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Answer ALL 6 questions. Marks are shown in square brackets.

1. Use the inversion method to generate a random variable from the following distribution, and write down the algorithm:

   (a) (The negative-binomial distribution) The *probability mass function* (pmf) is

   $$p_i = \Pr(X = i) = \binom{i+r-1}{i}\theta^r(1-\theta)^i, \quad i = 0, 1, \ldots, \infty,$$

   where r is a known positive integer and $0 < \theta < 1$. [**5 marks**]

   (b) (The asymmetric Laplace distribution) The density function is

   $$\begin{aligned} f(x;\lambda,\sigma) &= \frac{\lambda}{\sigma(1+\lambda^2)}\exp\left\{-\frac{\lambda^{\mathrm{sgn}(x)}|x|}{\sigma}\right\} \\ &= \begin{cases} \dfrac{\lambda}{\sigma(1+\lambda^2)}\exp\left(\dfrac{x}{\sigma\lambda}\right), & \text{if } x \leqslant 0, \\ \dfrac{\lambda}{\sigma(1+\lambda^2)}\exp\left(-\dfrac{\lambda x}{\sigma}\right), & \text{if } x > 0, \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

   where $x \in \mathbb{R} \mathrel{\hat=} (-\infty, +\infty)$, $\lambda > 0$, $\sigma > 0$ and the sign function $\mathrm{sgn}(x) = -1, 0, 1$ if $x < 0, x = 0, x > 0$, respectively. We write $X \sim \mathrm{AL}(\lambda, \sigma)$. In particular, when $\lambda = \sigma = 1$, it reduces to the standard Laplace distribution. [**5 marks**]

[Total: 10 marks]

2. Suppose that we want to draw random samples from the target density $f(x)$ with support $\mathcal{S}_X$. Furthermore, we assume that there exist an envelope constant $c\,(\geqslant 1)$ and an envelope density $g(x)$ having the same support $\mathcal{S}_X$ such that $f(x) \leqslant cg(x)$ for all $x \in \mathcal{S}_X$.

   (a) State the rejection algorithm for generating one random sample X from $f(x)$. **[3 marks]**

   (b) Use a density, selected from the following family of exponential densities

   $$g_\theta(x) = \theta\,\mathrm{e}^{-\theta x}, \quad x > 0, \quad 0 < \theta < 1$$

   as the optimal envelope function to generate a random variable having the gamma density

   $$f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(3/2)} x^{1/2}\,\mathrm{e}^{-x}, \quad x > 0$$

   by the rejection method. [HINT: $\Gamma(\alpha+1) = \alpha\Gamma(\alpha)$, $\Gamma(0.5) = \sqrt{\pi}$]

   [10 marks]

   (c) Calculate the value of the acceptance probability. **[2 marks]**

[Total: 15 marks]

3. Let $y_1, \ldots, y_n$ be the realizations of independent random variables $Y_1, \ldots, Y_n$, and $Y_i \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_i)$, $\log(\lambda_i) = \boldsymbol{x}_{(i)}^{\top}\boldsymbol{\theta}$, $1 \leqslant i \leqslant n$, where $\boldsymbol{x}_{(i)}$ is the vector of covariates, and $\boldsymbol{\theta}_{q\times 1}$ is an unknown parameter vector.

   (a) Derive the score vector and the observed information matrix.

   [10 marks]

   (b) Use the Newton–Raphson algorithm to find the MLE $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$ and the estimated asymptotic covariance matrix of $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$. **[5 marks]**

   [Total: 15 marks]

4. Let a random vector $(Y_1, \ldots, Y_4)^{\top}$ follow the following multinomial distribution:

$$(Y_1, \ldots, Y_4)^{\top} \sim \text{Multinomial}\left(n; \frac{\theta+2}{5}, \frac{1-\theta}{5}, \frac{\theta}{5}, \frac{2-\theta}{5}\right), \qquad (1)$$

   where $0 \leqslant \theta \leqslant 1$, $n = \sum_{i=1}^{4} y_i$ and $\{y_i\}_{i=1}^{4}$ denote the corresponding observed values of $\{Y_i\}_{i=1}^{4}$. Let $Y_{\text{obs}} = (y_1, \ldots, y_4)^{\top} = (125, 18, 20, 34)^{\top}$ be the observed data.

   (a) Based on $Y_{\text{obs}} = (y_1, \ldots, y_4)^{\top}$, derive the log-likelihood function $\ell(\theta|Y_{\text{obs}})$, the score function $\nabla\ell(\theta|Y_{\text{obs}})$, the observed information $I(\theta|Y_{\text{obs}})$, and the expected information $J(\theta)$. [HINT: If $(Y_1, \ldots, Y_d)^{\top} \sim \text{Multinomial}(n; p_1, \ldots, p_d)$, then $E(X_i) = np_i$ for $i = 1, \ldots, d$.] **[8 marks]**

   (b) Use the Fisher scoring algorithm to calculate the value of the MLE $\hat{\theta}$ of θ. Furthermore, let $\theta^{(t)}$ denote the t-th approximation of $\hat{\theta}$ in the Fisher scoring algorithm. If the initial value $\theta^{(0)} = 0.5$, calculate $\theta^{(t)}$ for $t = 1, \ldots, 7$. **[7 marks]**

   (c) Augment the observed data Y_{obs} with two latent variables (Z_1, Z_4) by splitting y_1 and y_4, and the corresponding cell probabilities as follows:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \dfrac{\theta+2}{5} & = & \dfrac{2(1-\theta)}{5} & + & \dfrac{3\theta}{5}, \\ \updownarrow & & \updownarrow & & \updownarrow \\ y_1 & = & Z_1 & + & (y_1 - Z_1); \end{array} \tag{2}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \dfrac{2-\theta}{5} & = & \dfrac{2(1-\theta)}{5} & + & \dfrac{\theta}{5}, \\ \updownarrow & & \updownarrow & & \updownarrow \\ y_4 & = & Z_4 & + & (y_4 - Z_4). \end{array} \tag{3}$$

Use the *expectation–maximization* (EM) algorithm to calculate the value of the MLE $\hat{\theta}$ of θ. Furthermore, let $\theta^{(t)}$ denote the t-th approximation of $\hat{\theta}$ in the EM algorithm. If the initial value $\theta^{(0)} = 0.6556928$, calculate $\theta^{(t)}$ for $t = 1, \ldots, 5$. [**10 marks**]

(d) Let the fixed point iteration of the above EM algorithm be represented by $\theta^{(t+1)} = h(\theta^{(t)})$. Derive the expression of $h(\cdot)$ and calculate the value of the convergence rate

$$r \,\hat{=}\, \lim_{t\to\infty} \frac{|\theta^{(t+1)} - \hat{\theta}|}{|\theta^{(t)} - \hat{\theta}|}$$

of this EM algorithm. [**5 marks**]

(e) Describe the bootstrap method to obtain a $100(1-\alpha)\%$ bootstrap confidence interval for θ. [**5 marks**]

(f) Let the prior distribution of θ be $\text{Beta}(a_0, b_0)$. State the I-step and P-step of the *data augmentation* (DA) algorithm. [**5 marks**]

[**Total: 40 marks**]

5. Let X be a discrete random variable with *probability mass function* (pmf) $p_i = \Pr(X = x_i)$ for $i = 1, 2$, and Y be a discrete random variable with pmf $q_j = \Pr(Y = y_j)$ for $j = 1, 2$. Given two conditional distribution matrices

$$\boldsymbol{A} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/4 & 1/2 \\ 3/4 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \boldsymbol{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/3 & 2/3 \\ 3/5 & 2/5 \end{pmatrix},$$

where the (i, j) element of $\boldsymbol{A}$ is $a_{ij} = \Pr(X = x_i | Y = y_j)$ and the (i, j) element of $\boldsymbol{B}$ is $b_{ij} = \Pr(Y = y_j | X = x_i)$.

(a) Find the marginal distribution of X. [**3 marks**]

(b) Find the marginal distribution of Y. [**3 marks**]

(c) Find the joint distribution of (X, Y). [**4 marks**]

[**Total: 10 marks**]

6. Let $Y_{\text{obs}} = \{n_1, n_2, n_3, n_4; m_1, m_2\}$ denote the observed frequencies and $\boldsymbol{\theta} = (\theta_1, \ldots, \theta_4)^\top$ be the cell probability vector satisfying $\theta_i > 0, \theta_1 + \cdots + \theta_4 = 1$. Suppose that the observed-data likelihood function of $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ is given by

$$L(\boldsymbol{\theta} | Y_{\text{obs}}) \propto \left(\prod_{i=1}^{4} \theta_i^{n_i} \right) (\theta_1 + \theta_2)^{m_1} (\theta_3 + \theta_4)^{m_2}.$$

(a) Use the EM algorithm to find the MLEs of $\boldsymbol{\theta}$. [**5 marks**]

(b) In fact, it is not necessary to employ the EM algorithm. Derive the closed-form expressions for the MLEs of $\boldsymbol{\theta}$. [**5 marks**]

[**Total: 10 marks**]

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1. [E/U] **Solution**. (a) We have $p_0 = \theta^r$ and the recursive identity between p_{i+1} and p_i is

$$\frac{p_{i+1}}{p_i} = \frac{\binom{i+1+r-1}{i+1}\theta^r(1-\theta)^{i+1}}{\binom{i+r-1}{i}\theta^r(1-\theta)^i} = \frac{(i+r)(1-\theta)}{i+1}, \quad i \geqslant 0.$$

The algorithm is as follows:
Step 1: Generate $U = u$ from $U(0,1)$;
Step 2: Let $i = 0$, $p = p_0$ and $F = p$;
Step 3: If $u < F$, set $X = i$ and stop; Otherwise
Step 4: Let $p \leftarrow p\frac{(i+r)(1-\theta)}{i+1}$, $F \leftarrow F + p$, $i \leftarrow i+1$ and go to step 3.

(b) When $x \leqslant 0$, the cdf of the asymmetric Laplace distribution is

$$\begin{aligned} F(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{x} f(y;\lambda,\sigma)\,dy = \int_{-\infty}^{x} \frac{\lambda}{\sigma(1+\lambda^2)} \exp\left(\frac{y}{\sigma\lambda}\right) dy \\ &= \frac{\lambda}{\sigma(1+\lambda^2)} \exp\left(\frac{y}{\sigma\lambda}\right) \cdot \sigma\lambda \Big|_{-\infty}^{x} \\ &= \frac{\lambda^2}{1+\lambda^2} \exp\left(\frac{x}{\sigma\lambda}\right), \end{aligned}$$

so that $F(0) = \frac{\lambda^2}{1+\lambda^2} \hat{=} \rho$. When $x > 0$, the corresponding cdf is

$$\begin{aligned} F(x) &= \int_{-\infty}^{0} f(y;\lambda,\sigma)\,dy + \int_{0}^{x} f(y;\lambda,\sigma)\,dy \\ &= F(0) + \int_{0}^{x} \frac{\lambda}{\sigma(1+\lambda^2)} \exp\left(-\frac{\lambda y}{\sigma}\right) dy \\ &= F(0) - \frac{\lambda}{\sigma(1+\lambda^2)} \exp\left(-\frac{\lambda y}{\sigma}\right) \cdot \frac{\sigma}{\lambda} \Big|_{0}^{x} \\ &= \frac{\lambda^2}{1+\lambda^2} - \frac{1}{1+\lambda^2} \left\{ \exp\left(-\frac{\lambda x}{\sigma}\right) - 1 \right\} \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{1+\lambda^2} \exp\left(-\frac{\lambda x}{\sigma}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Let $F(x) = u$, then

$$x = F^{-1}(u) = \begin{cases} \sigma\lambda \log(u/\rho), & \text{if } \ 0 < u < \rho, \\ -\dfrac{\sigma}{\lambda} \log\left(\dfrac{1-u}{1-\rho}\right), & \text{if } \ \rho \leqslant u < 1. \end{cases}$$

Thus, the inversion method for generating $X \sim \mathrm{AL}(\lambda, \sigma)$ is as follows:

Step 1: Draw $U = u \sim U(0,1)$ and set $\rho = \lambda^2/(1+\lambda^2)$;

Step 2: Return $x = \sigma\lambda\log(u/\rho)$ if $0 < u < \rho$, and $x = -\dfrac{\sigma}{\lambda}\log\left(\dfrac{1-u}{1-\rho}\right)$ otherwise.

2. [L/E] **Solution**. (a) The rejection algorithm:

Step 1. Draw $U \sim U(0,1)$ and independently draw $Y \sim g(\cdot)$;

Step 2. If $U \leqslant \frac{f(Y)}{cg(Y)}$, set $X = Y$; otherwise, go to Step 1.

(b) (c) See Example 1.10 in Lecture Notes pages 21–22.

3. [L/E/U] **Solution**. See Example T4.3 in Tutorial 4.

4. [L/U/E] **Solution**. (a) The observed-data likelihood function of θ is

$$\begin{aligned} L(\theta|Y_{\mathrm{obs}}) &= \binom{n}{y_1, \ldots, y_4} \left(\frac{\theta+2}{5}\right)^{y_1} \left(\frac{1-\theta}{5}\right)^{y_2} \left(\frac{\theta}{5}\right)^{y_3} \left(\frac{2-\theta}{5}\right)^{y_4} \\ &\propto (\theta+2)^{y_1}(1-\theta)^{y_2}\theta^{y_3}(2-\theta)^{y_4}, \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

so that the log-likelihood function of θ is given by

$$\ell(\theta|Y_{\mathrm{obs}}) = y_1\log(\theta+2) + y_2\log(1-\theta) + y_3\log\theta + y_4\log(2-\theta).$$

The score, the observed information, and the expected information are given by

$$\nabla\ell(\theta|Y_{\mathrm{obs}}) = \frac{y_1}{\theta+2} - \frac{y_2}{1-\theta} + \frac{y_3}{\theta} - \frac{y_4}{2-\theta},$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
I(\theta|Y_{\text{obs}}) = -\nabla^2 \ell(\theta|Y_{\text{obs}}) &= \frac{y_1}{(\theta+2)^2} + \frac{y_2}{(1-\theta)^2} + \frac{y_3}{\theta^2} + \frac{y_4}{(2-\theta)^2}, \\
J(\theta) = E[-\nabla^2 \ell(\theta|Y_{\text{obs}})] &= \frac{n}{5}\left(\frac{1}{\theta+2} + \frac{1}{1-\theta} + \frac{1}{\theta} + \frac{1}{2-\theta}\right),
\end{aligned}
$$

respectively.

(b) The Fisher scoring algorithm is given by

$$
\theta^{(t+1)} = \theta^{(t)} + [J(\theta^{(t)})]^{-1} \nabla \ell(\theta^{(t)}|Y_{\text{obs}}).
$$

If let $\theta^{(0)} = 0.5$, we obtain

$$
\begin{aligned}
\theta^{(1)} &= 0.6569597, \\
\theta^{(2)} &= 0.6555983, \\
\theta^{(3)} &= 0.6557001, \\
\theta^{(4)} &= 0.6556925, \\
\theta^{(5)} &= 0.6556931, \\
\theta^{(6)} &= 0.6556930, \\
\theta^{(7)} &= 0.6556930.
\end{aligned}
$$

(c) From (2), the distribution of $Z_1|(Y_{\text{obs}}, \theta)$ is

$$
f(z_1|Y_{\text{obs}}, \theta) = \text{Binomial}\left(z_1 \Big| y_1, \frac{2(1-\theta)}{\theta+2}\right), \tag{5}
$$

for $z_1 = 0, 1, \ldots, y_1$. From (3), the distribution of $Z_4|(Y_{\text{obs}}, \theta)$ is

$$
f(z_4|Y_{\text{obs}}, \theta) = \text{Binomial}\left(z_4 \Big| y_4, \frac{2(1-\theta)}{2-\theta}\right), \tag{6}
$$

for $z_4 = 0, 1, \ldots, y_4$. The E-step is to compute

$$
\begin{aligned}
E(Z_1|Y_{\text{obs}}, \theta) &= E(Z_1|y_1, \theta) = y_1 \times \frac{2(1-\theta)}{\theta+2}, \quad \text{and} \\
E(Z_4|Y_{\text{obs}}, \theta) &= E(Z_4|y_4, \theta) = y_4 \times \frac{2(1-\theta)}{2-\theta}.
\end{aligned}
$$

From (1), the complete-data likelihood function of θ is

$$\begin{aligned} L(\theta|Y_{\text{obs}}, z_1, z_4) &= \binom{n}{z_1, y_1 - z_1, y_2, y_3, z_4, y_4 - z_4} \\ &\quad \times \left[\frac{2(1-\theta)}{5}\right]^{z_1} \left(\frac{3\theta}{5}\right)^{y_1 - z_1} \left(\frac{1-\theta}{5}\right)^{y_2} \left(\frac{\theta}{5}\right)^{y_3} \\ &\quad \times \left[\frac{2(1-\theta)}{5}\right]^{z_4} \left(\frac{\theta}{5}\right)^{y_4 - z_4} \\ &\propto \theta^{y_1 + y_3 + y_4 - z_1 - z_4} (1-\theta)^{y_2 + z_1 + z_4}. \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

The M-step is to find the complete-data MLE

$$\hat{\theta} = \frac{y_1 + y_3 + y_4 - z_1 - z_4}{n} = 1 - \frac{y_2 + z_1 + z_4}{n}, \quad n = \sum_{i=1}^{4} y_i.$$

The EM algorithm is given by

$$\theta^{(t+1)} = 1 - \frac{y_2 + 2[1 - \theta^{(t)}]\{y_1/[\theta^{(t)} + 2] + y_4/[2 - \theta^{(t)}]\}}{n}. \tag{8}$$

If let $\theta^{(0)} = 0.6556928$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \theta^{(1)} &= 0.6556929, \\ \theta^{(2)} &= 0.6556929, \\ \theta^{(3)} &= 0.6556929, \\ \theta^{(4)} &= 0.6556930, \\ \theta^{(5)} &= 0.6556930. \end{aligned}$$

(d) Let $\theta^{(t+1)} = h(\theta^{(t)})$. From (8), we have

$$h(\theta) = 1 - \frac{y_2 + 2(1-\theta)[y_1/(\theta + 2) + y_4/(2 - \theta)]}{n},$$

so that

$$h'(\theta) = \frac{2}{n}\left(\frac{y_1}{\theta+2} + \frac{y_4}{2-\theta}\right) + \frac{2(1-\theta)}{n}\left[\frac{y_1}{(\theta+2)^2} - \frac{y_4}{(2-\theta)^2}\right].$$

Thus

$$r = |h'(\hat{\theta})| = 0.7308134.$$

The R code is as follows:

```
function(ind, th0, NumEM1)
{   # Function name: Linkage.model.EM1.EM2(ind, th0, NumEM1)
    # -------------- Input --------------------------------
    # ind    = 1: calculate the MLE by Fisher scoring algorithm
    #        = 2: calculate the MLE by EM algorithm
    #        = 3: calculate the convergence rate of
    #             the EM algorithm
    # th0    = initial value of \theta
    # NumEM1 = the number of iterations in the EM
    # -------------- Output -------------------------------
    # TH = approximates of the posterior mode
    # r  = the convergence rate of the EM algorithm
    # -----------------------------------------------------
    y <- c(125, 18, 20, 34)
    n <- sum(y)
    if (ind == 1) {
       th <- th0
       TH <- matrix(0, NumEM1, 1)
       for (tt in 1:NumEM1) {
          a <- y[1]/(th+2)-y[2]/(1-th)+y[3]/th-y[4]/(2-th)
          J <- 0.2*n*(1/(th + 2) + 1/(1-th) + 1/th + 1/(2-th))
          th <- th + a/J
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            TH[tt] <- th
         }
         return(TH) }
      if (ind == 2) {
         th <- th0
         TH <- matrix(0, NumEM1, 1)
         for (tt in 1:NumEM1) {
            Ez1 <- y[1]*2*(1-th)/(th + 2)
            Ez4 <- y[4]*2*(1-th)/(2 - th)
            th <- 1 - (y[2] + Ez1 + Ez4)/n
            TH[tt] <- th
         }
         return(TH) }
      if (ind == 3) {
         hth <- 0.6556930
         th <- hth
         a <- y[1]/(th + 2) + y[4]/(2-th)
         b <- y[1]/(th + 2)^2 - y[4]/(2-th)^2
         r <- abs((2/n)*a + (2*(1-th)/n)*b)
         return(r) }
}
```

(e) The bootstrap method to obtain a $100(1-\alpha)\%$ bootstrap confidence interval for θ is as follows:

Step 1. For the MLE $\hat{\theta}$ obtained by the Fisher scoring algorithm or the EM algorithm (8), we can generate one bootstrap sample

$$(y_1^*, \ldots, y_4^*)^\top \sim \text{Multinomial}\left(n; \frac{\hat{\theta}+2}{5}, \frac{1-\hat{\theta}}{5}, \frac{\hat{\theta}}{5}, \frac{2-\hat{\theta}}{5}\right).$$

Based on $Y^*_{\text{obs}} = (y^*_1, \dots, y^*_4)^\top$, we can compute the corresponding bootstrap replication $\hat{\theta}^*$ by using (8).

Step 2. Independently repeating this process (i.e., Step 1) G times, we obtain G bootstrap replications $\{\hat{\theta}^*(g)\}_{g=1}^G$.

Step 3. A $100(1-\alpha)\%$ bootstrap CI for θ is $[\hat{\theta}^*_L,\ \hat{\theta}^*_U]$, where $\hat{\theta}^*_L$ and $\hat{\theta}^*_U$ are the $(\alpha/2)G$-th and the $(1-\alpha/2)G$-th order statistics of $\{\hat{\theta}^*(g)\}_{g=1}^G$.

(f) Let $\theta \sim \text{Beta}(a_0, b_0)$. From (7), the complete-data posterior distribution of θ is

$$\theta|(Y_{\text{obs}}, z) \sim \text{Beta}(a_0 + y_1 + y_3 + y_4 - z_1 - z_4,\ b_0 + y_2 + z_1 + z_4). \quad (9)$$

Therefore, the I-step is to draw z_1 from (5), draw z_4 from (6) and the P-step is to draw θ from (9).

5. [E/L] **Solution**. Let $\mathcal{X} = \{x_1, x_2\}$ and $\mathcal{Y} = \{y_1, y_2\}$. By using the sampling IBF with $y_0 = y_2$, the X-marginal is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
\xi_1 &\mathrel{\hat=} \Pr(X = x_1) = f_X(x_1) \\
&\propto \frac{f_{(X|Y)}(x_1|y_0)}{f_{(Y|X)}(y_0|x_1)} = \frac{\Pr(X = x_1|Y = y_2)}{\Pr(Y = y_2|X = x_1)} \\
&= \frac{a_{12}}{b_{12}} = \frac{1/2}{2/3} = \frac{3}{4}, \\
\xi_2 &\mathrel{\hat=} \Pr(X = x_2) = f_X(x_2) \\
&\propto \frac{f_{(X|Y)}(x_2|y_0)}{f_{(Y|X)}(y_0|x_2)} = \frac{\Pr(X = x_2|Y = y_2)}{\Pr(Y = y_2|X = x_2)} \\
&= \frac{a_{22}}{b_{22}} = \frac{1/2}{2/5} = \frac{5}{4}.
\end{aligned}$$

Note that $\xi_1 + \xi_2 = 1$, we obtain

$$\xi_1 = \frac{3/4}{3/4 + 5/4} = \frac{3}{3+5} = \frac{3}{8},$$

$$\xi_2 = \frac{5/4}{3/4+5/4} = \frac{5}{3+5} = \frac{5}{8},$$

which are summarized into

X	x_1	x_2
$\xi_i = \Pr(X = x_i)$	$3/8$	$5/8$

Similarly, letting $x_0 = x_2$ in the sampling IBF yields the following Y-marginal

Y	y_1	y_2
$\eta_j = \Pr(Y = y_j)$	$1/2$	$1/2$

The joint distribution of (X, Y) is given by

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/8 & 1/4 \\ 3/8 & 1/4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

6. [E/L] **Solution**. (a) See Solution to Q2.4 in Assignment 2.

(b) Note that

$$\log L(\theta|Y_{\text{obs}}) = \sum_{i=1}^{4} n_i \log \theta_i + n_{12} \log(\theta_1 + \theta_2) + n_{34} \log(\theta_3 + \theta_4).$$

By partially differentiating $\log L(\theta|Y_{\text{obs}})$ with respect to θ_i and setting them to zero, we have

$$\begin{cases} \hat{\theta}_i = \dfrac{n_i}{N}\left(1 + \dfrac{n_{12}}{n_1 + n_2}\right), & i = 1,\ 2, \\[2ex] \hat{\theta}_i = \dfrac{n_i}{N}\left(1 + \dfrac{n_{34}}{n_3 + n_4}\right), & i = 3,\ 4, \end{cases}$$

where $N = (\sum_{i=1}^{4} n_i) + n_{12} + n_{34}$.