_1, Z_2, \dots be a sequence of random variables random variables; and suppose that, for $n = 1, 2, \dots$, the distribution of Z_n is given by $P(Z_n = n^2) = 1/n$ and $P(Z_n = 0) = 1 - 1/n$. Show that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E(Z_n) = \infty$ but $Z_n \xrightarrow{p} 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

2014F1B

2007F5A 2013FB2 2015S1B [CDF] [MLE] [CI]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a distribution with cumulative distribution function

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x \leq 0 \\ \left(\frac{x}{\theta}\right)^2 & 0 \leq x < \theta \\ 1 & x \geq \theta \end{cases}$$

- Find the MLE $\hat{\theta}$ of θ .
- Prove that $\hat{\theta}$ is consistent for θ .
- Find a 95% confidence interval for θ when $n = 6$.

2014F2B

2008S2B [Pois] [FishI]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n denote a random sample from a Poisson distribution with mean $\theta, \theta > 0$.

- Find the Fisher information about θ in the sample.
- Suppose we want to estimate $m(\theta) = P(X_1 = 0) = e^{-\theta}$. Find a lower bound on the variance of any unbiased estimator of the parametric function $m(\theta)$.

2014F3B

[UMP] [HypoT] [power]

Let θ be a parameter with space $\Omega = \{0, 1\}$. Let X be a discrete random variable taking on values 1, 2, 3, or 4. Let the probability function of X be given by the following table:

	X_1	X_2	X_3	X_4
θ_0	1/2	1/4	1/8	1/8
θ_1	2/9	2/9	2/9	1/3

Find the UMP size 1/8 and 1/4 tests to test $H_0 : \theta = 0$ against $H_A : \theta = 1$. Also find the powers of these two tests.

2014F4B

2014SB3 [Norm] [MLE]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a normal distribution, $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, where $-\infty < \mu < +\infty$ and $\sigma > 0$. Find the MLE of μ/σ and find its expected value.

2014F5B

2007F2B 2017FB2 [Expo] [suff] [6.E.30]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n denote a random sample from exponential distribution with pdf, $f(x, \mu) = \begin{cases} e^{-(x-\mu)} & \mu \leq x < \infty \\ 0 & e.w. \end{cases}$

- Show that $X_{(1)} = \min\{X_i\}$ is a complete sufficient statistic.
- Are $X_{(1)}$ and the sample variance independent statistics? Justify your answer.

2015S

Tableman, Kochar

2015S1Aa

2005S3 [Jesen's Inequality p190]

Let X be a random variable with finite mean μ , finite variance σ^2 , and assume $E(X^8) < \infty$. Prove or disprove:

- i. $E[(\frac{X-\mu}{\sigma})^2] \geq 1$.
- ii. $E[(\frac{X-\mu}{\sigma})^4] \geq 1$.

2015S1Ab

2003S3 2004F11 2007F3A 2008S2A 2010SA4 2016S5 2016F8 2018FA1 2019SA1 [@joint] [@marg]

Suppose a box contains a large number of tacks, and the probability X that a particular tack will land with its point up when it is tossed varies from tack to tack in accordance with the following pdf:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2(1-x) & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Suppose a tack is selected at random from this box and this tack is then tossed three times independently. Determine the probability the tack will land with its point up on all three tosses.

$$E[X^3] = \int_0^1 y^3 f(y) dy = 1/10$$

$$E^3[X] = (\int_0^1 x f(x) dx)^3 = 1/27$$

2015S2A

2007F2A 2008S5A 2009FA1 2014F4A 2019SA2

Suppose Y_1 and Y_2 are i.i.d. random variables and the p.d.f. of each of them is as follows:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 10e^{-10x} & x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Find the p.d.f. of $X = Y_1 - Y_2$.

$$f(y_1, y_2)$$

$$f(x, w)$$

$$f(x) = 5e^{-10|x|} \text{ pdf exist for } x > 0$$

[@Laplace] [Double Expo]

2015S3A

2005S8 2014SA3 2014SA5 2016S3 [@SNorm] [@mean]

First, let $\Phi(\cdot)$ and $\phi(\cdot)$ denote the standard normal cdf and pdf respectively. Then, let X_1, \dots, X_n denotes a random sample from a normal distribution with means θ and variance σ^2 , and let $F(\cdot)$ and $f(\cdot)$ denote the common cdf and pdf of the r.s. respectively. Assume the sample size n is odd; that is, $n = 2k - 1$; $k = 1, 2, 3, \dots$. In this situation, the sample median is the k^{th} order statistic, denoted by Y_k .

- (a) (5) Let $g(y)$ denote the pdf of the sample median Y_k . Derive $g(y)$. You may use the symbols $F(\cdot)$ and $f(\cdot)$.
- (b) (5) Determine the $E(Y_k | \bar{X})$, where \bar{X} is the sample mean of the above random sample. Justify your answer.

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$$E(Y_k | \bar{X}) = \bar{X}$$

2015S4A

2007F4A [@CDF] [@cdfP]

- (a) Let X be a continuous type random variable with cumulative distribution function $F(x)$. Find the distribution of the random variable $Y = -\ln(1 - F(X))$:

$$1 - e^{-y}$$

- (b) Prove that for any $y \geq c$, the function $G_c(y) = P[X \leq y | X \geq c]$

2015S5A

[@Pois] [@cond]

Suppose X and Y are independent Poisson random variables with parameters λ and 2λ , respectively.

- (a) Find the distribution of $X + Y$. *Pois*(3λ)

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- (b) Find $E[X | X + Y = 5]$.

$$P(x | x + y = 5) = \frac{P(x)P(y=5-x)}{P(x+y=5)}$$

2015S1B

2007F5A 2013FB2 2014F1B [CDF] [MLE]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a distribution with cumulative distribution function

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ \left(\frac{x}{\theta}\right)^2 & 0 \leq x < \theta \\ 1 & x \geq \theta \end{cases}$$

(a) Find $\hat{\theta}$, the mle of θ . $X_{(n)}$ (b) Find $E[\hat{\theta}]$.

$$EX_{(1)} = \frac{14n}{3\theta^2} \left(\frac{\theta^2-1}{\theta^2} \right)^{n-1}$$

$$EX_{(n)} = \frac{2n}{2n+1} \theta$$

(c) Prove that $\hat{\theta}$ is consistent for θ . $\lim \rightarrow 0$, Bias $\rightarrow 0$ **2015S2B**

2007F3B 2010SB1 2010FB1 2011S5 2013FB3 2018S2B [Expo] [FishI] [CRLB]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from exponential distribution with p.d.f.

$$f(x, \theta) = \begin{cases} \theta e^{-\theta x} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & o.w. \end{cases}$$

for which the parameter $\theta > 0$ is unknown.(a) Find the Fisher information $I(\theta)$ about θ in the sample. $\frac{n}{\theta^2}$ (b) Find the 90th percentile of this distribution as a function of θ and call it $g(\theta)$.

$$0.9 = \int_0^{g(\theta)} f(x, \theta)$$

(c) Find the Cramer-Rao lower bound on the variance of any unbiased estimator of $g(\theta)$.

$$Var \geq \frac{g'(\theta)^2}{I_\theta}$$

2015S3B

2004F8 2007F4B 2013FB4 2018S1B 2019SB2 [Laplace] [MLE] [7.E.13]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_9 be a random sample of size 9 from a distribution with pdf $f(x, \theta) = \frac{1}{2}e^{-|x-\theta|}$, $-\infty < x < \infty$;where $-\infty < \theta < \infty$ is unknown.Find the m.l.e. of θ and find its bias.**2015S4B**

2003S9 2004F9 2007F5B 2018S3B 2019SB3 [SPower] [power] [UMP] [Ex 7.11]

Suppose Y is a random variable (sample size = 1) from a population with density function $f(y|\theta) = \begin{cases} \theta y^{\theta-1} & 0 < y < 1, \theta > 0 \\ 0 & o.w. \end{cases}$ (a) Sketch the power function of the test of the rejection: $Y > 0.5$.

$$\alpha = P_{\theta_1}(T < t_0)$$

(b) Based on the single observation Y , find the uniformly most powerful test of size α for testing $H_0: \theta = 1$ against $H_A: \theta > 1$. $f_1/f_0 c_0$ reject**2015S5B**

2009FA3 2019SA4 [FishI] [CI]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_5 denote a random sample size $n = 5$ from a continuous distribution with cdf $F(\cdot)$ with median θ . Let $S(\theta) =$ the number of $\{X_i' s > \theta\}$. We can express this as $S(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^5 I(X_i > \theta)$; where $I(\cdot)$ is an indicator variable.(a) State explicitly the distribution of $S(\theta)$.(b) Sketch the graph of $S(\theta)$ as a function of θ . Then describe the graph in words.(c) Find a confidence interval for θ with confidence coefficient close to 0.95.**2015F****2015F1**

2008S1B 2009FA4 [Unif] [mean] [Var] [suff] [UMVUE]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be iid continuous uniform r.v.'s over $[0, \theta]$, where $0 < \theta < \infty$. Let $Y_n = \max\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$ (a) (5 pts) Find $E[Y_n]$.

$$f(x), F(x), f_{Y_{(n)}}(x), n\theta/(n-1)$$

(b) (5 pts) Find $Var[Y_n]$.(c) (5 pts) Show that Y_n is a sufficient statistic for θ .(d) (5 pts) Assuming Y_n is a complete sufficient statistic for θ , find the UMVUE of θ .

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(e) (5 pts) Assuming Y_n is a complete sufficient statistic for θ , find the UMVUE of θ^2 .

2015F2

2003F8 2014SA2 2017FA3 [@Expo] [@Basu] [@indep]

Suppose X_1 and X_2 are iid exponential with parameter = 1.

(a) (5 pts) Find the pdf of $Y_1 = X_1 / (X_1 + X_2)$.

[@trans] $Expo(1) \sim Gamma(1, 1)$

$$\frac{G(\alpha_1, \beta)}{G(\alpha_1, \beta) + G(\alpha_2, \beta)} \sim Beta(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$$

(b) (5 pts) Find the pdf of $Y_2 = X_1 + X_2$.

$$f_{Y_2}(y_2)$$

(c) (5 pts) Are Y_1 and Y_2 independent?

$$f(y_1, y_2) = f(y_1)f(y_2)$$

2015F3

[@Unif] [@LimD]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be iid $uniform[0, 1]$ rv's. Let $0 \leq Y_1 \leq Y_2 \leq \dots \leq Y_n \leq 1$ be the corresponding order statistics.

(a) (5 pts) Find the pdf $g_k(y_k)$ of Y_k .

(b) (5 pts) Find $E[Y_k]$.

$$f(x), F(x), f_{Y_{(n)}}(x)$$

(c) (5 pts) Find $Var[Y_k]$.

(d) (5 pts) What is the limiting distribution of $W_1 = nY_1$?

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(e) (5 pts) What is the limiting distribution of $W_n = n(1 - Y_n)$?

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2015F4

2010FB2 [@Beta] [@HypoT] [@power]

Let X_1 be a random sample of size $n = 1$ from the Beta distribution with pdf $f(x|\theta) = \begin{cases} \frac{\Gamma(2\theta)}{\Gamma(\theta)^2} x^{\theta-1} (1-x)^{\theta-1} & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & o.w. \end{cases}$

Suppose a researcher is interested in testing $H_0 : \theta = 1$ against $H_1 : \theta = 2$. The researcher decides to reject H_0 in favor of H_1 if $X_1 < 2/3$.

(a) (5 pts) Find the size of the test

(b) (5 pts) Compute the power of the test at $\theta = 2$.

2015F5

2004F12 2010SB4 2010FB4 2011S6 2018S4B [@Expo] [@LRT] [@HypoT]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m be a random sample from the exponential distribution with mean θ_1 and let Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n be an independent random sample from another exponential distribution with mean θ_2 . Find the likelihood ratio test for testing $H_0 : \theta_1 = \theta_2$ vs $H_a : \theta_1 \neq \theta_2$

2016S

Crain, Kim

2016S1

[@Pois] [@MVUE]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be iid (independent, identically distributed) Poisson random variables with parameter $\lambda > 0$.

(a) Find a complete sufficient statistic for λ .

$$T = \sum x_i \sim Pois(n\lambda), \bar{X}$$

(b) Find the MVUE (Minimum Variance Unbiased Estimator) of λ . [6.2.2][6.2.21]

$$\bar{X}/n$$

(c) Find the MVUE of λ^2 :

$$\bar{X}^2 - \bar{X}$$

(d) Find the MVUE of $e^{-\lambda}$.

$$X_1 = 0$$

$$E(T|y) = \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^y$$

(e) Find the MVUE of $P(X_i = 1) = \lambda^1 e^{-\lambda} / 1!$:

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$$X_1 = 1$$

$$E(T|y) \sim Bino(y, 1/n)$$

(f) Find the MVUE of $P(X_i = k) = \lambda^k e^{-\lambda} / k!$:

$$X_1 = k$$

$$E(T|y) \sim Bino(y, 1/n)$$

2016S2

2017FB1 [Bino] [MVUE] [Bino+MLE 7.2.9]

Let Y be $\text{Binomial}(n, p)$, with n known and p unknown. Among functions $u(Y)$ of Y ,(a) What is the MVUE of p ?

$$y/n$$

(b) What is the MVUE of p^2 ?

$$\frac{y^2 - y}{n^2 - n}$$

(c) What is the MVUE of $pq = p(1 - p)$?

$$\frac{y^2 - y}{n^2 - n} - \frac{y}{n}$$

(d) What is the MVUE of $P(Y = k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n-k}$?**2016S3**

2005S8 2014SA3 2014SA5 2014SA5 2015S3A [SNorm] [mean]

Let Z be $N(0, 1)$. Let $\Phi(z) = \int_{-\infty}^z \phi(x) dx$, where $\phi(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2}$, $-\infty < x < \infty$, where $\phi(x)$ is the standard normal pdf, and $\Phi(z)$ is the standard normal cdf.(a) Find $E[\Phi(Z)]$. =1/2

$$\Phi^n|_{-\infty}^{\infty} = 1$$

(b) Find $E[\Phi^2(Z)]$. =1/3(c) Find $E[n\Phi^{n-1}(Z)]$.(d) Find $E[Z^4]$. =3

$$E(Z^{2k}) = \frac{(2k)!}{2^k k!}, k=1,2,\dots$$

(e) Find $E[Z^5]$ =0

$$E(Z^{2k+1}) = 0$$

2016S4

2003S7 2008F5 2009SB1 2009FB4 2016F7 2017FB4 2018FB2 2019SB4 [Ex 3.17]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample of size n from a probability density function

$$f(x; \theta) = \begin{cases} (\theta + 1)x^\theta & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

where $\theta > -1$ is an unknown parameter.(a) (3 pts) Find $\hat{\theta}$, the maximum likelihood estimator of θ .

$$\hat{\theta} = -\frac{n}{\sum \ln x_i} - 1$$

(b) (2 pts) Using $\hat{\theta}$, create an unbiased estimator $\hat{\theta}_U$.

$$\hat{\theta}_U = -\frac{n-1}{\sum \ln x_i} - 1$$

(c) (3 pts) Find the Cramer-Rao lower bound for an unbiased estimator of θ .

$$\frac{(\theta+1)^2}{n}$$

(d) (2 pts) What is the asymptotic distribution of $\hat{\theta}$?**2016S5**

2003S3 2004F11 2007F3A 2008S2A 2010SA4 2015S1Ab 2016F8 2018FA1 2019SA1 [joint] [marg] [trans]

Let X and Y have the following joint pdf: $f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 6(y - x) & 0 < x < y < 1 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$ Define $Z = (X + Y)/2$ and $W = Y$, respectively.(a) Find the joint pdf of Z and W .

$$|J| = 2$$

$$f_{Z,W}(z, w) = 24(w - z), 0 < 2z < 2w < 1 + w, 0 < w/2 < z < w < 1$$

(b) Find the marginal pdf of Z .

$$f_Z(z) = \int_{2z}^1 24(w - z) dw = 24z - 12$$

$$f_Z(z) = \int_z^{2z} 24(w - z) dw = 12z^2$$

$$f_Z(z) = \int_z^1 24(w - z) dw = 12(z - 1)^2$$

2016F

Fountain, Ian Dinwoodie

2016F1

[@Norm] [5.E.10]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a normal distribution with mean μ and variance σ^2 . Let $S_k^2 = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$ be an estimator of σ^2 . Find the value of k that minimizes the mean squared error of the estimator. =n+1

$W, E[W], Var[W], Bias, MSE$

$$S_k^2 = \frac{n-1}{k} S^2$$

$$\frac{\partial MSE}{\partial k} = 0$$

$$\hat{\theta} = S_{n+1}^2$$

2016F2

[@MGF] [561-me2]

The moment generating function of a particular random variable is $M_X(t) = \frac{e^t}{4-3e^t}$. Find the coefficient of variation ($CV = \sigma/\mu$) of this

distribution. = $\sqrt{3}/2$

$$M'_X(t)$$

$$EX = M'_X(0) = 4$$

$$M''_X(t)$$

$$EX^2 = M''_X(0) = 28$$

2016F3

2008F3 [@Cheb]

If X is a random variable such that $E[X] = 2$ and $E[X^2] = 13$, determine a lower bound for the probability $P(-4 < X < 8)$. (Hint: Use a famous inequality.)

Chebyshev Inequality p122

$$\sigma = 3, t = 2$$

$$P(-4 < x < 8) \geq 3/4$$

2016F4

2008S3A 2008F1 [@Unif] [@CDF] [@PDF] [@trans]

Let Y_1 and Y_2 be a random sample of size 2 from $Uniform(0, 1)$. Find the cumulative distribution and probability density functions of $U = Y_1 + Y_2$.

$$f_u(u) = \begin{cases} 0 \leq u \leq 1 \\ 1 \leq u \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$F_u(u) = \begin{cases} 0 \leq u \leq 1 \\ 1 \leq u \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

2016F5

2003S10 2008F6 [@Norm] [@indep] [@Basu]

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.

[562-me2] [Ancillary p284]

2016F6

2008F7 [@Expo] [@BayesE]

Suppose that X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n i.i.d. $Exponential(\theta)$, i.e. $f(x; \theta) = \theta e^{-\theta x}, x > 0$. Also assume that the prior distribution of θ is $h(\theta) = \lambda e^{-\lambda \theta}, \theta > 0$.

Find the Bayes estimator of θ , assuming squared error loss.

$$f(\bar{X}|\theta)$$

$$\pi(\theta|\bar{X}) \propto f(\bar{X}|\theta)\pi(\theta)$$

2016F7

2003S7 2008F5 2009SB1 2009FB4 2016S4 2017FB4 2018FB2 2019SB4 [@UMP] [@MOM]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample of size n from the following distribution: $f(x; \theta) = (\theta + 1)x^\theta, 0 \leq x \leq 1$ where $\theta > -1$ is an unknown parameter.

$\sim Beta(\theta + 1, 1)$

(a) Find the method of moments estimator for θ .

p312, p107 [3.3.18]

$$E[X^n] = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+n)\Gamma(\beta+n)}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+n)\Gamma(\alpha)}$$

$$E[X^1] = \bar{X} = \frac{\theta+1}{\theta+2}$$

$$\theta_{MOM} = \frac{2\bar{X}-1}{1-\bar{X}}$$

(b) Find the maximum likelihood estimator for θ .

p315

(c) Determine if your MLE is unbiased.

$$Bias = E[\hat{\theta}] - \theta$$

(d) Find the asymptotic variance of your MLE in part (b), as $n \rightarrow \infty$.
 [asymptotic variance 10.1.9] [Definition 10.1.7; Example 10.1.8 Limiting variances]

$$\sqrt{n}[\tau(\hat{\theta}) - \tau(\theta)] \rightarrow n(0, \frac{[\tau'(\theta)]^2}{I(\theta)})$$

(e) Find the Cramer-Rao lower bound on the variance of an unbiased estimator of θ .

$$(\theta + 1)^2/n$$

(f) Identify the sufficient statistic for θ .

Expo family

(g) Suppose you've taken a sample of size $n = 10$. Determine the UMP test of the null hypothesis $\theta = .5$ vs. the alternative $\theta > 0.5$.

Step 1 suff; Step 2 Expo has MLR; Step 3 $T \leq t_0$ is UMP

2016F8

2003S3 2004F11 2007F3A 2008S2A 2009FA2 2010SA4 2015S1Ab 2016S5 2018FA1 2019SA1 [@joint] [@marg]

Let (Y_1, Y_2) have the joint pdf $f(y_1, y_2) = \begin{cases} c(1 - y_2) & 0 \leq y_1 \leq y_2 \leq 1 \\ 0 & o.w. \end{cases}$

(a) Find the value of c . =6

$$\int_0^1 \int_0^{y_2} c(1 - y_2) dy_1 dy_2 = 1$$

(b) Find the marginal density functions of Y_1 and Y_2 .

$$f_{Y_1}(y_1) =$$

$$f_{Y_2}(y_2) =$$

(c) Find $P(Y_1 \leq 1/2 | Y_2 \leq 3/4) = 25/27$

$$P(Y_1 \leq 1/2, Y_2 \leq 3/4) = 25/32$$

$$P(Y_2 \leq 3/4) = 27/32$$

2017S

Ian Dinwoodie, Robert Fountain

2017S1

Let Θ be a real-valued random variable with density $f_{\Theta}(\theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\theta^2/2}, \theta \in \mathbb{R}$, and let Y have conditional density $f(y|\theta) =$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-(y-\theta)^2/2}, y \in \mathbb{R}. \text{ Determine}$$

(a) the conditional density of Θ given $Y = y$, (2 pts)

$$f(y, \theta)$$

$$f(\theta|Y = y)$$

(b) the marginal density of Y . (3 pts)

$$f(y) \sim N(\frac{y}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$$

2017S2

[@trans] [@SNorm] [@Cauchy] [Example 4.3.6 Distribution of the ratio of normal variables]

If Z_1, Z_2 are independent standard normal random variables, find the density of Z_1/Z_2 .

2017S3

[@MGF] [@Expo]

Suppose X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n is a random sample of $Exp(1)$ @Expo random variables. Find the moment generating function $M(t) = E(e^{tX_{(1)}}), t \in \mathbb{R}$, where $X_{(1)}$ is the minimum. (5 pts)

$$f_{X_1}(x) \sim Exp(1/n)$$

$$MGF = \frac{1}{1-\beta t} = \frac{1}{1-t/n}$$

2017S4

p625

Let $X = e^Z$ be a lognormal random variable, $Z \sim N(0, 1)$. Find its skewness $E(X - \mu)^3/\sigma^3$.

$$E[X^n] = e^{n\mu + n^2\sigma^2/2}$$

$$E[X^1] = E[X^2] = E[X^3] =$$

2017S5
 [@Norm] [@MLE] [@Cor]
 Suppose X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n is a random sample of $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ random variables.
 (a) Find the expectation of the MLE for σ^2 . (3 pts) p214

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{\sum (x_i - \mu)^2}{n}$$

$$\frac{n-1}{n} S^2 = \hat{\sigma}^2$$
 (b) Compute the correlation of \bar{X} and X_n . (2 pts) p169
 σ^2/n

2017S6
 2003F9 2011F6 [@Pois] [@UMP]
 Let X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots be i.i.d. $Poisson(\lambda)$ random variables. Find a UMP (uniformly most powerful) test of $H_0 : \lambda \leq 1$ versus $H_1 : \lambda > 1$ at a level α near .05. (5 pts) [p391]
 Step1 suff $T = \sum x_i \sim Pois(n\lambda)$
 Step2 $T \sim Pois$ Expo family has MLR
 Step3 $T > t_0$ is UMP test at $\alpha = P_{\theta_0}(T > t_0) = 0.05$

2017S7
 [@Var] [@Beta] [@Bino]
 Suppose that (P, X) is a pair of random variables with $P \sim Beta(1/2, 1/2)$ and then $X|_{P=p} \sim bin(n, p)$. Find the variance of X .
 $E[P], E[P^2], Var[P]$
 $Var[X|P] = n(n+1)/8$

2017S8
 [@CRLB]
 Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample of $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ random variables. Find the Cramer-Rao lower bound on the variance of an unbiased estimator for σ^2 . (Assume μ is known.)
 $2\sigma^4/n$

2017F
 Kim, Kochar

2017FA1
 2018S3A
 Suppose Xenophon and Yves meet for lunch, and Xenophon arrives at time X uniformly from 1 to 2 P.M., and Yves arrives independently at time Y with the same distribution. Find the distribution of $|Y - X|$ and its expectation, that is, the expected waiting time of either party.

2017FA2
 [@Expo]
 Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be i.i.d. $Exp(\lambda)$ random variables with rate parameter λ and density $f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, x > 0$, with $\sigma^2 = 1/\lambda^2$. We are thinking about using the estimator \bar{X}^2 for the variance. Find the limiting distribution of $\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n^2 - 1/\lambda^2)$
 Let be a random sample from $Poisson(\mu)$ @Pois. Derive the limiting distribution of $\sqrt{n}(e^{-\bar{X}_n} - e^{-\mu})$.

2017FA3
 2003F8 2014SA2 2015F2 [@Expo] [@Basu] [@indep]
 If X and Y are independent $Exp(1)$ random variables, and the density of the ratio $X/(X + Y)$.

2017FA4
 [@Expo] [@trans]
 Let F be the cdf of an exponential random variable with median 10 and let G be that of an independent exponential random variable Y with median 5. Find the distribution of $V = F(X) + G(Y)$.

2017FB1
 2016S2 [@Bino]
 Let Y be $Binomial(n, p)$, with n known and p unknown. Among functions $u(Y)$ of Y ,
 (a) What is the MVUE of p ?
 (b) What is the MVUE of p^2 ?
 (c) What is the MVUE of $pq = p(1 - p)$?
 (d) What is the MVUE of $P(Y = k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n-k}$?

2017FB2

2007F2B 2014F5B [@Expo]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{10} be a random sample from an exponential distribution with location parameter θ with pdf $f(x; \theta) = \begin{cases} e^{-(x-\theta)} & \theta < x < \infty \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$

where $-\infty < \theta < \infty$ is an unknown parameter. For testing the null hypothesis $H_0 : \theta = 0$ vs the alternative $H_1 : \theta > 0$, a reasonable test is to reject the null hypothesis if $X_{(1)} = \min\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{10}\} \geq C$. Find C so that the size of the test is 0.05. Also find the power of this test at $\theta = 1$.

Is this test unbiased?

$$\alpha = P_{\theta_0}(x_{(1)} \geq c), c =$$

$$\beta = P_{\theta_1}(x_{(1)} \geq c)$$

2017FB3

2008S5B [@Norm] [@MLR] [@UMP] [@power] [@HypoT]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m be a random sample of size m from $N(\theta, 1)$ distribution and let Y_1, \dots, Y_m be an independent random sample of size m from $N(3\theta, 1)$.

(a) Show that the joint distribution of X 's and Y 's has @MLR (monotone likelihood ratio) property.

(b) Find the UMP test of size α for testing $H_0 : \theta \leq 0$ vs $H_1 : \theta > 0$.

(c) Find an expression of the power function of the UMP test.

2017FB4

2003S7 2008F5 2009SB1 2009FB4 2016S4 2016F7 2018FB2 2019SB4

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample of size n from a probability density function

$$f(x; \theta) = \begin{cases} (\theta + 1)x^\theta & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

where $\theta > -1$ is an unknown parameter.

(a) (3 pts) Find $\hat{\theta}$, the maximum likelihood estimator of θ .

(b) (2 pts) What is the asymptotic distribution of $\hat{\theta}$?

(c) (2 pts) Using $\hat{\theta}$, find an unbiased estimator of θ .

(d) (3 pts) Find the Cramer-Rao lower bound for an unbiased estimator of θ .

2018S

Kochar, Kim

2018S1A

[@CDF][@trans][@Expo] [@lifetime] [Ex1.55]

An electric device has lifetime denoted by T . The device has value $V = 5$ if it fails before time $t = 3$; otherwise, it has value $V = 2T$. Find the cdf of V , if T has pdf

$$f_T(t) = \frac{1}{15}e^{-\frac{1}{15}t}, t > 0$$

2018S2A

[@trans][2.E.7]

Let X have pdf $f_X(x) = \frac{2}{9}(x+1), -1 \leq x \leq 2$ Find the pdf of $Y = X^2$.

$$\text{different answer } \begin{cases} 1 \leq y \leq 4 \\ 0 \leq y \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

2018S3A

2017FA1

Suppose Xenophon and Yves meet for lunch, and Xenophon arrives at time X uniformly from 1 to 2 P.M., and Yves arrives independently at time Y with the same distribution. Find the distribution of $|Y - X|$ and its expectation, that is, the expected waiting time of either party.

2018S4A

[@trans][@indep][@Norm][@MGF] [4.E.27] Let $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ and $Y \sim N(\gamma, \sigma^2)$. Suppose that X and Y are independent. Define $U = X + Y$ and $V = X - Y$.

(a) Show that U and V are independent.

[4.E.24] [@Facto]

$$|J| = 1/2$$

$$f_{U,V}(u, v) =$$

(b) Find the distribution of each of them.

From Th [4.2.14]

$$U \sim N(\mu + \gamma, 2\sigma^2), V \sim N(\mu - \gamma, 2\sigma^2)$$

2018S1B

2004F8 2007F4B 2013FB4 2019SB2 [@Laplace] [@MLE]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample of size n from a distribution with pdf $f(x, \theta) = \frac{1}{2}e^{-|x-\theta|}$, $-\infty < x < \infty$; where $-\infty < \theta < \infty$ is unknown.

Find the m.l.e. of θ and find its bias.

θ = sample median unbiased

2018S2B

2007F3B 2010SB1 2010FB1 2011S5 2013FB3 2015S2B [@Expo] [@FishI] [@CRLB]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from exponential distribution with p.d.f.

$$f(x, \theta) = \begin{cases} \theta e^{-\theta x} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & o.w. \end{cases}$$

for which the parameter $\theta > 0$ is unknown.

- Find the Fisher information $I(\theta)$ about θ in the sample.
- Find the 90th percentile of this distribution as a function of θ and call it $g(\theta)$.
- Find the Cramer-Rao lower bound on the variance of any unbiased estimator of $g(\theta)$.

2018S3B

2003S9 2004F9 2007F5B 2015S4B 2019SB3 [@SPower] [@power] [@UMP] [@HypoT]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a distribution with pdf

$$f(x; \theta) = \begin{cases} \theta x^{\theta-1} & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & o.w. \end{cases}$$

$$H_0 : \theta = 1 \quad H_1 : \theta > 1$$

Derive the UMP test of size α and obtain the null distribution of your test statistic.

2018S4B

2004F12 2010SB4 2010FB4 2011S6 2015F5 [@Expo] [@LRT] [@HypoT] [@power] [@HypoT]

The life time of an electronic component has exponential distribution with mean μ . 10 such components are put on test at the same time and the experiment is terminated when all of them fail and the times of their failure, X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are noted. Based on this information, derive the likelihood ratio test LRT at the level $\alpha = 0.05$ of the null hypothesis $H_0 : \mu = 5$ against the alternative $H_1 : \mu \neq 5$. Also find an expression for the power function of this test.

$$T = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i, \quad \frac{2T}{\theta} \sim \chi^2_{2n}$$

reject $T > t_0$ two-side rejection region.

2018F

Kochar, Bruno

2018FA1

2003S3 2004F11 2007F3A 2008S2A 2009FA2 2010SA4 2015S1Ab 2016S5 2016F8 2019SA1 [@joint] [@marg]

Suppose (Y_1, Y_2) have the joint pdf $f(y_1, y_2) = \begin{cases} c & 0 \leq y_1 \leq y_2 \leq 1 \\ 0 & o.w. \end{cases}$

- Find the value of c . =2
- Find the marginal density functions of Y_1 and Y_2 and check whether they are independent.

$$f_{Y_1} = 2 - 2y_1 \quad f_{Y_2} = 2y_2 \quad \text{dependent}$$

- Find $E[Y_1 + Y_2] = 1$
- Find $P(Y_1 \leq 3/4 | Y_1 > 1/3) = 495/576 = 55/64$

2018FA2

[@CDF] [range]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from an exponential distribution [@Expo] with mean 5.

$$X_{(r)} = (n-j) : (n-1)$$

- Find the CDF of the sample range.

$$\text{pdf } X_{(n)} - X_{(1)}$$

$$\text{CDF} = \int \text{pdf}$$

- Find the expected value [mean] of the sample range. Example 5.4.5

$$E[X_{(r)}] = \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{(n-1)-j+1}$$

2018FA3

- (5 pts) In the daily production of a certain type of rope, the number of defects per foot, X is assumed to have a Poisson distribution [Pois] with mean $\lambda = 3$. The profit per foot of the rope sold is given by $P = 30 - 3X - X^2$ Find the expected profit per foot.

$$E[P] = 30 - 3EX - EX^2 = 9$$

- (5 pts) Suppose that X is distributed as $U(0, 1)$ and that Y is a random variable with $E(Y|X = x) = \alpha + \beta x^2$ Find $E[Y]$. p164-7(190-3)

$$\alpha + \beta/3$$

$$E[Y] = E(E[Y|X])$$

2018FA4

2010SA3 2011S4 [@Pois] [@LimD]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from $Poisson(\mu)$. Derive the limiting distribution of $\sqrt{n}(e^{-\bar{X}_n} - e^{-\mu})$.

$$\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu) \rightarrow n(0, \frac{1}{I(\mu)})$$

Delta Method

$$\sqrt{n}(e^{-\bar{X}_n} - e^{-\mu}) \rightarrow n(0, \frac{[(e^{-\mu})']^2}{I(\mu)})$$

2018FB1

[@LRT]

(4+6 pts) Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a normal distribution with mean 120 and unknown variance σ^2 . Derive the likelihood ratio test for testing the null hypothesis $H_0 : \sigma^2 = 4$ against the alternative $H_1 : \sigma^2 \neq 4$. Also find the exact as well as the asymptotic null distributions of your test statistic.

2018FB2

2003S7 2008F5 2009SB1 2009FB4 2016S4 2016F7 2017FB4 2019SB4

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample of size n from a probability density function

$$f(x; \theta) = \begin{cases} (\theta + 1)x^\theta & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

where $\theta > -1$ is an unknown parameter.

- (3 pts) Find $\hat{\theta}$, the maximum likelihood estimator of θ .
- (2 pts) What is the asymptotic distribution of $\hat{\theta}$?
- (2 pts) Using $\hat{\theta}$, create an unbiased estimator $\hat{\theta}_U$ of θ .
- (3 pts) Find the Cramer-Rao lower bound for an unbiased estimator of θ .

2018FB3

[@UMVUE] [@Norm] [@FishI]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ distribution. Find a lower bound on the variance of any unbiased estimator of the 95th percentile of this distribution based on the Information Inequality. Also compare this bound to the variance of the uniformly minimum variance unbiased estimator.

$$\hat{\tau} = \bar{x} + 1.645s$$

2018FB4

2013FB5 [@Unif] [@HypoT] [Example 6.2.15] [6.E.10]

Let X_1 and X_2 be two independent random variables each having uniform distribution on the interval $(\theta, \theta + 1)$. For testing $H_0 : \theta = 0$ against $H_a : \theta > 0$, we have two competing tests :

- Test 1 : Reject H_0 if $X_1 > 0.95$
- Test 2 : Reject H_0 if $X_1 + X_2 > c$.

Find the value of c so that the Test 2 has the same value of Type I error probability as Test 1.

$$\alpha = P(x_1 > 0.95) = P(x_1 + x_2 > c)$$

find pdf of $x_1 + x_2$ (example of textbook)

2019S

Kochar, Bruno

2019SA1

2003S3 2004F11 2007F3A 2008S2A 2009FA2 2010SA4 2015S1Ab 2016S5 2016F8 2018FA1 [@joint] [@marg]

Suppose X and Y have the joint pdf

$$f(x; y) = \begin{cases} Cxy & 0 \leq x \leq 2, 0 \leq y \leq 2, x + y \leq 2 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

- (4 pts) Find the value of C ;
- (4 pts) Find the marginal densities of X and Y and check whether they are independent or not;
- (2 pts) Compute $P(X < Y)$;

2019SA2

2007F2A 2008S5A 2009FA1 2014F4A 2015S2A

Suppose Y_1 and Y_2 are i.i.d. random variables and the p.d.f. of each of them is as follows:

$$f(y) = \begin{cases} \theta e^{-\theta y} & y \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

with $\theta > 0$.

Find the p.d.f. of $X = Y_1 - Y_2$.

2019SA3

Let θ be Beta distributed, $\theta \sim \text{Beta}(1, 1)$. Let N_1 be Binomial given θ , that is $N_1 \sim \text{Bin}(n, \theta)$ given θ .

- (a) (4 pts) Compute $p(\theta|N_1 = n_1)$ and $E[\theta|N_1 = n_1]$
- (b) (6 pts) Compute $p(N_1 = n_1)$ for $n_1 = 0 \dots n$.

2019SA4

2009FA3 2015S5B [@MOM]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{10} be a random sample from a Poisson distribution with mean λ .

- (a) (4 Ppts) Use the method of moment generating functions to find the distribution of $S_{10} = \sum_{i=1}^{10} X_i$.
- (b) (6 pts) Let $S_4 = \sum_{i=1}^4 X_i$ Find the conditional distribution of S_4 given $S_{10} = s$, for $s > 0$. This distribution belongs to a family of distributions that you know. Which family? which parameters?

2019SB1

2009FB1

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a normal distribution $N(\mu, \sigma^2 = 25)$. Reject $H_0 : \mu = 50$ and accept $H_1 : \mu = 55$ if $\bar{X}_n \geq c$. Find the two equations in n and c that you would solve to get $P(\bar{X}_n \geq c|\mu) = K(\mu)$ to be equal to $K(50) = 0.05$ and $K(55) = 0.90$. Solve these two equations. Round up if n is not an integer. Hint: $z_{.05} = 1.645$ and $z_{.1} = 1.28$

2019SB2

2004F8 2007F4B 2013FB4 2015S3B 2018S1B Laplace MLE [7.E.13]

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_9 be a random sample of size 9 from a distribution with pdf $f(x, \theta) = \frac{1}{2}e^{-|x-\theta|}$, $-\infty < x < \infty$;

where $-\infty < \theta < \infty$ is unknown.

Find the m.l.e. of θ and find its bias.

2019SB3

2003S9 2004F9 2007F5B 2015S4B 2018S3B SPower power UMP

Suppose X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n is a random sample from a distribution with pdf

$$f(x, \theta) = \begin{cases} \theta x^{\theta-1} & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

Suppose that the value of θ is unknown and it is desired to test the following hypotheses :

$$H_0 : \theta = 1 \quad H_1 : \theta > 1$$

Derive the UMP test of size α and obtain the null distribution of your test statistic.

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Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample of size n from a probability density function

$$f(x; \theta) = \begin{cases} (\theta + 1)x^\theta & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$$

where $\theta > -1$ is an unknown parameter.

- (a) (3 pts) Find $\hat{\theta}$, the maximum likelihood estimator of θ .
- (b) (2 pts) Using $\hat{\theta}$, create an unbiased estimator $\hat{\theta}_U$ of θ .
- (c) (3 pts) Find the Cramer-Rao lower bound for an unbiased estimator of θ .
- (d) (2 pts) What is the asymptotic distribution of $\hat{\theta}$?

1. Probability Theory

1.1 Set Theory

1.2 Basics of Probability Theory

1.2.1 Axiomatic Foundations

1.2.2 The Calculus of Probabilities

1.2.3 Counting

1.2.4 Enumerating Outcomes

1.3 Conditional Probability and Independence

1.4 Random Variables

1.5 Distribution Functions

1.5.1 Cumulative distribution function

$$F_X(x) = P_X(X \leq x)$$

1.5.3 three conditions of c.d.f.

1.6 Density and Mass Functions

1.6.1 probability density function

$$F_X(x) = P_X(X = x)$$

2. Transformations and Expectations

2.1 Distributions of Functions of a Random Variable

2.2 Expected Values

2.2.1 expected value

$$Eg(X) = \sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x)f_X(x)dx$$

2.3 Moments and Moment Generating Functions

2.3.2 variance

$$Var[X] = E(X - EX)^2$$

2.3.6 moment generating function

2.4 Differentiating Under an Integral Sign

3. Common Families of Distributions

3.1 Introduction

3.2 Discrete Distributions

3.2.1 Bernoulli distribution (p)

3.2.2 Binomial distribution (n,p)

3.2.5 Poisson distribution λ

3.2.7 Failure times

3.2.11 Geometric Distribution

3.3 Continuous Distributions

3.3.1 Uniform distribution (a,b)

3.3.6 Gamma Distribution

3.3.11 Exponential distribution

3.3.12 Weibull distribution

3.3.13 Normal distribution

Standard Normal distribution

3.3.16 Beta distribution

$$B(\alpha, \beta) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}, EX^n = \frac{B(\alpha+n, \beta)}{B(\alpha, \beta)} = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+n)\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta+n)\Gamma(\alpha)}, EX = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}, VarX = \frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha+\beta)^2(\alpha+\beta+1)}$$

3.3.19 Cauchy Distribution

3.3.21 Lognormal Distribution

3.3.22 Laplace/Double Exponential distribution

Standard Power distribution

3.4 Exponential Families

3.5 Location and Scale Families

3.6 Inequalities and Identities

3.6.1 Probability Inequalities

Chebychev inequality

3.6.2 Identities

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3.E.23 Pareto distribution

3.E.17 $E[X^k] = \frac{\beta^k \Gamma(k+\alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha)}$

4. Multiple Random Variables

4.1 Joint and Marginal Distributions

4.1.3 marginal probability density functions

4.1.10 joint pdf

4.2 Conditional D istributions and Independence

4.2.4 Calculating conditional pdfs

4.2.5 independent

4.3 Bivariate Transformations

Example 4.3.1 (Distribution of the sum of Poisson variables)

Theorem 4.3.2 if $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\theta)$ and $Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ and X and Y are indepedent, then $X + Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\theta + \lambda)$.

Example 4.3.3 (Distribution of the product of beta variables) Let $X \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta)$ and $Y \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha + \beta, \gamma)$ be independent random variables

The joint pdf of (X, Y) is

$$X \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta), Y \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha + \beta, \gamma) \quad X, Y \text{ indep}, U = XY, f_U(u) \sim n(\alpha, \beta + \gamma)$$

Example 4.3.4 (Sum and difference of normal variables):

$$X \sim n(0, 1), Y \sim n(0, 1) \quad X, Y \text{ indep}, X - Y \sim n(0, 2), X + Y \sim n(0, 2)$$

Theorem 4.3.5

Let X and Y be independent random variables. Let $g(x)$ be a function only of x ; and $h(y)$ be a function only of y . Then the random variables

$U = g(X)$ and $V = h(Y)$ are independent.

Example 4.3.6 (Distribution of the ratio of normal variables)

$$U = \frac{X}{Y} \sim \text{Cauchy}(0, u) \quad V = |Y|$$

4.4 Hierarchical Models and Mixture Distributions

Example 4.4.1 (Binomial-Poisson hierarchy)

Example 4.4.2 (Continuation of Example 4.4.1)

Theorem 4.4.3 Law of iterated Expectation if X and Y are any two random variables, then $EX = E(E(X|Y))$

Definition 4.4.4 mixture distribution

Example 4.4.5 (Generalization of Example 4.4.1)

Example 4.4.6 (Beta-binomial hierarchy)

Theorem 4.4.7 (Conditional variance identity) For any two random variables X and Y , $\text{Var}X = E(\text{Var}(X|Y)) + \text{Var}(E(X|Y))$

Example 4.4.8 (Continuation of Example 4.4.6)

4.5 Covariance and Correlation

Definition 4.5.1

The covariance of X and Y is the number defined by $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E((X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)) = \sigma_{XY}$

Definition 4.5.2

The correlation of X and Y is the number defined by $\rho_{XY} = \frac{\sigma_{XY}}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}$; $Corr(X, Y) = \frac{Cov(X, Y)}{\sqrt{Var(X)Var(Y)}}$

Theorem 4.5.3 For any two random variables X and Y, $\sigma_{XY} = Cov(X, Y) = E[XY] - \mu_X \mu_Y$

Properties of $Cov(x, y)$

$Cov(aX, bY) = abCov(X, Y)$ (1) $Cov(X, Y + Z) = Cov(X, Y) + Cov(X, Z)$ (2) $Cov(X, c) = 0$ (3)

$$Cov(X, X) = E[X^2] - \mu_X^2$$

Example 4.5.4 (Correlation-I)

Theorem 4.5.5 If X and Y are independent (uncorrelated) random variables, then $Cov(X, Y) = 0$ and $\rho_{XY} = 0$

Always check if X and Y are independent. When $y = x^2$, X and Y are dependent, but $Cov(X, Y) = 0$

Theorem 4.5.6 If X and Y are any two random variables and a and b are any two constants, then $Var(aX + bY) = a^2 VarX + b^2 VarY + 2abCov(X, Y)$

If X and Y are independent random variables, then $Var(aX + bY) = a^2 VarX + b^2 VarY$

Theorem 4.5.7 For any random variables X and Y,

a. $-1 \leq \rho_{XY} \leq 1$.

b. $|\rho_{XY}| = 1$ if and only if there exist numbers $a \neq 0$ and b such that $P(Y = aX + b) = 1$. If $\rho_{XY} = 1$, then $a > 0$, and if $\rho_{XY} = -1$, then $a < 0$.

Example 4.5.8 (Correlation-II)

Example 4.5.9 (Correlation-III)

Definition 4.5.10 bivariate normal pdf

with $\mu_X, \mu_Y, \sigma_X^2, \sigma_Y^2, \rho$

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_X\sigma_Y\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)}[(\frac{x-\mu_X}{\sigma_X})^2 - 2\rho(\frac{x-\mu_X}{\sigma_X})(\frac{y-\mu_Y}{\sigma_Y}) + (\frac{y-\mu_Y}{\sigma_Y})^2]}$$

$$f_X(x) \sim n(\mu_X, \sigma_X^2) \quad f_Y(y) \sim n(\mu_Y, \sigma_Y^2)$$

$$f_{Y|X}(y|x) \sim n(\mu_Y + \rho\frac{\sigma_Y}{\sigma_X}(x - \mu_X), \sigma_Y^2(1 - \rho^2))$$

$$aX + bY \sim n(a\mu_X + b\mu_Y, a^2\mu_X^2 + b^2\mu_Y^2 + 2ab\rho\sigma_X\sigma_Y)$$

4.6 Multivariate Distributions

Example 4.6.1 (Multivariate pdfs)

Definition 4.6.2 multinomial distribution with m trials and cell probabilities

Example 4.6.3 (Multivariate pmf)

Theorem 4.6.4 (Multinomial Theorem)

Definition 4.6.5 mutually independent random vectors

Theorem 4.6.6 (Generalization of Theorem 4.2.10)

$$E(g_1(X_1) \cdots g_n(X_n)) = (E(g_1(X_1))) \cdots (E(g_n(X_n)))$$

Theorem 4.6.7 (Generalization of Theorem 4.2.12) $M_Z(t) = (M_X(t))^n$

Example 4.6.8 (Mgf of a sum of gamma variables)

Corollary 4.6.9

Corollary 4.6.10

Theorem 4.6.11 (Generalization of Lemma 4.2.1)

Theorem 4.6.12 (Generalization of Theorem 4.3.5) Let X_1, \dots, X_n be independent random vectors. Let $g_i(X_i)$ be a function only of $X_i, i = 1, \dots, n$

Then the random variables $U_i = g_i(X_i), i = 1, \dots, n$, are **mutually independent**.

Example 4.6.13 (Multivariate change of variables)

4.7 Inequalities

4.7.1 Numerical Inequalities

Theorem 4.7.3 (Cauchy-Schwarz Inequality) For any two random variables X and Y,

$$|EXY| \leq E|XY| \leq (E|X|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}(E|Y|^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Example 4.7.4 (Covariance inequality)

Theorem 4.7.5 (Minkowski's Inequality)

4.7.2 Functional Inequalities

Definition 4.7.6 convex

Theorem 4.7.7 (Jensen's Inequality)

Example 4.7.8 (An inequality for means) Jensen's Inequality can be used to prove an inequality between three different kinds of means. If

a_1, \dots, a_n are positive numbers, define

$$\text{arithmetic mean } a_A = \frac{1}{n}(a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n) \quad \text{geometric mean } a_G = [a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n]^{\frac{1}{n}} \quad \text{harmonic mean } a_H = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{n}(\frac{1}{a_1} + \frac{1}{a_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_n})}$$

An inequality relating these means is $a_H \leq a_G \leq a_A$

Theorem 4.7.9 (Covariance Inequality)

a. If $g(x)$ is a nondecreasing function and $h(x)$ is a nonincreasing function, then $E(g(X)h(X)) \leq (Eg(X))(Eh(X))$

b. If $g(x)$ and $h(x)$ are either both nondecreasing or both nonincreasing, then $E(g(X)h(X)) \geq (Eg(X))(Eh(X))$

4.E.40 Dirichlet distribution

$$f(x, y) = Cx^{a-1}y^{b-1}(1-x-y)^{c-1}$$

5. Properties of a Random Sample

5.1 Basic Concepts of Random Samples

Definition 5.1.1 The random variables X_1, \dots, X_n are called a random sample of size n from the population $f(x)$ if X_1, \dots, X_n are mutually independent random variables and the marginal pdf or pmf of each X_i is the same function $f(x)$. Alternatively, X_1, \dots, X_n are called independent and identically distributed random variables with pdf or pmf $f(x)$. This is commonly abbreviated to *iid* random variables.

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = f(x_1) \cdots f(x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i)$$

5.2 Sums of Random Variables from a Random Sample

Definition 5.2.1 Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a random sample of size n from a population and let $T(x_1, \dots, x_n)$ be a real-valued or vector-valued function whose domain includes the sample space of (X_1, \dots, X_n) . Then the random variable or random vector $Y = T(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ is called a statistic. The probability distribution of a statistic Y is called the sampling distribution of Y .

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Definition 5.2.2 The sample mean is the arithmetic average of the values in a random sample. It is usually denoted by

$$\bar{X} = \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

Definition 5.2.3 The sample variance is the statistic defined by

$$s^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 - n\bar{X}^2 \right)$$

The sample standard deviation is the statistic defined by $S = \sqrt{s^2}$

Theorem 5.2.4 a. $\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - a)^2$ is minimized when $a = \bar{x}$

Proof

Let $g(a) = \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - a)^2$, set

$$g'(a) = \sum_{i=1}^n 2(X_i - a)(-1) = 0 \implies a = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i = \bar{x}$$

$$(n-1)s^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 - n\bar{x}^2$$

Lemma 5.2.5

(5.2.1) $E(\sum_{i=1}^n g(X_i)) = nE(g(X_1))$ (5.2.1) is true for any collection of n identically distributed random variables.

$$Var(\sum_{i=1}^n g(X_i)) = nVar(g(X_1))$$

Theorem 5.2.6

$$E\bar{X} = \mu; Var\bar{X} = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}; ES^2 = \sigma^2$$

Theorem 5.2.7 $M_{\bar{X}}(t) = [M_X(\frac{t}{n})]^n$

Example 5.2.8 (Distribution of the mean) Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a $n(\mu, \sigma^2)$ population. Then the mgf of the sample mean is

$$M_{\bar{X}}(t) = \left[e^{\mu \frac{t}{n} + \frac{\sigma^2 (\frac{t}{n})^2}{2}} \right]^n = e^{\mu t + \frac{(\sigma^2/n)t^2}{2}}$$

Thus, \bar{X} has a $n(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n})$ distribution.

Another simple example is given by a *Gamma*(α, β) random sample (4.6.8). Here, we can also easily derive the distribution of the sample mean. The mgf of the sample mean is

$$M_{\bar{X}}(t) = \left[\left(\frac{1}{1 - \beta(\frac{t}{n})} \right)^\alpha \right]^n = \left(\frac{1}{1 - \beta(\frac{t}{n})} \right)^{n\alpha}$$

which we recognize as the mgf of a *gGamma*($n\alpha, \beta/n$), the distribution of \bar{X} .

$$\mu_{\bar{X}} = n\alpha \cdot \frac{\beta}{n} = \alpha\beta = \mu$$

$$\sigma_{\bar{X}}^2 = n\alpha \cdot \left(\frac{\beta}{n} \right)^2 = \frac{\alpha\beta^2}{n} = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$$

Theorem 5.2.9 Convolution formula If X and Y are independent continuous random variables with pdfs $f_X(x)$ and $f_Y(y)$, then the pdf of $Z = X + Y$ is

$$f_Z(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(w)f_Y(z-w)dw$$

Example 5.2.10 (Sum of Cauchy random variables)

Theorem 5.2.11 exponential family

Example 5.2.12 (Sum of Bernoulli random variables)

5.3 Sampling from the Normal Distribution

5.3.1 Properties of the Sample Mean and Variance

Theorem 5.3.1 Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a $n(\mu, \sigma^2)$ distribution, and let $\bar{X} = (1/n) \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ and $S^2 = [1/(n-1)] \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$. Then

- \bar{X} and σ^2 are independent random variables.
- \bar{X} has a $n(\mu, \sigma^2/n)$ distribution,
- $(n-1)S^2/\sigma^2$ has a chi squared distribution with $n-1$ degrees of freedom.

$$f_{\chi^2}(x) = \frac{x^{\frac{p}{2}-1}}{\Gamma(\frac{p}{2})2^{\frac{p}{2}}} e^{-\frac{x}{2}}, x > 0$$

5.3.2 The Derived Distributions: Student's t and Snedecor's F

Definition 5.3.4

$$f_T(x) = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{p+1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{p}{2})\sqrt{p\pi}} \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{p}\right)^{-\frac{p+1}{2}}, -\infty < x < \infty$$

Definition 5.3.6

$$f_F(x) = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{p+q}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{p}{2})\Gamma(\frac{q}{2})} \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^{\frac{p}{2}} \frac{x^{\frac{p}{2}-1}}{(1 + \frac{p}{q}x)^{\frac{p+q}{2}}}, x > 0$$

Theorem 5.3.8

- $X \sim F(p, q)$ $\frac{1}{X} \sim F(q, p)$
- $X \sim T(q)$ $X^2 \sim F(1, q)$
- $X \sim F(p, q)$ $\frac{\frac{p}{q}X}{1 + \frac{p}{q}X} \sim \text{Beta}(\frac{p}{2}, \frac{q}{2})$

5.4 Order Statistics

Definition 5.4.2 The notation $\{b\}$, when appearing in a subscript, is defined to be the number b rounded to the nearest integer in the usual way. More precisely, if i is an integer and $i - .5 \leq b < i + .5$, then $\{b\} = i$.

Theorem 5.4.3 Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a discrete distribution with pmf $f_X(x_i) = P_i$, where $x_1 < x_2 < \dots$ are the possible values of X in ascending order.

Let $X_{(1)}, \dots, X_{(n)}$ denote the order statistics from the sample. Then

$$P(X_{(j)} \leq X_i) = \sum_{k=j}^n \binom{n}{k} P_i^k (1 - P_i)^{n-k}$$
$$P(X_{(j)} = X_i) = \sum_{k=j}^n \binom{n}{k} [P_i^k (1 - P_i)^{n-k} - P_{i-1}^k (1 - P_{i-1})^{n-k}]$$

Theorem 5.4.4 2019.01.29`p.9 Let $X_{(1)}, \dots, X_{(n)}$ denote the order statistics of a random sample, X_1, \dots, X_n from a continuous population with cdf $F_X(x)$ and pdf $f_X(x)$. Then the pdf of $X_{(n)}$ is

$$(5.4.4) \quad f_{X_{(j)}}(x) = \frac{n!}{(j-1)!(n-j)!} f_X(x) [F_X(x)]^{j-1} [1 - F_X(x)]^{n-j}$$

$$f_{X_{(j)}}(x) = \frac{n!}{(j-1)!(n-j)!} K [F_X(x)]^{j-1} [1 - F_X(x)]^{n-j} f(x)$$

Example 5.4.5 (Uniform order statistic pdf) Let $X_{(1)}, \dots, X_{(n)}$ be iid $Unif(0, 1)$, so $f_X(x) = 1$ for $x \in (0, 1)$ and $F_X(x) = x$ for $x \in (0, 1)$. Using (5.4.4), we see that the pdf of the j^{th} order statistic is

$$f_{X_{(j)}}(x) = \frac{n!}{(j-1)!(n-j)!} x^{j-1} (1-x)^{n-j} = \frac{\Gamma(n+1)}{\Gamma(j)\Gamma(n-j+1)} x^{j-1} (1-x)^{n-j+1-1}$$
$$EX_{(j)} = \frac{j}{n+1}, \quad VarX_{(j)} = \frac{j(n-j+1)}{(n+1)^2(n+2)}$$

Theorem 5.4.6

$$f_{X_{(i)}, X_{(j)}}(u, v) = \frac{n!}{(i-1)!(j-1-i)!(n-j)!} f_X(u) f_X(v) [F_X(u)]^{i-1} [F_X(v) - F_X(u)]^{j-1-i} [1 - F_X(v)]^{n-j}, -\infty < u < v < \infty$$

Example 5.4.7 (Distribution of the midrange and range)

5.5 Convergence Concepts

5.5.1 Convergence in Probability

Definition 5.5.1 A sequence of random variables, X_1, X_2, \dots , $\xrightarrow{P} X$ if, for every $\epsilon > 0$,

$$\begin{cases} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|X_n - X| \geq \epsilon) = 0 \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|X_n - X| < \epsilon) = 1 \end{cases}$$

Theorem 5.5.2 (Weak Law of Large Numbers) Let X_1, X_2, \dots be iid random variables with $EX_i = \mu$ and $VarX_i = \sigma^2 < \infty$. Define $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$. Then, for every $\epsilon > 0$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|\bar{X}_n - \mu| < \epsilon) = 1$$

that is, \bar{X}_n converges in probability to μ .

Example 5.5.3 (Consistency of S^2) Suppose we have a sequence X_1, X_2, \dots of iid random variables with $EX_i = \mu$ and $VarX_i = \sigma^2 < \infty$. If we define $S_n^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$

a sufficient condition that $VarS_n^2$ converges in probability to σ^2 is that $VarS_n^2 \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$

Theorem 5.5.4 Suppose that X_1, X_2, \dots converges in probability to a random variable X and that h is a continuous function. Then $h(X_1), h(X_2), \dots$ converges in probability to $h(X)$.

Example 5.5.5 (Consistency of S) If S_n^2 is a consistent estimator of σ^2 , then by Theorem 5.5.4, the sample standard deviation $S_n = \sqrt{S_n^2} = h(S_n^2)$ is a consistent estimator of σ . Note that S_n is, in fact, a biased estimator of σ (see Exercise 5.11), but the bias disappears asymptotically.

5.5.2 Almost Sure Convergence

Definition 5.5.6 A sequence of random variables, X_1, X_2, \dots , converges almost surely to a random variable X if, for every $\epsilon > 0$,

$$P\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |X_n - X| < \epsilon\right) = 1$$

Example 5.5.7 (Almost sure convergence)

Example 5.5.8 (Convergence, not almost surely)

Theorem 5.5.9 (Strong Law of Large Numbers) Let X_1, X_2, \dots be iid random variables with $EX_i = \mu$ and $VarX_i = \sigma^2 < \infty$, and define $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$. Then, for every $\epsilon > 0$,

$$P\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |\bar{X}_n - \mu| < \epsilon\right) = 1$$

that is, \bar{X}_n converges almost surely to μ

5.5.3 Convergence in Distribution

Definition 5.5.10 A sequence of random variables, X_1, X_2, \dots , converges in distribution to a random variable X if

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F_{X_n}(x) = F_X(x)$$

at all points x where $F_X(x)$ is continuous.

Example 5.5.11 (Maximum of uniforms)

$$P(|y_{(n)} - 1| \geq \epsilon) = (1 - \epsilon)^n$$

$$P(y_{(n)} \leq 1 - t/n) = (1 - t/n)^n \rightarrow e^{-t}$$

$$P(y_{(n)} \leq 1 - t/n) = P(n(1 - y_{(n)}) \geq t) \rightarrow 1 - e^{-t}$$

Theorem 5.5.12

Theorem 5.5.13

Theorem 5.5.14 (Central Limit Theorem)

$$\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu)}{\sigma} \xrightarrow{D} N(0, 1)$$

Theorem 5.5.15 (Stronger form of the Central Limit Theorem)

Example 5.5.16 (Normal approximation to the negative binomial)

Theorem 5.5.17 (Slutsky's Theorem) If $X_n \rightarrow X$ in distribution and $Y_n \rightarrow a$, a constant, in probability, then

a. $Y_n X_n \rightarrow aX$ in distribution

b. $X_n + Y_n \rightarrow X + a$ in distribution

5.5.4 The Delta Method

Example 5.5.19 (Estimating the odds)

Definition 5.5.20

Theorem 5.5.21 (Taylor)

Example 5.5.22 (Continuation of Example 5.5.19)

Example 5.5.23 (Approximate mean and variance)

Theorem 5.5.24 (Delta Method)

Example 5.5.25 (Continuation of Example 5.5.23)

Theorem 5.5.26 (Second-order Delta Method)

Example 5.5.27 (Moments of a ratio estimator)

Theorem 5.5.28 (Multivariate Delta Method)

5.6 Generating a Random Sample

5.6.1 Direct Methods

Example 5.6.1 (Exponential lifetime)

Example 5.6.2 (Continuation of Example 5.6.1)

Example 5.6.3 (Probability Integral Transform)

The relationship between the exponential and other distributions allows the quick generation of many random variables. For example, if U_j are iid $uniform(0, 1)$ random variables, then

$$Y_j = -\lambda \ln(u_j) \sim Expo(\lambda)$$

$$Y = -2 \sum_{j=1}^v \ln U_j \sim \chi_{2v}^2$$

$$Y = -\beta \sum_{j=1}^{\alpha} \ln U_j \sim Gama(\alpha, \beta)$$

$$Y = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^a \ln U_j}{\sum_{j=1}^{a+b} \ln U_j} \sim Beta(a, b)$$

Example 5.6.5 (Binomial random variable generation)

Example 5.6.6 (Distribution of the Poisson variance)

5.6.2 Indirect Methods

Example 5.6.7 (Beta random variable generation-I) generates a $Beta(a, b)$ random variable.

5.6.3 The Accept/Reject Algorithm

Example 5.6.8 (See HW7)

Example 5.6.9 (Beta random variable generation-II)

6. Principles of Data Reduction

6.2 The Sufficiency Principle

6.2.1 Sufficient Statistics

Definition 6.2.1 A statistic $T(\mathbf{X})$ is a sufficient statistic for θ if the conditional distribution of the sample \mathbf{X} given the value of $T(\mathbf{X})$ does not depend on θ .

Theorem 6.2.2 If $p(\mathbf{x}|\theta)$ is the joint pdf or pmf of \mathbf{X} and $q(t|\theta)$ is the pdf or pmf of $T(\mathbf{X})$, then $T(\mathbf{X})$ is a sufficient statistic for θ if, for every \mathbf{x} in the sample space, the ratio $p(\mathbf{x}|\theta)/q(T(\mathbf{X})|\theta)$ is constant as a function of θ .

Example 6.2.3 (Binomial sufficient statistic)

Example 6.2.4 (Normal sufficient statistic)

Example 6.2.5 (Sufficient order statistics)

Example 6.2.5 (Sufficient order statistics) Let X_1, \dots, X_n be iid from a pdf f , where we are unable to specify any more information about the pdf (as is the case in nonparametric estimation). It then follows that the sample density is given by

$$f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_{(i)})$$

where $x_{(1)} \leq x_{(2)} \leq \dots \leq x_{(n)}$ are the order statistics.

Theorem 6.2.6 (Factorization Theorem)

Let $f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)$ denote the joint pdf or pmf of a sample \mathbf{X} . A statistic $T(\mathbf{X})$ is a sufficient statistic for θ if and only if there exist functions $g(x|\theta)$ and $h(\mathbf{x})$ such that, for all sample points \mathbf{x} and all parameter points θ ,

$$f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) = g(T(\mathbf{x})|\theta)h(\mathbf{x})$$

Example 6.2.8 (Uniform sufficient statistic)

Example 6.2.9 (Normal sufficient statistic, both parameters unknown)

6.2.2 Minimal Sufficient Statistics

Definition 6.2.11 A sufficient statistic $T(\mathbf{X})$ is called a minimal sufficient statistic if, for any other sufficient statistic $T'(\mathbf{X})$, $T(\mathbf{x})$ is a function of $T'(\mathbf{x})$.

Definition 6.2.13 Let $f(x|\theta)$, be the pmf or pdf of a sample \mathbf{X} . Suppose there exists a function $T'(\mathbf{x})$ such that, for every two sample points \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} , the ratio $\frac{f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)}{f(\mathbf{y}|\theta)}$ is constant as a function of θ if and only if $T(\mathbf{x}) = T(\mathbf{y})$, then $T(\mathbf{x})$ is a minimal sufficient statistic for θ .

6.2.3 Ancillary Statistics

Definition 6.2.16 A statistic $S(\mathbf{X})$ whose distribution does not depend on the parameter θ is called an ancillary statistic.

6.2.4 Sufficient, Ancillary, and Complete Statistics

Definition 6.2.21

Let $f(x|\theta)$ be a family of pdfs or pmfs for a statistic $T(\vec{X})$. The family of probability distributions is called complete if $E_\theta[g(T)] = 0, \forall \theta$ implies $P_\theta(g(T) = 0) = 1$ for all θ . Equivalently, $T(\vec{X})$ is called a *complete statistic*.

Example 6.2.22 (Binomial complete sufficient statistic)

Example 6.2.23 (Uniform complete sufficient statistic)

Theorem 6.2.24 (Basu's Theorem)

If $T(\mathbf{X})$ is a complete and minimal sufficient statistic, then $T(\mathbf{X})$ is independent of every ancillary statistic.

Theorem 6.2.25 (Complete statistics in the exponential family)

Example 6.2.26 (Using Basu's Theorem-I)

Example 6.2.27 (Using Basu's Theorem-II)

Theorem 6.2.28 If a minimal sufficient statistic exists, then any complete statistic is also a minimal sufficient statistic.

6.3 The Likelihood Principle

6.3.1 The Likelihood Function

Definition 6.3.1 likelihood function

Example 6.3.2 (Negative binomial likelihood)

Example 6.3.3 (Normal fiducial distribution)

6.3.2 The Formal Likelihood Principle

Example 6.3.4 (Evidence function)

Example 6.3.5 (Binomial/negative binomial experiment)

Theorem 6.3.6 (Birnbaum's Theorem) The Formal Likelihood Principle follows from the Formal Sufficiency Principle and the Conditionality Principle. The converse is also true.

Example 6.3.7 (Continuation of Example 6.3.5)

6.4 The Equivariance Principle

Example 6.4.1 (Binomial equivariance)

Definition 6.4.2 group of transformations

Example 6.4.3 (Continuation of Example 6.4.1)

Definition 6.4.4 invariant under the group

Example 6.4.5 (Conclusion of Example 6.4.1)

Example 6.4.6 (Normal location invariance)

7. Point Estimation

7.2 Methods of Finding Estimators

7.2.1 Method of Moments

$f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) =$. Thus, $X \sim \text{Beta}(\theta, 1), \mu'_1 = E[X] =$

Set $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i = \mu'_1 =$. Therefore, $\hat{\theta}_{MOM} =$

Example 7.2.1 (Normal method of moments)

Example 7.2.2 (Binomial method of moments)

Example 7.2.3 (Satterthwaite approximation)

7.2.2 Maximum Likelihood Estimators

$$L(\theta|\mathbf{x}) = L(\theta_1, \dots, \theta_k | x_1, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i | \theta_1, \dots, \theta_k)$$

Definition 7.2.4 For each sample point \vec{x} , let $\hat{\theta}(\vec{x})$ be a parameter value at which $L(\theta|\mathbf{x})$ attains its maximum as a function of θ , with \vec{x} held fixed. A *maximum likelihood estimator* (MLE) of the parameter θ based on a sample \vec{X} is $\hat{\theta}(\vec{X})$.

Let $L(\theta|\mathbf{x}) = f(\mathbf{x}|\theta)$. $\forall \theta, L(\theta|\mathbf{x}) =$. Thus, $\theta_{MLE} =$.

Derive the log likelihood function. $l(\theta|\mathbf{x}) = \ln L(\theta|\mathbf{x}) =$

Set $\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_i} l(\theta|\mathbf{x}) = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, k$

Set $\frac{\partial}{\partial^2 \theta_i} l(\theta|\mathbf{x}) = 0$, there is solution or not.

Thus, $\hat{\theta}_{MLE} =$

Example 7.2.5 (Normal likelihood)

Example 7.2.6 (Continuation of Example 7.2.5)

Example 7.2.7 (Bernoulli MLE)

Example 7.2.8 (Restricted range MLE)

Example 7.2.9 (Binomial MLE, unknown number of trials)

A useful property of maximum likelihood estimators that has come to be known as the *invariance property of maximum likelihood estimators* (not to be confused with the type of invariance discussed in Chapter 6).

Theorem 7.2.10 (Invariance property of MLEs) If $\hat{\theta}$ is the MLE of θ , then for any function $\tau(\theta)$, the MLE of $\tau(\theta)$ is $\tau(\hat{\theta})$.

Example 7.2.11 (Normal MLEs, μ and σ unknown)

Example 7.2.12 (Continuation of Example 1.2.11)

Example 7.2.13 (Continuation of Example 7.2.2)

7.2.3 Bayes Estimators

In the Bayesian approach θ is considered to be a quantity whose variation can be described by a probability distribution (called the *prior distribution*). This is a subjective distribution, based on the experimenter's belief, and is formulated before the data are seen (hence the name prior distribution). A sample is then taken from a population indexed by θ and the prior distribution is updated with this sample information. The updated prior is called the *posterior distribution*. This updating is done with the use of Bayes' Rule (seen in Chapter 1), hence the name Bayesian statistics.

If we denote the prior distribution by $\pi(\theta)$ and the sampling distribution by $f(\vec{x}|\theta)$, then the posterior distribution, the conditional distribution of θ given the sample, \vec{x} , is

$$\pi(\theta|\vec{x}) = \frac{f(\vec{x}|\theta)\pi(\theta)}{m(\vec{x})}, \quad f(\vec{x}|\theta)\pi(\theta) = f(\vec{x}, \theta), \quad m(\vec{x}) = \int f(\vec{x}|\theta)\pi(\theta)d\theta$$

Example 7.2.14 (Binomial Bayes estimation)

Definition 7.2.15 Let \mathcal{F} denote the class of pdfs or pmfs $f(\vec{x}|\theta)$ (indexed by θ). A class Π of prior distributions is a *conjugate family* for \mathcal{F} if the posterior distribution is in the class $\Pi \forall f \in \mathcal{F}$, all priors in Π , and all $x \in \mathcal{X}$.

Example 7.2.16 (Normal Bayes estimators) Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a random sample from a $n(\theta, \sigma^2)$ population, and suppose that the prior distribution on θ is $n(\mu, \tau^2)$. Here we assume that σ^2, μ, τ^2 are all known. The posterior distribution of θ is also normal, with mean and variance given by

$$f(\theta|x) \sim N\left(\frac{\tau^2 x + \sigma^2 \mu}{\tau^2 + \sigma^2}, \frac{\sigma^2 \tau^2}{\sigma^2 + \tau^2}\right), \quad E(\theta|x) = \frac{\tau^2}{\tau^2 + \sigma^2}x + \frac{\sigma^2}{\sigma^2 + \tau^2}\mu, \quad \text{Var}(\theta|x) = \frac{\sigma^2 \tau^2}{\sigma^2 + \tau^2}$$

7.2.4 The EM Algorithm

(Expectation-Maximization)

Example 7.2.17 (Multiple Poisson rates)

Example 7.2.18 (Continuation of Example 7.2.17)

Example 7.2.19 (Conclusion of Example 7.2.17)

Theorem 7.2.20 (Monotonic EM sequence) The sequence $\{\hat{\theta}_{(r)}\}$ defined by 7.2.20 satisfies

$$L(\hat{\theta}^{(r+1)}|y) \geq L(\hat{\theta}^{(r)}|y)$$

7.3 Methods of Evaluating Estimators

7.3.1 Mean Squared Error

Definition 7.3.1 The mean squared error (MSE) of an estimator W of a parameter θ is the function of θ defined by $E_\theta(W - \theta)^2$.

$$E_\theta(W - \theta)^2 = \text{Var}_\theta W + (E_\theta W - \theta)^2 = \text{Var}_\theta W + (\text{Bias}_\theta W)^2$$

Definition 7.3.2 {#bias}

The *bias* of a point estimator W of a parameter θ is the difference between the expected value of W and θ ; that is, $\text{Bias}_\theta W = E_\theta W - \theta$. An estimator whose bias is identically (in a) equal to 0 is called *unbiased* and satisfies $E_\theta W = \theta$ for all θ .

For an unbiased estimator we have

$$E_\theta(W - \theta)^2 = \text{Var}_\theta W$$

and so, if an estimator is unbiased, its MSE is equal to its variance.

Example 7.3.3 (Normal MSE) Let $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim \text{iid } n(\mu, \sigma^2)$. The statistics \bar{X} and S^2 are both unbiased estimators since

$$E\bar{X} = \mu, \quad ES^2 = \sigma^2, \quad \forall \mu \text{ and } \sigma^2$$

$$E(\bar{X} - \mu)^2 = \text{Var}\bar{X} = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}, \quad E(S^2 - \sigma^2)^2 = \text{Var}S^2 = \frac{2\sigma^4}{n-1}$$

Example 7.3.4 (Continuation of Example 7.3.3) An alternative estimator for σ^2 is the maximum likelihood estimator $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2 = \frac{n-1}{n} S^2$. It is straightforward to calculate

$$E\hat{\sigma}^2 = E\left(\frac{n-1}{n} S^2\right) = \frac{n-1}{n} \sigma^2$$

so $\hat{\sigma}^2$ is a biased estimator of σ^2 . The variance of $\hat{\sigma}^2$ can also be calculated as

$$\text{Var}\hat{\sigma}^2 = \text{Var}\left(\frac{n-1}{n} S^2\right) = \left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)^2 \text{Var}S^2 = \frac{2(n-1)}{n^2} \sigma^4$$

and, hence, its MSE is given by

$$E(\hat{\sigma}^2 - \sigma^2)^2 = \frac{2(n-1)}{n^2} \sigma^4 + \left(\frac{n-1}{n} \sigma^2 - \sigma^2\right)^2 = \frac{2n-1}{n^2} \sigma^4$$

We thus have

$$E(\hat{\sigma}^2 - \sigma^2)^2 = \frac{2n-1}{n^2} \sigma^4 < \frac{2\sigma^4}{n-1} = E(S^2 - \sigma^2)^2$$

showing that $\hat{\sigma}^2$ has smaller MSE than S^2 . Thus, by trading off variance for bias, the MSE is improved.

Example 7.3.5 (MSE of binomial Bayes estimator)

Example 7.3.6 (MSE of equivariant estimators) Let X_1, \dots, X_n be iid $f(x - \theta)$. For an estimator $W(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ to satisfy $W(g_a(x)) = g_a(W(x))$, we must have

$$(7.3.2) \quad W(x_1, \dots, x_n) + a = W(x_1 + a, \dots, x_n + a)$$

which specifies the equivariant estimators with respect to the group of transformations defined by $\mathcal{G} = \{g_a(\vec{x}) : -\infty < a < \infty\}$, where $g_a(x_1, \dots, x_n) = (x_1 + a, \dots, x_n + a)$. For these estimators we have

$$(7.3.3) \quad E_\theta(W(X_1, \dots, X_n) - \theta)^2 = \int \dots \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (W(u_1, \dots, u_n))^2 \prod_{i=1}^n f(u_i) du_i$$

7.3.2 Best Unbiased Estimators

Definition 7.3.7

An estimator W^* is a best unbiased estimator of $\tau(\theta)$ if it satisfies $E_\theta W^* = \tau(\theta)$ for all θ and, for any other estimator W with $E_\theta W = \tau(\theta)$, we have $\text{Var}_\theta W^* < \text{Var}_\theta W$ for all θ . W^* is also called a *uniform minimum variance unbiased estimator* (UMVUE) of $\tau(\theta)$.

Example 7.3.8 (Poisson unbiased estimation)

Theorem 7.3.9 (Cramer-Rao Inequality)

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a sample with pdf $f(\vec{x}|\theta)$, and let $W(\vec{X}) = W(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ be any estimator satisfying

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} E_\theta W(\vec{X}) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} [W(\vec{x}) f(\vec{x}|\theta)] d\vec{x}, \quad \text{Var}_\theta W(\vec{X}) < \infty$$

$$\text{Var}_\theta W(\vec{X}) \geq \frac{(\frac{d}{d\theta} E_\theta W(\vec{X}))^2}{E_\theta \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \ln f(\vec{X}|\theta) \right)^2 \right]}$$

Corollary 7.3.10 (Cramer-Rao Inequality, iid case)

$$\text{Var}_\theta W(\vec{X}) \geq \frac{(\frac{d}{d\theta} E_\theta W(\vec{X}))^2}{n E_\theta \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \ln f(X|\theta) \right)^2 \right]}$$

Lemma 7.3.11 Fisher information

If $f(x|\theta)$ satisfies $\frac{d}{d\theta} E_\theta \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \ln f(X|\theta) \right] = \int \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left(\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \ln f(x|\theta) \right] f(x|\theta) \right) dx$ (true for an exponential family), then

$$E_\theta \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \ln f(X|\theta) \right)^2 \right] = -E_\theta \left[\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta^2} \ln f(X|\theta) \right]$$

Example 7.3.12 (Conclusion of Example 7.3.8)

Example 7.3.13 (Unbiased estimator for the scale uniform)

Example 7.3.14 (Normal variance bound)

Corollary 7.3.15 (Attainment)

Example 7.3.16 (Continuation of Example 7.3.14)

7.3.3 Sufficiency and Unbiasedness

Theorem 7.3.17 (Rao-Blackwell)

Let W be any unbiased estimator of $\tau(\theta)$, and let T be a sufficient statistic for θ . Define $\phi(T) = E[W|T]$. Then $E_\theta \phi(T) = \tau(\theta)$ and $\text{Var}_\theta \phi(T) \leq \text{Var}_\theta W$ for all θ ; that is, $\phi(T)$ is a uniformly better unbiased estimator of $\tau(\theta)$.

Theorem 7.3.23 Lehmann-Scheffe

Let T be a complete sufficient statistic for a parameter θ , and let $\phi(T)$ be any estimator based only on T . Then $\phi(T)$ is the unique best unbiased estimator of its expected value.

7.3.4 Loss Function Optimality

Our evaluations of point estimators have been based on their mean squared error performance. Mean squared error is a special case of a function called a *loss function*. The study of the performance, and the optimality, of estimators evaluated through loss functions is a branch of *decision theory*.

The loss function is a nonnegative function that generally increases as the distance between a and θ increases. If θ is real-valued, two commonly used loss functions are

absolute error loss $L(\theta, a) = |a - \theta|$

squared error loss $L(\theta, a) = (a - \theta)^2$

LINEar-EXponential loss E7.65 $L(\theta, a) = e^{c(a-\theta)} - c(a - \theta) - 1$

binary loss -8.3.5- $L(\theta, a_0) = \begin{cases} 0 & \theta \in \Theta_0^c \\ 1 & \theta \in \Theta_0 \end{cases}$ $L(\theta, a_1) = \begin{cases} 1 & \theta \in \Theta_0^c \\ 0 & \theta \in \Theta_0 \end{cases}$

CI -9.3.4- $L(\theta, C) = b \text{Length}(C) - I_C(\theta)$

where c is a positive constant. As the constant c varies, the loss function varies from very asymmetric to almost symmetric.

Example 7.3.25 (Binomial risk functions)

Example 7.3.26 (Risk of normal variance)
 Example 7.3.27 (Variance estimation using Stein's loss)
 Example 7.3.28 (Two Bayes rules)
 Example 7.3.29 (Normal Bayes estimates)
 Example 7.3.30 (Binomial Bayes estimates)

8. Hypothesis Testing

8.1 Introduction

Definition 8.1.3 Hypothesis Test

8.2 Methods of Finding Tests

###8.2.1 Likelihood Ratio Tests

Definition 8.2.1 The likelihood ratio test
 statistic for testing $H_0 : \theta \in \Theta_0$ versus $H_1 : \theta \notin \Theta_0^c$ is

$$\lambda(\vec{x}) = \frac{\sup_{\Theta_0} L(\theta|\vec{x})}{\sup_{\Theta} L(\theta|\vec{x})}$$

A *likelihood ratio test (LRT)* is any test that has a rejection region of the form $\{\vec{x} : \lambda(\vec{x}) \leq c\}$, where c is any number satisfying $0 \leq c \leq 1$.

Example 8.2.2 (Normal LRT)

Example 8.2.3 (Exponential LRT)

Theorem 8.2.4 (#suff&LRT)

Example 8.2.5 (LRT and sufficiency)

Example 8.2.6 (Normal LRT with unknown variance)

8.2.2 Bayesian Tests

Example 8.2.7 (Normal Bayesian test) (#Norm&Bayes)

8.2.3 Union-Intersection and Intersection- Union Tests

8.3 Methods of Evaluating Tests

8.3.1 Error Probabilities and the Power Function

Definition 8.3.1 power function

Example 8.3.2 (Binomial power function)

Example 8.3.3 (Normal power function)

Definition 8.3.5

Definition 8.3.6

Example 8.3.7 (Size of LRT)

8.3.2 Most Powerful Tests

Definition 8.3.11 uniformly most powerful

Theorem 8.3.12 (Neyman-Pearson Lemma)

Corollary 8.3.13 Consider the hypothesis problem posed in **Theorem 8.3.12**. Suppose $T(\vec{X})$ is a sufficient statistic for θ and $g(t|\theta_i)$ is the pdf or pmf of T corresponding to $\theta_i, i = 0, 1$. Then any test based on T with rejection region S (a subset of the sample space of T) is a UMP level α test if it satisfies $t \in S$ if $g(t|\theta_1) > kg(t|\theta)$ and $t \in S^c$ if $g(t|\theta_1) < kg(t|\theta)$ for some $k \geq 0$, where $\alpha = P_{\theta_0}(T \in S)$

Example 8.3.14 (UMP binomial test)

Example 8.3.15 (UMP normal test)

Definition 8.3.16 monotone likelihood ratio

Theorem 8.3.17 (Karlin-Rubin)

Consider testing $H_0 : \theta \leq \theta_0$ versus $H_1 : \theta > \theta_0$. Suppose that T is a sufficient statistic for θ and the family of pdfs or pmfs $\{g(t|\theta) : \theta \in \Theta\}$ of T has an MLR. Then for any t_0 , the test that rejects H_0 if and only if $T > t_0$ is a UMP level α test, where $\alpha = P_{\theta_0}(T > t_0)$.

Example 8.3.19 (Nonexistence of UMP test)

Example 8.3.20 (Unbiased test)

8.3.3 Sizes of Union-Intersection and Intersection Union Tests

Theorem 8.3.23 the size of the test

8.3.4 p-Values

Definition 8.3.26

Example 8.3.28 (Two-sided normal p-value)

Example 8.3.29 (One-sided normal p-value)

8.3.5 Loss Function Optimality

9. Interval Estimation

9.1 Introduction

Definition 9.1.5 confidence coefficient; confidence interval

9.2 Methods of Finding Interval Estimators

9.2.1 Inverting a Test Statistic

9.3 Methods of Evaluating Interval Estimators

10. Asymptotic Evaluations

10.1 Point Estimation

10.1.1 Consistency

Definition 10.1.1 (consistent sequence of estimators)

Example 10.1.2 (Consistency of \bar{X})

Theorem 10.1.3

Example 10.1.4 (Contin 10.1.2)

Theorem 10.1.5

Theorem 10.1.6 (Consistency of MLEs)

10.1.2 Efficiency

Definition 10.1.7

Example 10.1.8 (Limiting variances)

Definition 10.1.9 asymptotic variance

Definition 10.1.11

Theorem 10.1.12 (Asymptotic efficiency of MLEs)

