

Exam 2 Solutions

1. (a) The joint density of X_1, \dots, X_n is

$$\begin{aligned} f(\underline{x}|\alpha, \beta) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \left\{ \frac{1}{\beta-\alpha} I_{(\alpha, \beta)}(x_i) \right\} = \frac{1}{(\beta-\alpha)^n} \prod_{i=1}^n I_{(\alpha, \beta)}(x_i) \\ &= \frac{1}{(\beta-\alpha)^n} \prod_{i=1}^n I_{(\alpha, \infty)}(x_i) \prod_{i=1}^n I_{(-\infty, \beta)}(x_i) = \frac{1}{(\beta-\alpha)^n} I_{(\alpha, \infty)}(x_{(1)}) I_{(-\infty, \beta)}(x_{(n)}) \\ &= g(x_{(1)}, x_{(n)} | \alpha, \beta) h(\underline{x}) \end{aligned}$$

where $g(t_1, t_2 | \alpha, \beta) = \frac{1}{(\beta-\alpha)^n} I_{(\alpha, \infty)}(t_1) I_{(-\infty, \beta)}(t_2)$

and $h(\underline{x}) = 1$. So $(x_{(1)}, x_{(n)})$ is sufficient for (α, β) by the Factorization Theorem.

(b) The method of moments estimator is the solution to $m_1 = \mu_1'(\alpha, \beta)$ and $m_2 = \mu_2'(\alpha, \beta)$ where:

$$m_1 = \bar{X}, \quad m_2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2, \quad \mu_1' = EX = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \frac{x}{\beta-\alpha} dx = \left[\frac{x^2}{2(\beta-\alpha)} \right]_{\alpha}^{\beta} = \frac{\beta^2 - \alpha^2}{2(\beta-\alpha)}$$

$$\text{and } \mu_2' = E[X^2] = \int_{\alpha}^{\beta} \frac{x^2}{\beta-\alpha} dx = \left[\frac{x^3}{3(\beta-\alpha)} \right]_{\alpha}^{\beta} = \frac{\beta^3 - \alpha^3}{3(\beta-\alpha)}$$

So, solve the system
$$\begin{cases} \bar{X} = \frac{\beta^2 - \alpha^2}{2(\beta-\alpha)} \\ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 = \frac{\beta^3 - \alpha^3}{3(\beta-\alpha)} \end{cases} \quad \text{to obtain the estimator.}$$

To solve the system (not necessary for the exam), note that

$$\frac{\beta^2 - \alpha^2}{2(\beta-\alpha)} = \frac{(\beta+\alpha)(\cancel{\beta-\alpha})}{2(\cancel{\beta-\alpha})} = \frac{\beta+\alpha}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\beta^3 - \alpha^3}{3(\beta-\alpha)} = \frac{\beta^2 + \alpha\beta + \alpha^2}{3}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \alpha \mid \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & -\alpha^3 \\ & \alpha & \alpha^2 & \alpha^3 \\ \hline & 1 & \alpha & \alpha^2 & 0 \end{array} \end{array}$$

$$\text{Then } \begin{cases} \bar{X} = \frac{\beta+\alpha}{2} \\ \frac{1}{n} \sum X_i^2 = \frac{\beta^2 + \alpha\beta + \alpha^2}{3} \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \beta + \alpha = 2\bar{X} \\ (\beta + \alpha)^2 - \alpha\beta = \frac{3}{n} \sum X_i^2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \alpha = 2\bar{X} - \beta \\ \alpha\beta = 4\bar{X}^2 - \frac{3}{n} \sum X_i^2 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \alpha = 2\bar{X} - \beta \\ (2\bar{X} - \beta)\beta = 4\bar{X}^2 - \frac{3}{n} \sum X_i^2 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \alpha = 2\bar{X} - \beta \\ \beta = \bar{X} + \sqrt{\frac{3(n-1)}{n}} S \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \alpha = \bar{X} - \sqrt{\frac{3(n-1)}{n}} S \\ \beta = \bar{X} + \sqrt{\frac{3(n-1)}{n}} S \end{array} \right.$$

$$0 = \beta^2 - 2\bar{X}\beta + (4\bar{X}^2 - \frac{3}{n} \sum X_i^2)$$

$$\beta = \frac{2\bar{X} + \sqrt{4\bar{X}^2 - 4(4\bar{X}^2 - \frac{3}{n} \sum X_i^2)}}{2} = \frac{2\bar{X} + \sqrt{\frac{12}{n} \sum X_i^2 - 12\bar{X}^2}}{2}$$

$$= \bar{X} + \sqrt{\frac{3}{n} \sum X_i^2 - 3\bar{X}^2} = \bar{X} + \sqrt{\frac{3}{n} (\sum X_i^2 - n\bar{X}^2)}$$

$$= \bar{X} + \sqrt{\frac{3(n-1)}{n} S^2} = \bar{X} + \sqrt{\frac{3(n-1)}{n}} S$$

2. (a) If $W(X)$ is an unbiased estimator of β , then

the numerator of the Cramér-Rao Lower Bound (CRLB) is

$$\left(\frac{d}{d\beta} E[W(X)] \right)^2 = \left(\frac{d}{d\beta} \beta \right)^2 = 1^2 = 1. \text{ Since } X_1, \dots, X_n \text{ is iid,}$$

the denominator of the CRLB is $n E \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \log f(X|\beta) \right)^2 \right]$.

$$\text{We have } \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \log f(X|\beta) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \left[-\log \beta - \frac{X}{\beta} \right] = -\frac{1}{\beta} + \frac{X}{\beta^2}$$

$$\text{so that } E \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \beta} \log f(X|\beta) \right)^2 \right] = \frac{1}{\beta^4} E[(X-\beta)^2] = \frac{E[(X-EX)^2]}{\beta^4} = \frac{\text{Var } X}{\beta^4} = \frac{\beta^2}{\beta^4} = \frac{1}{\beta^2}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} X \sim \text{Gamma}(1, \beta) \\ \downarrow \\ EX = 1 \cdot \beta = \beta \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} X \sim \text{Gamma}(1, \beta) \\ \text{Var } X = 1 \cdot \beta^2 = \beta^2 \end{array}$$

$$\text{and the CRLB is } \frac{1}{n/\beta^2} = \boxed{\frac{\beta^2}{n}}.$$

(b) The derivative of the log-likelihood function

$$l(\beta|\underline{x}) = \sum \log f(x_i|\beta) \text{ is } \frac{\partial l}{\partial \beta} = \frac{-n}{\beta} + \frac{\sum x_i}{\beta^2}.$$

$$\text{We solve } \frac{\partial l}{\partial \beta} = 0 \text{ to obtain } \frac{\sum x_i}{\beta^2} = \frac{n}{\beta} \Rightarrow \beta = \frac{\sum x_i}{n} = \bar{X}.$$

This maximizes l (and consequently $L(\beta|\underline{x})$) since

$$\left. \frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \beta^2} \right|_{\beta=\bar{X}} = \frac{n}{\beta^2} - \frac{2\sum x_i}{\beta^3} \Big|_{\beta=\bar{X}} = \frac{n}{\bar{X}^2} - \frac{2n\bar{X}}{\bar{X}^3} = -\frac{n}{\bar{X}^2} < 0.$$

$$(c) E\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum E X_i = \frac{1}{n} \sum \beta = \frac{n\beta}{n} = \beta \text{ so Bias } \hat{\beta} = \beta - \beta = \boxed{0}$$

$$\text{Var } \bar{X} = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum \text{Var } X_i = \frac{1}{n^2} \sum \beta^2 = \frac{n\beta^2}{n^2} = \boxed{\frac{\beta^2}{n}}$$

$$(d) \text{ The MLE of } e^{-\beta} \text{ is } \widehat{e^{-\beta}} = e^{-\hat{\beta}} = \boxed{e^{-\bar{X}}}.$$

3. (a) The joint pmf of X_1 and X_2 is

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_1, x_2 | \theta) &= f(x_1 | \theta) f(x_2 | \theta) = \frac{\theta^{x_1} e^{-\theta}}{x_1!} \frac{\theta^{x_2} e^{-\theta}}{x_2!} \prod_{i=1}^2 I_{\{0,1,2,\dots\}}(x_i) \\ &= \frac{\theta^{x_1+x_2} e^{-2\theta}}{x_1! x_2!} \prod_{i=1}^2 I_{\{0,1,2,\dots\}}(x_i) = g(x_1+x_2 | \theta) h(x_1, x_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{where } g(t | \theta) = \theta^t e^{-2\theta} \text{ and } h(\underline{x}) = \frac{1}{x_1! x_2!} \prod_{i=1}^2 I_{\{0,1,2,\dots\}}(x_i).$$

So X_1+X_2 is sufficient for θ .

$$(b) E[T(X_1)] = P(T(X_1)=1) = P(X_1=0) = \frac{\theta^0 e^{-\theta}}{0!} = e^{-\theta}$$

(c) Since $X_1+X_2 \sim \text{Poisson}(2\theta)$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} P(T(X_1)=1 | X_1+X_2=y) &= P(X_1=0 | X_1+X_2=y) = \frac{P(X_1=0 \text{ and } X_1+X_2=y)}{P(X_1+X_2=y)} \\ &= \frac{P(X_1=0 \text{ and } X_2=y)}{P(X_1+X_2=y)} = \frac{P(X_1=0) P(X_2=y)}{P(X_1+X_2=y)} \\ &= \frac{e^{-\theta} \frac{\theta^y e^{-\theta}}{y!}}{\frac{(2\theta)^y e^{-2\theta}}{y!}} = \frac{\theta^y}{(2\theta)^y} = \boxed{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^y}. \end{aligned}$$

$$(d) \text{ Note that } E[T(X_1) | X_1+X_2=y] = P(T(X_1)=1 | X_1+X_2=y).$$

Since $T(X_1)$ is an unbiased estimator of $e^{-\theta}$ and X_1+X_2 is sufficient for θ (and consequently $e^{-\theta}$), the Rao-Blackwell Theorem implies that

$$\phi(X_1+X_2) = E[T(X_1) | X_1+X_2] = \boxed{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{X_1+X_2}}$$

is a uniformly better unbiased estimator of $e^{-\theta}$.

4. (a) The likelihood function for μ is

$$L(\mu|\underline{x}) = f(\underline{x}|\mu) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}(x_i - \mu)^2} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\sum (x_i - \mu)^2}$$

and the log-likelihood $l(\mu|\underline{x}) = \log L(\mu|\underline{x}) = -\frac{n}{2} \log 2\pi - \frac{1}{2} \sum (x_i - \mu)^2$

is maximized at $\hat{\mu} = \bar{x}$ since

$$\frac{\partial l}{\partial \mu} = \sum (x_i - \mu) = 0 \Rightarrow \sum x_i - n\mu = 0 \Rightarrow \mu = \frac{\sum x_i}{n} = \bar{x} \text{ and}$$

$\frac{\partial^2 l}{\partial \mu^2} = \sum (-1) = -n < 0$. So the likelihood ratio test statistic is

$$\lambda(\underline{x}) = \frac{\sup_{\mu \leq 0} L(\mu|\underline{x})}{\sup_{\mu} L(\mu|\underline{x})} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \bar{x} \leq 0 \\ \frac{\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sum x_i^2}}{\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2}} & \text{if } \bar{x} > 0 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \bar{x} \leq 0 \\ e^{-\frac{n}{2} \bar{x}^2} & \text{if } \bar{x} > 0 \end{cases}$$

since $\frac{\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \sum x_i^2}}{\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} (\sum x_i^2 - n\bar{x}^2)}} = e^{-\frac{n}{2} \bar{x}^2}$. So $\lambda(\underline{x})$ is

a decreasing function of \bar{x} . Thus, $\frac{\bar{x}}{1/\sqrt{n}}$ is large if and only if $\lambda(\underline{x})$ is small so the critical region has the form $\{\underline{x} : \frac{\bar{x}}{1/\sqrt{n}} \geq K\}$.

(b) When $\mu=0$, $\bar{X} \sim N(0, \frac{1}{n})$ so $\frac{\bar{X}}{1/\sqrt{n}} \sim N(0, 1)$ which implies

$$P\left(\frac{\bar{X}}{1/\sqrt{n}} > 2.326\right) = .01 \text{ (from the bottom row of the } t\text{-table).}$$

So $K = 2.326$. (If $\mu < 0$, then $\frac{\bar{X}}{1/\sqrt{n}} \sim N(\mu, 1) \Rightarrow P\left(\frac{\bar{X}}{1/\sqrt{n}} > 2.326\right) = P\left(\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{1/\sqrt{n}} > 2.326 - \frac{\mu}{1/\sqrt{n}}\right) < .01$.

(c) The power when $\mu=1$ and $n=9$ is

$$P\left(\frac{\bar{X}}{1/\sqrt{9}} > 2.326\right) = P\left(\frac{\bar{X} - 1}{1/\sqrt{9}} > 2.326 - \frac{1}{1/\sqrt{9}}\right) = P\left(\frac{\bar{X} - 1}{1/\sqrt{9}} > -.674\right)$$

is between .7486 and .7517.

5. (a) The joint pmf of X_1, \dots, X_5 is

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_5 | \theta) = \theta^{\sum x_i} (1-\theta)^{5-\sum x_i} \prod_{i=1}^5 I_{\{0,1\}}(x_i)$$

$T(\underline{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^5 X_i$ is sufficient for θ .

By the Neyman-Pearson Lemma (corollary), the test with rejection region S which satisfies

$$t \in S \text{ if } g(t|\theta_1) > k g(t|\theta_0)$$

$$\text{and } t \in S^c \text{ if } g(t|\theta_1) < k g(t|\theta_0)$$

for some $k \geq 0$ is a UMP level α test. Consider the likelihood ratios

$$\frac{g(t|\theta_1)}{g(t|\theta_0)} = \frac{\binom{5}{t} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^t \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{5-t}}{\binom{5}{t} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^t \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{5-t}} = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^t \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-t} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5 = 3^t \cdot \frac{1}{32}$$

which is increasing in t so $S = \{t \mid t \geq d\}$. If $\alpha = \frac{6}{32}$, then

$$\frac{6}{32} = P_{\theta=\frac{1}{2}}(T \geq d) \Rightarrow d=4 \text{ since } P(T=5) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5 = \frac{1}{32}$$

$$P(T=4) = \binom{5}{4} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^1 = \frac{5}{32}.$$

Equivalently, we reject H_0 when $\frac{g(t|\theta_1)}{g(t|\theta_0)} > k$ and fail to reject when $\frac{g(t|\theta_1)}{g(t|\theta_0)} < k$ for any $k \in \left[\frac{27}{32}, \frac{81}{32}\right)$.

(b) The probability of a Type II error is

$$P_{\theta=\frac{3}{4}}(T < 4) = 1 - P_{\theta=\frac{3}{4}}(T \geq 4)$$

$$= 1 - P_{\theta=\frac{3}{4}}(T=4) - P_{\theta=\frac{3}{4}}(T=5)$$

$$= 1 - \binom{5}{4} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^4 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^1 - \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^5$$

$$= 1 - \frac{5 \cdot 3^4}{1024} - \frac{3^5}{1024} = 1 - \frac{405+243}{1024}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{648}{1024} = \frac{376}{1024} = \frac{47}{128} \approx .367$$