BASIC PHD WRITTEN EXAMINATION

THEORY, SECTION 1

(9:00 AM–1:00 PM, July 26, 2017)

INSTRUCTIONS:

(a) This is a **CLOSED-BOOK** examination.

(b) The time limit for this examination is four hours.

(c) Answer both questions that follow.

(d) Put the answers to different questions on separate sets of paper.

(e) Put your exam code, **NOT YOUR NAME**, on each page. The same code is used for Section 1 and Section 2 of the PhD Theory Exam. Please keep the code confidential and do not share this information with any students or faculty. Sharing your code with either students or faculty is viewed as a violation of the UNC honor code.

(f) Return the examination with a signed statement of the UNC honor pledge, separately from your answers. The pledge statement is given on the last page of the exam handout.

(g) In the questions to follow, you are required to answer only what is asked, and not to tell all you know about the topics involved.

1. (25 points) Let N be Poisson distributed with parameter $0 < \lambda < \infty$, and let $X_1, X_2, \ldots$ be an i.i.d. sequence of positive random variables, independent of N, with $E \log(X_1) = \mu$, $\mathrm{var}[\log(X_1)] = \sigma^2$, $|\mu| < \infty$, $0 < \sigma^2 < \infty$, and $M(\delta) = EX_1^\delta < \infty$ for some $\delta > 0$. Let $Y = \prod_{i=1}^N X_i$, where $\prod_{i=1}^0$ is defined as 1. Do the following:

   (a) (4 points) Show that $E \log Y = \lambda\mu$ and $\mathrm{var}[\log Y] = \lambda(\sigma^2 + \mu^2)$.

   (b) (5 points) Show that $EY^t = \exp(\lambda[M(t) - 1])$, for all $0 \le t \le \delta$.

   (c) (7 points) Show that $Y^{1/\lambda} \to_p e^\mu$, as $\lambda \to \infty$.

   (d) (9 points) Letting $\tau^2 = \lambda(\sigma^2 + \mu^2)$, show that

   $$\left(e^{-\lambda\mu} Y\right)^{1/\tau} \to_d e^Z,$$

   as $\lambda \to \infty$, where $Z \sim N(0, 1)$.

2. (25 points) Let F and G be two distinct known cumulative distribution functions on the real line and X be a single observation from the cumulative distribution function $\theta F(x) + (1-\theta)G(x)$, where $\theta \in [0,1]$ is unknown.

   (a) (4 points) Given $0 < \theta_0 < 1$, derive a Uniformly Most Powerful (UMP) test of size α for testing $H_0 : \theta \le \theta_0$ versus $H_1 : \theta > \theta_0$. You need to specify how the rejection region can be calculated .

   (b) (6 points) Given $0 < \theta_1 < \theta_2 < 1$, derive a UMP test of size α for testing $H_0 : \theta \in [0, \theta_1] \cup [\theta_2, 1]$ versus $H_1 : \theta \in (\theta_1, \theta_2)$.

   (c) (6 points) Show that a UMP test does not exist for testing $H_0 : \theta \in [\theta_1, \theta_2]$ versus $\theta \notin [\theta_1, \theta_2]$.

   (d) (5 points) Obtain a Uniformly Most Powerful Unbiased (UMPU) test of size α for the problem in part (c).

   (e) (4 points) Given $0 < \theta_1 < \theta_2 < 1$, derive the likelihood ratio test statistic for testing $H_0 : \theta \in [\theta_1, \theta_2]$ versus $\theta \notin [\theta_1, \theta_2]$.

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