

The exam is closed book; students are permitted to prepare one 4x6 notecard of formulas, notes, etc. that can be used during the exam. A calculator is permitted but not necessary for the exam. Do 4 out of the 5 problems (20 points each, 80 points total). Clearly indicate the problem that you are omitting; if it is not clear, then the first 4 problems will be graded.

**Problem 1.** (20 points) Suppose that  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are independent identically distributed (iid) uniform random variables each with probability density function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\beta - \alpha} I_{(\alpha, \beta)}(x)$ .

where  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are unknown, and  $\alpha < \beta$ .

(a - 10 pts) Find a two-dimensional sufficient statistic for  $(\alpha, \beta)$ .

(b - 10 pts) Find a system of equations that could be used to obtain the method of moments estimators of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ . It is not necessary to solve the equations, but any integrals involved in the equations should be evaluated.

**Problem 2.** (20 points) Suppose that  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are independent identically distributed (iid) exponential random variables each with probability density function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\beta} e^{-x/\beta} I_{(0, \infty)}(x)$ .

(a - 6 pts) Calculate the Cramér-Rao Lower Bound for an unbiased estimator of  $\beta$ .

(b - 6 pts) Find the maximum likelihood estimator of  $\beta$ . Justify that it maximizes the likelihood function.

(c - 6 pts) Find the bias and variance of the maximum likelihood estimator of  $\beta$ .

(Hint: If  $Y$  is a gamma( $\alpha, \beta$ ) random variable, its probability density function is  $f(y|\alpha, \beta) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\beta^\alpha} y^{\alpha-1} e^{-y/\beta} I_{(0, \infty)}(y)$ ,

its mean is  $EY = \alpha\beta$ , and its variance is  $\text{Var } Y = \alpha\beta^2$ , and its moment generating function is  $M_Y(t) = \left( \frac{1}{1 - \beta t} \right)^\alpha$  when  $t < \frac{1}{\beta}$ .)

(d - 2 pts) Find the maximum likelihood estimator of  $e^{-\beta}$ .

**Problem 3.** (20 points) Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be independent identically distributed (iid) Poisson( $\theta$ ) random variables each with probability mass function  $f(x) = \frac{\theta^x e^{-\theta}}{x!}, x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

(a - 5 pts) Find a sufficient statistic for  $\theta$ .

(b - 5 pts) Show that  $T(X_1) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } X_1 = 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$  is an unbiased estimator of  $\tau(\theta) = e^{-\theta}$ .

(c - 5 pts) Using the fact that the sum of independent Poisson random variables with means  $\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n$  is a Poisson random variable with mean  $\mu_1 + \dots + \mu_n$ , compute  $P(T(X_1) = 1 | X_1 + X_2 = y)$ .

(d - 5 pts) For the estimator  $T(X_1)$  in part (b), find a uniformly better unbiased estimator of  $e^{-\theta}$ . Justify your answer with an appropriate theorem or calculations.

**Problem 4.** (20 points) Suppose that  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  is a random sample from a normal( $\mu, 1$ ) population each with probability density function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x-\mu)^2}$  where  $\mu$  is unknown, and suppose that the experimenter is interested in testing

$$H_0 : \mu \leq 0 \text{ versus } H_1 : \mu > 0.$$

(a - 8 pts) Show that the likelihood ratio test statistic has a critical region of the form  $\left\{ (x_1, \dots, x_n) : \frac{\bar{x}}{1/\sqrt{n}} \geq K \right\}$ .

(b - 6 pts) Find the value of  $K$  (to at least 2 decimal places) such that the test in part (a) has size .01.

(c - 6 pts) What is the power of the test in part (a) when  $\mu = 1$ ?

Use the standard normal and/or  $t$  tables attached to this exam.

**Problem 5.** (20 points) Let  $X_1, \dots, X_5$  be independent identically distributed (iid) Bernoulli( $\theta$ ) random variables each with probability mass function  $f(x|\theta) = \theta^x(1-\theta)^{1-x}I_{\{0,1\}}(x)$ .

(a - 12 pts) Find the uniformly most powerful (UMP) test level  $\alpha = \frac{6}{32} = .1875$  test for

$H_0 : \theta = \frac{1}{2}$  versus  $H_1 : \theta = \frac{3}{4}$ . Justify your answer with an appropriate theorem or calculations.

(b - 8 pts) Compute the probability of a Type II error for the test in part (a).