

# **PhD Prelim Exam THEORY**

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1. [5 + 5] Let  $\nu$  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  $\rho$  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  $\hat{X}_n \equiv \sum_{j=1}^n \rho^{j-1} \epsilon_j$  have the same distribution.

(c) Assume  $|\rho| < 1$  and  $E(\log|\epsilon_1|)^+ < \infty$ . Show that  $X_n$  converges in distribution to  $\hat{X}_\infty$  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  $\rho$  based on the data  $\{X_j : 0 \leq j \leq n\}$  defined on a probability space  $(\Omega, F, P)$ . Derive the least squares estimator  $\hat{\rho}_n$  of  $\rho$  defined as the minimizer of  $\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} (X_{j+1} - \rho X_j)^2$ . Show that  $\hat{\rho}_n$  is  $F$  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  $\rho$ , i.e.  $\hat{\rho}_n \xrightarrow{p} \rho$ .

1. If  $V$  is defined on a p.s.w.  $(\Omega, \mathcal{B}, P)$  then

$$E V = \int_{\Omega} V dP = \int_{\Omega} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} I_{[0, V(\omega)]}^{(t)} dt \right) dP$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \left( \int_{\Omega} I_{[0, V(\omega)]}^{(t)} dP \right) dt \quad \text{by Tonelli}$$

$$= \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} P(V(\omega) \geq t) dt$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Similarly } E \int_{\Omega} V(\omega) dP &= \int_{\Omega} \left( \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} I_{[0, V(\omega)]}^{(t)} dt \right) dP \\ &= \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} \left( \int_{\Omega} dP \right) dt = \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} P(V(\omega) \geq t) dt. \end{aligned}$$

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3 a) Let  $A_n \equiv (Y_n = 1)$ . Then  $\sum P(A_n) = \sum \frac{1}{n} = \infty$   
Since  $\{A_n\}$  are indep by Borel-Cantelli 2<sup>nd</sup> lemma

$$P(\text{infinitely many } A_n \text{'s happen}) = 1$$

b  $P(\overline{\lim} X_n = 1) = 1$  Thus  $X_n \not\rightarrow 0$  w.p.1.

$$\text{But } P(|X_n| > \epsilon) = \frac{1}{n} \quad (\text{for any } \epsilon < 1) \\ \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad \text{So } X_n \xrightarrow{P} 0.$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \sum_k P(|V_k| > \epsilon k) < \infty$$

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

By Borel-Cantelli's first lemma

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

$$\text{This being true } \forall \epsilon > 0 \Rightarrow P(\overline{\lim} \left|\frac{V_k}{k}\right| = 0) = 1$$

Conversely, if  $\frac{Y_n}{n} \rightarrow 0$  w.p.1 then

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow \sum_k P(|Y_k| > \epsilon k) < \infty \Rightarrow E \left| \frac{Y_1}{1} \right| < \infty$$

(by part 1)

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

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

$$\frac{(\log|f_k|)^+}{k} \rightarrow 0 \text{ w.p.1.}$$

So  $\forall \eta > 0$ ,  $\log|f_k| < \eta k$  for all large  $k$  w.p.1

$$\Rightarrow |f_k| = O((e^\eta)^k) \text{ w.p.1}$$

$$b) \Rightarrow \text{From (a)} \Rightarrow |f_k| < C(\omega)(e^\eta)^k \text{ w.p.1 for large } k$$

$$\Rightarrow |P^R f_k| < C(\omega)(Pe^\eta)^k$$

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

$$b) \quad E(\hat{X}_n - \hat{X}_m)^2 = E \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{X}_n - \hat{X}_m) / \text{since } E\epsilon_i = 0$$

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

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

Then  $\{\hat{X}_n\}_{n \geq 1} \subset L^2(\Omega, \mathcal{B}, P)$  which is complete

So  $\hat{X}_n$  converges in  $L^2$  to some  $Y$  say.

But since  $E \epsilon_1^2 < \infty$   $\Rightarrow E(\log |\epsilon_1|)^+ < \infty$  &  $|p| < 1$  by (4)(a)

$$\hat{X}_n \rightarrow \hat{X}_\infty \text{ w.p.1. So } Y = \hat{X}_\infty$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} 5. \text{ a) } X_n &= pX_{n-1} + \epsilon_n \\ &= p(pX_{n-2} + \epsilon_{n-1}) + \epsilon_n \\ &= p^2(pX_{n-3} + \epsilon_{n-2}) + p\epsilon_{n-1} + \epsilon_n \\ &= p^n X_0 + p^{n-1}\epsilon_1 + p^{n-2}\epsilon_2 + \dots + p\epsilon_{n-1} + \epsilon_n \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{b) } X_n - p^n X_0 = \sum_{j=1}^n p^{n-j} \epsilon_j \sim X_n = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} p^j \epsilon_j$$

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

c) Since  $X_n$  &  $\hat{X}_n$  have the same distr

$$+ \hat{X}_n \rightarrow \hat{X}_\infty \text{ w.p.1.} \Rightarrow \hat{X}_n \rightarrow \hat{X}_\infty \text{ in distribution}$$

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

$$\text{d) } X_n - X_{n-1} = (p-1)X_{n-1} + \epsilon_n$$

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

$$X_n - X_{n-1} \xrightarrow{d} (p-1)\hat{X}_\infty + \epsilon_1 \text{ where } \hat{X}_\infty + \epsilon_1 \text{ are}$$

indep. Thus  $X_n - X_{n-1} \not\rightarrow 0$  in distribution

So  $X_n - X_{n-1} \not\rightarrow 0 \stackrel{p}{\Rightarrow} \{X_n\} \xrightarrow{p} \text{ cannot converge}$   
in probability

$$6 \quad a) \quad \frac{d}{dp} \left( \sum_0^{n-1} (X_{j+1} - pX_j)^2 \right) = 2 \sum_0^{n-1} (X_{j+1} - pX_j) X_j = 0$$

$$\frac{d^2}{dp^2} = -2 \sum_0^{n-1} X_j^2 < 0$$

$$\text{So } p_n = \frac{\sum_0^{n-1} X_{j+1} X_j}{\sum_0^{n-1} X_j^2} \text{ is the minimizer.}$$

Since it is a rational fn of  $X_0, X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$

it is a r.v.

$$b) \quad \text{Since } X_{j+1} = p X_j + \epsilon_{j+1}$$

$$p_n = \frac{p \sum_0^{n-1} X_j^2 + \sum_0^{n-1} X_j \epsilon_{j+1}}{\sum_0^{n-1} X_j^2}$$

$$= p + \frac{\sum_0^{n-1} X_j \epsilon_{j+1}}{\sum_0^{n-1} X_j^2}$$

$$\xrightarrow{p} p \quad \text{since } \frac{\sum_0^{n-1} X_j \epsilon_{j+1}}{\sum_0^{n-1} X_j^2} \xrightarrow{p} 0 \quad \text{by hypothesis.}$$

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Prelim Question,

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The notion of conditional independence.

Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, P)$  be a probability space,  $\mathcal{G}_i$ , for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ , be three  $\sigma$ -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  $\sigma$ -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  $\sigma$ -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  $\delta$  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

$$(\delta_{m+1} = 0, ?, X_{m+1}), \dots, (\delta_{m+n} = 0, ?, X_{m+n}).$$

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  $\theta_0$ . The conditional binomial log likelihood of  $\theta$  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  $\theta_0$ , say  $\Theta_{\theta_0}$ , 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  $\theta$  in  $\Theta_{\theta}$ .
- 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  $\theta_0$  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

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

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.

# Theory II

Solution to 643 Question Page 1 of 5

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

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

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

$$\stackrel{\text{Cond. indpt}}{=} \int_{A_3} P(A_1 | \mathcal{G}_3) P(A_2 | \mathcal{G}_3) dP = \int_{A_3} E\{P(A_1 | \mathcal{G}_3) \underbrace{I_{A_2}}_{|\mathcal{G}_3}\} dP$$

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

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

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

Thus from a theorem given in 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  $\mathcal{G}_1 = \sigma(\bar{0})$ ,  $\mathcal{G}_2 = \sigma(Y)$ ,  $\mathcal{G}_3 = \sigma(X)$

$A_1 = \{\bar{0} = 1\}$  and Apply to Conclusion of 1

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

Since  $\sigma(w(x)) \subset \sigma(x)$ ,

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

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

Hence, given  $w(x)$ ,  $\delta$  &  $x$  are conditionally indep't.

4. " $\Leftarrow$ " If  $b(x)$  is finer than  $w(x)$ , i.e.

$$\sigma(b(x)) \supset \sigma(w(x)), \text{ repeat above (3.1) \& (3.2)}$$

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

and

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

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

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"⇒" Suppose that  $b(x)$  is not finer than  $w(x)$ , i.e.

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

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

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

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

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

we have

$$\sqrt{n} \otimes q_n \xrightarrow{d} N\left(0, E \frac{\frac{\partial w}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial^T w}{\partial \theta}}{w(w)}\right) \quad \text{as } \min\{m, t\} \rightarrow \infty.$$

6  $B_n$  is a sum of IID r. vectors

$$E(B_n) = E\left(\frac{1}{1 - w(x_i; \theta)} \frac{\partial w(x_i; \theta)}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial^T w(x_i; \theta)}{\partial \theta}\right) \triangleq \Lambda_\theta$$

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

Note that

$$\frac{\partial^2 \ell_n(\theta)}{\partial \theta^2} = n \frac{\partial^2 \varphi_n(\theta)}{\partial \theta^2} = n B_n(\theta)$$

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

$C_2 \Rightarrow B_1(\theta')$  is continuous in  $\Theta_0$

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

Apply Slutsky Th  $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \Lambda_\theta^{-1} E \frac{\partial w}{\partial \theta} \frac{\partial w}{\partial \theta} \Lambda_\theta^{-1})$

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  $\sigma^2 = -1/2a$ .

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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  $\mu$ , 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  $\mu$  given that  $\bar{W}_n = \bar{w}_n$ ? (Hint: what is the conditional distribution of  $\bar{W}_n$  given  $\mu$ ?) Evaluate the function of  $w$ ,

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

d) Now suppose that  $\mu$  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  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  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  $\mu_1, \mu_2$ , 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  $\mu_1$  if  $x_i < c$ , and otherwise has mean  $\mu_2$ ). Consider the statistical problem with parameter vector  $(\mu_1, \mu_2, c)$ .

e) Write out a likelihood for this problem,  $L_n(\mu_1, \mu_2, c)$ . For fixed  $c$ , what values of  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  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  $(\mu_1, \mu_2, c)$ ? 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  $(\mu_1, \mu_2, c)$ . In particular, suppose that we give  $(\mu_1, \mu_2, c)$  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) 
$$f(x) = C \exp\left(a \left[ \left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 \right]\right)$$

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

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

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

$$f_{T,U}(t,u) = f_T(t) f_{U|T}(u|t)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma^2} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(t-\delta)^2\right) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\eta^2} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2\eta^2}(u-t)^2\right)$$

For fixed  $u$ , this is a function of  $t$  proportional to

$$f_{T|U}(t|u) \propto \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{\sigma^2} + \frac{1}{\eta^2}\right)t^2 + \left(\frac{\delta}{\sigma^2} + \frac{u}{\eta^2}\right)t\right)$$

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

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

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

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

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

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  $\gamma^2$ ,

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

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  $\mu$ ).

e)

$$L_n(\mu_1, \mu_2, c) = \prod_{i \leq n_1(c)} f(y_i | \mu_1) \prod_{i > n_1(c)} f(y_i | \mu_2)$$

For fixed  $c$ , this is clearly maximized by choosing  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  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

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

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  $z_i$  is any element of  $(0, 1)$  where  $L_n^*(\cdot)$  is maximized,  $L_n^*(\cdot)$  is constant on  $[z_i, z_{i+1})$  and there is no unique MLE of  $(\mu_1, \mu_2, c)$ .

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

$$\lambda = \frac{\max_{j=1, \dots, n-1} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^j (y_i - \bar{y}_1(x_j))^2 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=j+1}^n (y_i - \bar{y}_2(x_j))^2\right)}{\exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{i \text{ s.t.} \\ x_i < .5}} (y_i - \bar{y}_1(.5))^2 - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\substack{i \text{ s.t.} \\ x_i \geq .5}} (y_i - \bar{y}_2(.5))^2\right)}$$

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

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

depends on  $\mu_1, \mu_2, c$

For fixed  $c$ , if I integrate out  $\mu_2$  I'm left with

$$\left( \prod_{i=1}^{n_1(c)} f(y_i | \mu_1) \right) g_1(\mu_1 | 0, \sigma^2) h_2(c, y)$$

which, as a function of  $\mu_1$ , is proportional to

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

i.e. by The Lemma is Normal with mean

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

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

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

(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  $\mu_1, \mu_2$  out of  $(*)$ . This produces

$$h_1(c, y) h_2(c, y) \mathbb{I}[0 < c < 1]$$

(note  $h_1(c, y) = 1$  for  $c < x_1$  and  $h_2(c, y) = 1$  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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Let  $W$  have a Weibull( $\delta, \tau$ ) 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  $\delta$  and  $\tau$  are positive.

1. Derive the cumulative distribution function of  $W$ .
2. Explain how you could generate a random value from a Weibull( $\delta, \tau$ ) 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( $\delta, \tau$ ) 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( $\beta$ ) random variables with mean  $\beta$  ( $\beta > 0$ ). 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( $\delta, \tau$ ) distribution. Show that random variable  $X = W^\tau$  has an Exponential( $\delta^\tau$ ) distribution.
6. Derive the moment generating function of  $X$ , where  $X$  has an Exponential( $\delta^\tau$ ) distribution. The answer is  $(1 - \delta^\tau)^{-1}$ .
7. Show that the mean and variance of  $X$  are  $\delta^\tau$  and  $\delta^{2\tau}$ , respectively.

Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be independent Exponential( $\delta^\tau$ ) random variables.

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

Suppose that the value of  $\tau$  is known.

9. Propose a consistent estimator of the  $\delta$ . 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( $\delta, \tau$ ) 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( $\beta$ ) random variables with mean  $\beta$  ( $\beta > 0$ ). 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?

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

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

- $X = W^\tau$ ;  $W = X^{1/\tau}$
- $dW = (1/\tau)X^{1/\tau-1}$
- $f(x) = \tau\delta^{-\tau}(x^{1/\tau})^{\tau-1}e^{-x/\delta^\tau}(1/\tau)x^{1/\tau-1}$
- $f(x) = \delta^{-\tau}e^{-x/\delta^\tau}$ ,  $x \geq 0$ ;  $f(x) = 0$  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  $\delta^\tau$  and  $\delta^{2\tau}$ , respectively.

- Differentiate MGF once, evaluate at  $t = 0$ , produces  $EX$ . Differentiate MGF 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  $\text{Exponential}(\delta^\tau)$  random variables.

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

- The mean of  $X$ 's is  $\delta^\tau$ .
- The variance of  $X$ 's is finite.
- So  $\bar{X}_n$  is consistent.

Suppose that the value of  $\tau$  is known.

9. Propose a consistent estimator of  $\delta$ . 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  $\theta$ .  
A.3 Show, by an example, that  $(X_{(1)}, X_{(n)})$  is not complete for  $\theta$ .
- 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  $\theta$ .  
B.3 Find the uniformly minimum variance unbiased estimator (UMVUE) of  $\theta^3$ .  
(**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  $\alpha$  ( $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ ) 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.

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

$$= \begin{cases} (2\theta)^{-n} & \text{if } -\theta < x_{(1)} < x_{(n)} < \theta \\ 0 & \text{No} \end{cases}$$

A.2.

Follows from (A.1) + the Factorization Theorem

A.3.

It is easy to check that  $\theta$  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  $\theta$ . Let

$$\cancel{a = E[Z_{(n)}/Z_{(1)}]}. \quad a = E\left[\tan^{-1}(Z_{(n)}/Z_{(1)})\right].$$

Since  $\theta$  is a scale parameter,  $\tan^{-1}(x_{(n)}/x_{(1)}) \stackrel{d}{=} \tan^{-1} Z_{(n)}/Z_{(1)}$ , which is bounded  $\Rightarrow$  Expectation exists!

it follows that

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

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

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} E_0 \left[ \tan^{-1} \frac{x_{(n)}}{x_{(1)}} - a \right] = 0 \quad \forall \theta \\ \text{but} \quad P_0 \left( \left[ \tan^{-1} \frac{x_{(n)}}{x_{(1)}} - a \right] = 0 \right) = 0 \quad \forall \theta. \end{cases}$$

$\Rightarrow (x_{(1)}, x_{(n)})$  is not <sup>(boundedly)</sup> complete for  $\theta$ .

B.1.

$$f_{Y_1, \dots, Y_n; \theta}(y_1, \dots, y_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n f_{\theta}(y_i) \\ = \begin{cases} 2^n \prod_{i=1}^n y_i / \theta^n & \text{if } 0 < y_{(1)} < y_{(n)} < \theta^{1/2} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

B.2.

Factorization Theorem  $\Rightarrow$  Sufficiency!

Completeness Pf. — may drop —

Let  $h(\cdot)$  be a function with  $E_{\theta} h(Y_{(n)}) = 0 \quad \forall \theta$   
(and  $E_0 |h(Y_{(n)})| < \infty \quad \forall \theta$ ).

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

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

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

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

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

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


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B-3.

Enough to find a function  $g$  such that

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

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

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

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


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

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

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

$$\text{on the set } S_{\theta_1, \theta_2} \equiv \left\{ \underline{y}; \text{ a } \cancel{\text{set}} \mid f_{\underline{y}, \theta_1}(\underline{y}) + f_{\underline{y}, \theta_2}(\underline{y}) > 0 \right\} \\ = \left\{ \underline{y}; \quad 0 < y_{(1)} < y_{(n)} < \sqrt{\theta_2} \right\}.$$

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

$S_{\theta_1, \theta_2} \Rightarrow (y_1, \dots, y_n)$  has MLE in  $y_{(n)}$ .

B5. A size  $\alpha$  UMP test for  $H_0: \theta = 1$  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 -

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

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