

24. Let $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ be an independent and identically distributed (IID) collection of $\text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ random variables. Consider estimating the function

$$\tau(\lambda) = P(X = 1) = \lambda e^{-\lambda}.$$

Let $W(\mathbf{X})$ be defined as

$$W(\mathbf{X}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } X_1 = 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Prove $W(\mathbf{X})$ is an unbiased estimator of $P(X = 1)$.
- (b) Find the MLE of $P(X = 1)$. You may use without proof that the MLE of λ is $\hat{\lambda} = \bar{X}$, the sample mean.
- (c) Find a best unbiased estimator of $\tau(\lambda)$. You may use without proof that $T(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ is a sufficient statistic for λ .