

PhD Prelim Exam

THEORY

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1. [5 + 5] Let ν be a nonnegative r.v. Show that

$$E\nu = \int_0^\infty P(\nu \geq t)dt = \int_0^\infty P(\nu > t)dt.$$

Conclude that $E\nu < \infty$ iff $\sum_{k=1}^\infty P(\nu \geq k) < \infty$.

2. [10 + 5] State the Borel-Cantelli lemmas and prove the first one.

3. [5 + 8 + 7]

- (a) Let $\{Y_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ be independent r.v. such that for each n , $P(Y_n = 1) = \frac{1}{n} = 1 - P(Y_n = 0)$. Show that Y_n converges to zero in probability but not with probability one. (Hint: Use the second Borel-Cantelli lemma.)
- (b) Let $\{\nu_i\}_{i \geq 1}$ be a sequence of iidrv. Show that $\frac{\nu_k}{k} \rightarrow 0$ w.p.1 iff $E|\nu_1| < \infty$. (Hint: Use both Borel-Cantelli lemmas.)
- (c) Show that if $Y_n \xrightarrow{P} Y$ then $Y_n \rightarrow Y$ in distribution. Show by an example that the converse is not true.

4. [5 + 15] Let $\{\epsilon_i\}_{i \geq 1}$ be a sequence of iidrv with $E(\log |\epsilon_1|)^+ < \infty$. Let $|\rho| < 1$. Let $\hat{X}_n \equiv \sum_{j=1}^n \rho^{j-1} \epsilon_j, n \geq 1$.

- (a) Show that $\lim_n \hat{X}_n \equiv \hat{X}_\infty$ exists w.p.1. (Hint: Use 3b to show $|\epsilon_j| = O(\lambda^j)$ w.p.1 for any $\lambda > 1$ and the fact $|\rho| < 1$.)
- (b) Now assume that $E\epsilon_1^2 < \infty$ and $E\epsilon_1 = 0$ and $|\rho| < 1$. Show that $\{\hat{X}_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ is Cauchy in mean square, that is,

$$E(\hat{X}_n - \hat{X}_m)^2 \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n, m \rightarrow \infty.$$

Conclude that $E\hat{X}_\infty^2 < \infty$ and $E(\hat{X}_n - \hat{X}_\infty)^2 \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

5. [5 + 5 + 5 + 5] Let $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ be a sequence of random variables defined by the stochastic recurrence equation

$$X_n = \rho X_{n-1} + \epsilon_n, n \geq 1$$

where $\{\epsilon_j\}_{j \geq 1}$ are iidrv independent of X_0 and ρ is a constant.

- (a) Express X_n in terms of $\rho, X_0, \epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \dots, \epsilon_n$.
- (b) Show that $X_n - \rho^n X_0$ and $\hat{X}_n \equiv \sum_1^n \rho^{j-1} \epsilon_j$ have the same distribution.
- (c) Assume $|\rho| < 1$ and $E(\log |\epsilon_1|)^+ < \infty$. Show that X_n converges in distribution to \hat{X}_∞ as defined in 4(a).
- (d) Show that X_n does not converge in probability by considering $X_n - X_{n-1}$.

6. [7 + 8]

- (a) Consider the problem of estimating ρ based on the data $\{X_j : 0 \leq j \leq n\}$ defined on a probability space (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) . Derive the least squares estimator $\hat{\rho}_n$ of ρ defined as the minimizer of $\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} (X_{j+1} - \rho X_j)^2$. Show that $\hat{\rho}_n$ is \mathcal{F} measurable.
- (b) Show that if $\frac{\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} X_j \epsilon_{j+1}}{(\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} X_j^2)} \xrightarrow{P} 0$ then $\hat{\rho}_n$ is a weakly consistent estimator of ρ , i.e. $\hat{\rho}_n \xrightarrow{P} \rho$.

1. If γ is defined on a p. space $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}, P)$ then

$$\begin{aligned} E\gamma &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \gamma dP = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^+} I_{[\epsilon, \gamma(\omega)]} dt \right) dP \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} I_{[\epsilon, \gamma(\omega)]} dP \right) dt \quad \text{by Tonelli} \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} P(\gamma(\omega) > t) dt \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Similarly } E \int_{\mathbb{R}} \gamma(\omega) dP &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}^+} I_{[\epsilon, \gamma(\omega)]} dt \right) dP \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \left(\int_{\mathbb{R}} dt \right) dP = \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} P(\gamma(\omega) > t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

2. BW

3. a) Let $A_n \equiv (\gamma_n = 1)$. Then $\sum P(A_n) = \sum \frac{1}{n} = \infty$
 Since (A_n) are indep by Borel-Cantelli 2nd lemma
 $P(\text{at least infinitely many } A_n \text{ happen}) = 1$

i. $P(\lim X_n = 1) = 1$ Thus $X_n \xrightarrow{w.p.1} 0$
 But $P(|X_n| > \epsilon) = \frac{1}{n}$ (for any $\epsilon < 1$)
 $\rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. So $X_n \xrightarrow{P} 0$.

b) $E|\gamma_i| < \infty \Rightarrow \forall \epsilon > 0, E \frac{|\gamma_i|}{\epsilon} < \infty$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{\mathbb{R}} P(|\gamma_i| > \epsilon k) < \infty$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{\mathbb{R}} P\left(\left|\frac{\gamma_i}{k}\right| > \frac{\epsilon}{k}\right) < \infty$$

By Borel-Cantelli's first lemma

$$\Rightarrow P\left(\lim \left|\frac{\gamma_i}{k}\right| \leq \epsilon\right) = 1.$$

This being true $\forall \epsilon > 0 \Rightarrow P(\lim |\frac{\gamma_i}{k}| = 0) = 1$

Conversely, if $\frac{Y_n}{n} \rightarrow 0$ a.s., then

$\forall \epsilon > 0$, $P(\text{infinitely many } A_k \text{ happen}) = 0$

$$\text{where } A_k = \left(\left| \frac{Y_k}{k} \right| > \epsilon \right).$$

By Borel-Cantelli second lemma $\sum P(A_k) < \infty$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_k P\left(\left|Y_k\right| > \epsilon k\right) < \infty \Rightarrow E\left|\frac{Y_1}{\epsilon}\right| < \infty$$

(by part 1)

$$\Rightarrow E|Y_1| < \infty.$$

A. a) Since $E(\log \epsilon_n)^+ < \infty$,

$$\frac{(\log \epsilon_n)^+}{n} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{a.s.}$$

So $\forall M > 0$, $\log \epsilon_n < M n$ for all large n a.s.

$$\Rightarrow |\epsilon_n| = O((e^M)^n) \quad \text{a.s.}$$

$$\text{b) } \Rightarrow \text{for } \epsilon_n \Rightarrow |\epsilon_n| < C(n)(e^\eta)^n \quad \text{a.s. for large } n,$$

$$\Rightarrow |P^n \epsilon_n| < C(n)(P e^\eta)^n$$

Now since $|P| < 1$, choose $\eta > 0 \Rightarrow Pe^\eta < 1$.

$$\text{b) } E(\hat{X}_n - \hat{X}_m)^2 = E((\hat{X}_n - \hat{X}_m)^2 / \text{since } E\epsilon_i = 0)$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^m (P^n)^2 (E\epsilon_i^2) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n, m \rightarrow \infty,$$

Let $X_0, (\epsilon_i)_{i \geq 1}$ be defined on (Ω, \mathcal{B}, P) .

Then $\{\hat{X}_n\}_{n \geq 1} \subset L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{B}, P)$. which is complete
 $\Rightarrow \hat{X}_n$ converges in L^2 to some Y say.

But since $E(\log|\rho|)^+ < \infty$ and $|\rho| < 1$ by (4)(a)

$$\hat{X}_n \rightarrow \hat{X}_\infty \text{ wpl.} \quad \text{So } Y = \hat{X}_\infty$$

$$\text{So } \hat{X}_n \rightarrow \hat{X}_\infty \text{ in } L^2.$$

$$\begin{aligned} 5. \quad a) \quad X_n &= \rho X_{n-1} + \epsilon_n \\ &= \rho(\rho X_{n-2} + \epsilon_{n-1}) + \epsilon_n \\ &= \rho^2(\rho X_{n-3} + \epsilon_{n-2}) + \rho \epsilon_{n-1} + \epsilon_n \\ &= \rho^n X_0 + \rho^{n-1} \epsilon_1 + \rho^{n-2} \epsilon_2 + \dots + \rho \epsilon_{n-1} + \epsilon_n \\ \Rightarrow b) \quad X_n - \rho^n X_0 &= \sum_{j=1}^n \rho^{n-j} \epsilon_j \sim \hat{X}_n \equiv \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \rho^j \epsilon_j \end{aligned}$$

Since $\{\epsilon_j\}_{j \geq 1}$ are iid.

c) Since $X_n \leftarrow \hat{X}_n$ have the same distribution

$$+ \hat{X}_n \rightarrow \hat{X}_\infty \text{ wpl.} \Rightarrow \hat{X}_n \rightarrow \hat{X}_\infty \text{ in distribution}$$

(it follows that $X_n \rightarrow \hat{X}_\infty$ in distribution.)

$$d) \quad X_n - X_{n-1} = (\rho-1) X_{n-1} + \epsilon_n$$

Also X_{n-1} and ϵ_n are indep. Since $X_{n-1} \xrightarrow{d} \hat{X}_\infty$

$$X_n - X_{n-1} \xrightarrow{d} (\rho-1) \hat{X}_\infty + \epsilon_n \quad \text{where } \hat{X}_\infty + \epsilon_n \text{ are indep.}$$

Then $X_n - X_{n-1} \xrightarrow{d} 0$ in distribution

so $X_n - X_{n-1} \xrightarrow{P} 0 \Rightarrow \{X_n\}$ cannot converge in probability

$$6 \text{ a) } \frac{d}{dp} \left(\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} (x_{j+1} - px_j)^2 \right) = 2 \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} (x_{j+1} - px_j) x_j = 0 \\ \frac{d^2}{dp^2} = -2 \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} x_j^2 < 0$$

$$\text{So } p_n = \frac{\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} x_{j+1} x_j}{\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} x_j^2} \text{ is the minimizer.}$$

Since it is a rational fn of $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$

it is a rv.

$$\text{b) Since } x_{j+1} = p x_j + \epsilon_{j+1}$$

$$p_n = \frac{p \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} x_j^2 + \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} x_j \epsilon_{j+1}}{\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} x_j^2}$$

$$= p + \frac{\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} x_j \epsilon_{j+1}}{\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} x_j^2}$$

$$\xrightarrow{p} p \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} x_j \epsilon_{j+1}}{\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} x_j^2} \xrightarrow{p} 0 \quad \text{by hypothesis.}$$

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The notion of conditional independence.

Let (Ω, \mathcal{F}, P) be a probability space, \mathcal{G}_i , for $i = 1, 2, 3$, be three σ -algebras of events. Then \mathcal{G}_1 and \mathcal{G}_2 are said to be conditionally independent given \mathcal{G}_3 if for any $A_i \in \mathcal{G}_i$, $i = 1$ and 2 ,

$$P(A_1 A_2 | \mathcal{G}_3) = P(A_1 | \mathcal{G}_3) P(A_2 | \mathcal{G}_3) \quad \text{w.p.1}$$

Let Z_i , $i = 1, 2, 3$, be three random variables defined on the probability space and $\sigma(Z_i)$ be the σ -algebra generated by Z_i . Then Z_1 and Z_2 are said to be conditionally independent given Z_3 if $\sigma(Z_1)$ and $\sigma(Z_2)$ are conditionally independent given $\sigma(Z_3)$.

1. (10 Marks) Prove that if \mathcal{G}_1 and \mathcal{G}_2 are conditionally independent given \mathcal{G}_3 then

$$P(A_1 | \sigma(\mathcal{G}_2 \cup \mathcal{G}_3)) = P(A_1 | \mathcal{G}_3) \quad \text{w.p.1} \quad (1)$$

where $\sigma(\mathcal{G}_2 \cup \mathcal{G}_3)$ is the smallest σ -algebra containing both \mathcal{G}_1 and \mathcal{G}_2 .

Missing at Random

Let $Y \in R$ be the outcome random variable and $X \in R^p$ be a covariate random variable of a statistical experiment. It is common that the outcome variable Y can be missing for the experiment. Let δ be the missing indicator variable such that

$$\delta = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } Y \text{ is observed;} \\ 0, & \text{if } Y \text{ is missing} \end{cases}$$

An important notion in analyzing data with missing values is the following notion of Strongly Ignorable Missing at Random or Missing at Random (MAR):

$$Y \text{ and } \delta \text{ are conditionally independent given } X \quad (2)$$

2. (5 marks) Show that the MAR implies that $E(\delta|Y, X) = E(\delta|X)$.

Let $w(X) = E(\delta|X)$ which is the so-called propensity score function.

3. (5 marks) Show that MAR implies $P(\delta = 1|X, w(X)) = P(\delta = 1|w(X))$.

4. (10 marks) Let $b(\cdot)$ be a measurable function from $R^p \rightarrow R$. Prove that $P(\delta = 1|X, b(X)) = P(\delta = 1|b(X))$ if and only if $b(x)$ is finer than $w(x)$ in the sense that $w(x) = f(b(x))$ for some measurable function f .

Suppose that the above said statistical experiment is repeated independently for $m + n$ times. The observed data consist of two parts:

$$(\delta_1 = 1, Y_1, X_1), \dots, (\delta_m = 1, Y_m, X_m)$$

and

$$(\delta_{m+1} = ?, Y_{m+1}, X_{m+1}), \dots, (\delta_{m+n} = ?, Y_{m+n}, X_{m+n}).$$

where ? stands for missing values. Here m is a positive integer. Let $N = n + m$.

Suppose that a parametric model for the propensity function $w(x)$ is available, i.e.

$$w(x) = w(x, \theta_0),$$

where the form of w is known up to a unknown r -dimensional parameter $\theta \in R^r$ whose true value is θ_0 . The conditional binomial log likelihood of θ is

$$\ell_B(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^N [\delta_i \log w(X_i, \theta) + (1 - \delta_i) \log \{1 - w(X_i, \theta)\}]. \quad (3)$$

Let $\hat{\theta}_N$ be a solution of the conditional likelihood score equation:

$$\frac{\partial \ell_B(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = 0. \quad (4)$$

Let us assume in addition to MAR the following conditions:

- C1: There exists an open neighbourhood of the true parameter θ_0 , say Θ_{θ_0} , such that for any x , and $\theta \in \Theta_{\theta_0}$, $0 < C_1 \leq w(x; \theta) \leq C_2 < 1$ for two fixed constants C_1 and C_2 .
- C2: The propensity score $w(x, \theta)$ is twice continuously differentiable for each θ in Θ_θ
- C3: Both $E\left(\frac{\partial w(X_i, \theta)}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial w(X_i, \theta)^T}{\partial \theta}\right)$ and $E\left(\frac{\partial^2 w(X_i, \theta)}{\partial \theta^2}\right)$ are finite matrices of full ranks for all $\theta \in \Theta_\theta$.
- C4: $\hat{\theta}_N$ converges to θ_0 in probability as $N \rightarrow \infty$.

Let

$$q_N(\theta) = N^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{\delta_i - w(X_i, \theta)}{w(X_i, \theta)\{1 - w(X_i, \theta)\}} \frac{\partial w(X_i, \theta)}{\partial \theta}.$$

5. (5 marks) Show that as $N \rightarrow \infty$ $q_N(\theta_0)$ is asymptotically normally distributed and derive the mean and variance of the asymptotic distribution.

6. (5 marks) Let $w_i(\theta) = w(X_i, \theta)$ and

$$\begin{aligned} B_N(\theta) &= N^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N \left[\frac{\delta_i - w_i(\theta)}{w_i(\theta)\{1-w_i(\theta)\}} \right] \left[\frac{\partial^2 w_i(\theta)}{\partial \theta^2} - \frac{\{1-2w_i(\theta)\}}{w_i(\theta)(1-w_i(\theta))} \frac{\partial w_i(\theta)}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial w_i^T(\theta)}{\partial \theta} \right] \\ &\quad + N^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N \left[\frac{1}{1-w_i(\theta)} \frac{\partial w_i(\theta)}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial w_i^T(\theta)}{\partial \theta} \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Derive the limit to which $B_N(\theta_0)$ converges in probability as $N \rightarrow \infty$.

7. (10 Marks) Establish the asymptotic normality of $\hat{\theta}_N$ and derive the mean and variance of the asymptotic distribution.

1. $\forall A_i \in \mathcal{G}_i, i=1,2,3,$

$$P(A_1 A_2 | \mathcal{G}_3)$$

$$\int_{A_2 A_3} I_{A_1} dP = \int_{A_3} I_{A_1 A_2} dP \stackrel{\text{Def}}{=} \int_{A_3} E(I_{A_1 A_2} | \mathcal{G}_3) dP$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Cond.} \\ \hline \text{indpt} \end{array} \int_{A_3} P(A_1 | \mathcal{G}_3) P(A_2 | \mathcal{G}_3) dP = \int_{A_3} E\{P(A_1 | \mathcal{G}_3) I_{A_2}\} dP$$

$$= \int_{A_3} I_{A_2} P(A_1 | \mathcal{G}_3) dP = \int_{A_2 A_3} P(A_1 | \mathcal{G}_3) dP \quad (1)$$

Let $D = \{A_2 A_3 \mid A_2 \in \mathcal{G}_2, A_3 \in \mathcal{G}_3\}$ which forms

a Π -class and $\sigma(D) = \sigma(\mathcal{G}_1 \cup \mathcal{G}_2).$

Thus from a theorem given :- 643

$$E\{I_{A_1} | \sigma(\mathcal{G}_2 \cup \mathcal{G}_3)\} = E\{I_{A_1} | \mathcal{G}_3\}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(A_1 | \sigma(\mathcal{G}_2 \cup \mathcal{G}_3)) = P(A_1 | \mathcal{G}_3)$$

2. Let $\mathcal{G}_1 = \sigma(\delta), \mathcal{G}_2 = \sigma(Y), \mathcal{G}_3 = \sigma(X)$

$A_1 = \{\delta = 1\}$ and Apply the conclusion of 1

3. As $\sigma(x, w(x)) = \sigma(x)$, $P(\delta=1 | x, w(x)) = P(\delta=1 | x) = E(\delta | x)$,
 since $\sigma(w(x)) \subset \sigma(x)$, (3.1)

$$\begin{aligned} E(\delta | w(x)) &= E\{E(\delta | x) | w(x)\} \\ &= E(w(x) | w(x)) = w(x) \\ &= E(\delta | x) \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(\delta=1 | x, w(x)) = P(\delta=1 | w(x)).$$

Hence, given $w(x)$, δ & x are conditionally indept.

4. " \Leftarrow " If $b(x)$ is finer than $w(x)$, i.e
 $\sigma(b(x)) \supset \sigma(w(x))$, repeat above (3.1) & (3.2)

$$\Rightarrow P(\delta=1 | x, b(x)) = E(\delta | x) = w(x) \quad (3.1')$$

and

$$E(\delta | b(x)) = E(w(x) | b(x)) = w(x)$$

as $\sigma(w(x)) \subset \sigma(b(x)) \Rightarrow$ required.

\Rightarrow Suppose that $b(x)$ is not fairer than $w(x)$, i.e

$$\exists x_1, x_2 \text{ s.t. } w(x_1) \neq w(x_2) \text{ but } b(x_1) = b(x_2)$$

Hence $P(\delta=1 | X=x_1) \neq P(\delta=1 | X=x_2)$

However, as $b(x_1) = b(x_2)$, from hypothesis

$$\begin{aligned} w(x_1) &= P(\delta=1 | X_1, b(x_1)) = P(\delta=1 | b(x_1)) = P(\delta=1 | b(x_2)) \\ &= P(\delta=1 | X_2, b(x_2)) = w(x_2), \text{ contradiction.} \end{aligned}$$

5. As q_n is a sum of IID r. vectors,

$$\begin{aligned} E\left(\frac{\delta_i - w(x_i; \theta)}{w(x_i; \theta) \{1-w(x_i; \theta)\}} \frac{\partial w}{\partial \theta}\right) &= E\left(\frac{\frac{\partial w}{\partial \theta}}{w(x_i; \theta)(1-w(x_i; \theta))} E(\delta_i - w_i | x_i) \right) \\ &= 0 \quad \text{Since } E(\delta_i | x_i) = w(x_i; \theta) \triangleq w_i \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}\left(\frac{\delta_i - w(x_i; \theta)}{w_i(1-w_i)} \frac{\partial w}{\partial \theta}\right) &= E\left(\frac{(\delta_i - w_i)^2}{w_i^2(1-w_i)^2} \frac{\partial w(x_i)}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial w(x_i)}{\partial \theta}\right) \\ &= E\left(\frac{\frac{\partial w(x_i; \theta)}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial w(x_i; \theta)}{\partial \theta}}{w_i(1-w_i)}\right) \end{aligned}$$

which is bounded away from infinite and above from zero due to C1 & C3.

we have

$$\sqrt{n} \delta q_n \xrightarrow{d} N\left(0, E \frac{\frac{\partial w}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial w}{\partial \theta}}{W(1-W)}\right)$$

as $\min\{m, t\} \rightarrow \infty$.

6. B_n is a sum of IID r. vectors

$$E(B_n) = E\left(\frac{1}{Ew(x_i; \theta)} \frac{\partial w(x_i; \theta)}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial w(x_i; \theta)}{\partial \theta}\right) = \lambda_\theta$$

Hence $B_n \xrightarrow{P} \lambda_\theta$ as $\min\{m, t\} \rightarrow \infty$

$$7. \frac{\partial l_B(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = \frac{n}{2} \left\{ \frac{\delta_i \frac{\partial w(x_i, \theta)}{\partial \theta}}{w(x_i, \theta)} - \frac{(1-\delta_i) \frac{\partial w(x_i, \theta)}{\partial \theta}}{1-w(x_i, \theta)} \right\}$$

$$= \frac{n}{2} \frac{\delta_i - w(x_i, \theta)}{w(x_i, \theta) \{1-w(x_i, \theta)\}} \frac{\partial w(x_i, \theta)}{\partial \theta} = n q_n(\theta)$$

Note that

As $\frac{\partial l_B(\theta)}{\partial \theta} \Big|_{\theta=\hat{\theta}_n} = 0$

$$\frac{\partial^2 l_B(\theta)}{\partial \theta^2} = n \frac{\partial q_n(\theta)}{\partial \theta} = n B_n(\theta)$$

From Taylor expansion

$$0 = q_n(\theta_0) + B_n(\tilde{\theta}_n)(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta_0) \quad \text{for some } \tilde{\theta}_n \text{ between } \theta_0 \text{ and } \theta.$$

$$\tilde{\theta}_n \xrightarrow{P} \theta. \quad \text{As } \hat{\theta}_n \xrightarrow{P} \theta \Rightarrow \tilde{\theta}_n \xrightarrow{P} \theta \text{ too}$$

$$C_2 \Rightarrow B_n(\theta') \text{ is continuous in } \hat{\theta}_n.$$

Apply (continuous) mapping Theorem and Part 6

$$B_n(\tilde{\theta}_n) \xrightarrow{P} \lambda_\theta > 0 \quad \text{positive definite}$$

$$\text{Part 5} \Rightarrow \sqrt{n} q_n(\theta) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, E \frac{\frac{\partial w}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial w'}{\partial \theta}}{w(w)})$$

Apply Slutsky Th

$$\sqrt{n} (\hat{\theta}_n - \theta) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \lambda_\theta^{-1} E \frac{\frac{\partial w}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial w'}{\partial \theta}}{w(w)} \lambda_\theta^{-1})$$

- a) Prove the following simple lemma. (You may use the lemma in what follows even if you can not prove it.).

Lemma Suppose that F is a continuous distribution with probability density function on $(-\infty, \infty)$

$$f(x) = C \exp(ax^2 + bx)$$

(for real numbers $a < 0, C$, and b). Then F is Normal with mean $\mu = -b/2a$ and variance $\sigma^2 = -1/2a$.

- b) Suppose that (T, W) is a random vector such that $T \sim N(\delta, \gamma^2)$ and that conditioned on $T = t$, $U \sim N(t, \eta^2)$. Find the conditional distribution of T given that $U = u$.

- c) Now suppose that $\mu \sim N(0, \gamma^2)$ and that conditioned on μ , variables W_1, W_2, \dots, W_n are iid $N(\mu, 1)$. Let $\bar{W}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n W_i$. What is the conditional distribution of μ given that $\bar{W}_n = \bar{w}_n$? (Hint: what is the conditional distribution of \bar{W}_n given μ ?) Evaluate the function of w ,

$$m_n(w) \equiv E[\mu | \bar{W}_n = w]$$

- d) Now suppose that μ is a fixed unknown quantity and that the variables W_1, W_2, \dots, W_n are iid $N(\mu, 1)$. With $m_n(w)$ as defined in c) consider the random quantity $m_n(\bar{W}_n)$. Show that this converges to a constant in probability and identify the limit.

Now suppose that n values $0 = x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n = 1$ are known, and that for two real numbers μ_1 and μ_2 and a $c \in (0, 1)$ we define the function

$$\mu(x) \equiv \mu_1 I[x < c] + \mu_2 I[x \geq c]$$

Suppose further that (given the parameters μ_1, μ_2 , and c) variables Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n are independent Normal random variables with variance 1, and means

$$E Y_i = \mu_i = \mu(x_i)$$

(Y_i has mean μ_1 if $x_i < c$, and otherwise has mean μ_2). Consider the statistical problem with parameter vector (μ_1, μ_2, c) .

- e) Write out a likelihood for this problem, $L_n(\mu_1, \mu_2, c)$. For fixed c , what values of μ_1 and μ_2 maximize $L_n(\cdot, \cdot, c)$? Call these $\hat{\mu}_1(c)$ and $\hat{\mu}_2(c)$ and use the notations

$$f(y|\mu) \text{ for the } N(\mu, 1) \text{ pdf and } n_1(c) = \sum_{i=1}^n I[x_i < c]$$

- f) Is there a unique maximum likelihood estimator for the parameter vector (μ_1, μ_2, c) ? Explain carefully.

- g) As explicitly as is possible, give a likelihood ratio test statistic for testing the hypothesis $H_0: c = .5$ versus $H_a: c \neq .5$.

Consider a Bayes version of the inference problem for (μ_1, μ_2, c) . In particular, suppose that we give (μ_1, μ_2, c) a (prior) distribution G under which the parameters are independent with

$$\mu_1 \sim N(0, \gamma^2)$$

$$\mu_2 \sim N(0, \gamma^2)$$

$$c \sim U(0, 1)$$

Let $g(\mu | 0, \gamma^2)$ stand for the $N(0, \gamma^2)$ probability density and use the notation

$$h_1(c, Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\prod_{i=1}^{n_1(c)} f(Y_i | \mu) \right) g(\mu | 0, \gamma^2) d\mu \text{ and}$$

$$h_2(c, Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\prod_{i=n_1(c)+1}^n f(Y_i | \mu) \right) g(\mu | 0, \gamma^2) d\mu$$

- h) Evaluate $E[\mu_1 | c, Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n]$

- i) Write (in terms of the functions h_1 and h_2) a conditional pdf for c given Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n . (Notice that this pdf is constant on each interval (x_{i-1}, x_i) .)

- j) Use your answers to h) and i) to evaluate $E[\mu_1 | Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n]$

- k) For an integer $1 < i < n$ evaluate $E[\mu(x_i) | Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n]$

a) $f(x) = C \exp\left(a\left[\left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2\right]\right)$

 $= \underbrace{C \exp\left(-\left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2\right)}_{\text{a constant}} \underbrace{\exp\left(a\left(x - \left(-\frac{b}{2a}\right)\right)^2\right)}_{\text{proportional to a normal pdf with mean } -\frac{b}{2a} \text{ and variance } \frac{1}{2a}}$

i.e. variance = $-\frac{1}{2a}$

b) The joint pdf for (T, U) is

$$f_{T,U}(t, u) = f_T(t) f_{U|T}(u|t)$$
 $= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\gamma^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\gamma^2}(t-\delta)^2\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\eta^2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\eta^2}(u-t)^2\right)$

For fixed u , this is a function of t proportional to $f_{T|U}(t|u) \propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{\gamma^2} + \frac{1}{\eta^2}\right)t^2 + \left(\frac{\delta}{\gamma^2} + \frac{u}{\eta^2}\right)t\right)$

Now apply the lemma. It implies that conditioned on $U=u$, T is normal with

$$\text{mean } M_{T|U=u} = \frac{\frac{1}{\eta^2}u + \frac{1}{\gamma^2}\delta}{\frac{1}{\eta^2} + \frac{1}{\gamma^2}}$$

and variance $\sigma_{T|U=u}^2 = \left(\frac{1}{\eta^2} + \frac{1}{\gamma^2}\right)^{-1}$

c) Note that conditioned on M , $\bar{W}_n \sim N(\mu, \frac{1}{n})$.

Apply part b) to conclude that conditioned on $\bar{W}_n = w$, M is normal with mean

$$m_n(w) = \frac{n w + \frac{\gamma^2}{\gamma^2}}{n + \frac{1}{\gamma^2}} = \left(\frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{n \gamma^2}} \right) w = \left(\frac{n \gamma^2}{n \gamma^2 + 1} \right) w$$

and variance

$$v_n = \left(n + \frac{1}{\gamma^2} \right)^{-1} = \left(\frac{n \gamma^2}{n \gamma^2 + 1} \right) \frac{1}{n}$$

d) For a fixed n , $\bar{W}_n \xrightarrow{P} \mu$ by LLN. Since for any fixed γ^2 ,

$$\frac{n \gamma^2}{n \gamma^2 + 1} \longrightarrow 1$$

The continuity of the product implies that

$$m_n(\bar{W}_n) = \frac{n \gamma^2}{n \gamma^2 + 1} (\bar{W}_n) \xrightarrow{P} \mu$$

(and we have consistency of $m_n(\bar{W}_n)$ for μ).

e) $L_n(M_1, M_2, c) = \prod_{i \leq n, (c)} f(y_i | M_1) \prod_{i > n, (c)} f(y_i | M_2)$

For fixed c , this is clearly maximized by choosing μ_1 and μ_2 to minimize respectively

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n_1(c)} (y_i - \mu_1)^2 \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{i=n_1(c)+1}^n (y_i - \mu_2)^2$$

Standard arguments then imply that

$$\hat{\mu}_1(c) = \bar{y}_1(c) = \frac{1}{n_1(c)} \sum_{i=1}^{n_1(c)} y_i \quad \text{and} \quad \hat{\mu}_2(c) = \bar{y}_2(c) = \frac{1}{n-n_1(c)} \sum_{i=n_1(c)+1}^n y_i$$

f) Consider maximizing the profile likelihood

$$L_n^*(c) \equiv L_n(\hat{\mu}_1(c), \hat{\mu}_2(c), c)$$

as a function of c . As c runs from 0 to 1, this changes values only as one crosses an x_i , i.e. this is constant on all intervals (x_{i-1}, x_i) and is, incidentally, right-continuous on $[0, 1]$. So if x_i is any element of $(0, 1)$ where $L_n^*(\cdot)$ is maximized, $L_n^*(\cdot)$ is constant on $[x_i, x_{i+1}]$ and there is no unique MLE of (μ_1, μ_2, c) .

g) A likelihood ratio statistic for testing $H_0: c = .5$ vs $H_A: c \neq .5$ is

$$\lambda = \frac{\sup_c L_n(\hat{\mu}_1(c), \hat{\mu}_2(c), c)}{L_n(\hat{\mu}_1(.5), \hat{\mu}_2(.5), .5)}$$

Note that maximization over c can be done by searching over the set of discrete values x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n . Thus

$$\lambda = \frac{\max_{j=1, \dots, n-1} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{l=1}^j (y_l - \bar{y}_1(x_j))^2 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=j+1}^n (y_i - \bar{y}_2(x_j))^2\right)}{\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \in S_1} (y_i - \bar{y}_1(.5))^2 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i \in S_2} (y_i - \bar{y}_2(.5))^2\right)}$$

$i.s.t.$
 $x_i < .5$ $x_i \geq .5$

1) The joint pdf for $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n, \mu_1, \mu_2, c$ is

$$\left(\prod_{i=1}^n f(y_i | \mu_i, \sigma^2) \right) g_1(\mu_1 | 0, \sigma^2) g_2(\mu_2 | 0, \sigma^2) I[0 < c < 1] \quad (*)$$

depends on μ_1, μ_2, c

For fixed c , if I integrate out μ_2 I'm left with

$$\left(\prod_{i=1}^{n_1(c)} f(y_i | \mu_i) \right) g(\mu_1 | 0, \sigma^2) \cdot h_2(c, y)$$

which, as a function of μ_1 , is proportional to

$$\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(n_1(c)\mu_1^2 - 2\mu_1 \sum_{i=1}^{n_1(c)} y_i)\right) \exp -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \mu_1^2$$

i.e. by the Lemma is Normal with mean

$$\left(-\sum_{i=1}^{n_1(c)} y_i \right) / 2 \left(-\frac{n_1(c)}{2} - \frac{1}{2\sigma^2} \right) = \bar{y}_1(c) \left(\frac{n_1(c)}{n_1(c) + \frac{1}{\sigma^2}} \right) \\ = \bar{y}_1(c) \left(\frac{n_1(c)\sigma^2}{n_1(c)\sigma^2 + 1} \right)$$

$$\text{So } E[\mu_1 | c, Y_1, \dots, Y_n] = \bar{Y}_1(c) \left(\frac{n_1(c)\sigma^2}{n_1(c)\sigma^2 + 1} \right)$$

(note that this is formally correct even in the special case where $n_1(c) = 0$)

2). The joint pdf for c, Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n is obtained by integrating μ_1, μ_2 out of $(*)$. This produces

$$h_1(c, y) h_2(c, y) I[0 < c < 1] \quad (\text{note } h_1(c, y) = 1 \text{ for } c < x_1 \text{ and } h_2(c, y) = 1 \text{ for } x_n < c)$$

This function is constant on the intervals (x_{i-1}, x_i) . So the marginal of Y_1, \dots, Y_n is

$$f(y) \equiv \int_0^1 h_1(c, y) h_2(c, y) dc$$

$$= x_1 h_2(x_1, y) + \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - x_{i-1}) h_1(x_i, y) h_2(x_i, y) \\ + (1-x_n) h_1(1, y)$$

and the conditional pdf of c given Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n is
Thus

$$h_1(c, y) h_2(c, y) / f(y) \text{ on } (0, 1)$$

j) $E[\mu_1 | Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n] = E[\underbrace{E[\mu_1 | c, Y_1, \dots, Y_n]}_{\text{computed in g}} | Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n]$

$$= \frac{1}{f(Y)} \left[\sum_{i=2}^n (x_i - x_{i-1}) h_1(x_i, Y) h_2(x_i, Y) \bar{Y}_1(x_i) \left(\frac{n_1(x_i) \gamma^2}{n_1(x_i) \gamma^2 + 1} \right) \right. \\ \left. + (1-x_n) h_1(1, Y) \bar{Y}_1(1) \left(\frac{n \gamma^2}{n \gamma^2 + 1} \right) \right]$$

k) There is (obviously) a formula for $E[\mu_2 | c, Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n]$
parallel to the one developed in g). So then

$$E[\mu(x_i) | c, Y_1, \dots, Y_n] = I[x_i < c] \bar{Y}_1(c) \left(\frac{n_1(c) \gamma^2}{n_1(c) \gamma^2 + 1} \right) \\ + I[x_i \geq c] \bar{Y}_2(c) \left(\frac{(n-n_1(c)) \gamma^2}{(n-n_1(c)) \gamma^2 + 1} \right)$$

Notice that $\bar{Y}_1(c)$ and $\bar{Y}_2(c)$ and $n_1(c)$ are constant on each (x_{i-1}, x_i) , so

$$E[\mu(x_i) | Y_1, \dots, Y_n] = E[E[\mu(x_i) | Y_1, \dots, Y_n] | Y_1, \dots, Y_n]$$

$$= \frac{1}{f(Y)} \left[x_1 h_2(x_1, Y) \bar{Y}_2 \left(\frac{n \gamma^2}{n \gamma^2 + 1} \right) + \sum_{j=2}^i (x_j - x_{j-1}) h_1(x_j, Y) h_2(x_j, Y) \bar{Y}_2(x_j) \left(\frac{(n-n_1(x_j)) \gamma^2}{(n-n_1(x_j)) \gamma^2 + 1} \right) \right. \\ \left. + \sum_{j=i+1}^n (x_j - x_{j-1}) h_1(x_j, Y) h_2(x_j, Y) \bar{Y}_1(x_j) \left(\frac{n_1(x_j) \gamma^2}{n_1(x_j) \gamma^2 + 1} \right) \right. \\ \left. + (1-x_n) h_1(1, Y) \bar{Y}_1(1) \left(\frac{n \gamma^2}{n \gamma^2 + 1} \right) \right]$$

Let W have a Weibull(δ, τ) distribution with probability density function (pdf) given by

$$f_W(w|\delta, \tau) = \begin{cases} \tau\delta^{-\tau}w^{\tau-1}e^{-(w/\delta)^\tau} & 0 \leq w \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where δ and τ are positive.

1. Derive the cumulative distribution function of W .
2. Explain how you could generate a random value from a Weibull(δ, τ) distribution assuming that you are able to generate a random value from a Uniform(0,1) distribution.
3. Let W_1 and W_2 be independent Weibull(δ, τ) random variables. Let $S = W_1 + 3W_2$. Find the joint probability density function (pdf) of S and W_1 . What is the probability density function of S given that $W_1 = w_1$, where w_1 is a nonnegative value?
4. Let V_1 and V_2 be independent Exponential(β) random variables with mean β ($\beta > 0$). Let $T = V_1 + V_2$. What is the probability density function of V_1 given that $T = t$, where t is a nonnegative value?
5. Let W have a Weibull(δ, τ) distribution. Show that random variable $X = W^\tau$ has an Exponential(δ^τ) distribution.
6. Derive the moment generating function of X , where X has an Exponential(δ^τ) distribution. The answer is $(1 - \delta^\tau)^{-1}$.
7. Show that the mean and variance of X are δ^τ and $\delta^{2\tau}$, respectively.

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be independent Exponential(δ^τ) random variables.

8. Argue that $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ is a consistent estimator of δ^τ .

Suppose that the value of τ is known.

9. Propose a consistent estimator of the δ . Argue that it is consistent.
10. Find the limit of the distribution of $\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \delta^\tau)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.
11. Find the limit of the distribution of $\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n^{1/\tau} - \delta)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

1. Derive the cumulative distribution function of W . Let $y = (w/\delta)^\tau$. $dy = \tau(w/\delta)^{\tau-1}(1/\delta)dw$. Let $u = (v/\delta)^\tau$. $du = \tau(v/\delta)^{\tau-1}(1/\delta)dv$.

$$\begin{aligned} F(w) &= \int_0^w \tau\delta^{-\tau}v^{\tau-1}e^{-(v/\delta)^\tau}dv \\ &= \int_0^y e^{-u}du \\ &= 1 - e^{-y} \\ &= 1 - e^{-(w/\delta)^\tau} \end{aligned}$$

for $w \geq 0$ and $F(w) = 0$ for $w < 0$.

2. Explain how you could generate a random value from a Weibull distribution assuming that you are able to generate a random value from a Uniform(0,1) distribution.

- Generate u from Uniform(0,1).
- Let $u = F(w) = 1 - e^{-(w/\delta)^\tau}$.
- Solve for w .
- $w = \delta(-\ln(1-u))^{1/\tau}$

3. Let W_1 and W_2 be independent Weibull(δ, τ) random variables. Let $S = W_1 + 3W_2$. Find the joint probability density function (pdf) of S and W_1 . What is the probability density function of S given that $W_1 = w_1$, where w_1 is a nonnegative value?

- $f(s|w_1) = f(w_1, s)/f(w_1)$ for $s \geq w_1$; $f(s|w_1) = 0$ otherwise.
- $S = W_1 + 3W_2$, so $W_1 = W_1$, $W_2 = (1/3)(S - W_1)$, $|J| = 1/3$.
- $f(w_1, s) = \tau^2\delta^{-2\tau}w_1^{\tau-1}((1/3)(s - w_1))^{\tau-1}e^{-(w_1/\delta)^\tau}e^{-((s-w_1)/(3\delta))^\tau}(1/3)$
- $f(s|w_1) = \tau\delta^{-\tau}((1/3)(s - w_1))^{\tau-1}e^{-((s-w_1)/(3\delta))^\tau}(1/3)$ for $s \geq w_1$ and $f(s|w_1) = 0$ otherwise.

4. Let V_1 and V_2 be independent Exponential(β) random variables with mean β ($\beta > 0$). Let $T = V_1 + V_2$. What is the probability density function of V_1 given that $T = t$, where t is a nonnegative value?

- $f(v_1|t) = f(v_1, t)/f(v_1)$ for $t \geq v_1$; $f(t|v_1) = 0$ otherwise.
- $f(v_1, t) = \beta^{-2}e^{-(v_1/\beta)}e^{-((t-v_1)/\beta)} = \beta^{-2}e^{-(t/\beta)}$
- $f(t) = \beta^{-2}te^{-(t/\beta)}$; Gamma(2, β).
- $f(v_1|t) = 1/t$ for $0 \leq v_1 \leq t$, Uniform(0, t).

5. Let W have a Weibull(δ, τ) distribution. Show that random variable $X = W^\tau$ has an Exponential distribution.

- $X = W^\tau; W = X^{1/\tau}$
- $dW = (1/\tau)X^{1/\tau-1}$
- $f(x) = \tau\delta^{-\tau}(x^{1/\tau})^{\tau-1}e^{-x/\delta^\tau}(1/\tau)x^{1/\tau-1}$
- $f(x) = \delta^{-\tau}e^{-x/\delta^\tau}, x \geq 0; f(x) = 0 \text{ otherwise.}$

6. Derive the moment generating function of X . The answer is $(1 - \delta^\tau)^{-1}$.

$$\begin{aligned} M_X(t) &= \int_0^\infty e^{tx}\alpha^{-\beta}e^{-x/\alpha^\beta}dx \\ &= \alpha^{-\beta} \int_0^\infty e^{-x(1/\alpha^\beta-t)}dx \\ &= \alpha^{-\beta} \int_0^\infty e^{-x(1-\alpha^\beta t)/\alpha^\beta}dx \\ &= \alpha^{-\beta}\alpha^\beta/(1-t\alpha^\beta) \\ &= (1-t\alpha^\beta)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

7. Show that the mean and variance of X are δ^τ and $\delta^{2\tau}$, respectively.

- Differentiate MGF once, evaluate at $t = 0$, produces EX . Differentiate MDF twice, evaluate at $t = 0$, produces EX^2 . $\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - (EX)^2$.
- Integrate $\int_0^\infty xf(x)dx$, use kernel of Gamma random variable, produces EX . Integrate $\int_0^\infty x^2f(x)dx$, use kernel of Gamma random variable, produces EX^2 . $\text{Var}(X) = E(X^2) - (EX)^2$.

Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be independent Exponential(δ^τ) random variables.

8. Argue that $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ is a consistent estimator of δ^τ .

- The mean of X 's is δ^τ .
- The variance of X 's is finite.
- So \bar{X}_n is consistent.

Suppose that the value of τ is known.

9. Propose a consistent estimator of δ . Argue that it is consistent.

- \bar{X}_n is consistent.
- $g(y) = y^{1/\tau}$ is a smooth function.
- $g(\bar{X}_n) = \bar{X}_n^{1/\tau}$ is consistent for $E(X)^{1/\tau} = \delta$.

10. Find the limit of the distribution of $\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \delta^\tau)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Answer: $N(0, \delta^{2\tau})$

11. Find the limit of the distribution of $\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n^{1/\tau} - \delta)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

- $g(y) = y^{1/\tau}, g'(y) = (1/\tau)y^{1/\tau-1}, g'(y)^2 = (1/\tau^2)y^{2(1/\tau-1)}$
- Large sample: $\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n^{1/\tau} - \delta)$ is $N(0, \delta^{2\tau}(1/\tau^2)(\delta^\tau)^{2(1/\tau-1)}) = N(0, \delta^2/\tau^2)$

- A. Let X_1, \dots, X_n ($n \geq 2$) be a collection of independent and identically distributed (iid) random variables with Uniform $(-\theta, \theta)$, $\theta > 0$, distribution, i.e., the probability density function (pdf) of X_1 is

$$f_{X,\theta}(x) = \begin{cases} (2\theta)^{-1} & \text{for } x \in (-\theta, \theta) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let $X_{(1)} = \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} X_i$ and $X_{(n)} = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} X_i$, and

- A.1 Write down the joint pdf of (X_1, \dots, X_n) .
- A.2 Show that $(X_{(1)}, X_{(n)})$ is sufficient for θ .
- A.3 Show, by an example, that $(X_{(1)}, X_{(n)})$ is not complete for θ .
- B. Let $Y_i = |X_i|^{1/2}$, $i = 1, \dots, n$, where X_1, \dots, X_n are as in part A. Let $Y_{(n)} = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} Y_i$. Note that the pdf of Y_1 is given by

$$f_\theta(y) = \begin{cases} 2y/\theta & \text{for } y \in (0, \theta^2) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and that $Y_1^2 \sim \text{Uniform}(0, \theta)$.

- B.1 Write down the joint pdf of (Y_1, \dots, Y_n) .
- B.2 Show that $Y_{(n)}$ is complete and sufficient for θ .
- B.3 Find the uniformly minimum variance unbiased estimator (UMVUE) of θ^3 .
(Hint: You may use the fact that $EW^3 = n/(n+3)$ where $W \sim \text{BETA}(n, 1)$).
- B.4 Show that the family of joint pdfs of (Y_1, \dots, Y_n) has monotone likelihood ratio in $Y_{(n)}$.
- B.5 Using part B.4, find a size α ($\alpha \in (0, 1)$) uniformly most powerful (UMP) test for testing the hypotheses $H_0 : \theta \geq 1$ against $H_1 : \theta < 1$.
(Note: You need to find the constants appearing in the UMP test *explicitly*).

A-1.

$$f_{x_1, \dots, x_n, \theta}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n f_{x_i, \theta}(x_i)$$

$$= \begin{cases} (2\theta)^{-n} & \text{if } -\theta < x_{(1)} < x_{(n)} < \theta \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

A-2.

Follows from (A-1) + the Factorization Theorem

A-3.

It is easy to check that θ is a scale parameter for the joint distribution of (x_1, \dots, x_n) .

Let $Z_i = x_i/\theta$, $i = 1, \dots, n$. And define $Z_{(1)} = \min_{1 \leq i \leq n} Z_i$, $Z_{(n)} = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} Z_i$. Then, the (joint) distribution of Z_1, \dots, Z_n is free of θ . Let

~~$a = E[Z_{(n)} / Z_{(1)}]$~~

$$a = \underbrace{E[\tan^{-1}(Z_{(n)} / Z_{(1)})]}_{\text{bounded} \Rightarrow \text{Expectation exists!}}$$

Since θ is a scale parameter,
it follows that

$$\tan^{-1}(x_{(n)} / x_{(1)}) \stackrel{d}{=} \tan^{-1} Z_{(n)} / Z_{(1)}, \text{ which}$$

has a density (e.g. may use the transformation technique to derive it!) and hence, is non-degenerate.

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} E_\theta \left[\tan^{-1} \frac{x_m}{x_0} - a \right] = 0 \\ \text{but } P_\theta \left(\left[\tan^{-1} \frac{x_m}{x_0} - a \right] = 0 \right) = 0 \end{array} \right. \quad \text{to} \\ \Rightarrow (x_0, x_m) \text{ is not complete for } \theta. \quad \text{(bounds)}$$

B.1.

$$f_{Y_1, \dots, Y_n; \theta}(y_1, \dots, y_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n f_\theta(y_i)$$

$$= \begin{cases} 2 \prod_{i=1}^n y_i / \theta^n & \text{if } 0 < y_1 < y_n < \theta^2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

B.2.

Factorization Theorem \Rightarrow Sufficiency!

Let $h(\cdot)$ be a function with $E_\theta h(Y_n) = 0 \forall \theta$ (and $E_\theta |h(Y_n)| < \infty \forall \theta$).

$$\Leftrightarrow \int_0^\infty h(y) \cdot f_{Y_n, \theta}(y) dy = 0 \quad \forall \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{\sqrt{\theta}} h(y) \cdot n \cdot \left[\frac{y^{2(n-1)}}{\theta^{n-1}} \right] \cdot \frac{2y}{\theta} dy = 0 \quad \forall \theta > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{\sqrt{\theta}} h(y) y^{2n-1} dy = 0 \quad \forall \theta > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^{\theta} h^+(y) y^{2n-1} dy = \int_0^{\theta} h^-(y) y^{2n-1} dy \quad \forall \theta > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow h^+(y) = h^-(y) \quad \text{a.s. (a.s.)}$$

$$\Rightarrow h = 0 \quad \text{a.s. (a.s.)}$$

B-3.

Enough to find a function g such that

$$E_{\theta} g(Y_{(n)}) = \theta^3 \quad \forall \theta > 0. \quad \text{Try } g(y) = y^6 \text{ (as}$$

$\sqrt{\theta}$ is a scale-parameter for $Y_{(n)}$). By the hint, and the fact that $Y_1^2 \sim \text{UNIF}(0, \theta)$ one has

$$E_{\theta} Y_{(n)}^6 = (E W^3) \theta^3 = \frac{n}{n+3} \cdot \theta^3$$

$$\Rightarrow Y_{(n)}^6 \cdot \left(\frac{n+3}{n} \right) \text{ is a UMVUE of } \theta^3$$

B.4For $0 < \theta_1 < \theta_2 < \infty$,

$$\frac{f_{Y_{(n)}, \theta_2}(y)}{f_{Y_{(n)}, \theta_1}(y)} = \frac{2^n \prod_{i=1}^n y_i^{-\theta_2} I(0 < y_{(1)} < y_{(n)} < \sqrt{\theta_2})}{2^n \left(\prod_{i=1}^n y_i\right)^{\theta_1} I(0 < y_{(1)} < y_{(n)} < \sqrt{\theta_1})}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{\theta_1^n}{\theta_2^n} & \text{if } 0 < y_{(n)} < \sqrt{\theta_1} \\ +\infty & \text{if } y_{(n)} \in [\sqrt{\theta_1}, \sqrt{\theta_2}] \end{cases}$$

on the set $S_{\theta_1, \theta_2} = \{y: y_{(n)} \notin \boxed{[\sqrt{\theta_1}, \sqrt{\theta_2}]} \quad f_{Y_{(n)}, \theta_1}(y) + f_{Y_{(n)}, \theta_2}(y) > 0\}$

$$= \{y: 0 < y_{(1)} < y_{(n)} < \sqrt{\theta_2}\}.$$

$\Rightarrow \frac{f_{Y_{(n)}, \theta_2}(y)}{f_{Y_{(n)}, \theta_1}(y)}$ is a nondecreasing function of $y_{(n)}$ on S_{θ_1, θ_2}

$\Rightarrow (Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$ has MLE in $y_{(n)}$.

B5.

A size α UMP test for $H_0: \theta \leq 1$ vs $H_1: \theta > 1$
is given by

$$\Phi(\underline{y}) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } Y_{(n)} < c \\ 0 & \text{if } Y_n \geq c \end{cases}$$

where $c \in \mathbb{R}$ is such that $P_{\theta=1}(Y_n < c) = \alpha$.

Now -

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha &= P_{\theta=1}(Y_n < c) = [P_{\theta=1}(Y_1 < c)]^n \\ &= \left[\int_0^c 2y dy \right]^n \quad (\text{assuming } c \in (0, 1)). \end{aligned}$$

$$= c^{2n}$$

$$\Rightarrow c = \alpha^{\frac{1}{2n}}.$$