

## A. Problems to Submit

*To receive full credit, you must provide detailed written solutions for each of these problems.*

1. Let  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n$  be a random sample such that  $Y_i \sim \text{GAM}(\theta, \kappa)$ . The random variable  $Y_i$  represents the amount of rainfall accumulated over a year in a reservoir, with  $\mu = \mathbb{E}(Y_i) = 132$  and  $\sigma^2 = \mathbb{V}(Y_i) = 26.4$ . Consider  $\bar{Y}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ .
  - (a) Give an approximation of  $P(\bar{Y}_n \geq 200)$  for  $n = 500$ .
  - (b) What is the true distribution of  $\bar{Y}_n$ ?
  - (c) Does  $\bar{Y}_n$  converges in probability? If so, what is its limit?
  - (d) Calculate the true probability  $P(|\bar{Y}_n - \mu| \leq 0.4)$  for  $n = 20$ .  
Explain what  $|\bar{Y}_n - \mu| \leq 0.4$  means, in terms of the amount of rainfall, and interpret the above result.
  - (e) Find  $P(|\bar{Y}_n - \mu| \leq 0.4)$  when  $n = 25, 50, 100, 200$ , and  $300$ . What pattern do you observe among the values for  $P(|\bar{Y}_n - \mu| \leq 0.4)$  for the various values of  $n$ ?
  - (f) Now suppose  $\sigma^2 = 79.3$ , re-calculate the probabilities in part (c). Do the results change drastically? How do you explain such a trend?
  - (g) Compared to  $P(|\bar{Y}_n - \mu| \leq 0.4)$ , will the probability  $P(|\bar{Y}_n - \mu| \leq \varepsilon)$  increase or decrease, for  $\varepsilon < 0.2$ ,  $n = 50$  and  $\sigma^2 = 26.4$ . Justify your answer.
2. Suppose that  $X_n$  follows a binomial distribution with parameter  $(n, \pi)$  where  $\pi \in (0, 1)$ . Define  $Y_n = \frac{1}{n} X_n$  for each  $n$ .
  - (a) Find the asymptotic normal distribution of  $Y_n$ .
  - (b) Find the asymptotic normal distribution of  $\ln(Y_n)$ .

In each case, clearly indicate which theorems you have used to establish the result.

**Hint:** First, write  $Y_n$  as a sample mean of a random sample that you will specify.

3. BE Exercise: 7.15

**Hint:** For 7.15 (e), please do use BE Theorem 7.5.1.

4. BE Exercise: 7.16

## B. Additional Practice Problems

1. Let  $X_n \sim \text{Exponential}(1/n)$ . Show that  $X_n \xrightarrow{p} 0$  using Theorem 7.6.1 **AND** an exact expression for the related probability  $P_n$ .
2. BE Exercise 7.13
3. BE Exercises: 7.14, 7.17
4. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from a  $\text{Poisson}(\mu)$  distribution.
  - (a) Show that  $\bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{p} \mu$
  - (b) Show that  $\bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{d} \mu$
  - (c) Show that  $\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu)/\sqrt{\mu} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$
  - (d) Show that  $\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu)/\sqrt{\bar{X}_n} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$

In each case, clearly indicate which theorems you have used to establish the result.