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Midterm Examination One

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Instructions

This exam is seventy five minutes and closed-book. You are allowed **one** page (front and back) of a “cheat sheet.” You may use a graphing calculator of your choice. Please read the questions carefully. If the question reads “compute,” this means the solution will be a number otherwise you can leave the answer in *any* widely accepted mathematical notation which could be resolved to an exact or approximate number with the use of a computer. I advise you to skip problems marked “[Extra Credit]” until you have finished the other questions on the exam, then loop back. I also advise you to use pencil. The exam is 100 points total plus extra credit. Partial credit will be granted for incomplete answers on most of the questions. Box in your final answers. NO FOOD but drinks okay. Good luck!

Distribution of r.v.	Quantile Function	PMF / PDF function	CDF function	Sampling Function
beta	<code>qbeta(p, α, β)</code>	<code>d-(x, α, β)</code>	<code>p-(x, α, β)</code>	<code>r-(α, β)</code>
betabinomial	<code>qbetabinom(p, n, α, β)</code>	<code>d-(x, n, α, β)</code>	<code>p-(x, n, α, β)</code>	<code>r-(n, α, β)</code>
betanegativebinomial	<code>qbeta_nbinom(p, r, α, β)</code>	<code>d-(x, r, α, β)</code>	<code>p-(x, r, α, β)</code>	<code>r-(r, α, β)</code>
binomial	<code>qbinom(p, n, θ)</code>	<code>d-(x, n, θ)</code>	<code>p-(x, n, θ)</code>	<code>r-(n, θ)</code>
exponential	<code>qexp(p, θ)</code>	<code>d-(x, θ)</code>	<code>p-(x, θ)</code>	<code>r-(θ)</code>
gamma	<code>qgamma(p, α, β)</code>	<code>d-(x, α, β)</code>	<code>p-(x, α, β)</code>	<code>r-(α, β)</code>
geometric	<code>qgeom(p, θ)</code>	<code>d-(x, θ)</code>	<code>p-(x, θ)</code>	<code>r-(θ)</code>
inversegamma	<code>qinvgamma(p, α, β)</code>	<code>d-(x, α, β)</code>	<code>p-(x, α, β)</code>	<code>r-(α, β)</code>
negative-binomial	<code>qnbinom(p, r, θ)</code>	<code>d-(x, r, θ)</code>	<code>p-(x, r, θ)</code>	<code>r-(r, θ)</code>
normal (univariate)	<code>qnorm(p, θ, σ)</code>	<code>d-(x, θ, σ)</code>	<code>p-(x, θ, σ)</code>	<code>r-(θ, σ)</code>
poisson	<code>qpois(p, θ)</code>	<code>d-(x, θ)</code>	<code>p-(x, θ)</code>	<code>r-(θ)</code>
T (standard)	<code>qt(p, ν)</code>	<code>d-(x, ν)</code>	<code>p-(x, ν)</code>	<code>r-(ν)</code>
uniform	<code>qunif(p, a, b)</code>	<code>d-(x, a, b)</code>	<code>p-(x, a, b)</code>	<code>r-(a, b)</code>

Table 1: Functions from R (in alphabetical order) that can be used on this exam with their arguments. The hyphen in columns 3, 4 and 5 is shorthand notation for the full text of the r.v. which can be found in column 2.

Problem 1 Let \mathcal{F} be binomial with known sample size $n = 3$. The data is all “failures” i.e. $x = 0$. For all questions that have numerical answers, use three significant digits e.g. 0.123 and 1.23×10^{-5} or fractions.

- (a) [4 pt / 4 pts] Find $\hat{\theta}_{\text{MLE}}$.
- (b) [5 pt / 9 pts] Compute a $CI_{\theta, 95\%}$. The applicable $z_{\alpha/2} = 2$ for this confidence interval.
- (c) [5 pt / 14 pts] Does the interval in (c) fulfill the second goal of statistical inference? Yes / no and explain your answer.

- (d) [5 pt / 19 pts] We will now conduct Bayesian inference. Consider the reduced parameter space $\Theta_0 = \{1/3, 1/2, 2/3\} \subset \Theta = (0, 1)$. We believe strongly in $\theta = 0.5$ but we want to give some credence to the alternate values. Thus we establish a prior of

$$\mathbb{P}(\theta) = \begin{cases} 1/3 & \text{w.p. } 0.1 \\ 1/2 & \text{w.p. } 0.8 \\ 2/3 & \text{w.p. } 0.1 \end{cases}$$

Is this the “prior of indifference” for the reduced parameter space? Yes / no. If yes, explain why. If no, what would the prior of indifference be?

- (e) [7 pt / 26 pts] Find $\mathbb{P}(X = x)$.

- (f) [7 pt / 33 pts] Find $\hat{\theta}_{\text{MAP}}$. Show all work.

- (g) [4 pt / 37 pts] We will now consider the entire parameter space for the binomial model i.e. $\Theta = (0, 1)$. We will use the prior $\theta \sim \text{Beta}(0, 0)$. We will see later in class that this is called “Haldane’s prior of ignorance”. Is this prior a legal rv? Circle one: yes / no.
- (h) [4 pt / 41 pts] Regardless of the answer to your previous question, how many pseudofailures is represented by this prior?
- (i) [4 pt / 45 pts] We will use the prior $\theta \sim \text{Beta}(0.1, 0.1)$. Is this prior a legal rv? Circle one: yes / no.
- (j) [4 pt / 49 pts] Assuming the prior in (i), $\mathbb{P}(\theta \mid X = x) =$
- (k) [10 pt / 59 pts] Draw $\mathbb{P}(\theta \mid X = x)$ from (j) to the best of your ability. Label all axes and critical points.
- (l) [4 pt / 63 pts] Does $\hat{\theta}_{\text{MAP}}$ exist? Circle one: yes / no.
- (m) [4 pt / 67 pts] Compute $\hat{\theta}_{\text{MMSE}}$ (4pt). Denote it in the illustration above (1pt).
- (n) [4 pt / 71 pts] Express $\hat{\theta}_{\text{MMAE}}$ but do not compute (4pt). Denote it in the illustration above (1pt).
- (o) [4 pt / 75 pts] What is the proportion of shrinkage towards the prior expectation if you employ the posterior expectation as your point estimate?

Problem 2 Consider $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Rayleigh}(\theta) := \frac{x}{\theta} e^{-x^2/(2\theta)}$ which has support $(0, \infty)$ and parameter space $\Theta = (0, \infty)$.

(a) [8 pt / 83 pts] Find $\ell(\theta; X_1, \dots, X_n)$. Simplify as much as possible.

(b) [9 pt / 92 pts] Find $\hat{\theta}_{\text{MLE}}$.

Problem 3 The following are theoretical questions.

(a) [8 pt / 100 pts] Compute $B(5, 5)^{-1}$.

(b) [6 pt / 106 pts] Extra credit: compute $B(0.5, 0.5)$. Do this on the back of this page.