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Be sure to answer all parts of each question.

1. Suppose we have a random sample W_1, \dots, W_n from a distribution with pdf

$$f(w|\theta) = \frac{1}{3} \theta w^{\theta-1} + \frac{2}{3} (2\theta + 1) w^{2\theta} \quad \text{for } 0 < w < 1, \theta > 0.$$

- (a) Find $E(W)$.
 (b) Use it to identify a method of moments estimator for θ .
2. Let X_1, \dots, X_n be iid random variables with probability density

$$f(x|\lambda) = \frac{\lambda^2(x+1)}{\lambda+1} e^{-\lambda x} \quad \text{for } x > 0, \lambda > 0.$$

- (a) Determine the Fisher information $I_n(\lambda) = nI_1(\lambda)$.
 (b) Provide the rejection criterion for a size α score test of $H_0 : \lambda = 1$ versus $H_a : \lambda \neq 1$.
3. Consider the following cdf.

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{4}, & 0 \leq x < 1, \\ \frac{5x-2}{12}, & 1 \leq x < 2, \\ \frac{x}{3}, & 2 \leq x < 3. \end{cases}$$

- (a) Is F discrete, absolutely continuous or neither?
 (b) If discrete, what is the pmf? If absolutely continuous, what is the pdf?
4. Suppose T_1, \dots, T_n are iid $\text{gamma}(\alpha, 3)$ random variables and $\tilde{\alpha} = 3\bar{X}$ is an estimator for α .
- (a) Find the asymptotic distribution of $\sqrt{\tilde{\alpha}}$ (for example, by the delta method).
 (b) Use it to construct a γ level Wald confidence interval for $\sqrt{\alpha}$.
5. X_1, \dots, X_n is a random sample from the $\text{normal}(0, \frac{1}{2\theta})$ distribution (that is, with pdf $f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{\theta}{\pi}} e^{-\theta x^2}$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$). Suppose also that θ has a $\text{gamma}(\alpha, 1)$ prior distribution. Find the posterior distribution and mean for θ .
6. (U, V) has bivariate distribution with joint density

$$f(u, v) = 2e^{-u-v} I_{(0,u)}(v) I_{(v,\infty)}(u).$$

Note: $U > V$.

- (a) Find the marginal distribution of V .
 (b) Find the conditional distribution of U , given $V = v$.
7. Suppose Y_1, \dots, Y_n are iid $\text{Poisson}(\lambda)$. Recall that $S = \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i$ has $\text{Poisson}(n\lambda)$ distribution. Show that $e^{t_n S}$, with $t_n = \log((n-1)/n)$, is an unbiased estimator of $e^{-\lambda} = P(Y_i = 0)$. Hint: what is the mgf for $\text{Poisson}(n\lambda)$?

Formulas for Final Exam

Bayes' rule $P(B_j | A) = \frac{P(A|B_j)P(B_j)}{\sum_{k=1}^n P(A|B_k)P(B_k)}$ if B_1, \dots, B_n are disjoint and $\bigcup_{k=1}^n B_k = \Omega$.

quantile function $Q_X(p)$ satisfies $F_X(x) \leq p \leq F(Q_X(p))$ for $x < Q_X(p)$. If X is a continuous rv then $F(Q_X(p)) = p$.

distribution of a function of X $F_Y(y) = P(h(X) \leq y)$ for $Y = h(X)$.

If X is a discrete rv or $h(x)$ takes only countably many values then Y has pmf $p_Y(y) = P(h(X) = y)$.

If X is a continuous rv and $h(x)$ is a continuous function then Y has pdf $f_Y(y) = \frac{d}{dy} P(h(X) \leq y)$.

binomial theorem $\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} a^k b^{n-k} = (a+b)^n$.

geometric sum $\sum_{k=n}^{\infty} a^k = \frac{a^n}{1-a}$ if $-1 < a < 1$.

exponential expansion $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{a^k}{k!} = e^a$.

gamma integral $\int_0^{\infty} x^a e^{-bx} dx = \Gamma(a+1)b^{-a-1} = a!b^{-a-1}$ for $a > -1, b > 0$.

Bernoulli pmf $p(x) = (1-\theta)^{1-x} \theta^x I_{\{0,1\}}(x)$ for $0 < \theta < 1$, same as binomial(1, θ).

beta(a, b) pdf $f(x) = \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} x^{a-1} (1-x)^{b-1} I_{(0,1)}(x)$ for $a > 0, b > 0$; $E(X) = \frac{a}{a+b}$
 $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{ab}{(a+b)^2(a+b+1)}$.

binomial(n, θ) pmf $p(x) = \binom{n}{x} \theta^x (1-\theta)^{n-x} I_{\{0,1,\dots,n\}}(x)$ for $0 < \theta < 1$. $E(X) = n\theta$,
 $\text{Var}(X) = n\theta(1-\theta)$, $m(s) = (1-\theta + \theta e^s)^n$.

chi-square(n) $f(x) = \frac{x^{(n-2)/2} e^{-x/2}}{2^{n/2} \Gamma(n/2)} I_{(0,\infty)}(x)$ for $n > 0$, same as gamma($\frac{n}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$). $E(X) = n$,
 $\text{Var}(X) = 2n$. The distribution of $Z_1^2 + \dots + Z_n^2$ for iid standard normal Z_1, \dots, Z_n .

In particular, if $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{normal}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ then $\frac{(n-1)S^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \text{chi-square}(n-1)$.

discrete uniform(N) pmf $p(x) = \frac{1}{N} I_{\{1,2,\dots,N\}}(x)$. $E(X) = \frac{N+1}{2}$, $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{N^2-1}{12}$.

exponential(λ) pdf $f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x} I_{(0,\infty)}(x)$ for $\lambda > 0$, same as gamma(1, λ). $E(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda}$,
 $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$.

F(m, n) the distribution of $\frac{X/m}{Y/n}$ where $X \sim \text{chi-square}(m)$, $Y \sim \text{chi-square}(n)$, independent. $E(X) = \frac{n}{n-2}$ if $n > 2$.

gamma(α, λ) pdf $f(x) = \frac{\lambda^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\lambda x} I_{(0,\infty)}(x)$ for $\lambda > 0, \alpha > 0$; $E(X) = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda}$, $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda^2}$, $m(s) = \left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-s}\right)^\alpha$ if $s < \lambda$.

geometric(θ) pmf $p(x) = \theta(1-\theta)^x I_{\{0,1,2,\dots\}}(x)$ for $0 < \theta < 1$, same as negative binomial(1, θ).
 $E(X) = \frac{1-\theta}{\theta}$, $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{1-\theta}{\theta^2}$.

hypergeometric(N, M, n) **pmf** $p(x) = \frac{\binom{M}{x} \binom{N-M}{n-x}}{\binom{N}{n}} I_{\{0,1,\dots,n\}}(x)$ for $M < N$. $E(X) = np$
 where $p = \frac{M}{N}$, $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{N-n}{N-1} np(1-p)$.

negative binomial(r, θ) **pmf** $p(x) = \binom{x-1}{r-1} \theta^r (1-\theta)^x I_{\{0,1,2,\dots\}}(x)$ for $0 < \theta < 1$. $E(X) = \frac{r(1-\theta)}{\theta}$, $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{r(1-\theta)}{\theta^2}$, $m(s) = \left(\frac{\theta}{1-(1-\theta)e^s} \right)^r$ if $s < -\log(1-\theta)$.

normal(μ, σ^2) **pdf** $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-(x-\mu)^2/(2\sigma^2)} I_{(-\infty,\infty)}(x)$ for $\sigma^2 > 0$; $E(X) = \mu$, $\text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2$, $m(s) = e^{\mu s + \sigma^2 s^2/2}$.

Poisson(λ) **pmf** $p(x) = \frac{\lambda^x}{x!} e^{-\lambda} I_{\{0,1,2,\dots\}}(x)$ for $\lambda > 0$. $E(X) = \lambda$, $\text{Var}(X) = \lambda$, $m(s) = e^{\lambda(e^s-1)}$.

t(n) the distribution of $\frac{Z}{\sqrt{Y/n}}$ where $Z \sim \text{normal}(0, 1)$, $Y \sim \text{chi-square}(n)$, independent.
 $E(X) = 0$, $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{n}{n-2}$ if $n > 2$.

In particular, if $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{normal}(\mu, \sigma^2)$ then $\frac{\bar{X}-\mu}{S/\sqrt{n}} \sim t(n-1)$.

uniform(a, b) **pdf** $f(x) = \frac{1}{b-a} I_{(a,b)}(x)$ for $a < b$. $E(X) = \frac{a+b}{2}$, $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$.

Weibull(α, β) **pdf** $f(x) = \frac{\alpha}{\beta} (x/\beta)^{\alpha-1} e^{-(x/\beta)^\alpha} I_{(0,\infty)}(x)$ for $\alpha > 0$, $\beta > 0$. $E(X^k) = \beta^k \Gamma(1 + \frac{k}{\alpha})$.

marginal pmf/pdf $p_X(x) = \sum_y p(x, y)$; $f_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x, y) dy$.

conditional pmf/pdf $p_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{p(x,y)}{p_Y(y)}$; $f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \frac{f(x,y)}{f_Y(y)}$.

independent random variables $p(x, y) = p_X(x)p_Y(y)$ if (X, Y) is discrete;
 $f(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y)$ if (X, Y) is continuous.

discrete convolution $p_{X+Y}(z) = \sum_x p_X(x)p_Y(z-x)$ for independent X, Y .

continuous convolution $f_{X+Y}(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x)f_Y(z-x) dx$ for independent X, Y .

covariance and correlation $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = E((X - \mu_X)(Y - \mu_Y)) = E(XY) - \mu_X\mu_Y$;
 $\text{Corr}(X, Y) = \frac{\text{Cov}(X, Y)}{\sigma_X\sigma_Y}$. For independent X and Y , $\text{Cov}(X, Y) = \text{Corr}(X, Y) = 0$.

expectation of a sum $E(a_1X_1 + \dots + a_nX_n) = a_1E(X_1) + \dots + a_nE(X_n)$.

expectation of a product If X_1, \dots, X_n are independent, $E\left(\prod_{i=1}^n h_i(X_i)\right) = \prod_{i=1}^n E(h_i(X_i))$.

variance of a sum $\text{Var}(aX + bY) = a^2\text{Var}(X) + 2ab\text{Cov}(X, Y) + b^2\text{Var}(Y)$.

variance of a sum of independent rvs $\text{Var}(a_1X_1 + \dots + a_nX_n) = a_1^2\text{Var}(X_1) + \dots + a_n^2\text{Var}(X_n)$.

moments k -th moment is $\mu_k = E(X^k)$, $k = 1, 2, \dots$

moment generating function $m_X(s) = E(e^{sX})$; $E(X^k) = \left. \frac{d^k}{ds^k} m_X(s) \right|_{s=0}$.

mgf of a sum If X and Y are independent, $m_{aX+bY}(s) = E(e^{(aX+bY)s}) = m_X(as)m_Y(bs)$.

conditional expectation $E(h(Y)|X = x) = \sum_y h(y)p_{Y|X}(y|x)$ or
 $E(h(Y)|X = x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} h(y)f_{Y|X}(y|x) dy$.

iterated expectation $E(h(Y)) = E(E(h(Y)|X))$, $E(g(X)h(Y)) = E(g(X)E(h(Y)|X))$.

conditional variance $\text{Var}(Y|X) = E(Y^2|X) - (E(Y|X))^2$.

variance partition formula $\text{Var}(Y) = E(\text{Var}(Y|X)) + \text{Var}(E(Y|X))$.

Markov's inequality $P(|X| \geq x) \leq \frac{E(|X|)}{x}$ for $x > 0$.

Chebyshev's inequality $P(|X - \mu_X| \geq x) \leq \frac{\text{Var}(X)}{x^2}$ for $x > 0$.

sample mean, variance, k -th moment $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$; $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$;
 $m_k = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^k$. The unbiased sample variance is $S^2 = \frac{n}{n-1} \hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$.

law of large numbers (averages) For iid X_1, X_2, \dots with mean μ , $P(|\bar{X}_n - \mu| > \epsilon) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, each $\epsilon > 0$.

central limit theorem For iid X_1, X_2, \dots with mean μ and variance σ^2 , $P\left(\frac{\bar{X}_n - \mu}{\sigma/\sqrt{n}} \leq z\right) = P\left(\frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n - n\mu}{\sqrt{n}\sigma} \leq z\right) \rightarrow \Phi(z)$, as $n \rightarrow \infty$, where $\Phi(z)$ is the normal(0,1) cdf.

bias and standard error $\text{Bias}(\hat{\theta}) = E(\hat{\theta}) - \theta$; $\text{SE}(\hat{\theta}) = \sqrt{\text{Var}(\hat{\theta})}$.

mean squared error $\text{MSE}(\hat{\theta}) = E((\hat{\theta} - \theta)^2) = \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}) + (\text{Bias}(\hat{\theta}))^2$.

consistency $\hat{\theta}$ is consistent if $\text{MSE}(\hat{\theta}) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

method of moments for iid sample match the k -th population moment $E(X^k)$ with the k -th sample moment m_k , and solve for the desired parameter estimates.

likelihood function $L(\theta|X_1, \dots, X_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n f_{\theta}(X_i)$ for iid sample $\underline{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$.

maximum likelihood for iid sample maximize the likelihood function $L(\theta|X_1, \dots, X_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n f_{\theta}(X_i)$ or the log-likelihood $\ell(\theta|X_1, \dots, X_n) = \log L(\theta|X_1, \dots, X_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \log f_{\theta}(X_i)$.

If $\log L(\theta)$ is differentiable and concave at θ , the MLE is a solution to $S(\theta) = \frac{d}{d\theta} \log L(\theta) = 0$. (For a multidimensional parameter θ this is a system of equations.)

score function $S(\theta|X_1, \dots, X_n) = \frac{d}{d\theta} \ell(\theta)$.

Fisher information $I_n(\theta) = \text{Var}\left(\frac{d}{d\theta} \ell(\theta)\right) = -E\left(\frac{d^2}{d\theta^2} \ell(\theta)\right)$, if ℓ has two derivatives.

For an iid sample, $I_n(\theta) = nI_1(\theta)$ and $I_1(\theta) = \text{Var}\left(\frac{d}{d\theta} \log f_{\theta}(X_1)\right) = -E\left(\frac{d^2}{d\theta^2} \log f_{\theta}(X_1)\right)$.

sufficient statistic $T = T(\underline{X})$ is sufficient if $L(\theta|\underline{X}) = h(\underline{X})g(T(\underline{X}), \theta)$ for some functions $h(\underline{X})$ and $g(t, \theta)$.

exponential family The pdf/pmf has the form $f_X(x|\theta) = d(\theta)h(x)e^{c(\theta)t(x)}$ for all x, θ . In this case, with an iid random sample, $T(\underline{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^n t(X_i)$ is a sufficient statistic and $I_n(\theta) = n(c'(\theta))^2 \text{Var}(t(X_1))$.

asymptotics for MLE Assuming Fisher information exists and $\hat{\theta}$ is the MLE, $\hat{\theta} \rightarrow \theta$ in probability and $\sqrt{I_n(\theta)}(\hat{\theta} - \theta) \rightarrow \text{normal}(0, 1)$ in distribution as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

asymptotic normality $\hat{\theta}$ is asymptotic normal(θ, V_n) if $\frac{\hat{\theta} - \theta}{\sqrt{V_n}} \rightarrow \text{normal}(0, 1)$ in distribution as $n \rightarrow \infty$. V_n may depend on θ or other parameters. If \hat{V}_n is an estimator such that $\hat{V}_n/V_n \rightarrow 1$ then $\frac{\hat{\theta} - \theta}{\sqrt{\hat{V}_n}} \rightarrow \text{normal}(0, 1)$ in distribution.

delta method If $g(\theta)$ is continuously differentiable and estimator $\hat{\theta}$ is asymptotic normal(θ, V_n), then $g(\hat{\theta})$ is asymptotic normal($g(\theta), (g'(\theta))^2 V_n$).

level γ confidence interval $(L(\underline{X}), U(\underline{X}))$ such that $P_\theta(L(\underline{X}) \leq \theta \leq U(\underline{X})) = \gamma$.

confidence interval from pivot If $h(\underline{X}, \theta)$ has a distribution that does not depend on θ , a level γ confidence interval is defined by $\{\theta : h(\underline{X}, \theta) \in A\}$ where $P_\theta(h(\underline{X}, \theta) \in A) = \gamma$.

Wald confidence interval If $\hat{\theta}$ is asymptotic normal(θ, V_n) and \hat{V}_n is an estimator for V_n , an approximate level γ confidence interval for θ has endpoints $\hat{\theta} \pm z_{(1+\gamma)/2} \sqrt{\hat{V}_n}$, where $z_{(1+\gamma)/2}$ is the $(1 + \gamma)/2$ quantile of the normal(0,1) dist.

score confidence interval For MLE $\hat{\theta}$, an approximate level γ confidence interval defined by $\{\theta : -z_{(1+\gamma)/2} \leq (\frac{d}{d\theta} \ell(\theta))/\sqrt{I_n(\theta)} \leq z_{(1+\gamma)/2}\}$, where $z_{(1+\gamma)/2}$ is the $(1 + \gamma)/2$ quantile of the normal(0,1) dist.

A related method is the interval given by $\{\theta : -z_{(1+\gamma)/2} \leq \sqrt{I_n(\theta)}(\hat{\theta} - \theta) \leq z_{(1+\gamma)/2}\}$.

Type I and II errors, level and power A Type I error is rejecting H_0 when it is true. The level of a test is $\alpha = \max_{\theta \in H_0} P_\theta(H_0 \text{ is rejected})$ computed with values of θ such that H_0 true.

A Type II error is not rejecting H_0 when H_a is true. The power of a test is $\beta = \beta(\theta) = P_\theta(H_0 \text{ is rejected})$ computed with parameter value θ (satisfying H_a).

P-value The smallest level α for which H_0 will still be rejected – it is a statistic (function of the data).

Neyman-Pearson likelihood ratio test For simple hypotheses $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$ vs. $H_a : \theta = \theta_1$, reject H_0 if $LR = \frac{L(\theta_1)}{L(\theta_0)} \geq c_\alpha$ where $P(LR \geq c_\alpha) = \alpha$ when H_0 is true. If, for each c , $LR \geq c \iff T \geq k$ (or $R \geq c \iff T \leq k$) for some statistic T and some value k then it suffices to find k_α such that $P(T \geq k_\alpha) = \alpha$ (resp., $P(T \leq k_\alpha) = \alpha$) when H_0 is true.

generalized likelihood ratio test For hypotheses H_0 and H_a about parameter θ and MLE $\hat{\theta}$, reject H_0 if $LR = \frac{L(\hat{\theta})}{\max_{\theta \in H_0} L(\theta)} \geq c_\alpha$ where $\max_{\theta \in H_0} P(LR \geq c_\alpha) = \alpha$. If $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$ and $H_a : \theta \neq \theta_0$ then $LR = \frac{L(\hat{\theta})}{L(\theta_0)}$.

uniformly most powerful test A test is UMP if it has maximum possible power for every parameter value θ that satisfies H_a .

In particular, if the test is the same as the Neyman-Pearson test for each θ satisfying H_a then it is UMP.

Wald test If $\hat{\theta}$ is asymptotic normal(θ, V_n) and \hat{V}_n is an estimator for V_n , reject $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$ when $\frac{|\hat{\theta} - \theta_0|}{\sqrt{\hat{V}_n}} \geq z_{1-\alpha/2}$, where $z_{1-\alpha/2}$ is the $(1 - \alpha/2)$ quantile of the normal(0,1) dist.

Equivalently, reject H_0 if $\frac{(\hat{\theta} - \theta_0)^2}{\hat{V}_n} \geq \chi_{1,1-\alpha}^2$.

Important case: $\hat{\theta}$ is the MLE and $\hat{V}_n = 1/I_n(\hat{\theta})$.

(asymptotic) score test For MLE $\hat{\theta}$, reject $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$ when $\frac{|\frac{d}{d\theta} \ell(\theta_0)|}{\sqrt{I_n(\theta_0)}} \geq z_{1-\alpha/2}$, where $z_{1-\alpha/2}$ is the $(1 - \alpha/2)$ quantile of the normal(0,1) dist. Equivalently, reject H_0 if $\frac{(\frac{d}{d\theta} \ell(\theta_0))^2}{I_n(\theta_0)} \geq \chi_{1,1-\alpha}^2$.

A related test is to reject $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$ when $\sqrt{I_n(\theta_0)} |\hat{\theta} - \theta_0| \geq z_{1-\alpha/2}$, and $\hat{\theta}$ is the MLE.

asymptotic likelihood ratio test Using the generalized LR statistic, reject $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$ when $2 \log(LR) \geq z_{1-\alpha/2}^2 = \chi_{1,1-\alpha}^2$.

test equivalent to interval Define a test from an interval (or an interval from a test) by: reject $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$ at level $\alpha \iff \theta_0$ is not in the $1 - \alpha$ confidence interval.

prior and posterior distributions If the prior density (or pmf) for θ is $f_\Theta(\theta)$ then the posterior density (or pmf) is $f_\Theta(\theta|\underline{X}) = c(\underline{X}) f_{\underline{X}}(\underline{X}|\theta) f_\Theta(\theta)$, with $c(\underline{X})$ chosen so that $f_\Theta(\theta|\underline{X})$ is a proper pdf (pmf) in θ .

Bayes estimator Either the mean or the mode of the posterior distribution.

Bayes γ credible interval An interval $(L(\underline{X}), U(\underline{X}))$ such that, under the posterior distribution, $P(L(\underline{X}) \leq \theta \leq U(\underline{X}) | \underline{X}) = \gamma$.

The interval is HPD (highest posterior density) if it equals the set $\{\theta : f_\Theta(\theta|\underline{X}) \geq c\}$ for some constant c .