

2014, Theory Qual, Section 1, Problem 2

2a) Show that a Bayes rule w.r.t. a prior distn. Λ on Θ having positive probabilities $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k > 0$ is admissible.

Proof by contradiction.

Take d_B to be a Bayes rule w.r.t. Λ .

Suppose d_B inadmissible $\Rightarrow \exists d' \neq d_B$ s.t. $R(\theta, d') < R(\theta, d_B) \forall \theta$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Have } R(\Lambda, d_B) &= E_\Lambda[R(\theta, d_B)] = \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i R(\theta_i, d_B) \\ &> \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i R(\theta_i, d') \\ &= R(\Lambda, d') \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow R(\Lambda, d') < R(\Lambda, d_B) \Rightarrow d_B$ cannot be a Bayes rule

(b/c by Defn. 1.11, in order for d_B to be Bayes, must hold that $R(\Lambda, d_B) = \inf_{d \in \mathcal{D}} R(\Lambda, d) = \text{Bayes risk}$)

Since we assumed d_B Bayes w.r.t. Λ .

Thus, d_B must be admissible. \square

2b) The result in a) conflicts with other results for conts. parameter spaces where Bayes rules may not be admissible, e.g., James Stein estimation. In the discrete case described above, show that if $\lambda_i = 0$ for some $i = 1, \dots, d$, then the resulting Bayes rule δ_B may not be admissible.

† Suppose $\lambda_i = 0$ and d_B is a Bayes rule w.r.t. λ .

Aim: show d_3 may be inadmissible

Suppose \exists a rule $d' \rightarrow R(\theta_i; d') \leq R(\theta_i; d_B) \quad \forall \theta_i \in \Theta$
for some θ_i

Let the strict inequality hold for $\lambda_i = 0$. Let equality hold for $\lambda_i > 0$ with $R(\theta_i, d^*) = R(\theta_i, d_B)$.

Then, $\sum_i \lambda_i R(\theta_i, d') = \sum_i \lambda_i R(\theta_i, d_B)$

$$\Rightarrow R(1, d') = R(1, d_B) \Rightarrow d_B \text{ not admissible since it is not unique}$$

(recall, only if unique w/ finite Bayes risk does Bayes \Rightarrow admissible.)

2c) Suppose that the frequentist risk of d_B in part b) is finite and constant on those θ_i 's having $\lambda_i > 0$.

Show that this decision rule is minimax, that is, it minimizes the max risk on those θ_i 's w/ $\lambda_i > 0$.

TOPICS (1) Minimax principle : A decision rule d_n is minimax if

$$\inf_{d \in \mathcal{D}} \left\{ \sup_{\theta \in \Theta} R(\theta, d) \right\} = \sup_{\theta \in \Theta} R(\theta, d_n)$$

That is, a rule is minimax if it minimizes the worst possible risk $\sup_{\theta \in \Theta} R(\theta, d)$ among all possible randomized rules $d \in \mathcal{D}$.

(2) THM 1.12 : Suppose that Λ is a prior distr. on $\Theta \Rightarrow$

$$R(\Lambda, d_n) = \int_{\Theta} R(\theta, d_n) \lambda(\theta) d\theta = \sup_{\theta} R(\theta, d_n)$$

Then, (i) d_n is a minimax

(ii) If d_n is unique Bayes w.r.t. Λ , then d_n is unique minimax

(iii) Λ is least favorable

† Told that the frequentist risk $R(\theta_i, d_B)$ is finite and constant on those θ_i 's having $\lambda_i > 0$.

Assume the 1st K θ_i 's have $\lambda_i > 0$ and the last $l-K$ θ_i 's have $\lambda_i = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then, } R(\Lambda, d_B) &= \sum_{i=1}^l R(\theta_i, d_B) \lambda_i = \sum_{i=1}^K \lambda_i \underbrace{R(\theta_i, d_B)}_{\text{constant} = c} \quad (\text{since } \lambda_i = 0 \text{ for } i > K) \\ &= c \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^K \lambda_i}_{=1} = c = \sup_{\theta \in \{\theta_1, \dots, \theta_K\}} R(\theta, d_B) \end{aligned}$$

By THM 1.12, since $R(\Lambda, d_K) = \sup_{\theta \in \{\theta_1, \dots, \theta_K\}} R(\theta, d_B) \Rightarrow d_n$ is a minimax (by (i) of theorem).

2d) Can anything be said about whether or not d_B in part b) is minimax on $\theta_i, i=1, \dots, l$?

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This question differs from the last in that here we are trying to evaluate the claim that it's minimax on θ_i for $\lambda_i \geq 0$ notice here can be equal to zero.

It is possible that $R(\theta_i, d_B) > c$ when $\lambda_i = 0$.

$$\text{Then, } R(\Lambda, d_B) = \sum_{i=1}^l \lambda_i R(\theta_i, d_B) = \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i \underbrace{R(\theta_i, d_B)}_{\text{constant} = c} + \sum_{i=k+1}^l \lambda_i \underbrace{R(\theta_i, d_B)}_{\substack{= 0 \\ > c}}$$

$$= c \sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i = c. \text{ However, } \sup_{\theta \in \Theta} R(\theta, d_B) > c \text{ since } R(\theta_i, d_B) > c \text{ when } \lambda_i = 0.$$

Thus, $R(\Lambda, d_B) = c \neq \sup_{\theta \in \Theta} R(\theta, d_B) > c. \Rightarrow$ cannot claim d_B minimax.

However, if $R(\theta_i, d_B) \leq c$ when $\lambda_i = 0$, then

$$R(\Lambda, d_B) = c \text{ (as above)} = \sup_{\theta \in \Theta} R(\theta, d_B) = c \text{ (since } R(\theta_i, d_B) \leq c \text{ when } \lambda_i = 0).$$

$\Rightarrow d_B$ is minimax.

In summary, if $R(\theta_i, d_B) > c$ when $\lambda_i = 0$, cannot necessarily claim d_B minimax.
if $R(\theta_i, d_B) \leq c$ when $\lambda_i = 0$, can claim d_B minimax.

In e), f), and g), consider the following classification problem.

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Suppose that X is an observation from the density

$$p(x|\theta) = \underbrace{\theta^{-1} \mathbb{I}(0 < x < \theta)}_{\text{uniform}}$$

where $\mathbb{I}(\cdot)$ denotes the indicator fun and the parameter space is $\Theta = \{1, 2, 3\}$.

$\mathbb{I}+$ is desired to classify X as arising from $p(x|1)$, $p(x|2)$, or $p(x|3)$

under a 0-1 loss function (0 = correct, 1 = incorrect decision).

e) Find the form of the Bayes rule for this problem.

Given $p(x|\theta) = \frac{1}{\theta} \mathbb{I}(0 < x < \theta)$.

$$0-1 \text{ loss, } L(i, a_k) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i = k \\ 1 & \text{if } i \neq k \end{cases}$$

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Problem #5 soln.

To derive Bayes rule, need to find posterior expected loss.

Take the prior $\lambda(i) = \lambda_i \quad \exists \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 = 1$.

$$\text{Then, } E_{\theta|X}[L(\theta, a_1)] = \sum_{i=1}^3 L(\theta, a_1) \cdot P(\theta|X) = \sum_{i=1}^3 L(\theta, a_1) \cdot \frac{p(\theta, X)}{p(X)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{p(X)} \left[\underbrace{L(1, a_1)}_{i=k} \cdot P(X|1) \cdot \lambda_1 + \underbrace{L(2, a_1)}_{i \neq k} \cdot P(X|2) \cdot \lambda_2 + \underbrace{L(3, a_1)}_{i \neq k} \cdot P(X|3) \cdot \lambda_3 \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{p(X)} [0 \cdot P(X|1) \cdot \lambda_1 + 1 \cdot P(X|2) \cdot \lambda_2 + 1 \cdot P(X|3) \cdot \lambda_3]$$

$$\Rightarrow E_{\theta|X}[L(\theta, a_1)] = \frac{1}{p(X)} [P(X|2) \cdot \lambda_2 + P(X|3) \cdot \lambda_3]$$

$$\text{Similarly, } E_{\theta|X}[L(\theta, a_2)] = \frac{1}{p(X)} [P(X|1) \cdot \lambda_1 + P(X|3) \cdot \lambda_3]$$

$$E_{\theta|X}[L(\theta, a_3)] = \frac{1}{p(X)} [P(X|1) \cdot \lambda_1 + P(X|2) \cdot \lambda_2]$$

Want to minimize these bad boys.

$$\text{Let } \phi(i) = p(d(X) = i)$$

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Case 1: $x \in (0,1)$

Recall that indicator on pdf is $\mathbb{I}(0 < x < \theta)$,

so we will consider 3

cases: $0 < x < 1$,
 $1 \leq x < 2$,
 and $2 \leq x < 3$

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\theta|x}[L(\theta, a_1)] &= \frac{1}{p(x)} \left[\frac{1}{2} \mathbb{I}(0 < x < 2) \cdot \lambda_2 + \frac{1}{3} \mathbb{I}(0 < x < 3) \cdot \lambda_3 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{p(x)} \left[\frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 + \frac{1}{3} \lambda_3 \right] \quad (\text{since } x \in (0,1), \text{ both indicators} = 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\theta|x}[L(\theta, a_2)] &= \frac{1}{p(x)} \left[\mathbb{I}(0 < x < 1) \cdot \lambda_1 + \frac{1}{3} \mathbb{I}(0 < x < 3) \cdot \lambda_3 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{p(x)} \left[\lambda_1 + \frac{1}{3} \lambda_3 \right] \quad (\text{since } x \in (0,1), \text{ both indicators} = 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E_{\theta|x}[L(\theta, a_3)] &= \frac{1}{p(x)} \left[\mathbb{I}(0 < x < 1) \cdot \lambda_1 + \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{I}(0 < x < 2) \cdot \lambda_2 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{p(x)} \left[\lambda_1 + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 \right] \quad (\text{since } x \in (0,1), \text{ both indicators} = 1) \end{aligned}$$

Then, $\Phi_1(x) = 1 \Leftrightarrow \begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 + \frac{1}{3} \lambda_3 &< \lambda_1 + \frac{1}{3} \lambda_3 \Leftrightarrow \lambda_1 > \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 \\ \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 + \frac{1}{3} \lambda_3 &< \lambda_1 + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 \Leftrightarrow \lambda_1 > \frac{1}{3} \lambda_3 \end{aligned}$

$\Phi_1(x) = \gamma_1 = 1 - \Phi_2(x) \Leftrightarrow \lambda_1 = \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 \text{ and } \lambda_1 > \frac{1}{3} \lambda_3$

$\Phi_1(x) = \gamma_2 = 1 - \Phi_3(x) \Leftrightarrow \lambda_1 = \frac{1}{3} \lambda_3 \text{ and } \lambda_1 > \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2$

$\Phi_1(x) = \gamma_3 \Leftrightarrow \lambda_1 = \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 = \frac{1}{3} \lambda_3$

$\Phi_2(x) = 1 \Leftrightarrow \begin{aligned} \lambda_1 + \frac{1}{3} \lambda_3 &< \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 + \frac{1}{3} \lambda_3 \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 > \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_1 + \frac{1}{3} \lambda_3 &< \lambda_1 + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 > \frac{1}{3} \lambda_3 \end{aligned}$

$\Phi_2(x) = \gamma_4 \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 = \frac{1}{3} \lambda_3 \text{ and } \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 > \lambda_1$

$\Phi_2(x) = (1 - \gamma_1) \Leftrightarrow \lambda_1 = \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 \text{ and } \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 > \frac{1}{3} \lambda_3$

$\Phi_2(x) = \gamma_5 \Leftrightarrow \lambda_1 = \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 = \frac{1}{3} \lambda_3$

$\Phi_3(x) = 1 \Leftrightarrow \begin{aligned} \lambda_1 + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 &< \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 + \frac{1}{3} \lambda_3 \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{3} \lambda_3 > \lambda_1 \\ \lambda_1 + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 &< \lambda_1 + \frac{1}{3} \lambda_3 \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{3} \lambda_3 > \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 \end{aligned}$

$\Phi_3(x) = (1 - \gamma_4) \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 = \frac{1}{3} \lambda_3 \text{ and } \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 > \lambda_1$

$\Phi_3(x) = (1 - \gamma_2) \Leftrightarrow \lambda_1 = \frac{1}{3} \lambda_3 \text{ and } \frac{1}{3} \lambda_3 > \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2$

$\Phi_3(x) = (1 - \gamma_3 - \gamma_5) \Leftrightarrow \lambda_1 = \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 = \frac{1}{3} \lambda_3$

$\Phi_1(x) = \mathbb{I}(\frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 > \lambda_1) \mathbb{I}(\frac{1}{3} \lambda_3 > \lambda_1) + \text{cont'd.}$

$\Phi_2(x) = \mathbb{I}(\frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 > \lambda_1) \mathbb{I}(\frac{1}{3} \lambda_3 > \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2) + \mathbb{I}(\frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 = \frac{1}{3} \lambda_3) \mathbb{I}(\frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 > \lambda_1)$

2e) cont'd. Combining the above pieces

In total, the Bayes rule is:

$$\Phi_1(x) = \mathbb{I}(\lambda_1 > \frac{1}{2}\lambda_2) \mathbb{I}(\lambda_1 > \frac{1}{3}\lambda_3) + \gamma_1 \mathbb{I}(\lambda_1 = \frac{1}{2}\lambda_2) \mathbb{I}(\lambda_1 > \frac{1}{3}\lambda_3)$$

$$+ \gamma_2 \mathbb{I}(\lambda_1 = \frac{1}{3}\lambda_3) \mathbb{I}(\lambda_1 > \frac{1}{2}\lambda_2) + \gamma_3 \mathbb{I}(\lambda_1 = \frac{1}{2}\lambda_2 = \frac{1}{3}\lambda_3)$$

$$\Phi_2(x) = \mathbb{I}(\frac{1}{2}\lambda_2 > \lambda_1) \mathbb{I}(\frac{1}{2}\lambda_2 > \frac{1}{3}\lambda_3) + \gamma_4 \mathbb{I}(\frac{1}{2}\lambda_2 = \frac{1}{3}\lambda_3) \mathbb{I}(\frac{1}{2}\lambda_2 > \lambda_1)$$

$$+ (1-\gamma_1) \mathbb{I}(\lambda_1 = \frac{1}{2}\lambda_2) \mathbb{I}(\frac{\frac{1}{2}\lambda_2}{\lambda_1} > \frac{1}{3}\lambda_3) + \gamma_5 \mathbb{I}(\lambda_1 = \frac{1}{2}\lambda_2 = \frac{1}{3}\lambda_3)$$

$$\Phi_3(x) = \mathbb{I}(\frac{1}{3}\lambda_3 > \lambda_1) \mathbb{I}(\frac{1}{3}\lambda_3 > \frac{1}{2}\lambda_2) + (1-\gamma_4) \mathbb{I}(\frac{1}{2}\lambda_2 = \frac{1}{3}\lambda_3) \mathbb{I}(\frac{1}{2}\lambda_2 > \lambda_1)$$

$$+ (1-\gamma_2) \mathbb{I}(\lambda_1 = \frac{1}{3}\lambda_3) \mathbb{I}(\frac{\frac{1}{3}\lambda_3}{\lambda_1} > \frac{1}{2}\lambda_2) + (1-\gamma_3-\gamma_5) \mathbb{I}(\lambda_1 = \frac{1}{2}\lambda_2 = \frac{1}{3}\lambda_3)$$

Case 2: $x \in [1, 2)$ (Similar to above approach - will skip some steps)

$$\bullet E_{\theta|x} [L(\theta|a_1)] = \frac{1}{p(x)} \left[\frac{1}{2}\lambda_2 + \frac{1}{3}\lambda_3 \right]$$

$$\bullet E_{\theta|x} [L(\theta|a_2)] = \frac{1}{p(x)} \left[\frac{1}{3}\lambda_3 \right]$$

$$\bullet E_{\theta|x} [L(\theta|a_3)] = \frac{1}{p(x)} \left[\frac{1}{2}\lambda_2 \right]$$

In total, the Bayes rule is:

$$\Phi_1(x) = 0 \quad (\text{b/c the sum of } \frac{1}{2}\lambda_1 + \frac{1}{3}\lambda_3 \text{ can never be greater than the individual terms})$$

$$\Phi_2(x) = \mathbb{I}(\frac{1}{3}\lambda_3 < \frac{1}{2}\lambda_2) + \gamma_6 \mathbb{I}(\frac{1}{3}\lambda_3 = \frac{1}{2}\lambda_2)$$

$$\Phi_3(x) = \mathbb{I}(\frac{1}{2}\lambda_2 < \frac{1}{3}\lambda_3) + (1-\gamma_6) \mathbb{I}(\frac{1}{3}\lambda_3 = \frac{1}{2}\lambda_2)$$

Case 3: $x \in [2, 3)$ ← not equal to 3 since indicator ends with $< \theta$

$$\bullet E_{\theta|x} [L(\theta|a_1)] = \frac{1}{p(x)} \left[\frac{1}{3}\lambda_3 \right]$$

$$\bullet E_{\theta|x} [L(\theta|a_2)] = \frac{1}{p(x)} \left[\frac{1}{3}\lambda_3 \right]$$

$$\bullet E_{\theta|x} [L(\theta|a_3)] = \frac{1}{p(x)} [0] = 0$$

$$\Phi_3(x) = 1 \Rightarrow \Phi_1(x) = \Phi_2(x) = 0.$$

2f). Find the decision rule which minimizes the max risk over Θ and the corresponding least favorable prior distr.

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To find the minimax rule, we want to find the Bayes rule with constant risk.

By slide 176, $R(\theta_i, \phi) = \sum_{j=1}^3 L(\theta_i, a_j) E_{\theta_i}[\phi_j(x)] = 1 - E_{\theta_i}[\phi_j(x)]$

$R(\theta_i, \phi) \text{ constant} \Rightarrow E_{\theta_i}[\phi_j(x)] \text{ also constant.}$

Notice that $E_{\theta_3}[\phi_3(x)] \geq P(2 \leq x < 3) > 0$

why is this true?

Because $E_{\theta_3}[\mathbb{I}(0 < x < 1) \underbrace{\phi_3(x | 0 < x < 1)}_{= \text{a messy expression}} + \mathbb{I}(1 \leq x < 2) \cdot \underbrace{\phi_3(x | 1 \leq x < 2)}_{= \text{a messy expression}} + \mathbb{I}(2 \leq x < 3) \cdot \underbrace{\phi_3(x | 2 \leq x < 3)}_{= 1}]$

$= P(0 < x < 1) \cdot \phi_3(x | 0 < x < 1) + P(1 \leq x < 2) \cdot \phi_3(x | 1 \leq x < 2) + P(2 \leq x < 3) \cdot 1$

$\Rightarrow E_{\theta_3}[\phi_3(x)] \geq P(2 \leq x < 3) > 0$

Now, we aim to solve for λ_1, λ_2 , and λ_3 so we can find the decision rule which minimizes the max risk over Θ .

Since $E_{\theta_3}[\phi_3(x)] > 0 \Rightarrow E_{\theta_1}[\phi_1(x)] > 0$ on $0 \leq x < 1$ (b/c we know it's equal to 0 on $1 \leq x < 2$ and $2 \leq x < 3$).

since we have to equate risks $\exists E_{\theta_1}[\phi_1(x)] = E_{\theta_2}[\phi_2(x)] = E_{\theta_3}[\phi_3(x)]$

Notice that, when we equate risks, due to the other indicators being zero, we only have constant risk when $\lambda_1 = \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 = \frac{1}{3} \lambda_3$.

Since $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 = 1 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 + 2\lambda_1 + 3\lambda_1 = 1 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 = \frac{1}{6}$

$\Rightarrow \lambda_2 = 2(\frac{1}{6}) = \frac{1}{3}$ and $\lambda_3 = 3(\frac{1}{6}) = \frac{1}{2}$.

Thus, the least favorable prior is $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3) = (\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2})$

(cont'd.)

Equating risks, we get

$\gamma_3 \cdot 1 \cdot \underbrace{P(0 < x < 1 | 0 < x < 1)}_{= 1 \text{ since } x \sim \text{Unif}(0,1)} = \gamma_3 \cdot 1 \cdot \underbrace{P(0 < x < 1 | 0 < x < 2)}_{= 1/2 \text{ since } x \sim \text{Unif}(0,2)} + \gamma_6 \cdot 1 \cdot \underbrace{P(1 \leq x < 2 | 0 < x < 2)}_{= 1/2 \text{ since } x \sim \text{Unif}(0,2)}$

$\leftarrow E_{\theta_1}[\mathbb{I}(\lambda_1 = \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 = \frac{1}{3} \lambda_3)] = P(\lambda_1 = \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 = \frac{1}{3} \lambda_3 | \theta_1 \text{ true}) = 1$

$\leftarrow E_{\theta_2}[\mathbb{I}(\lambda_1 = \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 = \frac{1}{3} \lambda_3)] = P(\lambda_1 = \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 = \frac{1}{3} \lambda_3 | \theta_2 \text{ true}) = 1$

$\leftarrow E_{\theta_3}[\mathbb{I}(\lambda_1 = \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 = \frac{1}{3} \lambda_3)] = P(\lambda_1 = \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 = \frac{1}{3} \lambda_3 | \theta_3 \text{ true}) = 1$

$= (1 - \gamma_3 - \gamma_6) \cdot 1 \cdot \underbrace{P(0 < x < 1 | 0 < x < 3)}_{= 1/3 \text{ since } x \sim \text{Unif}(0,3)} + (1 - \gamma_6) \cdot 1 \cdot \underbrace{P(2 \leq x < 3 | 0 < x < 3)}_{= 1/3 \text{ since } x \sim \text{Unif}(0,3)}$

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$$\Rightarrow \gamma_3 = \frac{1}{2}\gamma_5 + \frac{1}{2}\gamma_6 = \frac{1}{3}(1-\gamma_3-\gamma_5) + \frac{1}{3}(1-\gamma_6)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\gamma_3 = \gamma_5 + \gamma_6 \quad \text{and} \quad 3\gamma_5 + 3\gamma_6 = 2 - 2\gamma_3 - 2\gamma_5 + 2 - 2\gamma_6$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\gamma_3 = 4 - 5\gamma_5 - 5\gamma_6$$

Thus, $\overbrace{2\gamma_3 = \gamma_5 + \gamma_6}^{i)}$ and $2\gamma_3 = 4 - 5\gamma_5 - 5\gamma_6$

$$\Rightarrow 2\gamma_3 = \frac{2}{3} - \cancel{\gamma_6} + \cancel{\gamma_6} \Rightarrow \gamma_3 = \frac{1}{3}$$

↑ sub into (i)

$$\gamma_5 = \frac{2}{3} - \gamma_6$$

Thus, the minimax rule is any rule $\exists (\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3) = (\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2})$

and $\gamma_3 = \frac{1}{3}, \gamma_5 = \frac{2}{3} - \gamma_6 \Rightarrow E_{\theta_1}[\phi_1(x)] = E_{\theta_2}[\phi_2(x)] = E_{\theta_3}[\phi_3(x)]$.

2g) Find the decision rule which minimizes the maximum risk over $\theta=1$ and $\theta=2$ and the corresponding least favorable prior distn.

Is this minimax rule the same as in f)? Explain.

┌ To derive the Bayes rule, need to again find the posterior expected loss.

$$E_{\theta|x} [L(\theta, a_1)] = \frac{1}{p(x)} [p(x|2) \cdot \lambda_2]$$

$$E_{\theta|x} [L(\theta, a_2)] = \frac{1}{p(x)} [p(x|1) \cdot \lambda_1]$$

Let $\phi_i = p(d(x)=i)$.

Case 1: $0 < x < 1$: $E_{\theta|x} [L(\theta, a_1)] = \frac{1}{p(x)} [\frac{1}{2} \mathbb{I}(0 < x < 2) \cdot \lambda_2] = \frac{1}{p(x)} [\frac{1}{2} \lambda_2]$

$$E_{\theta|x} [L(\theta, a_2)] = \frac{1}{p(x)} [\mathbb{I}(0 < x < 1) \cdot \lambda_1] = \frac{1}{p(x)} [\lambda_1]$$

$$\Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} \phi_1(x) = 1 \iff \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 < \lambda_1 \\ \phi_1(x) = \gamma_1 \iff \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 = \lambda_1 \\ \phi_2(x) = 1 \iff \lambda_1 < \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 \\ \phi_2(x) = 1 - \gamma_1 \iff \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 = \lambda_1 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} \phi_1(x) = \mathbb{I}(\frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 < \lambda_1) + \gamma_1 \mathbb{I}(\frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 = \lambda_1) \\ \phi_2(x) = \mathbb{I}(\lambda_1 < \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2) + (1 - \gamma_1) \mathbb{I}(\frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 = \lambda_1) \end{array} \right\}$$

Case 2: $1 \leq x < 2$: $E_{\theta|x} [L(\theta, a_1)] = \frac{1}{p(x)} [\frac{1}{2} \mathbb{I}(0 < x < 2) \cdot \lambda_2] = \frac{1}{p(x)} [\frac{1}{2} \lambda_2]$

$$E_{\theta|x} [L(\theta, a_2)] = \frac{1}{p(x)} [\mathbb{I}(0 < x < 1) \cdot \lambda_1] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi_2(x) = 1 \Rightarrow \phi_1(x) = 0$$

Thus, $\phi_1(x) = \mathbb{I}(0 < x < 1) [\mathbb{I}(\frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 < \lambda_1) + \gamma_1 \mathbb{I}(\frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 = \lambda_1)]$

$$\phi_2(x) = \mathbb{I}(0 < x < 1) [\mathbb{I}(\lambda_1 < \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2) + (1 - \gamma_1) \mathbb{I}(\frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 = \lambda_1)] + \mathbb{I}(1 \leq x < 2)$$

To find minimax rule, want to find Bayes rule w/ constant risk

Note that $E_{\theta_1}[\phi_1(x)] = E_{\theta_2}[\phi_2(x)]$ only if $\lambda_1 = \frac{\lambda_2}{2}$.

Here : $E_{\theta_1}[\phi_1(x)] = E[\mathbb{I}(0 < x < 1) [\mathbb{I}(\frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 < \lambda_1) + \gamma_1 \mathbb{I}(\frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 = \lambda_1)]]$
 $= \underbrace{P(0 < x < 1)}_{= 1 \text{ since } x \sim \text{Unif}(0,1)} [P(\frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 < \lambda_1) + \gamma_1 P(\frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 = \lambda_1)]$

Since $\frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 = \lambda_1 \Rightarrow P(\frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 < \lambda_1) = 0 \nmid P(\frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 = \lambda_1) = 1 \Rightarrow E_{\theta_1}[\phi_1(x)] = \gamma_1$

$$E_{\theta_2}[\phi_2(x)] = E\{\mathbb{I}(0 < x < 1) [\mathbb{I}(\lambda_1 < \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2) + (1 - \gamma_1) \mathbb{I}(\frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 = \lambda_1)] + \mathbb{I}(1 \leq x < 2)\}$$

$$= \underbrace{P(0 < x < 1)}_{= \frac{1}{2} \text{ since } x \sim \text{Unif}(0,2)} [P(\lambda_1 < \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2) + (1 - \gamma_1) P(\frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 = \lambda_1)] + \underbrace{P(1 \leq x < 2)}_{= \frac{1}{2} \text{ since } x \sim \text{Unif}(0,2)}$$

Since $\frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 = \lambda_1 \Rightarrow P(\lambda_1 < \frac{1}{2} \lambda_2) = 0 \nmid P(\frac{1}{2} \lambda_2 = \lambda_1) = 1$

$$\Rightarrow E_{\theta_2}[\phi_2(x)] = \frac{1}{2} (1 - \gamma_1) + \frac{1}{2}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Then, equating risks we get: } \gamma_1 &= \frac{1}{2}(1 - \gamma_1) + \frac{1}{2} \\
 &= \gamma_1 + \frac{1}{2}\gamma_1 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \\
 &\Rightarrow \frac{3}{2}\gamma_1 = 1 \Rightarrow \gamma_1 = \frac{2}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Also, } \lambda_1 = \frac{1}{2}\lambda_2 \quad \& \quad \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 + \frac{1}{2}\lambda_2 &= 1 \Rightarrow \frac{3}{2}\lambda_2 = 1 \Rightarrow \lambda_2 = \frac{2}{3} \\
 \Rightarrow \lambda_1 &= \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = \frac{1}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the minimax rule is any rule δ $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) = (\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3})$
and $\gamma_1 = \frac{2}{3} \quad \delta \quad E_{\theta_1}[\phi_1(x)] = E_{\theta_2}[\phi_2(x)]$.

No, it is not equivalent to minimax rule in f).

- Part f) minimizes the risk over a parameter space of three parameters, $\Theta = \{\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3\}$, resulting in a minimax rule of $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3) = (\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2})$ and two constraints of $\gamma_3 = \frac{1}{3}$ and $\gamma_5 = \frac{2}{3} - \gamma_6$
- However, part g) minimizes the risk over a parameter space involving two parameters, $\Theta = \{\theta_1, \theta_2\}$, resulting in a minimax rule of $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) = (\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3})$ and one constraint of $\gamma_1 = \frac{2}{3}$. \square