

# STA355H1 - Assignment 4

1. (a) The NP test statistic is

$$T(X_1, \dots, X_n) = \frac{f(X_1, \dots, X_n; \mu = 0, \sigma^2 = 3)}{f(X_1, \dots, X_n; \mu = 0, \sigma^2 = 2)} = \frac{2^n \exp(-\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2/6)}{3^n \exp(-\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2/4)} = \frac{2^n}{3^n} \exp\left(\frac{1}{12} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2\right)$$

and by the NP lemma, the MP test rejects  $H_0$  at level  $\alpha$  if  $\sum_{i=1}^n T(X_1, \dots, X_n) \geq \eta$  where  $\mathbb{P}_{\sigma^2=2}(\sum_{i=1}^n T(X_1, \dots, X_n) \geq \eta) = \alpha$  for some  $\eta$ . Notice that since

$$\mathbb{P}_{\sigma^2=2}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n T(X_1, \dots, X_n) \geq \eta\right) = \mathbb{P}_{\sigma^2=2}\left(\exp\left(\frac{1}{12} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2\right) \geq \frac{3^n \eta}{2^n}\right) = \mathbb{P}_{\sigma^2=2}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 \geq 12 \ln\left(\frac{3^n \eta}{2^n}\right)\right)$$

this is equivalent to rejecting  $H_0$  at level  $\alpha$  if  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 \geq k := 12 \ln(3^n \eta / 2^n)$ .

- (b) Define  $Z_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$  and note that  $\sum_{i=1}^{20} Z_i^2 \sim \chi^2(20)$ . Since  $Z_i = X_i / \sqrt{2}$  for  $X_i \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 2)$ , we have  $\sum_{i=1}^{20} X_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{20} 2Z_i^2 \sim 2\chi^2(20)$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{P}_{\sigma^2=2}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 \geq k\right) &= \mathbb{P}_{\sigma^2=2}(2\chi^2(20) \geq k) = 1 - \mathbb{P}_{\sigma^2=2}(\chi^2(20) < k/2) = 0.01 \\ \implies \mathbb{P}_{\sigma^2=2}(\chi^2(20) < k/2) &= 0.99 \end{aligned}$$

which gives  $k = 2(37.57) = 75.14$  using R; see the attached code and output.

- (c) Denote  $\sigma_1^2$  as the  $\sigma^2$  under  $H_1$ . The test is UMP since  $\mathbb{P}_{\sigma^2=2}(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 \geq k) = \alpha$  stays the same and  $T(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  increases with  $\sigma_1^2$  for the same  $k$ , thereby increasing the power.

2. (a) The prior distribution function is

$$\int_{-\infty}^x \pi(\theta) d\theta = \beta \lambda^\beta \int_{\lambda}^x \theta^{-\beta-1} d\theta = -\lambda^\beta \theta^{-\beta} \Big|_{\lambda}^x = -\lambda^\beta x^{-\beta} + \lambda^\beta \lambda^{-\beta} = 1 - \lambda^\beta x^{-\beta} = F(x)$$

for  $x > \lambda$  and to find the quantile function,

$$y = 1 - \lambda^\beta x^{-\beta} \implies x = \left(\frac{1-y}{\lambda^\beta}\right)^{-1/\beta} = \lambda(1-y)^{-1/\beta} = F^{-1}(y)$$

for  $y \in (0, 1)$ . For the one-sided credible intervals for  $\theta$ , note that for  $p \in (0, 1)$ ,  $\mathbb{P}(\lambda < \theta \leq F^{-1}(p)) = p$  and  $\mathbb{P}(\theta > F^{-1}(1-p)) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(\theta \leq F^{-1}(1-p)) = 1 - (1-p) = p$ , so the  $100p\%$  intervals are  $(\lambda, F^{-1}(p)] = (\lambda, \lambda(1-p)^{-1/\beta}]$  and  $[F^{-1}(1-p), \infty) = [\lambda p^{-1/\beta}, \infty)$ .

For a two-sided credible interval for  $\theta$ , note that  $\mathbb{P}(F^{-1}(\frac{1-p}{2}) \leq \theta \leq F^{-1}(\frac{1+p}{2})) = \mathbb{P}(\theta \leq F^{-1}(\frac{1+p}{2})) - \mathbb{P}(\theta < F^{-1}(\frac{1-p}{2})) = \frac{1+p}{2} - \frac{1-p}{2} = p$ , so the  $100p\%$  interval is  $[F^{-1}(\frac{1-p}{2}), F^{-1}(\frac{1+p}{2})] = [\lambda(\frac{1+p}{2})^{-1/\beta}, \lambda(\frac{1-p}{2})^{-1/\beta}]$ . In fact, this can be generalized to  $[F^{-1}(o), F^{-1}(o+p)] = [\lambda(1-o)^{-1/\beta}, \lambda(1-o-p)^{-1/\beta}]$  for any  $o \in (0, 1-p)$ .

The prior mean is  $\mathbb{E}(\theta | \beta > 1) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \theta \pi(\theta) d\theta = \beta \lambda^\beta \int_{\lambda}^{\infty} \theta^{-\beta} d\theta = \beta \lambda^\beta \left(-\frac{\theta^{1-\beta}}{1-\beta}\right) \Big|_{\lambda}^{\infty} = 0 + \beta \lambda^\beta \frac{\lambda^{1-\beta}}{1-\beta} = \beta \lambda / (1-\beta)$ .

3. (a) Assume that  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are independent. To find  $\pi(\theta|x_1, \dots, x_n)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\pi(\theta)p(x_1, \dots, x_n; \theta) &= \frac{\lambda^\alpha \theta^{\alpha-1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} e^{-\lambda\theta} \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\theta^{x_i}}{x_i!} e^{-\theta} = \frac{\lambda^\alpha \theta^{\alpha-1+\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}}{\Gamma(\alpha) \prod_{i=1}^n x_i!} e^{-\theta(\lambda+n)} \\
\int_{\mathbb{R}} \pi(s)p(x_1, \dots, x_n; \theta) ds &= \int_0^\infty \frac{\lambda^\alpha s^{\alpha-1+\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}}{\Gamma(\alpha) \prod_{i=1}^n x_i!} e^{-s(\lambda+n)} ds \\
&= \frac{\lambda^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha) \prod_{i=1}^n x_i!} \int_0^\infty s^{\alpha-1+\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} e^{-s(\lambda+n)} ds \\
&= \frac{\lambda^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha) \prod_{i=1}^n x_i!} \int_0^\infty \left(\frac{u}{\lambda+n}\right)^{\alpha-1+\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} e^{-u} \frac{du}{\lambda+n} \quad (1) \\
&= \frac{\lambda^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)(\lambda+n)^{\alpha+\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} \prod_{i=1}^n x_i!} \int_0^\infty u^{\alpha-1+\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} e^{-u} du \\
&= \frac{\lambda^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha + \sum_{i=1}^n x_i)}{\Gamma(\alpha)(\lambda+n)^{\alpha+\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} \prod_{i=1}^n x_i!} \quad (2) \\
\pi(\theta|x_1, \dots, x_n) &= \frac{\pi(\theta)p(x_1, \dots, x_n; \theta)}{\int_{\mathbb{R}} \pi(s)p(x_1, \dots, x_n; \theta) ds} = \frac{\theta^{\alpha-1+\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} (\lambda+n)^{\alpha+\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \sum_{i=1}^n x_i)} e^{-\theta(\lambda+n)} \\
&= g(\theta; \alpha + \sum_{i=1}^n x_i, \lambda + n)
\end{aligned}$$

where we used  $u = s(\lambda + n)$  such that  $du = (\lambda + n)ds$  in (1) and the definition of the Gamma function in (2). Note that this is only a valid density when  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i > \alpha$ . Furthermore,

$$\begin{aligned}
\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \pi(\theta|x_1, \dots, x_n) &= e^{-\theta(\lambda+n)} \lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 0} \frac{\theta^{\alpha-1+\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} (\lambda+n)^{\alpha+\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}}{\Gamma(\alpha + \sum_{i=1}^n x_i)} \\
&= e^{-\theta(\lambda+n)} \frac{\theta^{-1+\sum_{i=1}^n x_i} (\lambda+n)^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}}{\Gamma(\sum_{i=1}^n x_i)} = g(\theta; \sum_{i=1}^n x_i, \lambda + n)
\end{aligned}$$

which is a proper density when  $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i > 0$ .

(b) First, noting that  $\Gamma(\alpha + 1) = \alpha\Gamma(\alpha)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^\infty \theta g(\theta; \alpha, \lambda) d\theta &= \int_0^\infty \frac{\lambda^\alpha \theta^{\alpha-1+1}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} e^{-\lambda\theta} d\theta = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda} \int_0^\infty \frac{\lambda^{\alpha+1} \theta^{\alpha-1+1}}{\Gamma(\alpha+1)} e^{-\lambda\theta} d\theta \\
&= \frac{\alpha}{\lambda} \int_0^\infty g(\theta; \alpha+1, \lambda) d\theta = \frac{\alpha}{\lambda}
\end{aligned}$$

so  $\mathbb{E}(\theta) = \alpha/\lambda$  since the prior density is  $g(\theta; \alpha, \lambda)$  and similarly  $\mathbb{E}(\theta|x_1, \dots, x_n) = (\alpha + \sum_{i=1}^n x_i)/(\lambda + n)$  since the posterior density is  $g(\theta; \alpha + \sum_{i=1}^n x_i, \lambda + n)$ .