

Mathematical Statistics Part B: Tutorial Sheet Week 5

Preamble The solutions to this tutorial will be available on Moodle on Friday at 4pm UK time.

To enhance your learning, you are invited to attempt the solutions to the 2nd and 3rd exercise **before** the tutorial class.

1. Correction of the assessed ST219 Quiz 2 [max 10 minutes].

The solution to the ST219 Quiz 2 will be available on Moodle on Wednesday afternoon at 1pm UK time.

2. Exercise 2.2.6 from the Lecture notes. I restate it here for convenience.

Let $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$ consist of iid random variables with marginal cdf F_θ given by

$$F_\theta(x_i) := \mathbb{P}_\theta(X_i \leq x_i) = \begin{cases} 0 & x_i \leq 0 \\ x_i^\theta & x_i \in (0, 1) \\ 1 & x_i \geq 1 \end{cases},$$

$i = 1, \dots, n$. Let $\theta > 0$ be the unknown parameter of interest.

(a) Write down the statistical model $(S, \{f_\theta : \theta \in \Theta\})$.

(b) Derive a sufficient statistic for θ .

(c) Compute

a) the moment estimator $\hat{\theta}_{\text{ME}}(X)$ of θ .

b) the maximum likelihood estimator $\hat{\theta}_{\text{MLE}}(X)$ of θ ;

c) an estimator $\hat{\theta}_1(X)$ of θ applying the theorem 2.2.3 for the 1 param. natural exponential family. To do this,

i. check that X can be factorized as

$$f_\eta(x) = 1_{\{x \in A^n\}} \exp(\eta T(x) + d_0(\eta) + M(x));$$

with statistic $T(X) = \sum_{i=1}^n T(X_i)$, support A^n and $\eta = \theta$.

ii. check that the hypotheses of the theorem are fulfilled (see the footnote);

iii. find the estimator by solving $\mathbb{E}_\theta[T(X)] = T(x)$ or $d'_0(\theta) = T(x)$. **Remark** We write \mathbb{E}_θ and $d'_0(\theta)$ instead of \mathbb{E}_η and $d'_0(\eta)$ because $\theta = \eta$ in this example.

3. Continuation of the Exercise from the Tutorial in Week 3. Is the derived ME $\hat{\theta}_{\text{ME}}(X) = 2/\bar{X}$ an unbiased and efficient estimator of θ ? Hint: Note that $X_i \sim \Gamma(2, \theta)$, with shape parameter 2 and rate parameter θ , and use the properties of the Gamma distribution to compute mean and variance of \bar{X} and $\hat{\theta}_{\text{ME}}(X)$.