

**Homework 2**

STA4322/STA5328

Introduction to Statistics Theory

Spring 2020, MWF 3:00pm

Due date: Friday, January 31st, 2020

All work must be shown for complete credit. W.M.S. denotes the course textbook, *Mathematical Statistics with Applications*.

1. If  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n$  are independent and identically distributed normal random variables with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ , then  $\bar{Y} \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2/n)$  where  $\bar{Y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i$ . Prove this statement using moment generating functions.

2. Let  $X$  have probability density function

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{2(\theta-x)}{\theta^2} & 0 < x < \theta \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$

- (a) Show that  $X$  has distribution function

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

- (b) Show that  $X/\theta$  is a pivotal quantity.

- (c) Use the pivotal quantity from (b) to find a 90% lower confidence limit for  $\theta$ .

3. Suppose that  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n$  form a random sample from the exponential distribution with unknown mean  $\mu$ . Propose a confidence interval for  $\mu$  with confidence level  $\gamma$  ( $0 \leq \gamma \leq 1$ ). Hint: Determine constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  such that  $P(c_1 < \frac{1}{\mu} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i < c_2) = \gamma$ .

4. The downtime per day for a computing facility has mean 4 hours and standard deviation 0.8 hours.

- (a) Suppose we want to compute probabilities about the average daily downtime for a period of 30 days.

- i. What assumptions must be true to use the central limit theorem to obtain a valid approximation for probabilities about the average daily downtime?
- ii. Under the assumptions you stated in the previous part, what is the approximate probability that the average daily downtime for a period of 30 days is between 1 and 5 hours?

- (b) Under the assumptions you stated in the previous part, what is the approximate probability that the *total* downtime for a period of 30 days is less than 115 hours?

5. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from a normal distribution with mean zero and variance  $\sigma^2$ . Construct a 95% lower confidence limit for  $\sigma^2$ .
  
6. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be independent and identically distributed random variables. Let each  $X_i$  be uniformly distributed on the interval  $(-1, 1)$ . Similarly, let  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  be independent and identically distributed random variables also uniformly distributed on the interval  $(-1, 1)$ . Assume all  $Y_i$  and  $X_i$  are independent. Let us then define a new variable  $Z_i$ : the variable  $Z_i = 1$  if  $(X_i, Y_i)$  lies within the unit-disk (disk centered at 0 with radius 1); the variable  $Z_i = 0$  if  $(X_i, Y_i)$  lies outside the unit-disk.
  - (a) What is the distribution of  $Z_i$ ?
  - (b) Let  $\bar{Z} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i$ . What is the mean and variance of  $\bar{Z}$ ?
  - (c) What is the approximate, large-sample distribution of  $4\bar{Z}$  (assuming  $n$  is very large)?
  - (d) Approximate  $P(|4\bar{Z} - \pi| < .01)$  using the central limit theorem.