

You may use the following facts on this Theory I question set.

- If  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are i.i.d. random variables with marginal pdf  $f$  and cdf  $F$ , then the joint pdf of order statistics  $(X_{(i)}, X_{(j)})$  (for given  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ ) is

$$\begin{aligned} f_{X_{(i)}, X_{(j)}}(x, y) &= \\ &= \frac{n!}{(i-1)!(j-i-1)!(n-j)!} f(x)f(y)[F(x)]^{i-1}[F(y)-F(x)]^{j-i-1}[1-F(y)]^{n-j}, \quad x < y, \end{aligned}$$

with  $f_{X_{(i)}, X_{(j)}}(x, y) = 0$  for any other  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

- Based on the random sample above, the marginal pdf of the order statistic  $X_{(i)}$  (for some  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ) is

$$f_{X_{(i)}}(x) = \frac{n!}{(i-1)!(n-i)!} f(x)[F(x)]^{i-1}[1-F(x)]^{n-i}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- A Gamma( $\alpha, \beta$ ) random variable  $X$  has pdf  $f(x) = x^{\alpha-1}e^{-x/\beta}/[\beta^\alpha\Gamma(\alpha)]$ ,  $x > 0$  and moment generating function  $M(t) = [1-\beta t]^{-\alpha}$  for  $t < 1/\beta$ , where  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ .
- A Gamma( $\alpha, \beta$ ) random variable  $X$  has mean  $E(X) = \alpha\beta$  and variance  $\text{Var}(X) = \alpha\beta^2$ .
- A chi-square random variable with  $\nu$  degrees of freedom is Gamma( $\nu/2, 2$ )-distributed.

## Part I

Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  ( $n > 2$ ) be i.i.d. random variables with marginal pdf  $f$ , marginal cdf  $F$ , and support  $\mathcal{X} = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : f(x) > 0\}$ .

Let  $Y_i = X_{(i)}$  denote the  $i$ th order statistic,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , whereby  $Y_1 < Y_2 < \dots < Y_n$ .

1. Show that the conditional pdf of  $Y_n$  given  $Y_{n-1} = y_{n-1} \in \mathcal{X}$  is given by

$$f_{Y_n|y_{n-1}}(y) = \frac{f(y)}{1 - F(y_{n-1})}, \quad y > y_{n-1}$$

with  $f_{Y_n|y_{n-1}}(y) = 0$  for  $y \leq y_{n-1}$ .

2. For fixed  $y_1 < y_2 < \dots < y_{n-1} \in \mathcal{X}$  and any  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ , show that

$$P(Y_n \leq y | Y_{n-1} = y_{n-1}) = P(Y_n \leq y | Y_1 = y_1, Y_2 = y_2, \dots, Y_{n-1} = y_{n-1})$$

(i.e., the conditional cdf of  $Y_n$  given  $Y_1, \dots, Y_{n-1}$  matches the conditional cdf of  $Y_n$  given  $Y_{n-1}$ ).

3. If  $X_1 \sim \text{Uniform}(0, 1)$ , find  $E[E(Y_n Y_{n-1} | Y_{n-1})]$ .

4. Let  $F_i(y; y_{i-1})$ ,  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ , denote the conditional cdf of  $Y_i$  given  $Y_{i-1} = y_{i-1} \in \mathcal{X}$  for  $i = 2, \dots, n$ , and let  $F_1(y)$ ,  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ , denote the cdf of  $Y_1$ . Define random variables  $R_1 = F_1(Y_1)$  and  $R_i = F_i(Y_i; Y_{i-1})$  for  $i = 2, \dots, n$ . Determine  $P(R_1 \leq r_1, R_2 \leq r_2, \dots, R_n \leq r_n)$  as a function of  $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Part II**

Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be i.i.d. standard exponential random variables with pdf  $f(x) = e^{-x}$ ,  $x > 0$ . The joint pdf of the order statistics  $(X_{(1)}, \dots, X_{(n)})$  is

$$f_{X_{(1)}, \dots, X_{(n)}}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = n! \exp\left(-\sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right), \quad 0 < x_1 < \dots < x_n.$$

Define the spacing random variables as  $D_1 = X_{(1)}$  and  $D_i = X_{(i)} - X_{(i-1)}$  for  $i = 2, \dots, n$ .

- 5.** Show that  $D_1, \dots, D_n$  are *independent* random variables, where  $D_i$  is Exponential with pdf  $f_{D_i}(d_i) = (n-i+1)e^{-(n-i+1)d_i}$ ,  $d_i > 0$ , for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ . Justify your answer.

*Note:*  $X_{(i)} = \sum_{k=1}^i D_k$  for each  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .

- 6.** If  $M(t)$  denotes the moment generating function of  $\sum_{i=1}^n D_i$ , determine the second derivative  $[d^2 \log M(t)/dt^2]|_{t=0}$  as a function of  $\sum_{i=1}^n i^{-2}$ .

- 7.** Show that  $D_1 + D_n \xrightarrow{d} W$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , for some random variable  $W$ . Identify the distribution of  $W$ .

- 8.** For a fixed  $r \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ , let

$$T_r \equiv \sum_{i=1}^r X_{(i)} + (n-r)X_{(r)} = \sum_{i=1}^r (n-i+1)D_i.$$

Find the moment generating function of  $2T_r$ .

- 9.** Show that the distribution of  $2T_r$  is the same as that of  $\sum_{i=1}^{2r} Z_i^2$ , where  $Z_1, \dots, Z_{2r}$  are i.i.d. standard normal random variables. State any standard results that you use.

- 10.** Show that  $(\sum_{i=1}^n X_{(i)}/n)^2 \xrightarrow{d} 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Justify your answer.

- 11.** Determine the distribution of  $\sqrt{r}(\log T_r - \log r)$  when  $r \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

*Hint:* Consider  $\log(T_r/r) = \log T_r - \log r$  for the quantity  $2T_r/(2r)$  along with the implication of Question 9.

- 12.** For  $Z_i = X_{(i)} - X_{(1)}$ ,  $i > 1$ , show that  $(Z_2, \dots, Z_n)$  has the same joint distribution as the order statistics defined by a size  $n-1$  random sample of standard exponential random variables.

- 13.** Using Question 12 and letting  $\bar{X}_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i/n$ , show that the distribution of  $2(\bar{X}_n - X_{(1)})$  is  $\chi^2_{2n-2}$ . State any standard results that you use.

**Part I**

1. From the facts given, the joint pdf of  $(Y_{n-1}, Y_n) = (X_{(n-1)}, X_{(n)})$  is given by

$$f_{Y_{n-1}, Y_n}(x, y) = n(n-1)f(x)f(y)[F(x)]^{n-2}, x < y$$

and the marginal pdf of  $Y_{n-1}$  is

$$f_{Y_{n-1}}(x) = n(n-1)f(x)[F(x)]^{n-2}[1 - F(x)].$$

Given  $Y_{n-1} = x$  (where  $f(x) > 0$ ), the conditional pdf of  $Y_n$  is then

$$f_{Y_n|Y_{n-1}}(y) = \frac{f_{Y_n, Y_{n-1}}(x, y)}{f_{Y_{n-1}}(x)} = \frac{f(y)}{1 - F(x)}, \quad y > x.$$

Set  $x = y_{n-1}$  above for conditioning on  $Y_{n-1} = y_{n-1}$ .

2. To show that the conditional distributions are the same given  $Y_{n-1} = y_{n-1}$ , it suffices to show the conditional pdfs match. We already have the conditional pdf of  $Y_n$  given  $Y_{n-1} = y_{n-1}$ . To find the conditional pdf of  $Y_n$  given  $Y_1 = y_1, \dots, Y_{n-1} = y_{n-1}$  (where each  $f(y_i) > 0$ ), note that the joint pdf of  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  is

$$g(y_1, \dots, y_n) = n!f(y_1)\cdots f(y_n), \quad y_1 < \dots < y_n$$

and the joint pdf of  $Y_1, \dots, Y_{n-1}$  is (by integrating  $Y_n$  out)

$$h(y_1, \dots, y_{n-1}) = n!f(y_1)\cdots f(y_{n-1}) \int_{y_{n-1}}^{\infty} f(y_n)dy_n = n!f(y_1)\cdots f(y_{n-1})[1 - F(y_{n-1})]$$

for  $y_1 < \dots < y_{n-1}$ . Hence, the conditional pdf of  $Y_n$  given  $Y_1 = y_1, \dots, Y_{n-1} = y_{n-1}$  is

$$f_{Y_n|Y_1, \dots, Y_{n-1}}(y_n) = \frac{g(y_1, \dots, y_n)}{h(y_1, \dots, y_{n-1})} = \frac{f(y_n)}{1 - F(y_{n-1})}, \quad y_n > y_{n-1}$$

which is the same conditional pdf  $f_{Y_n|Y_{n-1}}(y_n)$ .

3.  $E[E(Y_n Y_{n-1} | Y_{n-1})] = E[Y_n Y_{n-1}] = E[X_{(n)} X_{(n-1)}]$ , where, if  $f(x) = 1, 0 < x < 1$ ,

$$E[X_{(n)} X_{(n-1)}] = \int_0^1 \int_0^y n(n-1)xy[x]^{n-2}dxdy = \int_0^1 (n-1)y^{n+1}dy = \frac{n-1}{n+2}.$$

Or,  $E[E(Y_n Y_{n-1} | Y_{n-1})] = E[Y_{n-1} E(Y_n | Y_{n-1})]$  where  $Y_n | Y_{n-1} = y_{n-1} \sim \text{Uniform}(y_{n-1}, 1)$  by  $f_{Y_n|Y_{n-1}=y_{n-1}}(y_n) = 1/(1 - y_{n-1})$ ,  $y_{n-1} < y_n < 1$  so that

$$E(Y_n | Y_{n-1} = y_{n-1}) = \int_{y_{n-1}}^1 y_n \frac{1}{1 - y_{n-1}} dy_n = \frac{1}{2}(1 + y_{n-1})$$

and, by  $f_{Y_{n-1}}(y) = n(n-1)y^{n-2}(1-y)$ ,  $0 < y < 1$ ,

$$\frac{1}{2}E[Y_{n-1}(1+Y_{n-1})] = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 n(n-1)y(1+y)y^{n-2}(1-y)dy = \frac{1}{2}n(n-1) \left( \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+2} \right) = \frac{n-1}{n+2}.$$

4. In analogy to question 2, the conditional cdf of  $Y_i$  given  $Y_{i-1}$  is the same as the conditional cdf of  $Y_i$  given  $Y_{i-1}, \dots, Y_1$  for each  $i = 2, \dots, n$ . By the probability integral transform,  $F_i(Y_i; y_{i-1})$  is uniform(0, 1) distributed for each  $i = 2, \dots, n$  (regardless of the value of  $y_{i-1}$ ) and so is  $F_1(Y_1)$ ; that is,

$$P(F_i(Y_i; y_{i-1}) \leq r_i | Y_1 = y_1, \dots, Y_{i-1} = y_{i-1}) = r_i \mathbb{I}(r_i \in [0, 1])$$

for each  $i = 2, \dots, n$  and  $r_i \in \mathbb{R}$ , where  $\mathbb{I}(\cdot)$  denotes the indicator function. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} & P(R_1 \leq r_1, \dots, R_n \leq r_n) \\ &= E[\mathbb{I}(R_1 \leq r_1, \dots, R_{n-1} \leq r_{n-1}) P(F_{n-1}(Y_n; y_{n-1}) \leq r_n | Y_1 = y_1, \dots, Y_{n-1} = y_{n-1})] \\ &= E[\mathbb{I}(R_1 \leq r_1, \dots, R_{n-1} \leq r_{n-1}) r_n \mathbb{I}(r_n \in [0, 1])] \\ &= r_n \mathbb{I}(r_n \in [0, 1]) P(R_1 \leq r_1, \dots, R_{n-1} \leq r_{n-1}), \\ & P(R_1 \leq r_1, \dots, R_{n-1} \leq r_{n-1}) \\ &= E[\mathbb{I}(R_1 \leq r_1, \dots, R_{n-2} \leq r_{n-2}) P(F_{n-1}(Y_{n-1}; y_{n-2}) \leq r_{n-1} | Y_1 = y_1, \dots, Y_{n-2} = y_{n-2})] \\ &= E[\mathbb{I}(R_1 \leq r_1, \dots, R_{n-2} \leq r_{n-2}) r_{n-1} \mathbb{I}(r_{n-1} \in [0, 1])] \\ &= r_{n-1} \mathbb{I}(r_{n-1} \in [0, 1]) P(R_1 \leq r_1, \dots, R_{n-2} \leq r_{n-2}), \\ & \vdots \\ & P(R_1 \leq r_1) \\ &= P(F_1(Y_1) \leq r_1) = r_1 \mathbb{I}(r_1 \in [0, 1]) \end{aligned}$$

That is,  $R_1, \dots, R_n$  are iid uniform(0, 1) variables and

$$P(R_1 \leq r_1, \dots, R_n \leq r_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n r_i \mathbb{I}(r_i \in [0, 1]), \quad r_1, \dots, r_n \in \mathbb{R}.$$

**Part II**

5. As  $X_{(i)} = \sum_{k=1}^i D_k$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , the transformation is one-to-one and the Jacobian is given by

$$J = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(i.e., 1's on the diagonal and lower-diagonal with 0's elsewhere); note  $\det(J) = 1$ . The range of each  $D_i$  is  $(0, \infty)$  and so the joint pdf of  $(D_1, \dots, D_n)$  is

$$\begin{aligned} f_{D_1, \dots, D_n}(d_1, \dots, d_n) &= n! \exp\left(-\sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{k=1}^i d_k\right) |\det(J)|, \quad d_1, \dots, d_n > 0 \\ &= n! \exp\left(-\sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{i=k}^n d_k\right), \quad d_1, \dots, d_n > 0 \\ &= n! \exp\left(-\sum_{k=1}^n (n-k+1)d_k\right), \quad d_1, \dots, d_n > 0 \\ &= \prod_{k=1}^n (n-k+1) \exp\left(-\sum_{k=1}^n (n-k+1)d_k\right), \quad d_1, \dots, d_n > 0 \end{aligned}$$

using  $\sum_{i=k}^n 1 = n - k + 1$  for each  $k = 1, \dots, n$  and  $n! = n(n-1)\cdots 1 = \prod_{k=1}^n (n-k+1)$ . The joint pdf factors into a product of marginal pdfs  $f_{D_i}(d_i) = (n-i+1) \exp(-(n-i+1)d_i)$ ,  $d_i > 0$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$  so that  $D_1, \dots, D_n$  are independent and  $D_i$  is exponential with mean  $(n-i+1)^{-1}$ .

6. Let  $D = \sum_{i=1}^n D_i$  so that  $M_D(t) = M(t)$  by definition. Using  $M_D(0) = 1$ ,  $[dM_D(t)/dt]|_{t=0} = E(D)$ ,  $[d^2M_D(t)/dt^2]|_{t=0} = E(D^2)$  by definition of the moment generating function,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 \log M_D(t)}{dt^2} \Big|_{t=0} &= \frac{d\{d[M_D(t)]/dt \cdot [M_D(t)]^{-1}\}}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} \\ &= d^2[M_D(t)]/dt^2 \cdot [M_D(t)]^{-1}|_{t=0} - \{d[M_D(t)]/dt\}^2 \cdot [M_D(t)]^{-2}|_{t=0} \\ &= E(D^2) - [E(D)]^2 = \text{Var}(D) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(D_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{(n-i+1)^2} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i^2} \end{aligned}$$

7. Note for any  $n$ ,  $D_n \sim \text{Exponential}(1)$  so that  $D_n \xrightarrow{d} W$  trivially as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $W \sim \text{Exponential}(1)$ . Also,  $D_1$  is Exponential with mean  $1/n$  so that  $D_1 \xrightarrow{p} 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ;

i.e., pick  $\epsilon > 0$ , then

$$P(|D_1| > \epsilon) \leq \frac{E|D_1|}{\epsilon} = \frac{E(D_1)}{\epsilon} = \frac{1}{n\epsilon} \rightarrow 0.$$

Hence, by Slutsky's theorem  $D_1 + D_n \xrightarrow{d} 0 + W = W$ .

- 8.** As  $T_r = \sum_{i=1}^r (n - i + 1)D_i$  with  $D_1, \dots, D_r$  as independent and the moment generating function of Exponential  $D_i$  is  $M_{D_i}(t) = Ee^{tD_i} = [1 - (n - i + 1)^{-1}t]$ ,  $t < n - i + 1$ , then

$$M_{2T_r}(t) = Ee^{t2T_r} = Ee^{2t\sum_{i=1}^r (n-i+1)D_i} = E \prod_{i=1}^r e^{t2(n-i+1)D_i} = \prod_{i=1}^r M_{D_i}[2t(n-i+1)] = [1-2t]^{-r}$$

which is valid for  $2(n - i + 1)t < (n - i + 1)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$  or  $t < 1/2$ .

- 9.** By its moment generating function, the distribution of  $T_r$  is Gamma( $r, 2$ ) or chi-square with  $2r$  degrees of freedom. If  $Z_1, \dots, Z_{2r}$  are iid standard normal, then  $Z_1^2, \dots, Z_{2r}^2$  are iid chi-square with 1 degree of freedom, and  $\sum_{i=1}^{2r} Z_i^2$  is also chi-square with  $2r$  degrees of freedom.
- 10.** Note  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_{(i)}/n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i/n = \bar{X}_n$ . By the WLLN,  $\bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{p} EX_1 = 1$ . By the continuous mapping theorem (i.e.,  $g(x) = x^2$  is continuous),  $(\bar{X}_n)^2 \xrightarrow{p} 1^2 = 1$ . Convergence in distribution and in probability are equivalent when the limit is a constant, so  $(\bar{X}_n)^2 \xrightarrow{d} 1$ .
- 11.** We have  $T_r/r = 2T_r/(2r) \xrightarrow{d} \bar{Y}_{2r} \equiv \sum_{i=1}^{2r} Y_i/(2r)$ , where  $Y_1, \dots, Y_r$  are iid chi-square random variables (1 degree of freedom). By the CLT,

$$\sqrt{2r} (\bar{Y}_{2r} - EY_1) = \sqrt{2r} (\bar{Y}_{2r} - 1) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \text{Var}(Y_1) = 2)$$

as  $r \rightarrow \infty$  when  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . By the Delta method and  $g(x) = \log x$  (note  $g'(x) = 1/x$ )

$$\sqrt{2r} (g(\bar{Y}_{2r}) - g(1)) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, [g'(1)]^2 2 = 2).$$

Finally,  $g(\bar{Y}_{2r}) - g(1) = \log(T_r/r) - \log 1 = \log T_r - \log r$ , so that

$$\sqrt{2r} (\log T_r - \log r) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 2)$$

and

$$\sqrt{r} (\log T_r - \log r) \xrightarrow{d} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot N(0, 2) \stackrel{d}{=} N(0, 1).$$

- 12.** The joint pdf of  $(Z_1, \dots, Z_n)$  with  $Z_1 = X_{(1)}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} f_{Z_1, \dots, Z_n}(z_1, \dots, z_n) &= n! \exp \left( -z_1 - \sum_{i=2}^n (z_i + z_1) \right), \quad z_1 > 0, z_n > \dots > z_2 > 0 \\ &= (n-1)! \exp \left( - \sum_{i=2}^n z_i \right) \cdot n \exp(-nz_1), \quad z_1 > 0, z_n > \dots > z_2 > 0. \end{aligned}$$

Integrating out  $Z_1 = X_{(1)}$  (having an Exponential distribution with mean  $n^{-1}$ ) gives the joint pdf of  $(Z_2, \dots, Z_n)$  as

$$f_{Z_2, \dots, Z_n}(z_2, \dots, z_n) = (n-1)! \exp\left(-\sum_{i=2}^n z_i\right), \quad z_n > \dots > z_2 > 0.$$

13. We have  $\bar{X}_n - X_{(1)} = \sum_{i=2}^n Z_i \stackrel{d}{=} \sum_{i=2}^n Z_i^*$  where  $Z_2^*, \dots, Z_n^*$  are iid standard exponential. Hence,  $2 \sum_{i=2}^n Z_i^*$  is Gamma( $n-1, 2$ ) distributed or  $\chi^2_{2(n-1)}$  distributed.

**Part I**

Suppose that  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are iid with common pdf

$$f(x|\theta) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\theta}} \frac{1}{x} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2\theta}(\log x - \theta)^2\right\} & \text{if } x > 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $\theta > 0$ .

1. Find a one-dimensional sufficient statistic for  $\theta$  based on  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ .
2. Show that the two-dimensional statistic  $(\sum_{i=1}^n \log X_i, \sum_{i=1}^n (\log X_i)^2)$  is *not* complete.
3. Argue that there is a unique maximizer of the likelihood function, call it  $\hat{\theta}_n$ . Find  $\hat{\theta}_n$ .
4. Find the asymptotic normal distribution of  $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta)$ .
5. Show that from the result of Question 4, it follows that  $\hat{\theta}_n$  is a consistent estimator of  $\theta$ .

**Part II**

Assume that  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are iid with common pdf

$$f(x|\mu, \sigma) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sigma} \exp\left[-\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)\right] & \text{if } x \geq \mu, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\sigma > 0$ . Assume that both  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  are unknown.

6. Find the MLE of  $(\mu, \sigma)$ .
7. Let  $\sigma_0 > 0$  be a fixed number. Show that the likelihood ratio test (LRT) statistic for testing  $H_0 : \sigma = \sigma_0$  against  $H_1 : \sigma \neq \sigma_0$  can be expressed in terms of  $Y \equiv n(\bar{X} - X_{(1)})/\sigma_0$ .
8. For a given  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ , and fixed  $\sigma_0 > 0$ , find the size  $\alpha$  LRT for testing  $H_0 : \sigma = \sigma_0$  against  $H_1 : \sigma \neq \sigma_0$ .

Hint: You can use the following result without proof to determine the cutoff points. Let  $Z_{(1)} < Z_{(2)} < \dots < Z_{(n)}$  be the order statistics based on a random sample  $Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_n$  from Exponential (1). Then  $2n(\bar{Z} - Z_{(1)}) \sim \chi^2_{2n-2}$ , where  $\bar{Z} \equiv \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i/n$ .

9. Show that the LRT statistic for testing  $H_0 : \mu = \sigma$  against  $H_1 : \mu \neq \sigma$  can be expressed in terms of  $W \equiv (\bar{X} - X_{(1)})/X_{(1)}$ .
10. Show that under  $H_0 : \mu = \sigma$ , the distribution of the LRT statistic in Question 9 does not depend on the parameters.

For Questions 11-12, assume that  $\mu = \sigma = \theta$ , where  $\theta$  is unknown.

- 11.** Show that  $X_{(1)}/\theta$  is a pivotal quantity.
- 12.** For a given  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ , use the pivotal quantity in Question 11 to construct a  $(1 - \alpha)$  confidence interval for  $\theta$ .

For questions in **Part III**, you may assume the following without proof.

The beta function is defined as

$$B(\alpha, \beta) = \int_0^1 x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1} dx,$$

for  $\alpha > 0, \beta > 0$ . Also,  $B(\alpha, \beta) = \Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)/\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)$ .

### Part III

Suppose that  $X$  has the pmf

$$f(x|\theta) = \begin{cases} (1-\theta)^{x-1}\theta & \text{if } x = 1, 2, \dots, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $\theta \in (0, 1)$ . Consider the estimation of  $\theta$  with the loss function  $L(\theta, a) = (\theta - a)^2/\theta$ .

- 13.** Let  $\pi(\theta)$  be the prior density of  $\theta$  on  $(0, 1)$ . Show that the Bayes estimator of  $\theta$  based on  $X$  is given by

$$\delta(x) = 1 - \frac{\int_0^1 (1-\theta)^x \pi(\theta) d\theta}{\int_0^1 (1-\theta)^{x-1} \pi(\theta) d\theta}.$$

For Questions 14-15, assume that

$$\pi(\theta) = \frac{\Gamma(2\alpha)}{(\Gamma(\alpha))^2} \theta^{\alpha-1} (1-\theta)^{\alpha-1}, \quad \theta \in (0, 1),$$

is the prior density of  $\theta$  where  $\alpha > 0$ .

- 14.** Show that the Bayes estimator of  $\theta$  based on  $X$  is

$$\delta(x) = \frac{\alpha}{x + 2\alpha - 1}, \quad x = 1, 2, \dots.$$

**15.** Let  $\delta_0$  be an estimator, where

$$\delta_0(1) = \frac{1}{2}, \text{ and } \delta_0(x) = 0 \text{ for all } x > 1.$$

Show that  $\delta_0$  is a limit of the Bayes estimators defined in Question 14.

#### Part IV

Let  $X$  be an unbiased estimator of  $\theta$ , and let  $T$  be a sufficient statistic for  $\theta$ . Define  $\phi(T) \equiv E(X|T)$ .

**16.** Prove that  $\phi(T)$  is an unbiased estimator of  $\theta$ .

**17.** Prove that  $\text{Var}_\theta(\phi(T)) \leq \text{Var}_\theta(X)$  for all  $\theta$ .

**18.** Let  $L(\theta, d)$  be a convex function of  $d$  for each  $\theta$ . Show that  $E_\theta(L(\theta, \phi(T))) \leq E_\theta(L(\theta, X))$  for all  $\theta$ .

**19.** Show that if  $W$  is a UMVUE of  $\theta$  under squared error loss, then  $W$  is unique.

**1.** Since

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i|\theta) &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} [\prod_{i=1}^n x_i]} \frac{1}{\theta^{n/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\theta} [\sum_{i=1}^n (\log x_i)^2 + n\theta^2 - 2\theta \sum_{i=1}^n \log x_i] \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2} \theta^{n/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\theta} [\sum_{i=1}^n (\log x_i)^2] \right\} \exp(-n\theta/2), \end{aligned}$$

from the factorization theorem, it follows that  $\sum_{i=1}^n (\log X_i)^2$  is sufficient for  $\theta$ .

**2.** Let  $Y = \log X$ . Note that  $Y \sim N(\theta, \theta)$ , and  $(\sum_{i=1}^n \log X_i, \sum_{i=1}^n (\log X_i)^2) \equiv (\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i, \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i^2)$ . Let  $\bar{Y} = \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i/n$ . Since  $E(g(\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i, \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i^2)) = 0$ , where

$$g(\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i, \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i^2) = \bar{Y} - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \bar{Y})^2}{n-1},$$

it implies that  $(\sum_{i=1}^n \log X_i, \sum_{i=1}^n (\log X_i)^2)$  is not complete.

**3.** The log likelihood function is given by

$$l(\theta) = -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{n}{2} \log(\theta) - \frac{1}{2\theta} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n (\log X_i)^2 \right) - \frac{n\theta}{2}.$$

Equating  $l'(\theta) = 0$ , we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^n (\log X_i)^2 - n\theta^2 - n\theta = 0.$$

Since  $\theta > 0$ , the unique MLE of  $\theta$  is given by

$$\hat{\theta}_n = \frac{\sqrt{1 + 4 \sum_{i=1}^n (\log X_i)^2/n} - 1}{2}.$$

**4.** Since

$$-E(l''(\theta)) = -E\left(\frac{n}{2\theta^2} - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (\log X_i)^2}{\theta^3}\right) = \frac{n(2\theta + 1)}{2\theta^2},$$

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 2\theta^2/(2\theta + 1)).$$

**5.** Since

$$(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta),$$

and  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \rightarrow 0$ , by Slutsky's theorem  $(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta) \xrightarrow{d} 0$ , which is equivalent to  $(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta) \xrightarrow{P} 0$ .

**6.** The likelihood function is

$$\ell(\mu, \sigma|x) = \sigma^{-n} \exp \left[ -\frac{n\bar{x}}{\sigma} + \frac{n\mu}{\sigma} \right] I_{(-\infty, x_{(1)}]}(\mu),$$

where  $\bar{x}$  is the sample mean,  $x_{(1)}$  is the smallest order statistic, and  $I_A(\cdot)$  is the indicator function of  $A$ . For any fixed  $\sigma$ , the likelihood is an increasing function of  $\mu$  and hence  $\hat{\mu} = X_{(1)}$  is the MLE of  $\mu$ .

Solving the following equation

$$\frac{d}{d\sigma} \log \ell(x_{(1)}, \sigma|x) = 0,$$

we get  $\sigma = \bar{x} - x_{(1)}$ . The estimator  $\hat{\sigma} = \bar{X} - X_{(1)}$  is the MLE of  $\sigma$  since

$$\frac{d^2}{d\sigma^2} \log \ell(x_{(1)}, \sigma|x) \Big|_{\sigma=\hat{\sigma}} < 0.$$

**7.** Under  $H_0$ ,  $\hat{\mu}_0 = X_{(1)}$ . The likelihood ratio is

$$\lambda(x) = \frac{\frac{1}{\sigma_0^n} \exp(-\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - x_{(1)})/\sigma_0)}{\frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}^n} \exp(-n)} = e^n \left( \frac{\hat{\sigma}}{\sigma_0} \right)^n e^{-n\frac{\hat{\sigma}}{\sigma_0}} = e^n n^{-n} y^n e^{-y}.$$

**8.** Then  $\lambda(x) < c$  is equivalent to  $y < c_1$  or  $y > c_2$ , where  $c_1 < n < c_2$  with  $\lambda(c_1) = \lambda(c_2)$  or  $c_1^n e^{-n} = c_2^n e^{-n}$ . Under  $H_0$ ,

$$Y = \frac{n(\bar{X} - X_{(1)})}{\sigma_0} = n \left( \frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sigma_0} - \frac{X_{(1)} - \mu}{\sigma_0} \right) \stackrel{d}{=} n(\bar{Z} - Z_{(1)}),$$

where  $Z_i$ 's are iid  $\text{Exp}(1)$ . From the hint, it follows that  $2Y \sim \chi^2_{2n-2}$ . Let  $\chi^2_{r,\alpha}$  be the  $\alpha$ th quantile of  $\chi^2$  distribution with  $r$  degrees of freedom. Hence, an LRT of size  $\alpha$  rejects  $H_0$  when  $2Y < \chi^2_{2n-2,\alpha_1}$  or  $2Y > \chi^2_{2n-2,1-\alpha_2}$  where  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$  such that  $1 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2 = 1 - \alpha$  and  $a_1^n e^{-a_1} = a_2^n e^{-a_2}$  for  $a_1 = \chi^2_{2n-2,\alpha_1}/2, a_2 = \chi^2_{2n-2,1-\alpha_2}/2$ .

**9.** Under  $H_0$ ,  $\hat{\mu}_0 = X_{(1)} = \hat{\sigma}_0$ . The likelihood ratio is

$$\lambda(x) = \frac{\frac{1}{x_{(1)}^n} \exp(-\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - x_{(1)})/x_{(1)})}{\frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}^n} \exp(-n)} = e^n \left( \frac{\hat{\sigma}}{x_{(1)}} \right)^n e^{-n\frac{\hat{\sigma}}{x_{(1)}}} = e^n w^n e^{-nw}.$$

**10.** Under  $H_0 : \mu = \sigma$ ,

$$W = \frac{\bar{X} - X_{(1)}}{X_{(1)}} = \frac{\frac{\bar{X}-\sigma}{\sigma} - \frac{X_{(1)}-\sigma}{\sigma}}{\frac{X_{(1)}-\sigma}{\sigma} + 1} \stackrel{d}{=} \frac{\bar{Z} - Z_{(1)}}{Z_{(1)} + 1},$$

where  $Z_i$ 's are iid  $\text{Exp}(1)$ .

**11.** Let  $Z_i = X_i/\theta - 1$ . Since  $Z_i$ 's are iid  $\text{Exp}(1)$ ,  $Z_{(1)} \equiv X_{(1)}/\theta - 1 \sim \text{Exp}(1/n)$ .

**12.** Since  $P(X_{(1)}/\theta - 1 \leq -1/n \log(1 - \alpha)) = \alpha$ ,

$$\left[ \frac{X_{(1)}}{1 - n^{-1} \log(\alpha/2)}, \frac{X_{(1)}}{1 - n^{-1} \log(1 - \alpha/2)} \right]$$

is a  $(1 - \alpha)$  confidence interval for  $\theta$ .

**13.** The probability mass function of  $X$  is  $(1 - \theta)^{x-1}\theta$  for  $x = 1, 2, \dots$ . Hence, for given  $X = x$ , the Bayes estimator of  $\theta$  with respect to the loss function  $(\theta - a)^2/\theta$  is

$$\delta(x) = \frac{\int_0^1 \theta^{-1}\theta(1 - \theta)^{x-1}\theta\pi(\theta)d\theta}{\int_0^1 \theta^{-1}(1 - \theta)^{x-1}\theta\pi(\theta)d\theta} = 1 - \frac{\int_0^1 (1 - \theta)^x\pi(\theta)d\theta}{\int_0^1 (1 - \theta)^{x-1}\pi(\theta)d\theta}.$$

**14.** The Bayes estimator is

$$\delta(x) = 1 - \frac{\int_0^1 (1 - \theta)^{x+\alpha-1}\theta^{\alpha-1}d\theta}{\int_0^1 (1 - \theta)^{x+\alpha-2}\theta^{\alpha-1}d\theta} = 1 - \frac{x + \alpha - 1}{x + 2\alpha - 1} = \frac{\alpha}{x + 2\alpha - 1}.$$

**15.** As  $\alpha \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\delta(x) \rightarrow 1/2$  if  $x = 1$  and  $\delta(x) \rightarrow 0$  if  $x > 1$ .

**16.** Since  $T$  is sufficient,  $\phi(T)$  is a function of the sample only. Then  $E_\theta(\phi(T)) = E_\theta(E(X|T)) = E_\theta(X) = \theta$ .

**17.** We have  $\text{Var}_\theta(X) = \text{Var}_\theta(E(X|T)) + E(\text{Var}(X|T)) = \text{Var}_\theta(\phi(T)) + E(\text{Var}(X|T)) \geq \text{Var}_\theta(\phi(T))$ .

**18.** Using Jensen's inequality, we have  $E_\theta(L(\theta, X)) = E_\theta(E(L(\theta, X)|T)) \geq E_\theta(L(\theta, E(X|T))) = E_\theta(L(\theta, \phi(T)))$ .

**19.** If possible, let  $W'$  be another UMVUE of  $\theta$ . Let  $\tilde{W} = (W + W')/2$ . Note that  $E_\theta(\tilde{W}) = \theta$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}_\theta(\tilde{W}) &= \frac{1}{4}\text{Var}_\theta(W) + \frac{1}{4}\text{Var}_\theta(W') + \frac{1}{2}\text{Cov}_\theta(W, W') \\ &\leq \frac{1}{4}\text{Var}_\theta(W) + \frac{1}{4}\text{Var}_\theta(W') + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\text{Var}_\theta(W), \text{Var}_\theta(W')} \\ &= \text{Var}_\theta(W), \end{aligned}$$

where the inequality follows from the Cauchy-Schwartz inequality. The above inequality cannot be strict as  $W$  is UMVUE. Hence  $W' = a(\theta)W + b(\theta)$  implying  $\text{Cov}_\theta(W, W') = a(\theta)\text{Var}_\theta(W)$ . So  $a(\theta) = 1$ , but then it follows that  $b(\theta) = 0$  as  $W'$  is an unbiased estimator of  $\theta$ .

1. Let  $\Omega \neq \emptyset$  and  $\mathcal{F} \neq \emptyset$  be a collection of subsets of  $\Omega$ . Then, define the following:
  - (a) Semi-algebra  $\mathcal{F}$ ,
  - (b) algebra  $\mathcal{F}$ ,
  - (c)  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{F}$ ,
  - (d) measurable space,
  - (e) measure  $\mu$ ,
  - (f) finite measure  $\mu$  and probability measure  $\mu$ ,
  - (g)  $\sigma$ -finite measure  $\mu$ ,
  - (h) measure space and probability space,
  - (i) measurable transformation  $T$  between two measurable spaces,
  - (j) random variable.
  
2. Let  $\Omega$  be an uncountable set and let  $\mathcal{F}$  be the countable-cocountable collection, i.e.  $\mathcal{F} \equiv \{A \subset \Omega : A \text{ is countable or } A^c \text{ is countable}\}$ . Define a real-valued function  $\mu$  on  $\mathcal{F}$  as:  $\mu(A) = 1$  if  $A$  is uncountable and  $\mu(A) = 0$  if  $A$  countable,  $A \in \mathcal{F}$ .
  - (a) Show  $\mathcal{F}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra of subsets of  $\Omega$ .
  - (b) Show  $\mu$  is a probability measure on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$ .

Let  $X$  be a random variable on the probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$ .

  - (c) Show that there exists a real constant  $a$  and a countable  $S \subset \Omega$  such that  $X(\omega) = a$  if  $\omega \notin S$ .
  - (d) Compute  $E(X)$ .
  - (e) Let  $Y$  be another random variable defined on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$ . Argue that  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent.
  
3. Let  $\{B_i : i = 1, 2, \dots\}$  be mutually independent Bernoulli random variables with  $P(B_i = 1) = \frac{1}{i}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots$  and define  $R_n = \sum_{i=1}^n B_i$ , for all  $n \geq 1$ .
  - (a) Show  $\gamma_n \equiv E(R_n) - \log n \in [0, 1]$  for all  $n \geq 1$ .
  - (b) Prove  $Var(R_n)/\log n \rightarrow 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
  - (c) Show that
 
$$\frac{R_n}{\log n} \xrightarrow{p} 1, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$
  - (d) Show that the Lindeberg CLT applies for the triangular array

$$X_{n,i} \equiv \frac{(B_i - \frac{1}{i})}{\sqrt{\log n}}, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n, n \geq 1.$$

(e) Argue that

$$\frac{(R_n - \log n)}{\sqrt{\log n}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1), \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

(using the results in any of the parts (a)-(d) above, if you think they are relevant).

1. Answer:

- (a)  $\Omega \neq \emptyset$ ,  $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$  is semi-algebra if
  - (i)  $A, B \in \mathcal{C} \Rightarrow A \cap B \in \mathcal{C}$  ( $\pi$ -system);
  - (ii)  $\forall A \in \mathcal{C} \Rightarrow A^C = \bigcup_{i=1}^k B_i, \{B_i\}_{i=1}^k \subset \mathcal{C}$  are disjoint;
- (b)  $\Omega \neq \emptyset$ ,  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$  is an algebra if
  - (i)  $A, B \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow A \cup B \in \mathcal{F}$ ;
  - (ii)  $A \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow A^C \in \mathcal{F}$ ;
  - (iii)  $\Omega \in \mathcal{F}$ .
- (c)  $\Omega \neq \emptyset$ ,  $\mathcal{F} \subset \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$  is an  $\sigma$ -algebra if
  - (i)  $\{A_i\} \subset \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i \in \mathcal{F}$ ;
  - (ii)  $A \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow A^C \in \mathcal{F}$ ;
  - (iii)  $\Omega \in \mathcal{F}$ .
- (d)  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$  is called a measurable space if  $\Omega \neq \emptyset$  and  $\mathcal{F}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra.
- (e) A set function  $\mu$  defined on an algebra/semi-algebra/ $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{F}$  ( $\Omega \neq \emptyset$ ) is called a measure if
  - (i)  $\mu : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$ ;
  - (ii)  $\mu(\emptyset) = 0$ ;
  - (iii)  $\forall$  disjoint collection of sets  $\{A_i\}_i \subset \mathcal{F}, \mu(\bigcup_i A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \mu(A_i)$ .
- (f) A measure  $\mu$  is called finite if  $\mu(\Omega) < \infty$ . A finite measure  $\mu$  with  $\mu(\Omega) = 1$  is called a probability measure.
- (g) A measure  $\mu$  is  $\sigma$ -finite if  $\exists \{A_i, i = 1, 2, \dots\} \subset \mathcal{F}$ , s.t  $\bigcup_i A_i = \Omega$  and  $\mu(A_i) < \infty, \forall i$ .
- (h) If  $\mu$  is a measure on a measurable space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$ , then  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$  is called a measure space. In addition, if  $\mu$  is a probability measure, then  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$  is a probability space.
  - (i) If  $(\Omega_1, \mathcal{F}_1)$  and  $(\Omega_2, \mathcal{F}_2)$  are two measurable spaces and if  $X : \Omega_1 \rightarrow \Omega_2$  satisfies  $X^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{F}_1, \forall B \in \mathcal{F}_2$ , then  $X$  is called a measurable transformation.
  - (j) If  $(\Omega_1, \mathcal{F}_1)$  has a probability measure defined on it, and if  $(\Omega_2, \mathcal{F}_2) = (\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}))$ , then the measurable transformation  $X$  is called a random variable.

## 2. Answer:

- (a) First of all,  $\mathcal{F}$  satisfies the first two conditions of being a  $\sigma$ -algebra . Secondly, for any  $\{A_n\}_{n \geq 1} \subset \mathcal{F}$ , if  $\cup_{n \geq 1} A_n$  is countable then  $\cup_{n \geq 1} A_n \in \mathcal{F}$ . If  $\cup_{n \geq 1} A_n$  is not countable, then  $\exists$  uncountable set  $A_{n_0} \in \{A_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ . Because  $A_{n_0} \in \mathcal{F}$ , so  $A_{n_0}^c$  has to be countable, and consequently  $A_{n_0}^c \supset \cap_{n \geq 1} A_n^c = (\cup_{n \geq 1} A_n)^c$  is countable, i.e.  $\cup_{n \geq 1} A_n \in \mathcal{F}$ .
- (b) As we can see, we only need to verify the *countable additivity* property for  $\mu$  on  $\mathcal{F}$ . For any disjoint collection  $\{A_n\}_{n \geq 1} \subset \mathcal{F}$ , by the argument in (a), we see that there can be at most one uncountable set in  $\{A_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ , because they are disjoint (therefore,  $\cup_{n \neq j} A_n \subset A_j^c, \forall j$ ). Thus  $\mu(\cup_{n \geq 1} A_n) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \mu(A_n)$ , and  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mu)$  is a probability space.
- (c) Since  $X$  is  $\langle \mathcal{F}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}) \rangle$ -measurable,  $\{X < c\} \equiv \{\omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) < c\} \in \mathcal{F}$  for all  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ . That is for any  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\{X < c\}$  is either countable or cocountable. Take  $a = \sup\{c \in \mathbb{R} : \{X < c\} \text{ is countable}\}$ . Then for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\{X < a + \frac{1}{n}\}$  is co-countable and  $\{X < a - \frac{1}{n}\}$  is countable. Hence, being a countable union of countable sets,  $S$  is countable where

$$S \doteq \{\omega \in \Omega : X(\omega) \neq a\} = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \left[ \left\{ X < a - \frac{1}{n} \right\} \cup \left\{ X \geq a + \frac{1}{n} \right\} \right]$$

- (d) Note that  $X = a$  almost surely( $\mu$ ), since  $\mu(X \neq a) = \mu(S) = 0$  because  $S$  is countable. So,  $E(X) = E(a) = a$ .
- (e) Since  $X$  is a constant random variable, it is independent of any other random variable.

## 3. Answer:

- (a) Note  $E(R_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n E(B_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{k}$  and observe that

$$\sum_{i=2}^n \frac{1}{k} \leq \log n \leq \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{1}{k} \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{k} = E(R_n) \quad (1)$$

So,

$$0 \leq \gamma_n \equiv E(R_n) - \log n \leq \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{k} - \sum_{i=2}^n \frac{1}{k} = 1$$

- (b) Note that  $Var(R_n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{k} \left(1 - \frac{1}{k}\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{k} - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2}$ . Hence, from (1) and the facts that  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k^2} < \infty$  and that  $\log n \rightarrow \infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we get the result.

- (c) For all  $\epsilon > 0$ , we get from Markov's Inequality,

$$P \left( \left| \frac{R_n}{\log n} - 1 \right| > \epsilon \right) \leq \frac{2(Var(R_n) + \gamma_n^2)}{(\log n)^2 \epsilon^2} \rightarrow 0$$

as  $n \rightarrow 0$  (from part (a) and (b)).

(d) Note that

$$|X_{n,i}| \leq (\log n)^{-\frac{1}{2}}, \quad (2)$$

for all  $i, n$  (and for al  $\omega \in \Omega$ ). Also,  $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^N X_{n,i} = \frac{R_n - E(R_n)}{\sqrt{\log n}}$  and  $s_n^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N E(X_{n,i})^2 = \frac{Var(R_n)}{\log n} \rightarrow 1$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  (Note that  $E(X_{n,i}) = 0$ ). So, for any  $\epsilon > 0$ ,

$$\left| \frac{X_{n,i}}{s_n} \right| \leq \frac{1}{s_n \sqrt{\log n}} < \frac{\epsilon}{2} \cdot 2 = \epsilon,$$

for all  $n \geq \max(n_1, n_2)$ , where  $n_1 = \exp(4\epsilon^{-2})$  and  $n_2 \geq 1$  is such that for all  $n \geq n_2$ , we have  $s_n > 1/2$  (note:  $s_n \rightarrow 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  as shown above).

(e) Using part (e), we have from Lindeberg's CLT,

$$\frac{R_n - E(R_n)}{\sqrt{\log n}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1),$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Since from part (a) we have

$$\frac{E(R_n) - \log n}{\sqrt{\log n}} = \frac{\gamma_n}{\sqrt{\log n}} \rightarrow 0$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , the result follows from the last two displays above.

**Part I**

Let  $(X, Y)$  be bivariate normally distributed as  $N_2 \left( \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho \\ \rho & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$  for  $|\rho| < 1$ . Consider the transformed random variables  $U = \Phi \left( \frac{X-\rho Y}{\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \right)$  and  $V = \Phi \left( \frac{Y-\rho X}{\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \right)$ , where  $\Phi$  is the cumulative distribution function of the standard normal random variable.

1. Show that the conditional distribution of  $U$  given  $Y = y$  is uniform(0, 1).
2. Show that the marginal distribution of  $U$  is uniform(0, 1).
3. Show that  $U$  and  $Y$  are independent.
4. Find the joint distribution of  $U$  and  $V$ . Are  $U$  and  $V$  independent?

**Hint:** You may find it helpful to consider using the intermediate transformation  $Z \equiv \left( \frac{X-\rho Y}{\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \right)$  and  $W \equiv \left( \frac{Y-\rho X}{\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \right)$ .

**Part II**

Suppose that  $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  for  $n > 3$  is a random sample drawn from the Pareto distribution with probability density function

$$f(x; \theta, \nu) = \frac{\theta \nu^\theta}{x^{\theta+1}} I_{[\nu, \infty)}(x), \quad \theta > 0, \nu > 0, \quad (1)$$

where  $I_{[\nu, \infty)}(x)$  is the indicator function for the interval  $[\nu, \infty)$ . Write the order statistics from  $\mathbf{X}$  as  $X_{(1)} \leq X_{(2)} \leq \dots \leq X_{(n)}$ . You may use without proof the fact that variables  $[\log X_{(i+1)} - \log X_{(1)}]/\theta, i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ , are distributed as the order statistics of  $n-1$  independent exponential(1) random variables.

5. Show that, for a fixed  $\nu = \nu_0 > 0$ , the Pareto density  $f(x; \theta, \nu_0)$  is part of the regular exponential family. What about the form of the family in equation (1) for unknown  $\nu > 0$  prevents it from being a 2-parameter exponential family?
6. Provide a two-dimensional sufficient statistic for  $(\theta, \nu)$ .
7. Find the maximum likelihood estimator of  $(\theta, \nu)$ . Call it  $(\hat{\theta}_n, \hat{\nu}_n)$ .
8. a) Show that  $\hat{\theta}_n$  in problem (7) is biased for  $\theta$ , but is asymptotically unbiased.  
b) Show that  $\hat{\theta}_n$  in problem (7) is consistent for  $\theta$ .
9. a) Provide the sampling distribution of  $X_{(1)}$ .  
b) Show that  $\hat{\nu}_n$  in problem (7) is consistent for  $\nu$ .

**10.** For a given  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ , show that the size- $\alpha$  likelihood ratio test of

$$H_0 : \theta = 1 \quad vs. \quad H_a : \theta \neq 1$$

for unspecified  $\nu$  has critical region of the form  $\{\mathbf{x} | S(\mathbf{x}) < c_1 \text{ or } S(\mathbf{x}) > c_2\}$ , for appropriate  $0 < c_1 < c_2$ , depending on  $\alpha$  and

$$S(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{i=2}^n (\log X_{(i)} - \log X_{(1)}) .$$

**11.** Find the distribution under  $H_0$  of  $2S(\mathbf{X})$  (for  $S(\mathbf{X})$  and  $H_0$  as in problem (10)).

## Solutions

### Part I.

1.  $U = \Phi\left(\frac{X - \rho Y}{\sqrt{1-\rho^2}}\right) \cdot P[U \leq u | Y=y] = P\left[\Phi\left(\frac{X - \rho Y}{\sqrt{1-\rho^2}}\right) \leq u | Y=y\right]$

Note that  $\mathcal{L}(X | Y=y) \equiv N(\rho Y, 1-\rho^2)$  so that  
 $\mathcal{L}\left(\frac{X - \rho Y}{\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} | Y=y\right) \equiv N(0, 1)$ .

From the standard result : If  $X \sim F(x)$ ,  $F(x) \sim U(0, 1)$ .  
 So, the above holds.

2. We have  $U = \Phi\left(\frac{X - \rho Y}{\sqrt{1-\rho^2}}\right)$ ,  $V = \Phi\left(\frac{Y - \rho X}{\sqrt{1-\rho^2}}\right)$ .

Want the joint dist. of  $(U, V)$ .

Let  $Z = \frac{X - \rho Y}{\sqrt{1-\rho^2}}$ ,  $W = \frac{Y - \rho X}{\sqrt{1-\rho^2}}$ .

Then  $\begin{pmatrix} Z \\ W \end{pmatrix} \sim B N(0, 0, 1, 1, -\rho)$ . So,  $U = \Phi(Z)$ ,  $V = \Phi(W)$

[This follows from  $\begin{pmatrix} Z \\ W \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\rho^2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\rho \\ -\rho & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \end{pmatrix}$ . Then  $\begin{pmatrix} Z \\ W \end{pmatrix} \sim N\left(0, \frac{1}{1-\rho^2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\rho \\ -\rho & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho \\ \rho & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\rho \\ -\rho & 1 \end{pmatrix}\right)$ ]

Then the inverse transformation is given by  $Z = \Phi^{-1}(U)$ ,  $W = \Phi^{-1}(V)$ .

The Jacobian is given by  $|J| = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial}{\partial U} \Phi^{-1}(U) & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\partial}{\partial V} \Phi^{-1}(V) \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{\Phi(\Phi^{-1}(U)) \Phi(\Phi^{-1}(V))}$ .

The joint dist. of  $(U, V)$  is given by

$$f_{U,V}(u, v) = \frac{1}{2\pi(1-\rho^2)} \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2(1-\rho^2)} \left[ (\Phi^{-1}(u))^2 + 2\rho \Phi^{-1}(u) \Phi^{-1}(v) + (\Phi^{-1}(v))^2 \right]\right\}$$

The product term in the exponent means that we have

that unless  $\rho = 0$ ,  $f_{U,V}(u, v) \neq f_u(u) f_v(v)$  so that  $U$  and  $V$  are not independent.

3.  $U = \Phi(Z)$ .  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ . So, again, it is clear that  $U \sim U(0, 1)$

4. From (1) and (3) since  $\mathcal{L}(u)$  and  $\mathcal{L}(u | y)$  are both  $U(0, 1)$ ,  $U \perp\!\!\!\perp Y$ .

## Part II

5.  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  iid  $f(x; \theta, v) = \frac{\theta v^\theta}{x^{\theta+1}} I_{(v, \infty)}(x)$ ,  $\theta > 0, v > 0$ .

For given  $v$ , we have  $f(x; \theta, v) = \exp\{(\theta+1)\ln v + \ln \theta - (\theta+1)\ln x\}$ .  
 $I_{(v, \infty)}$ .

The above is a REF.

However, for unknown  $v$ , the range of the density depends on the parameter  $(v)$ . So, this cannot be a REF density.

6. The joint density of  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  is given by

$$f(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n; \theta, v) = \frac{\theta^n v^{n\theta}}{\prod x_i^{\theta+1}} I_{(v, \infty)}(X_{(1)}).$$

So the 2-D sufficient statistic for  $(\theta, v)$  is given by  $(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i, X_{(1)})$ , or equivalently  $(\sum_{i=1}^n \ln x_i, X_{(1)})$ .

7. Consider the loglikelihood function of the parameters given the observations

$$\ell(\theta, v; x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = n \ln \theta + n \theta \ln v - (\theta+1) \sum_{i=1}^n \ln x_i + \ln I_{(v, \infty)}(X_{(1)}).$$

To find the MLE for  $(\theta, v)$ , first consider

$\ell(\theta, v; x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  as a function of  $v$  for each  $\theta$ .

Note that for each  $\theta$ ,  $\ell(\theta, v; x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  is an increasing function in  $v$  as long as  $v$  is not above  $X_{(1)}$ . Above  $X_{(1)}$ , the loglikelihood

function tends to  $-\infty$ . So the MLE of  $v$  is  $\hat{v} = X_{(1)}$ .

Next, find the profile loglikelihood of  $\theta$  for  $\hat{v} = X_{(1)}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \ell(\theta, \hat{v}; x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)}{\partial \theta} &= \frac{n}{\theta} + n \ln X_{(1)} - \sum_{i=1}^n \ln x_i = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\theta} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \ln x_i - \ln X_{(1)}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{\theta} = \left[ \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=2}^n [\ln x_{(i)} - \ln X_{(1)}] \right]^{-1} = \frac{n}{\sum_{i=2}^n (\ln x_{(i)} - \ln X_{(1)})}$$

8 (a) We have for  $i=2, 3, \dots, n$ ,  $\ln X_{(i)} - \ln X_{(1)}$  is the order stat. of size  $(n-1)$  from  $\exp(\theta)$ .

Therefore  $T = \sum_{i=2}^n (\ln X_{(i)} - \ln X_{(1)}) \sim \sqrt{(n-1)\theta}$ , since this is the sum of  $(n-1)$  indep.  $\exp(1) \sim \text{rv.} \sqrt{\theta}$ .

$$\text{Then } f(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(n-1)\theta}} t^{n-2} e^{-t/\theta}$$

$$\text{So } E[T^{-1}] = \frac{\sqrt{(n-2)\theta}}{\sqrt{(n-1)}} = \frac{\theta}{n-2}.$$

$$\text{Thus } E(\hat{\theta}) = \frac{n}{n-2} \theta.$$

So that  $\hat{\theta}$  is biased for  $\theta$ , but asymptotically not so.

$$(b) \text{Also, } \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}) = E(\hat{\theta}^2) - [E(\hat{\theta})]^2 \\ = n^2 E[T^{-2}] - \left[ \frac{\theta}{(n-2)} \right]^2$$

$$\text{Now } E[T^{-2}] = \frac{\theta^2}{(n-2)(n-3)} \text{ so that } \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}) = n^2 \theta^2 \left[ \frac{1}{(n-2)(n-3)} - \frac{1}{(n-2)^2(n-3)} \right] \\ = n^2 \theta^2 \left[ \frac{(n-2)(n-3)}{(n-2)^2(n-3)} - \frac{(n-2)^2}{(n-2)^2(n-3)} \right] \\ = \frac{n^2 \theta^2}{(n-2)^2(n-3)} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

So  $\hat{\theta}$  is consistent for  $\theta$ .

9 (a) Sampling distribution of  $\bar{X} \equiv X_{(1)}$ .

$$G(x) = P(X_{(1)} \leq x) = 1 - P[X_{(1)} > x] \\ = 1 - \prod_{i=1}^n P(X_i > x)$$

$$F(x) = \int_{\nu}^x \frac{\theta v^\theta}{y^{\theta+1}} dy = \theta v^\theta \int_{\nu}^x \frac{dy}{y^{\theta+1}} = \left[ 1 - \left( \frac{v}{x} \right)^\theta \right] I_{(\nu, \infty)}(x)$$

$$\text{So } G(x) = 1 - \left( \frac{v}{x} \right)^\theta I_{(\nu, \infty)}(x)$$

Thus  $X_{(1)} \sim \text{Pareto with parameters } v \text{ and } n\theta$ .

$$(b) E(X_{(1)}) = \int_0^\infty x \cdot \frac{(n\theta)^{n\theta}}{x^{n\theta+1}} dx = \int_0^\infty \frac{(n\theta)^{n\theta}}{x} dx = \frac{n\theta}{(n\theta-1)} \int_0^\infty \frac{(n\theta-1)x^{n\theta-1}}{x} dx = \frac{n\theta}{n\theta-1}.$$

$$E(X_{(1)}^2) = \int_0^\infty x^2 \cdot \frac{(n\theta)^{n\theta}}{x^{n\theta+1}} dx = \int_0^\infty \frac{(n\theta)^{n\theta}}{x} dx = \int_0^\infty \frac{n\theta}{n\theta-1} x^{n\theta-2} dx = \frac{n^2 \theta}{n\theta-2}$$

Thus  $\text{Var}(\hat{\nu}_n) = \text{Var}(X_{(1)}) = E(X_{(1)}^2) - [E(X_{(1)})]^2$   
 $= n\theta \nu^2 \left[ \frac{1}{n\theta-2} - \frac{n\theta}{(n\theta-1)^2} \right] = \frac{n\theta \nu^2}{(n\theta-1)^2(n\theta-2)} \rightarrow 0$   
 $E(\hat{\nu}_n)$  is asymptotically unbiased and  $\text{Var}(\hat{\nu}_n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .  
So  $\hat{\nu}_n$  is consistent for  $\nu$ .

10. The LRT for testing  $H_0: \theta = 1$  vs.  $H_a: \theta \neq 1$ .

For  $\theta = 1$ ,  $L(\nu; X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  has maximized value

$$\frac{X_{(1)}}{\sum X_i} I(0 < \nu < X_{(1)})$$

For  $\theta$ ,  $L(\theta, \nu; X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  has maximized value:

$$\frac{\hat{\theta}^n X_{(1)}^{n\hat{\theta}}}{\prod_{i=1}^n X_i^{\hat{\theta}+1}} I(0 < \nu < X_{(1)})$$

The likelihood ratio test is given by

$$\Lambda = \frac{\sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0} L(\theta, \nu; X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)}{\sup_{\theta \in \Theta_0 \cup \Theta_1} L(\theta, \nu; X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)} = \frac{\frac{X_{(1)}^n \prod_{i=1}^n X_i^{\hat{\theta}}}{\hat{\theta}^n X_{(1)}^{n\hat{\theta}} \prod_{i=1}^n X_i}}{\frac{\prod_{i=1}^n X_i^{\hat{\theta}+1}}{\hat{\theta}^n X_{(1)}^{n\hat{\theta}} \prod_{i=1}^n X_i}}$$

$\hat{\theta} \in \Theta_0 \cup \Theta_1$ ,

Reject  $H_0$  in favor of  $H_a$  at level  $\alpha$  if  $\Lambda < \Lambda_\alpha$ .

$$\text{i.e., } n \ln X_{(1)} + \hat{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^n (\ln X_{(i)} - \ln X_{(1)}) - n \ln \hat{\theta} - \sum_{i=1}^n \ln X_i < \text{const.}$$

$$\text{i.e., } -n \ln \hat{\theta} - \sum_{i=2}^n [\ln X_{(i)} - \ln X_{(1)}] < \text{const.}$$

$$\text{i.e., } -n \ln \hat{\theta} - \frac{n}{\hat{\theta}} < \text{const.}$$

Consider the function  $h(r) = \ln r + \frac{1}{r}$ .

$$h'(r) = \frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{r^2} \stackrel{<0}{\Rightarrow} r \stackrel{\leq}{\geq} 1$$

Note that  $-h(r)$  is  $\uparrow$  for  $r < 0$  and  $\downarrow$  for  $r > 0$ .

$-h(r)$  is small for  $r$  small and for  $r$  large.  
Thus the critical region in terms of  $S$  is of the form  $S < c_1$  or  $S > c_2$ .

$$\text{where } S = \ln\left(\frac{\prod_{i=1}^n x_i}{\bar{x}^{n-1}}\right) = \frac{n}{\theta}$$

11. From the above, we have that the dist. of

$$2S = 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \exp(\theta) \sim \chi^2$$

$$\text{so that } 2S \sim \chi^2_{(n-1)}.$$