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Homework 4

Problem 1

a.

$$f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) = \prod_{i=0}^{n}\left[\frac{1}{2\theta}\exp\left(\frac{-\sqrt{x_i}}{\theta}\right)I_{(0,\infty)}(x_i)\right]$$
$$= \frac{1}{2^n\theta^{2n}}\exp\left(\frac{-1}{\theta}\sum_{i=0}^{n}\sqrt{x_i}\right)\prod_{i=0}^{n}I_{(0,\infty)}(x_i)$$

Let

$$c(\theta) = \frac{1}{2^n\theta^{2n}}, \qquad h(x) = \prod_{i=0}^{n}I_{(0,\infty)}(x_i), \qquad w_1 = \frac{-1}{\theta}, \qquad t = \sum_{i=0}^{n}\sqrt{x_i}$$

Since

$$\{w_1(\theta) : \theta \in \Theta\} \quad \rightarrow \quad \left\{\frac{-1}{\theta} : \theta > 0\right\} \quad \rightarrow \quad (-\infty, 0)$$

contains an open set on $\mathbb{R}'$, $T(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=0}^{n}\sqrt{x_i}$ is a complete sufficient statistic. The expectation of any X can be calculated as

$$E(X) = \int_0^\infty x\frac{1}{2\theta^2}\exp\left(\frac{-\sqrt{x_i}}{\theta}\right)dx$$
$$= \frac{1}{2\theta^2}\exp\left(\frac{-\sqrt{x}}{\theta}\right)\left(-12\theta^4 - 12\theta^3\sqrt{x} - 6\theta^2 x - \theta x^{3/2}\right)\Big|_0^\infty \qquad \text{solved with Wolfram Alpha}$$
$$= \exp\left(\frac{-\sqrt{x}}{\theta}\right)\left(-6\theta^2 - 6\theta\sqrt{x} - 3x - \frac{1}{2\theta}x^{3/2}\right)\Big|_0^\infty$$
$$= e^{-\infty}(...) - e^0\left(-6\theta^2 - 0\right) = 6\theta^2$$

Using a similar derivation, the expectation of $\sqrt{X}$ is

$$E(\sqrt{X}) = \int_0^\infty \sqrt{x}\frac{1}{2\theta^2}\exp\left(\frac{-\sqrt{x_i}}{\theta}\right)dx$$
$$= \exp\left(\frac{-\sqrt{x}}{\theta}\right)\left(-2\theta - 2\sqrt{x} - \frac{1}{\theta}x\right)\Big|_0^\infty \qquad \text{solved with Wolfram Alpha}$$
$$= 2\theta$$

To find an unbiased estimator, we investigate the expectation of $T(\mathbf{x})$,

$$E\left(T(\mathbf{x})\right) = E\left(\sum_{i=0}^{n}\sqrt{x_i}\right)$$
$$= \sum_{i=0}^{n}E\left(\sqrt{x_i}\right)$$
$$= n(2\theta)$$

Therefore, the expectation of $\hat{\theta} = T(\mathbf{x})/2n$,

$$E(\hat{\theta}) = E\left(\frac{T}{2n}\right) = \theta$$

shows that $\hat{\theta}$ is an unbiased estimator of θ. Since it is also a function of a complete sufficient statistic of θ, by Theorem 7.3.23, $\hat{\theta}$ is the unique best unbiased estimator of θ.

b.

The Carmer-Rao lower bound for the variance of $\hat{\theta}$ given that $\hat{\theta}$ is a function of $T(\mathbf{X})$ and $X_1, X_2, ...$ are iid variables is given by

$$\frac{1}{nE_\theta\left(\left[\frac{d}{d\theta}\log f(X|\theta)\right]^2\right)}.$$

We resolve the denominator using values of expectation from part a,

$$\frac{d}{d\theta}\log f(X|\theta) = \frac{d}{d\theta}\left(-2\log(\sqrt{2}\theta) - \frac{\sqrt{x}}{\theta}\right) = \frac{-2}{\theta} + \frac{\sqrt{x}}{\theta^2}$$

$$\left(\frac{d}{d\theta}\log f(X|\theta)\right)^2 = \frac{4}{\theta^2} - \frac{4\sqrt{x}}{\theta^3} + \frac{x}{\theta^4}$$

$$E\left[\left(\frac{d}{d\theta}\log f(X|\theta)\right)^2\right] = E\left[\frac{4}{\theta^2} - \frac{4\sqrt{x}}{\theta^3} + \frac{x}{\theta^4}\right] = \frac{4}{\theta^2} - \frac{4E(\sqrt{x})}{\theta^3} + \frac{E(x)}{\theta^4}$$

$$= \frac{4}{\theta^2} - \frac{8\theta}{\theta^3} + \frac{6\theta^2}{\theta^4} = \frac{2}{\theta^2}$$

which gives us a Cramer-Rao lower bound of

$$\frac{1}{n \cdot \frac{2}{\theta^2}} = \frac{\theta^2}{2n}.$$

c.

$$\begin{aligned}\mathrm{Var}(\hat{\theta}) &= \frac{1}{4n^2}\mathrm{Var}(T) = \frac{1}{4n^2}\mathrm{Var}\left(\sum_{i=0}^{n}\sqrt{X_i}\right) = \frac{1}{4n^2}\sum_{i=0}^{n}\mathrm{Var}(\sqrt{X_i}) \\ &= \frac{n}{4n^2}\left(E(X) - \left[E(\sqrt{X})\right]^2\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{4n}\left[6\theta^2 - (2\theta)^2\right] \\ &= \frac{\theta^2}{2n}\end{aligned}$$

d.

We can reuse the complete, sufficient statistic $T(\mathbf{x})$ that we derived in part a. From part a we see that

$$E\left(T(\mathbf{x})\right) = 2n\theta.$$

Therefore, to find an unbiased estimator for $6\theta^2$, we investigate T^2 using information from part c,

$$\begin{aligned}E\left(T^2\right) &= \mathrm{Var}(T) + [E(T)]^2 \\ &= 2n\theta^2 + (2n\theta)^2 \\ &= 2n(2n+1)\theta^2\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\widehat{6\theta^2} = \frac{3T^2}{n(2n+1)}; \qquad E\left(\widehat{6\theta^2}\right) = E\left(\frac{3T^2}{n(2n+1)}\right) = \frac{3E\left(T^2\right)}{n(2n+1)} = 6\theta^2$$

is an unbiased estimator for $6\theta^2$. Since it is also a function of $T(\mathbf{x})$, and we have determined that this is a complete, sufficient statistic in part a, by Theorem 7.3.23, $\widehat{6\theta^2}$ is the unique best unbiased estimator of $6\theta^2$.

e.

Let $\tau(\theta) = 6\theta^2$, so that $\tau'(\theta) = 12\theta$. Then the Cramer-Rao lower bound is given by

$$\frac{[\tau'(\theta)]^2}{nI_1(\theta)} = \frac{144\theta^2}{n \cdot \frac{2}{\theta^2}} = \frac{72\theta^4}{n}$$

f.

g.

The MME is obtained by setting $m_1 = \bar{X}$ equal to $\mu_1' = E(X)$. Since $E(X) = 6\theta^2$, we get $\widehat{6\theta^2} = \bar{X}$ as the MME estimator of $6\theta^2$. To find the variance we must take

$$\mathrm{Var}(\bar{X}) = \mathrm{Var}\left(\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=0}^{n} X_i\right) = \frac{1}{n^2}\sum_{i=0}^{n}\mathrm{Var}(X_i) = \frac{1}{n}\mathrm{Var}(X_i)$$

The variance of X (any of the iid X_i) can be calculated from its definition, using the values of $E(X)$ from part a, and

$$\begin{aligned} E(X^2) &= \int_0^\infty \frac{x^2}{2\theta^2}\exp\left(\frac{-\sqrt{x}}{\theta}\right)dx \\ &= 120\theta^4 && \text{solved with Wolfram Alpha} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathrm{Var}(\bar{X}) &= \frac{1}{n}\left(E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{n}\left(120\theta^4 - 36\theta^4\right) = \frac{84\theta^4}{n} \end{aligned}$$