

# Math 369 / 690 Fall 2021

## Midterm Examination Two

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### Instructions

This exam is 70 minutes (variable time per question) and closed-book. You are allowed **one** page (front and back) of a “cheat sheet”, blank scrap paper and a graphing calculator. Please read the questions carefully. I recommend answering all questions that are easy first and then circling back to work on the harder ones. Gray text means the text is repeated verbatim from a previous problem. No food is allowed, only drinks.

**Problem 1** [10min] (and 10min will have elapsed) These are conceptual questions about statistical inference and sampling.

- [16 pt / 16 pts] Record the letter(s) of all the following that are **true** in general. At least one will be true. We are interested in understanding times in milliseconds for router packet switching under heavy traffic situations on the Internet at two different sites: New York and Chicago which we will denote population 1 and 2 respectively.  $n = 15$  data points are recorded for New York and  $n = 15$  data points are recorded for Chicago. We can assume the DGP for samples from population 1 is iid and we can assume the DGP for samples from population 2 is iid and that samples between populations are independent. We also assume that both populations have their first two moments defined. Here are sample statistics:  $\bar{x}_1 = 6.01$ ,  $\bar{x}_2 = 10.50$ ,  $s_1 = 14.54$  and  $s_2 = 31.62$ . We seek to prove a difference between the populations.

We first would like to prove that the population means are different. Denote the means of both populations by  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$ . We will employ  $\hat{\theta}_1 = \bar{X}_1$  and  $\hat{\theta}_2 = \bar{X}_2$ .

- The DGP that produced sample 1 has the same DGP that produced sample 2 but with different
- $\hat{\theta}_1$  and  $\hat{\theta}_2$  are unbiased estimators
- $\hat{\theta}_1$  and  $\hat{\theta}_2$  are the method of moments estimators for  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  respectively
- $\hat{\theta}_1$  and  $\hat{\theta}_2$  are the maximum likelihood estimators for  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$  respectively
- $\hat{\theta}_1$  and  $\hat{\theta}_2$  are asymptotically normal due to the central limit theorem
- $\hat{\theta}_1$  and  $\hat{\theta}_2$  are asymptotically normal due to the MLE monster theorem
- It is a reasonable assumption that the variances of the DGP's for the two populations are equal
- We have enough information to justify that the sampling distribution of  $\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2$  is exactly normally distributed
- We have enough information to justify that the sampling distribution of  $\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2$  is approximately normally distributed
- We have enough information to justify that the sampling distribution of  $\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2$  is exactly T distributed
- We have enough information to justify that the sampling distribution of  $\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2$  is approximately T distributed
- We have enough information to justify that the sampling distribution of  $(\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2)^2$  is exactly  $\chi^2$  distributed
- We have enough information to justify that the sampling distribution of  $(\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2)^2$  is approximately  $\chi^2$  distributed
- We have enough information to justify that the sampling distribution of  $(\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2)^2$  is exactly F distributed
- We have enough information to justify that the sampling distribution of  $(\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2)^2$  is approximately F distributed
- $H_0 : \theta_1 \neq \theta_2$

Your answer will consist of a lowercase string (e.g. **aebgd**) where the order of the letters does not matter.

**Problem 2** [7min] (and 17min will have elapsed) These are conceptual questions about statistical inference and sampling.

- [13 pt / 29 pts] Record the letter(s) of all the following that are **true** in general. At least one will be true. We are interested in understanding times in milliseconds for router packet switching under heavy traffic situations on the Internet at two different sites: New York and Chicago which we will denote population 1 and 2 respectively.  $n = 15$  data points are recorded for New York and  $n = 15$  data points are recorded for Chicago. We can assume the DGP for samples from population 1 is iid and we can assume the DGP for samples from population 2 is iid and that samples between populations are independent. We also assume that both populations have their first two moments defined. Here are sample statistics:  $\bar{x}_1 = 6.01$ ,  $\bar{x}_2 = 10.50$ ,  $s_1 = 14.54$  and  $s_2 = 31.62$ . We seek to prove a difference between the populations.

We first would like to prove that the population means are different. Denote the means of both populations by  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$ . We will employ  $\hat{\theta}_1 = \bar{X}_1$  and  $\hat{\theta}_2 = \bar{X}_2$  to test  $H_a : \theta_1 \neq \theta_2$ . We will first assume both DGP's are normal and that  $\sigma = 24.61$  Note that  $F_Z(.975) = 1.96$  and  $F_{T_{14}}(.975) = 2.15$ .

- (a) We have enough information to justify that the sampling distribution of  $\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2$  is exactly normally distributed
- (b) We have enough information to justify that the sampling distribution of  $\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2$  is approximately normally distributed
- (c) We have enough information to justify that the sampling distribution of  $\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2$  is exactly T distributed
- (d) We have enough information to justify that the sampling distribution of  $\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2$  is approximately T distributed
- (e) We have enough information to justify that the sampling distribution of  $\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2$  is exactly Fisher-Behrens distributed
- (f) A justified standardized test statistic is -0.4996635 rounded to the nearest 7 digits
- (g) A justified standardized test statistic is -0.4996494 rounded to the nearest 7 digits
- (h) A justified standardized test statistic is -0.7066109 rounded to the nearest 7 digits
- (i) A justified standardized test statistic is -0.1824462 rounded to the nearest 7 digits
- (j) The null is rejected at  $\alpha = 5\%$
- (k) The null is retained at  $\alpha = 5\%$
- (l) Fisher's  $p$ -value  $< \alpha = 5\%$
- (m) Fisher's  $p$ -value  $\geq \alpha = 5\%$

Your answer will consist of a lowercase string (e.g. `aebgd`) where the order of the letters does not matter.

**Problem 3** [5min] (and 22min will have elapsed) These are conceptual questions about statistical inference and sampling.

- [13 pt / 42 pts] Record the letter(s) of all the following that are **true** in general. At least one will be true. We are interested in understanding times in milliseconds for router packet switching under heavy traffic situations on the Internet at two different sites: New York and Chicago which we will denote population 1 and 2 respectively.  $n = 15$  data points are recorded for New York and  $n = 15$  data points are recorded for Chicago. We can assume the DGP for samples from population 1 is iid and we can assume the DGP for samples from population 2 is iid and that samples between populations are independent. We also assume that both populations have their first two moments defined. Here are sample statistics:  $\bar{x}_1 = 6.01$ ,  $\bar{x}_2 = 10.50$ ,  $s_1 = 14.54$  and  $s_2 = 31.62$ . We seek to prove a difference between the populations.

We first would like to prove that the population means are different. Denote the means of both populations by  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$ . We will employ  $\hat{\theta}_1 = \bar{X}_1$  and  $\hat{\theta}_2 = \bar{X}_2$  to test  $H_a : \theta_1 \neq \theta_2$ . We will first assume both DGP's are normal and that  $\sigma_1 \neq \sigma_2$  and both values are unknown. Note that  $F_Z(.975) = 1.96$  and  $F_{T_{14}}(.975) = 2.15$ .

- (a) We have enough information to justify that the sampling distribution of  $\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2$  is exactly normally distributed
- (b) We have enough information to justify that the sampling distribution of  $\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2$  is approximately normally distributed
- (c) We have enough information to justify that the sampling distribution of  $\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2$  is exactly T distributed
- (d) We have enough information to justify that the sampling distribution of  $\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2$  is approximately T distributed
- (e) We have enough information to justify that the sampling distribution of  $\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2$  is exactly Fisher-Behrens distributed
- (f) A justified standardized test statistic is -0.4996635 rounded to the nearest 7 digits
- (g) A justified standardized test statistic is -0.4996494 rounded to the nearest 7 digits
- (h) A justified standardized test statistic is -0.7066109 rounded to the nearest 7 digits
- (i) A justified standardized test statistic is -0.1824462 rounded to the nearest 7 digits
- (j) The null is rejected at  $\alpha = 5\%$
- (k) The null is retained at  $\alpha = 5\%$
- (l) Fisher's  $p$ -value  $< \alpha = 5\%$
- (m) Fisher's  $p$ -value  $\geq \alpha = 5\%$

Your answer will consist of a lowercase string (e.g. `aebgd`) where the order of the letters does not matter.

**Problem 4** [5min] (and 27min will have elapsed) These are conceptual questions about statistical inference and sampling.

- [12 pt / 54 pts] Record the letter(s) of all the following that are **true** in general. At least one will be true. We are interested in understanding times in milliseconds for router packet switching under heavy traffic situations on the Internet at two different sites: New York and Chicago which we will denote population 1 and 2 respectively.  $n = 15$  data points are recorded for New York and  $n = 15$  data points are recorded for Chicago. We can assume the DGP for samples from population 1 is iid and we can assume the DGP for samples from population 2 is iid and that samples between populations are independent. We also assume that both populations have their first two moments defined. Here are sample statistics:  $\bar{x}_1 = 6.01$ ,  $\bar{x}_2 = 10.50$ ,  $s_1 = 14.54$  and  $s_2 = 31.62$ . We seek to prove a difference between the populations.

We first would like to prove that the population means are different. Denote the means of both populations by  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$ . We will employ  $\hat{\theta}_1 = \bar{X}_1$  and  $\hat{\theta}_2 = \bar{X}_2$  to test  $H_a : \theta_1 \neq \theta_2$ . ~~We will first assume both DGP's are normal.~~ We have reason to suspect these distributions are very non-normal and extreme-tailed. Note that  $F_Z(.975) = 1.96$  and  $F_{T_{14}}(.975) = 2.15$ .

- (a) We have enough information to justify that the sampling distribution of  $\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2$  is exactly normally distributed
- (b) We have enough information to justify that the sampling distribution of  $\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2$  is approximately normally distributed
- (c) We have enough information to justify that the sampling distribution of  $\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2$  is exactly T distributed
- (d) We have enough information to justify that the sampling distribution of  $\hat{\theta}_1 - \hat{\theta}_2$  is exactly Fisher-Behrens distributed
- (e) A justified standardized test statistic is -0.4996635 rounded to the nearest 7 digits
- (f) A justified standardized test statistic is -0.4996494 rounded to the nearest 7 digits
- (g) A justified standardized test statistic is -0.7066109 rounded to the nearest 7 digits
- (h) A justified standardized test statistic is -0.1824462 rounded to the nearest 7 digits
- (i) The null is rejected at  $\alpha = 5\%$
- (j) The null is retained at  $\alpha = 5\%$
- (k) Fisher's  $p$ -value  $< \alpha = 5\%$
- (l) Fisher's  $p$ -value  $\geq \alpha = 5\%$

Your answer will consist of a lowercase string (e.g. **aebgd**) where the order of the letters does not matter.

**Problem 5** [6min] (and 33min will have elapsed) These are conceptual questions about statistical inference and sampling.

- [11 pt / 65 pts] Record the letter(s) of all the following that are **true** in general. At least one will be true. We have reason to suspect these distributions are very non-normal and extreme-tailed. One such model is the Lomax distribution which is a two-parameter survival model. To keep things tractable for the purposes of this class, we will set one parameter to be equal to one. Assume  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Lomax}(1, \theta) := f(x; \theta) = \theta(1+x)^{-(\theta+1)}$  and  $\text{Supp}[X] = (0, \infty)$ . Note: we are redefining the definition of  $\theta$  now — it is now a parameter within this assumed DGP! The mean of this rv is  $\mu_1 := \mathbb{E}[X] = 1/(\theta - 1)$ . Here are sample statistics:  $\bar{x}_1 = 6.01$ ,  $\bar{x}_2 = 10.50$ ,  $s_1 = 14.54$  and  $s_2 = 31.62$ .

- (a)  $\theta = (1 + \mu_1)/\mu_1$
- (b)  $\hat{\theta}^{\text{MM}} = (1 + \hat{\mu}_1)/\hat{\mu}_1$
- (c)  $\hat{\theta}^{\text{MM}} = (1 + \bar{X})/\bar{X}$
- (d)  $\hat{\theta}^{\text{MM}} = (1 + \hat{\sigma})/\hat{\sigma}$
- (e)  $\hat{\theta}^{\text{MM}}$  is definitely unbiased without further proof
- (f)  $\hat{\theta}^{\text{MM}}$  is definitely asymptotically normal without further proof
- (g)  $\hat{\theta}^{\text{MM}}$  is definitely asymptotically efficient (i.e. its variance approaches the CRLB of variance) without further proof
- (h) Since there is only one parameter of the DGP,  $\hat{\theta}^{\text{MM}} = \hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}}$  definitely without further proof
- (i)  $\hat{\theta}^{\text{MM}} = (1 + \bar{x})/\bar{x}$
- (j)  $\hat{\theta}^{\text{MM}} = (1 + s)/s$
- (k)  $\hat{\theta}_2^{\text{MM}} = 1.095238$  rounded to the nearest 6 digits

Your answer will consist of a lowercase string (e.g. **aebgd**) where the order of the letters does not matter.

**Problem 6** [10min] (and 43min will have elapsed) These are conceptual questions about statistical inference and sampling.

- [17 pt / 82 pts] Record the letter(s) of all the following that are **true** in general. At least one will be true. We have reason to suspect these distributions are very non-normal and extreme-tailed. One such model is the Lomax distribution which is a two-parameter survival model. To keep things tractable for the purposes of this class, we will set one parameter to be equal to one. Assume  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Lomax}(1, \theta) := f(x; \theta) = \theta(1+x)^{-(\theta+1)}$  and  $\text{Supp}[X] = (0, \infty)$ . Note: we are redefining the definition of  $\theta$  now — it is now a parameter within this assumed DGP! The mean of this rv is  $\mu_1 := \mathbb{E}[X] = 1/(\theta - 1)$ . Here are sample statistics:  $\bar{x}_1 = 6.01$ ,  $\bar{x}_2 = 10.50$ ,  $s_1 = 14.54$  and  $s_2 = 31.62$ .

- (a)  $\mathcal{L}(\theta; x) = f(x; \theta)$
- (b)  $\ell(\theta; x) = f(x; \theta)$
- (c)  $\mathcal{L}(\theta; x_1, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i; \theta)$
- (d)  $\ell(\theta; x_1, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n \ln(f(x_i; \theta))$
- (e)  $\hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}} = \bar{X}$
- (f)  $\hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}} = (1 + \bar{X})/\bar{X}$
- (g)  $\hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}} = n(\sum_{i=1}^n \ln(1 + X_i))^{-1}$
- (h)  $I(\theta) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \ell'(\theta; X)^2 \theta(1+x)^{-(\theta+1)} dx$
- (i)  $I(\theta) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} x \ell'(\theta; X)^2 dx$
- (j)  $I(\theta) = -\mathbb{E}[\ell''(\theta; X)]$
- (k)  $I(\theta) = 1/(\theta - 1)$
- (l)  $I(\theta) = 1/(\theta - 1)^2$
- (m)  $I(\theta) = 1/\theta^2$
- (n)  $I(\theta) \propto 1$
- (o)  $\hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}}$  is definitely unbiased without further proof
- (p)  $\hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}}$  is definitely asymptotically normal without further proof
- (q)  $\hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}}$  is definitely asymptotically efficient (i.e. its variance approaches the CRLB of variance) without further proof

Your answer will consist of a lowercase string (e.g. **aebgd**) where the order of the letters does not matter.

**Problem 7** [5min] (and 48min will have elapsed) These are conceptual questions about statistical inference and sampling.

- [10 pt / 92 pts] Record the letter(s) of all the following that are **true** in general. At least one will be true. We have reason to suspect these distributions are very non-normal and extreme-tailed. One such model is the Lomax distribution which is a two-parameter survival model. To keep things tractable for the purposes of this class, we will set one parameter to be equal to one. Assume  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Lomax}(1, \theta) := f(x; \theta) = \theta(1+x)^{-(\theta+1)}$  and  $\text{Supp}[X] = (0, \infty)$ . Note: we are redefining the definition of  $\theta$  now — it is now a parameter within this assumed DGP! The mean of this rv is  $\mu_1 := \mathbb{E}[X] = 1/(\theta - 1)$ . Here are sample statistics:  $\bar{x}_1 = 6.01$ ,  $\bar{x}_2 = 10.50$ ,  $s_1 = 14.54$  and  $s_2 = 31.62$ . In this setting,  $\hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}} = n(\sum_{i=1}^n \ln(1 + X_i))^{-1}$  and  $I(\theta) = 1/\theta^2$ .

- (a) For an estimator  $\hat{\theta}$  whose expectation is  $\theta$ , the standard deviation of  $\hat{\theta}$  must be at least  $\theta/\sqrt{n}$
- (b) The variance of  $\hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}}$  is exactly  $\theta^2/n$
- (c) The variance of  $\hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}}$  is approximately  $\theta^2/n$
- (d)  $\hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}} \xrightarrow{p} \theta$
- (e)  $I(\hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}}) \xrightarrow{p} I(\theta)$
- (f)  $I(\hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}})^{-1} \xrightarrow{p} I(\theta)^{-1}$
- (g)  $I(\hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}}) \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$
- (h)  $\hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}} \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$
- (i)  $\frac{\hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}}}{\text{SE}[\hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}}]} \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$
- (j) If  $\frac{\hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}}}{\text{SE}[\hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}}]} \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  then  $\frac{(\hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}})^2}{\text{Var}[\hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}}]} \xrightarrow{d} \chi_1^2$

Your answer will consist of a lowercase string (e.g. **aebgd**) where the order of the letters does not matter.



**Problem 8** [7min] (and 55min will have elapsed) These are conceptual questions about statistical inference and sampling.

- [10 pt / 102 pts] Record the letter(s) of all the following that are **true** in general. At least one will be true. We have reason to suspect these distributions are very non-normal and extreme-tailed. One such model is the Lomax distribution which is a two-parameter survival model. To keep things tractable for the purposes of this class, we will set one parameter to be equal to one. Assume  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Lomax}(1, \theta) := f(x; \theta) = \theta(1+x)^{-(\theta+1)}$  and  $\text{Supp}[X] = (0, \infty)$ . Note: we are redefining the definition of  $\theta$  now — it is now a parameter within this assumed DGP! The mean of this rv is  $\mu_1 := \mathbb{E}[X] = 1/(\theta - 1)$ . Here are sample statistics:  $\bar{x}_1 = 6.01$ ,  $\bar{x}_2 = 10.50$ ,  $s_1 = 14.54$  and  $s_2 = 31.62$ . In this setting,  $\hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}} = n(\sum_{i=1}^n \ln(1+X_i))^{-1}$  and  $I(\theta) = 1/\theta^2$ . We wish to prove that the  $\theta$ 's in the two populations are different. Given the raw data, we can compute the maximum likelihood estimates:  $\hat{\theta}_1^{\text{MLE}} = 0.996$  and  $\hat{\theta}_1^{\text{MLE}} = 0.998$  rounded to the nearest 3 digits. Note that  $F_Z(.975) = 1.96$  and  $F_{T_{14}}(.975) = 2.15$ .

- The standardized test statistic can be expressed as  $\frac{\hat{\theta}_1^{\text{MLE}} - \hat{\theta}_2^{\text{MLE}}}{\theta/\sqrt{n}}$
- The standardized test statistic can be expressed as  $\frac{\hat{\theta}_1^{\text{MLE}} - \hat{\theta}_2^{\text{MLE}}}{\theta\sqrt{2/n}}$
- A justified standardized test statistic is -0.4996635 rounded to the nearest 7 digits
- A justified standardized test statistic is -0.01509039 rounded to the nearest 7 digits
- A justified standardized test statistic is -0.005493704 rounded to the nearest 7 digits
- A justified standardized test statistic is -0.0002225672 rounded to the nearest 7 digits
- If the null hypothesis in the test of no mean difference was retained, then the confidence interval for the mean different \*must\* contain zero (for any valid  $\alpha$ ).
- $\hat{CI}_{\theta_1, 95\%}$  cannot be computed given the data at hand
- $\hat{CI}_{\theta_1 - \theta_2, 95\%}$  cannot be computed given the data at hand
- $\hat{CI}_{\theta_1, \alpha}$  can only be computed for some values of  $\alpha$  but not other values of  $\alpha$

Your answer will consist of a lowercase string (e.g. `aebgd`) where the order of the letters does not matter.

**Problem 9** [5min] (and 60min will have elapsed) These are conceptual questions about statistical inference and sampling.

- [11 pt / 113 pts] Record the letter(s) of all the following that are **true** in general. At least one will be true. We have reason to suspect these distributions are very non-normal and extreme-tailed. One such model is the Lomax distribution which is a two-parameter survival model. To keep things tractable for the purposes of this class, we will set one parameter to be equal to one. Assume  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Lomax}(1, \theta) := f(x; \theta) = \theta(1+x)^{-(\theta+1)}$  and  $\text{Supp}[X] = (0, \infty)$ . Note: we are redefining the definition of  $\theta$  now — it is now a parameter within this assumed DGP! The mean of this rv is  $\mu_1 := \mathbb{E}[X] = 1/(\theta - 1)$ . Here are sample statistics:  $\bar{x}_1 = 6.01$ ,  $\bar{x}_2 = 10.50$ ,  $s_1 = 14.54$  and  $s_2 = 31.62$ . In this setting,  $\hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}} = n (\sum_{i=1}^n \ln(1 + X_i))^{-1}$  and  $I(\theta) = 1/\theta^2$ . We wish to prove that the  $\theta$ 's in the two populations are different. Given the raw data, we can compute the maximum likelihood estimates:  $\hat{\theta}_1^{\text{MLE}} = 0.996$  and  $\hat{\theta}_2^{\text{MLE}} = 0.998$  rounded to the nearest 3 digits. Note that  $F_Z(.975) = 1.96$  and  $F_{T_{14}}(.975) = 2.15$ .

- The construction of a confidence interval estimate requires knowledge of the parameter(s)
- $\hat{C}I_{\theta_1 - \theta_2, 95\%} \approx [0.4919545, 1.500046]$
- $\hat{C}I_{\theta_1 - \theta_2, 95\%} \approx [-0.7155441, 0.7115441]$
- $\hat{C}I_{\theta_1 - \theta_2, 95\%} \approx [-0.2617679, 0.2577679]$
- The construction of  $\hat{C}I_{\theta_1 - \theta_2, 95\%}$  in this problem relied on the central limit theorem
- The construction of  $\hat{C}I_{\theta_1 - \theta_2, 95\%}$  in this problem relied on the monster MLE theorem
- The construction of  $\hat{C}I_{\theta_1 - \theta_2, 95\%}$  in this problem relied on the asymptotic normality of  $\hat{\theta}_1^{\text{MLE}} - \hat{\theta}_2^{\text{MLE}}$
- The construction of  $\hat{C}I_{\theta_1 - \theta_2, 95\%}$  in this problem relied on the delta method
- The construction of  $\hat{C}I_{\theta_1 - \theta_2, 95\%}$  in this problem relied on Slutsky's theorem
- $\mathbb{P}(\theta_1 - \theta_2 \in \hat{C}I_{\theta_1 - \theta_2, 95\%}) \approx 95\%$
- $\mathbb{P}(\theta_1 - \theta_2 \in \hat{C}I_{\theta_1 - \theta_2, 95\%}) \approx 95\%$

Your answer will consist of a lowercase string (e.g. `aebgd`) where the order of the letters does not matter.

**Problem 10** [10min] (and 70min will have elapsed) These are conceptual questions about statistical inference and sampling.

- [7 pt / 120 pts] Record the letter(s) of all the following that are **true** in general. At least one will be true. We have reason to suspect these distributions are very non-normal and extreme-tailed. One such model is the Lomax distribution which is a two-parameter survival model. To keep things tractable for the purposes of this class, we will set one parameter to be equal to one. Assume  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Lomax}(1, \theta) := f(x; \theta) = \theta(1+x)^{-(\theta+1)}$  and  $\text{Supp}[X] = (0, \infty)$ . Note: we are redefining the definition of  $\theta$  now — it is now a parameter within this assumed DGP! The mean of this rv is  $\mu_1 := \mathbb{E}[X] = 1/(\theta - 1)$ . Here are sample statistics:  $\bar{x}_1 = 6.01$ ,  $\bar{x}_2 = 10.50$ ,  $s_1 = 14.54$  and  $s_2 = 31.62$ . In this setting,  $\hat{\theta}^{\text{MLE}} = n(\sum_{i=1}^n \ln(1+X_i))^{-1}$  and  $I(\theta) = 1/\theta^2$ . We wish to prove that the  $\theta$ 's in the two populations are different. Given the raw data, we can compute the maximum likelihood estimates:  $\hat{\theta}_1^{\text{MLE}} = 0.996$  and  $\hat{\theta}_1^{\text{MLE}} = 0.998$  rounded to the nearest 3 digits. Note that  $F_Z(.975) = 1.96$  and  $F_{T_{14}}(.975) = 2.15$ . We are now interested in proving that  $\theta_1^2 > \theta_0^2$  where  $\theta_0 = 1$  which is a critical value in the Lomax distribution.

(a) The univariate delta method applies in our setting and where  $g(\theta) = \theta^2$

(b)  $\frac{(\hat{\theta}_1^{\text{MLE}})^2 - \theta_0^2}{2\theta_0^2/\sqrt{n}} \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

(c)  $\frac{(\hat{\theta}_1^{\text{MLE}})^2 - \theta_0^2}{2(\hat{\theta}_1^{\text{MLE}})^2/\sqrt{n}} \xrightarrow{d} \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$

(d) A justified standardized test statistic is -0.01546095 rounded to the nearest 7 digits

(e) A justified standardized test statistic is -0.01558538 rounded to the nearest 7 digits

(f)  $\hat{CI}_{\theta_1, 95\%} \approx \left[ \hat{\theta}_1^{\text{MLE}} \pm 1.96 \times 2 \frac{\theta_0^2}{\sqrt{n}} \right]$

(g)  $\hat{CI}_{\theta_1, 95\%} \approx \left[ \hat{\theta}_1^{\text{MLE}} \pm 1.96 \times 2 \frac{(\hat{\theta}_1^{\text{MLE}})^2}{\sqrt{n}} \right]$

Your answer will consist of a lowercase string (e.g. **aebgd**) where the order of the letters does not matter.