

You may use the following facts without proof.

**Fact 1:** The probability density function (pdf) of a chi-square  $\chi_k^2$  random variable, with  $k > 0$  degrees of freedom, is

$$f_{\chi_k^2}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2^{k/2}\Gamma(k/2)} x^{\frac{k}{2}-1} e^{-\frac{x}{2}}, & x > 0, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^\infty x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x} dx$  denotes the gamma function for  $\alpha > 0$ .

The mean and variance of a  $\chi_k^2$  random variable are given by  $k$  and  $2k$ , respectively.

**Fact 2:** The pdf of a Beta( $\alpha, \beta$ ) distribution, for  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ , is

$$f_{\text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta)}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1}, & x \in (0, 1), \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

### Part I.

Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be iid continuous random variables with pdf  $f_X(x) > 0$ , for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , and cdf  $F_X(x)$ . Also let  $U_1, \dots, U_n$  be iid uniform[0, 1] random variables. Be sure to justify your answers, stating any standard results used.

1. Show that  $F_X(X_1)$  follows the same distribution as  $U_1$ .
2. For  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , let  $F_n(x) = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{1}\{X_i \leq x\}$  be the empirical cdf of  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ , where  $\mathbf{1}\{\cdot\}$  is an indicator function. Show that

$$\sqrt{n}(F_n(x) - F_X(x)) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, F_X(x)(1 - F_X(x)))$$

holds as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , for any given  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

3. Letting  $n = 3$ , parts **(a)-(d)** below regard the order statistics  $U_{(1)}, U_{(2)}, U_{(3)}$  from  $U_1, U_2, U_3$ .

**a)** For  $0 \leq u_1 \leq u_2 \leq u_3 \leq 1$ , show that the joint cdf of  $(U_{(1)}, U_{(2)}, U_{(3)})$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} F_{U_{(1)}, U_{(2)}, U_{(3)}}(u_1, u_2, u_3) &= 6P(U_1 \leq u_1, U_2 \leq u_2, U_3 \leq u_3, U_1 \leq U_2 \leq U_3) \\ &= 6u_3u_2u_1 - 3u_2^2u_1 - 3u_3u_1^2 + u_1^3. \end{aligned}$$

**b)** Show that the joint pdf of  $(U_{(1)}, U_{(2)}, U_{(3)})$  is

$$f_{U_{(1)}, U_{(2)}, U_{(3)}}(u_1, u_2, u_3) = \begin{cases} 6, & 0 \leq u_1 \leq u_2 \leq u_3 \leq 1, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**c)** Based on **Problem 3(b)**, show that the marginal pdf of  $U_{(2)}$  is

$$f_{U_{(2)}}(u_2) = \begin{cases} 6u_2(1 - u_2), & u_2 \in [0, 1], \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

**d)** Find the conditional distribution of  $U_{(1)}$  given  $U_{(2)}$  and identify/name the distribution.

**Part II.**

For **Problems 4.–5.**, let  $U_1, \dots, U_n$  again denote a random sample from the uniform $[0, 1]$  distribution, where the sample size  $n \geq 3$  is always odd. Let  $U_{(1)}, \dots, U_{(n)}$  denote the order statistics of  $U_1, \dots, U_n$  and let  $\hat{\theta}_U \equiv U_{((n+1)/2)}$  denote the sample median.

4. Verify that the pdf of  $\hat{\theta}_U$  is given by

$$f_{\hat{\theta}_U}(t) = \frac{n!}{\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right)!\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right)!} t^{(n-1)/2} (1-t)^{(n-1)/2}, \quad 0 < t < 1,$$

and identify/name the distribution of  $\hat{\theta}_U$ .

5. Letting  $\theta_U = 1/2$  denote the population median of the uniform $[0, 1]$  distribution, show that

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_U - \theta_U) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1/4)$$

as odd  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

*Hint:* You may use the fact that if a random variable  $B$  follows the Beta( $\alpha, \beta$ ) distribution, then  $B$  is equal in distribution to  $Y/(Y + Z)$ , where  $Y \sim \chi^2_{2\alpha}$  and  $Z \sim \chi^2_{2\beta}$  are two independent  $\chi^2$ -random variables with degrees of freedom  $2\alpha$  and  $2\beta$ , respectively.

**Part III.**

Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be iid continuous random variables with pdf  $f_X(x) > 0$ , for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , and cdf  $F_X(x)$ . Further, let  $\hat{\theta}_X$  denote the sample median of  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  and let  $\theta_X = F_X^{-1}(1/2)$  denote the population median, i.e.,  $F_X(\theta_X) = 1/2$ .

6. Find the asymptotic distribution of  $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_X - \theta_X)$ , assuming that  $n$  is odd and  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

*Hint:* Use the conclusions from previous problems and the fact  $F_X^{-1}(F_X(x)) = x$  for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  because  $F_X$  is strictly increasing.

1. We have

$$\begin{aligned} P(F_X(X_1) \leq x) &= P(X_1 \leq F_X^{-1}(x)) \\ &= F_X(F_X^{-1}(x)) \\ &= x, \end{aligned}$$

where we used the fact that  $F_X$  is strictly increasing (and thus bijective) since  $f_X(x) > 0$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

2. Fix  $x$ . We have

$$E[F_n(x)] = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E[\mathbf{1}\{X_i \leq x\}] = \frac{1}{n} n P(X_1 \leq x) = P(X_1 \leq x) = F_X(x),$$

where the second equality makes use of the iid property of the sample. Also,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(\mathbf{1}\{X_i \leq x\}) &= E[\mathbf{1}\{X_i \leq x\}^2] - (E[\mathbf{1}\{X_i \leq x\}])^2 \\ &= E[\mathbf{1}\{X_i \leq x\}] - (E[\mathbf{1}\{X_i \leq x\}])^2 \\ &= F_X(x) - F_X(x)^2 = F_X(x)(1 - F_X(x)). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\mathbf{1}\{X_i \leq x\}$  are iid,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , by the CLT we have the desired result.

3. a) Let  $\mathcal{U} = \{(u_1, u_2, u_3) : 0 \leq u_1 \leq u_2 \leq u_3 \leq 1\}$ . Then  $(U_{(1)}, U_{(2)}, U_{(3)})$  is supported on  $\mathcal{U}$ . For  $(u_1, u_2, u_3) \in \mathcal{U}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} F_{U_{(1)}, U_{(2)}, U_{(3)}}(u_1, u_2, u_3) &= P(U_{(1)} \leq u_1, U_{(2)} \leq u_2, U_{(3)} \leq u_3) \\ &= P(\{U_1 \leq u_1, U_2 \leq u_2, U_3 \leq u_3, U_1 \leq U_2 \leq U_3\} \text{ or } \\ &\quad \{U_1 \leq u_1, U_3 \leq u_2, U_2 \leq u_3, U_1 \leq U_3 \leq U_2\} \text{ or } \\ &\quad \{U_2 \leq u_1, U_1 \leq u_2, U_3 \leq u_3, U_2 \leq U_1 \leq U_3\} \text{ or } \\ &\quad \{U_2 \leq u_1, U_3 \leq u_2, U_1 \leq u_3, U_2 \leq U_3 \leq U_1\} \text{ or } \\ &\quad \{U_3 \leq u_1, U_1 \leq u_2, U_2 \leq u_3, U_3 \leq U_1 \leq U_2\} \text{ or } \\ &\quad \{U_3 \leq u_1, U_2 \leq u_2, U_1 \leq u_3, U_3 \leq U_2 \leq U_1\}) \\ &= 6P(U_1 \leq u_1, U_2 \leq u_2, U_3 \leq u_3, U_1 \leq U_2 \leq U_3) \\ &= 6 \int_0^{u_1} \int_{t_1}^{u_2} \int_{t_2}^{u_3} 1 dt_3 dt_2 dt_1 \\ &= 6 \int_0^{u_1} \int_{t_1}^{u_2} (u_3 - t_2) dt_2 dt_1 \\ &= 6 \int_0^{u_1} [u_3(u_2 - t_1) - [u_2^2/2 - t_1^2/2]] dt_1 \\ &= 6[u_3 u_2 u_1 - u_3 u_1^2/2 - u_2^2 u_1/2 + u_1^3/6] \end{aligned}$$

The equalities follow from  $U_1, U_2, U_3$  being iid  $\text{Unif}(0, 1)$  with joint pdf 1.

b) For  $(u_1, u_2, u_3) \in \mathcal{U}$ ,

$$f_{U_{(1)}, U_{(2)}, U_{(3)}}(u_1, u_2, u_3) = \frac{\partial^3}{\partial u_1 \partial u_2 \partial u_3} F_{U_{(1)}, U_{(2)}, U_{(3)}}(u_1, u_2, u_3) = 6.$$

c) For  $0 \leq u_1 \leq u_2 \leq 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f_{U_{(1)}, U_{(2)}}(u_1, u_2) &= \int_{u_2}^1 f_{U_{(1)}, U_{(2)}, U_{(3)}}(u_1, u_2, u_3) du_3 \\ &= 6(1 - u_2). \end{aligned}$$

So

$$f_{U_{(1)}|U_{(2)}}(u_1 | u_2) = \frac{f_{U_{(1)}, U_{(2)}}(u_1, u_2)}{f_{U_{(2)}}(u_2)} = \frac{6(1 - u_2)}{6u_2(1 - u_2)} = \frac{1}{u_2}.$$

Thus, given  $U_{(2)} = u_2$ ,  $U_{(1)}$  follows a uniform distribution on  $[0, u_2]$ .

4. Write

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\hat{\theta}_U}(t) &= P(\hat{\theta}_U \leq t) = P(U_{(\frac{n+1}{2})} \leq t) \\ &= P\left(\text{At least } \frac{n+1}{2} \text{ variables among } U_1, \dots, U_n \text{ are } \leq t\right) \\ &= \sum_{j=(n+1)/2}^n P(\text{Exactly } j \text{ variables among } U_1, \dots, U_n \text{ are } \leq t) \\ &= \sum_{j=(n+1)/2}^n \binom{n}{j} P(U_1 \leq t, \dots, U_j \leq t, U_{j+1} > t, \dots, U_n > t) \\ &= \sum_{j=(n+1)/2}^n \binom{n}{j} t^j (1-t)^{n-j}, \end{aligned}$$

due to  $U_1, \dots, U_n$  being iid  $\text{Unif}(0, 1)$ . So

$$\begin{aligned} f_{\hat{\theta}_U}(t) &= \frac{d}{dx} F_{\hat{\theta}_U}(t) \\ &= \sum_{j=(n+1)/2}^{n-1} \binom{n}{j} j t^{j-1} (1-t)^{n-j} - \sum_{j=(n+1)/2}^{n-1} \binom{n}{j} (n-j) t^j (1-t)^{n-j-1} + n t^{n-1} \\ &= \sum_{j=(n+1)/2}^{n-1} \binom{n}{j} j t^{j-1} (1-t)^{n-j} - \sum_{j'=(n+3)/2}^n \binom{n}{j'-1} (n-j'+1) t^{j'-1} (1-t)^{n-j'} + n t^{n-1} \\ &= \sum_{j=(n+1)/2}^{n-1} \frac{n!}{(j-1)!(n-j)!} t^{j-1} (1-t)^{n-j} - \sum_{j=(n+3)/2}^n \frac{n!}{(j-1)!(n-j)!} t^{j-1} (1-t)^{n-j} + n t^{n-1} \\ &= \sum_{j=(n+1)/2}^{(n+1)/2} \frac{n!}{(j-1)!(n-j)!} t^{j-1} (1-t)^{n-j} - \sum_{j=n}^n \frac{n!}{(j-1)!(n-j)!} t^{j-1} (1-t)^{n-j} + n t^{n-1} \\ &= \frac{n!}{(\frac{n-1}{2})! (\frac{n-1}{2})!} t^{\frac{n-1}{2}} (1-t)^{\frac{n-1}{2}} - n t^{n-1} + n t^{n-1} \\ &= \frac{n!}{(\frac{n-1}{2})! (\frac{n-1}{2})!} t^{\frac{n-1}{2}} (1-t)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}, \quad t \in (0, 1), \end{aligned}$$

which is our desired result. Here the third equality applies change-of-variable  $j' = j + 1$  and the notation  $j'$  is replaced by  $j$  in the fourth equality and onward. The sample median follows a Beta distribution with  $\alpha = \beta = (n+1)/2$ .

5. Following the hint,  $\hat{\theta}_U$  is equal in distribution to  $Y/(Y + Z)$  where  $Y$  and  $Z$  are iid  $\chi_{n+1}^2$  random variables. Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots$  and  $B_1, B_2, \dots$  be two independent sequences of iid  $\chi_1^2$  random variables. We have that the joint distribution of  $Y$  and  $Z$  equal to that of  $Y_{n+1} = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} A_i$  and  $Z_{n+1} = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} B_i$ . Since  $\theta_U = 1/2$ ,

$$\sqrt{n+1}(\hat{\theta}_U - \theta_U) \stackrel{d}{=} \sqrt{n+1} \left( \frac{Y_{n+1} - (Y_{n+1} + Z_{n+1})/2}{Y_{n+1} + Z_{n+1}} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(n+1)^{-1/2}(Y_{n+1} - Z_{n+1})}{(n+1)^{-1}(Y_{n+1} + Z_{n+1})}, \quad (1)$$

where  $\stackrel{d}{=}$  means equal in distribution.

Note that the  $A_i - B_i$  and the  $A_i + B_i$  are iid random variables with mean 0 and 2, respectively, and variance both equal to 4. By the CLT,

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}}(Y_{n+1} - Z_{n+1}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} (A_i - B_i) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 4). \quad (2)$$

Also, by the weak law of large numbers,

$$\frac{1}{n+1}(Y_{n+1} + Z_{n+1}) = \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} (A_i + B_i) \xrightarrow{p} 2. \quad (3)$$

By (1)–(3) and Slutsky's theorem,

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_U - \theta_U) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \frac{1}{4}).$$

6. Let  $U_i = F_X(X_i)$ . Then  $U_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$  follow independent uniform distributions on  $[0, 1]$ . Let  $\hat{\theta}_U$  be the sample median of  $U_1, \dots, U_n$ , and  $\theta_U = 1/2$  be the population median of  $U_1$ . Since  $F_X$  is strictly increasing, it preserves the ordering of its arguments, and thus

$$F_X(\hat{\theta}_X) = F_X(X_{(\frac{n+1}{2})}) = \text{sample median of } \{F_X(X_i)\}_{i=1}^n = U_{(\frac{n+1}{2})} = \hat{\theta}_U.$$

Also,  $F_X(\theta_X) = 1/2 = \theta_U$ . Thus

$$\hat{\theta}_X = F_X^{-1}(\hat{\theta}_U), \quad \text{and } \theta_X = F_X^{-1}(\theta_U).$$

Because  $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_U - \theta_U) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \frac{1}{4})$  by Problem 5, the delta method leads to

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_X - \theta_X) = \sqrt{n}(F_X^{-1}(\hat{\theta}_U) - F_X^{-1}(\theta_U)) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{d}{dx} F_X^{-1}(\theta_U) \right)^2).$$

By calculus,

$$1 = \frac{d}{dx} x = \frac{d}{dx} F_X^{-1}(F_X(x)) = \left( \frac{d}{dx} F_X^{-1} \right) (F_X(x)) \cdot \frac{d}{dx} F_X(x) = \left( \frac{d}{dx} F_X^{-1} \right) (F_X(x)) \cdot f_X(x),$$

so

$$\frac{d}{dx} F_X^{-1}(\theta_U) = \frac{1}{f_X(F_X^{-1}(\theta_U))} = \frac{1}{f_X(\theta_X)}.$$

Thus,

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_X - \theta_X) \xrightarrow{d} N\left(0, \frac{1}{4f_X(\theta_X)^2}\right).$$

Some facts that you may use are:

**Fact 1:** If  $X$  is an inverse Gaussian random variable with parameters  $\mu > 0, \lambda > 0$ , denoted  $X \sim \text{IG}(\mu, \lambda)$ , then the pdf of  $X$  is

$$f(x|\mu, \lambda) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{2\pi x^3}} \exp\left\{-\frac{\lambda(x-\mu)^2}{2\mu^2 x}\right\} & \text{if } x > 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

For such  $X$  it follows that  $E(X) = \mu$ ,  $\text{Var}(X) = \mu^3/\lambda$  and  $E(1/X) = 1/\mu + 1/\lambda$ .

**Fact 2:** Suppose that  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are iid random variables with  $X_1 \sim \text{IG}(\mu, \lambda)$ . Let the sample mean  $\bar{X} = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i/n$ , then  $\bar{X} \sim \text{IG}(\mu, n\lambda)$  and  $\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n (1/X_i - 1/\bar{X}) \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$ . Here,  $\chi_{n-1}^2$  denotes the  $\chi^2$  distribution with  $n - 1$  degrees of freedom.

**Fact 3:** If  $Y \sim \chi_m^2$ , then  $E(Y) = m$ ,  $\text{Var}(Y) = 2m$  and  $E(1/Y) = 1/(m - 2)$ .

**Fact 4:** If  $W$  is a gamma random variable with parameters  $(\alpha, \beta)$ , that is  $W \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$ , then the pdf of  $W$  is

$$f(w|\alpha, \beta) = \begin{cases} \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} w^{\alpha-1} \exp\{-\beta w\} & \text{if } w > 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ . Further,  $E(W) = \alpha/\beta$ .

**Part I** Suppose that  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are iid random variables with  $X_1 \sim \text{IG}(\mu, \lambda)$ . Let  $\theta = (\mu, \lambda)$ , and  $\omega \equiv \text{Var}(X_1) = \mu^3/\lambda$ .

1. Show that  $(\bar{X}, \sum_{i=1}^n [1/X_i - 1/\bar{X}])$  jointly form a complete and sufficient statistic for  $\theta$  based on  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ .
2. Find the UMVUEs of  $\mu$  and  $\lambda$ .
3. Prove that there is a unique maximizer  $\hat{\theta}_n$  of the likelihood function of  $\theta$  based on  $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ .
4. Show that the Fisher information matrix based on  $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  is

$$I(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{n\lambda}{\mu^3} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{n}{2\lambda^2} \end{pmatrix}.$$

5. Find the asymptotic (bivariate) normal distribution of  $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
6. Show that  $\hat{\theta}_n$  is a consistent estimator of  $\theta$ . Hint: Use **Problem 5**.

7. Find  $\hat{\omega}_n$  the MLE of  $\omega \equiv \text{Var}(X_1) = \frac{\mu^3}{\lambda}$ .
8. Using the result of **Problem 5**, find the limiting distribution of  $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\omega}_n - \omega)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
9. Show that  $Q((X_1, \dots, X_n), \lambda) = \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n (1/X_i - 1/\bar{X})$  is a pivotal quantity .
10. Let  $\lambda_0$  be a known positive value. Using the pivotal quantity from **Problem 9**, derive a size  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$  test for testing  $H_0 : \lambda = \lambda_0$  against  $H_1 : \lambda \neq \lambda_0$ .
11. Using a statistic  $U$  based on  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  and the joint pivotal quantity from **Problem 9**, construct a one sided confidence interval of the form  $(0, U)$  for  $\lambda$  with confidence coefficient  $(1 - \alpha) \in (0, 1)$ .
12. Let  $\theta_0$  be a given value of  $\theta$ . Derive an asymptotic size  $0 < \alpha < 1$  LRT for testing  $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$  against  $H_1 : \theta \neq \theta_0$ . Hint: There is no need to expand or simplify the LRT statistic.
13. Is the Jeffreys' prior  $\pi^*(\theta) \propto (\det I(\theta))^{1/2}$  a valid density on the parameter space?

**Part II** For **Problems 14-16**, assume that the prior density of  $\theta$  is  $\pi(\theta) = \pi_1(\mu)\pi_2(\lambda)$ , where  $\pi_1(\mu)$  is the Gamma  $(\alpha_\mu, \beta_\mu)$  density, and  $\pi_2(\lambda)$  is the Gamma  $(\alpha_\lambda, \beta_\lambda)$  density for known positive values of  $\alpha_\lambda, \beta_\lambda, \alpha_\mu$  and  $\beta_\mu$ . Let  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  be the observed data.

14. Derive (up to a normalizing constant) the posterior density  $\pi(\theta|\mathbf{x})$  of  $\theta$ .
15. Is the family of prior densities  $\{\pi(\theta) : \text{all } \alpha_\lambda, \beta_\lambda, \alpha_\mu, \beta_\mu > 0\}$  conjugate in this model? Explain.
16. Derive (up to a normalizing constant) the marginal posterior density of  $\mu$  given  $x$  from the joint posterior density  $\pi(\theta|\mathbf{x})$  obtained in **Problem 15**.

**Part III** For **Problem 17**, assume that  $\mu$  is known and the prior density of  $\lambda$  is  $\pi_2(\lambda)$ , where  $\pi_2(\lambda)$  is the Gamma  $(\alpha_\lambda, \beta_\lambda)$  density for known values of  $\alpha_\lambda > 1/2$  and  $\beta_\lambda > n/\mu$ .

17. Derive the Bayes estimator of  $\lambda$  under the loss function

$$L(\lambda, t) = \frac{3(t - \lambda)^2}{\lambda}.$$

1. The joint pdf of  $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  is

$$(\lambda/[2\pi])^{n/2} \exp(n\lambda/\mu) \left( \prod_{i=1}^n x_i \right)^{-3/2} \exp \left( -\frac{\lambda}{2\mu^2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i} \right).$$

Since the inverse Gaussian density is in exponential family, and the parameter space contains an opening set in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , by factorization theorem  $(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i, \sum_{i=1}^n [1/X_i])$  and hence  $(\bar{X}, \sum_{i=1}^n [1/X_i - 1/\bar{X}])$  is complete and sufficient for  $\theta$ .

2. From the given facts, we know that

$$E(\bar{X}) = \mu, E\left(\frac{n-3}{\sum_{i=1}^n [1/X_i - 1/\bar{X}]}\right) = \lambda.$$

Since  $(\bar{X}, \sum_{i=1}^n [1/X_i - 1/\bar{X}])$  is complete and sufficient for  $\theta$ ,  $\bar{X}$  is UMVUE of  $\mu$  and  $(n-3)/(\sum_{i=1}^n [1/X_i - 1/\bar{X}])$  is UMVUE of  $\lambda$ .

3. The loglikelihood function for  $(\mu, \lambda)$  (up to an additive constant) is

$$\log \ell(\mu, \lambda) = \frac{n}{2} \log \lambda - \frac{\lambda}{2\mu^2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i - \frac{\lambda}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i} + \frac{n\lambda}{\mu}.$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \log \ell(\mu, \lambda)}{\partial \lambda} &= \frac{n}{2\lambda} - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{2\mu^2} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i} + \frac{n}{\mu}, \text{ and} \\ \frac{\partial \log \ell(\mu, \lambda)}{\partial \mu} &= \frac{\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{\mu^3} - \frac{n\lambda}{\mu^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

From (1), the solution of the likelihood equations is  $\hat{\theta}_n \equiv (\bar{X}, n/\sum_{i=1}^n [1/X_i - 1/\bar{X}])$ . Let  $\bar{x} = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i/n$ . Note that, irrespective of the value of  $\lambda$ ,  $\frac{\partial \log \ell(\lambda, \mu)}{\partial \mu} \geq 0$  if  $\mu \leq \bar{x}$ . Next,  $\frac{\partial \log \ell(\lambda, \bar{x})}{\partial \lambda} \geq 0$  if  $\lambda \leq n/\sum_{i=1}^n [1/x_i - 1/\bar{x}]$ . Thus, the likelihood function has a unique maximizer at  $\hat{\theta}_n$ .

4. From (1) we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 \log \ell(\mu, \lambda)}{\partial \lambda^2} &= -\frac{n}{2\lambda^2} \\ \frac{\partial^2 \log \ell(\mu, \lambda)}{\partial \mu \partial \lambda} &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{\mu^3} - \frac{n}{\mu^2}, \text{ and} \\ \frac{\partial^2 \log \ell(\mu, \lambda)}{\partial \mu^2} &= -\frac{3\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{\mu^4} + \frac{2n\lambda}{\mu^3}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$I(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{n\lambda}{\mu^3} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{n}{2\lambda^2} \end{pmatrix}.$$



5. By the asymptotic normality of MLE,

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n - \boldsymbol{\theta}) \xrightarrow{d} N_2\left(\mathbf{0}, \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\mu^3}{\lambda} & 0 \\ 0 & 2\lambda^2 \end{pmatrix}\right).$$

6. Since

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

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

7. Let  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n = (\hat{\mu}_n, \hat{\lambda}_n)$ . Since  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n$  is the MLE of  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ , by the invariance property of MLE, the MLE of  $\omega = \omega(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  is  $\hat{\omega}_n = \rho(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n) = \frac{\hat{\mu}_n^3}{\hat{\lambda}_n}$ .

8. Note that  $\partial\omega(\boldsymbol{\theta})/\partial\boldsymbol{\theta} = (3\mu^2/\lambda, -\mu^3/\lambda^2)^T$ . Let  $V(\boldsymbol{\theta})$  be the asymptotic covariance matrix of  $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n - \boldsymbol{\theta})$ . By Delta method,

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\omega}_n - \omega) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, (3\mu^2/\lambda, -\mu^3/\lambda^2)V(\boldsymbol{\theta})(3\mu^2/\lambda, -\mu^3/\lambda^2)^T).$$

That is  $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\omega}_n - \omega) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 9\mu^7/\lambda^3 + 2\mu^6/\lambda^2)$ .

9. Since  $\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n (1/X_i - 1/\bar{X}) \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$ ,  $Q((X_1, \dots, X_n), \boldsymbol{\theta}) = \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n (1/X_i - 1/\bar{X})$  is a pivotal quantity.

10. Under  $H_0$ ,  $\lambda_0 \sum_{i=1}^n (1/X_i - 1/\bar{X}) \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$ . Thus, a size  $\alpha$  test for testing  $H_0 : \lambda = \lambda_0$  against  $H_1 : \lambda \neq \lambda_0$  is

$$\text{Reject } H_0 \text{ if } \lambda_0 \sum_{i=1}^n (1/X_i - 1/\bar{X}) > \chi_{n-1, 1-\alpha}^2,$$

where  $\chi_{n,\alpha}^2$  is the  $\alpha$ th quantile of  $\chi_n^2$ .

11. A  $(1-\alpha)$  confidence interval for  $\lambda$  can be found from  $\{\lambda : Q((X_1, \dots, X_n), \boldsymbol{\theta}) \leq \chi_{n-1, 1-\alpha}^2\}$ . Thus,  $(0, \chi_{n-1, 1-\alpha}^2 / [\sum_{i=1}^n (1/X_i - 1/\bar{X})])$  is a  $(1-\alpha)$  confidence interval for  $\lambda$ .

12. The LRT statistic is

$$\lambda(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\ell(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)}{\sup_{\boldsymbol{\theta} \in \Theta} \ell(\boldsymbol{\theta})} = \frac{\ell(\boldsymbol{\theta}_0)}{\ell(\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_n)}.$$

We know that  $-2 \log \lambda(\mathbf{x}) \xrightarrow{d} \chi_2^2$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus, an asymptotic size  $\alpha$  LRT for testing  $H_0 : \boldsymbol{\theta} = \boldsymbol{\theta}_0$  against  $H_1 : \boldsymbol{\theta} \neq \boldsymbol{\theta}_0$  is

$$\text{Reject } H_0 \text{ if } -2 \log \lambda(\mathbf{x}) > \chi_{2, 1-\alpha}^2.$$

13. The Jeffreys' prior density of  $\theta$  is

$$\pi^*(\theta) \propto (\det I(\theta))^{1/2} \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda\mu^3}} \quad \mu > 0, \lambda > 0.$$

Since

$$\int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty \pi^*(\theta) d\theta = \infty,$$

it is not a valid pdf.

14. The posterior density of  $\theta$  is

$$\begin{aligned} \pi(\theta|\mathbf{x}) &\propto \pi(\theta)f(\mathbf{x}|\theta) \\ &\propto \pi_1(\mu)\pi_2(\lambda)\lambda^{n/2}\exp(n\lambda/\mu)\exp\left(-\frac{\lambda}{2\mu^2}\sum_{i=1}^n x_i - \frac{\lambda}{2}\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i}\right) \\ &\propto \mu^{\alpha_\mu-1}\exp(-\beta_\mu\mu)\lambda^{n/2+\alpha_\lambda-1}\exp\left(-\lambda\left[\beta_\lambda + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{2\mu^2} + \frac{1}{2}\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i} - \frac{n}{\mu}\right]\right) \quad \mu > 0, \lambda > 0. \end{aligned}$$

15. Since the posterior density  $\pi(\theta|\mathbf{x})$  is not of the form of a product of two independent gamma densities, the prior family is not conjugate for the likelihood.

16. The marginal posterior density

$$\begin{aligned} \pi(\mu|\mathbf{x}) &= \int_0^\infty \pi(\mu, \lambda|\mathbf{x}) d\lambda \\ &\propto \mu^{\alpha_\mu-1}\exp(-\beta_\mu\mu) \int_0^\infty \lambda^{n/2+\alpha_\lambda-1}\exp\left(-\lambda\left[\beta_\lambda + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{2\mu^2} + \frac{1}{2}\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i} - \frac{n}{\mu}\right]\right) d\lambda \\ &\propto \mu^{\alpha_\mu-1}\exp(-\beta_\mu\mu) \left[\beta_\lambda + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{2\mu^2} + \frac{1}{2}\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i} - \frac{n}{\mu}\right]^{-(n/2+\alpha_\lambda)} \quad \mu > 0. \end{aligned}$$

17. Note that  $\pi(\lambda|\mathbf{x})$  is the density of Gamma  $(\alpha_\lambda + n/2, \beta_\lambda + \sum_{i=1}^n x_i/[2\mu^2] + \sum_{i=1}^n [1/\{2x_i\}] - n/\mu)$ . Let  $\alpha'_\lambda = \alpha_\lambda + n/2$  and  $\beta'_\lambda = \beta_\lambda + \sum_{i=1}^n x_i/[2\mu^2] + \sum_{i=1}^n [1/\{2x_i\}] - n/\mu$ . Note that

$$E[L(\lambda, t)|\mathbf{x}] = \int_0^\infty \frac{3(t-\lambda)^2}{\lambda} \pi(\lambda|\mathbf{x}) d\lambda.$$

Now,

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{3(t-\lambda)^2}{\lambda} \pi(\lambda|\mathbf{x}) d\lambda \propto \int_0^\infty (t-\lambda)^2 \lambda^{(\alpha'_\lambda-1)-1} \exp(-\beta'_\lambda \lambda) d\lambda,$$

which is minimized at the mean of Gamma  $(\alpha'_\lambda - 1, \beta'_\lambda)$ . Thus the Bayes estimator of  $\lambda$  under the loss function  $L(\lambda, t)$  is

$$\frac{\alpha'_\lambda - 1}{\beta'_\lambda} = \frac{\alpha_\lambda + [n-2]/2}{\beta_\lambda + \sum_{i=1}^n x_i/[2\mu^2] + \sum_{i=1}^n [1/\{2x_i\}] - n/\mu}.$$

**Part I**

Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  be a probability space and let  $X, Y, X_n, n \geq 1$ , denote (Borel measurable) random variables (r.v.'s). Denote the set of real numbers as  $\mathbb{R}$  and denote the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $\mathbb{R}$  as  $\mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ .

1. Give the following definitions:

- a. State the defining properties of  $\mathcal{F}$  with respect to the probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ .
- b. State the defining properties of  $\mathbb{P}$  with respect to the probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ .
- c. State the defining properties of  $X$  to be a (Borel measurable) random variable.
- d. Define the meaning of almost sure convergence of  $X_n$  to  $X$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  (written as  $X_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} X$ ).
- e. Define the meaning of convergence of  $X_n$  to  $X$  in probability as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  (written as  $X_n \xrightarrow{p} X$ ).
- f. For a given  $p > 0$ , define the meaning of  $L_p$ -convergence of  $X_n$  to  $X$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  (written as  $X_n \xrightarrow{L_p} X$ ).
- g. Define the meaning of convergence of  $X_n$  to  $X$  in distribution as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  (written as  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$ ).
- h. For a random variable  $X$ , define the (induced) probability measure  $P_X$  and the distribution function  $F_X$ .
- i. Define what it means for  $X$  to be an absolutely continuous random variable.
- j. Let  $X \in L_1(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  (i.e.  $X$  is integrable) and let  $\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{F}$  be a sub- $\sigma$ -algebra. Define the meaning of the conditional expectation of  $X$  given  $\mathcal{G}$  (written as  $\mathbb{E}(X|\mathcal{G})$ ).
- k. Explain the meaning of the notation  $\mathbb{E}(X|Y)$ .

**Part II**

Suppose  $X, X_n, n \geq 1$ , denote independent r.v.'s, where  $X \equiv 0$  and, for each  $n \geq 1$ ,  $X_n$  has a probability measure  $P_{X_n}$  on  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}))$  with a density function (with respect to the Lebesgue measure  $m$ ) given by

$$\left( \frac{dP_{X_n}}{dm} \right) (u) \equiv f_{X_n}(u) = \begin{cases} 2n(1 - nu) & 0 < u < \frac{1}{n}, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

2. Argue carefully (stating any standard results) that there exists one probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  on which r.v.'s  $X, X_n$  for  $n \geq 1$  can all be defined with the marginal distributions above.

Let  $(\tilde{\Omega}, \tilde{\mathcal{F}}, \tilde{\mathbb{P}})$  be **some** probability space with r.v.'s  $Y, Y_n, n \geq 1$ . Suppose that  $Y \equiv 0$  and that, for each  $n \geq 1$ ,  $Y_n$  has the same marginal distribution as  $X_n$  above ( $X_n \stackrel{d}{=} Y_n$ ). The point here is that  $(\tilde{\Omega}, \tilde{\mathcal{F}}, \tilde{\mathbb{P}})$  and the r.v.'s  $Y_n$  may not be the same as  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  and the r.v.'s  $X_n$  in **Question 2**. We do not suppose that the r.v.'s  $Y_n, n \geq 1$ , are independent.

3. Show  $Y_n \xrightarrow{p} Y$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
4. For what values of  $p > 0$  does  $Y_n \xrightarrow{L_p} Y$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ?
5. Does  $Y_n \xrightarrow{d} Y$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ?
6. Show that  $Y_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} Y$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  (Hint: Verify  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tilde{\mathbb{P}}(|Y_n| > \epsilon) < \infty$  for any  $\epsilon > 0$ .)

### Part III

Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  be a probability space; let  $X, Y, X_1, X_2$  denote integrable r.v.'s on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$ ; and let  $\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{F}$  be a sub- $\sigma$ -algebra.

7. If  $\mathbb{E}(X|Y) = Y$  and  $\mathbb{E}(Y|X) = X$ , prove  $X = Y$  (a.s.).
8. If  $X, Y$  are independent, show that  $\mathbb{E}(X|Y) = \mathbb{E}(X)$  (a.s.).
9. If  $X \sim \text{Uniform}(-1, 1)$  and  $Y = X^2$ , show that  $\mathbb{E}(X|Y) = \mathbb{E}(X)$  (a.s.). In this example, are  $X, Y$  independent?
10. If  $X_1 \geq X_2$  (a.s.), then prove  $\mathbb{E}(X_1|Y) \geq \mathbb{E}(X_2|Y)$  (a.s.).
11. Let  $\Omega = \{\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3, \omega_4\}$  and denote the power set of  $\Omega$  as  $\mathcal{F} = \mathcal{P}(\Omega)$ . Let  $\mathbb{P}$  be a probability measure on  $\Omega$  such that  $\mathbb{P}(\{\omega_i\}) = p_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, 4$ , where  $0 < p_1 < 1$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^4 p_i = 1$ . For given real-values  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$ , define a random variable  $X$  as:  $X(\omega_i) = x_i$  for  $i = 1, \dots, 4$ . Let  $\mathcal{G} = \{\emptyset, \{\omega_1\}, \{\omega_1\}^c, \Omega\}$  denote a sub- $\sigma$ -algebra. Give an explicit form of  $\mathbb{E}(X|\mathcal{G}) \equiv \mathbb{E}(X|\mathcal{G})(\omega), \omega \in \mathcal{F}$ , carefully justifying that your version is a conditional expectation in this set-up.

## Part 1

## 1. Definitions:

- a.  $\Omega \neq \emptyset$ ,  $\mathcal{F}$  satisfies:  $\Omega \in \mathcal{F}$ ;  $A \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow A^c \in \mathcal{F}$ ;  $\{A_n\} \in \mathcal{F} \Rightarrow \cup_{n \geq 1} A_n \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $\mathbb{P}$  satisfies:  $\mathbb{P} : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  and  $\mathbb{P}(\emptyset) = 0, \mathbb{P}(\Omega) = 1, \{A_n\}_{n \geq 1} \subset \mathcal{F}$  are disjoint  $\Rightarrow \mathbb{P}(\cup_{n \geq 1} A_n) = \sum_{n \geq 1} \mathbb{P}(A_n)$ .
- b.  $X : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $\forall B \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}), X^{-1}(B) \in \mathcal{F}$ .
- c.  $\exists A \in \mathcal{F}$  s.t  $\mathbb{P}(A) = 1, \forall \omega \in A, X_n(\omega) \rightarrow X(\omega)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , i.e.  $\mathbb{P}(X_n \rightarrow X) = 1$ .
- d.  $\mathbb{P}(|X_n - X| > \epsilon) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty, \forall \epsilon > 0$ .
- e.  $\mathbb{E}(|X_n - X|^p) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
- f. If the distribution functions of  $X_n, X$  are  $F_{X_n}, F_X$ , for  $n \geq 1$  respectively and  $D =$  set of discontinuity points of  $F_X$ . Then we say  $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$  if  $\forall x \notin D, F_{X_n}(x) \rightarrow F_X(x)$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
- g.  $P_X$  is a probability on  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}))$  defined by  $P_X(A) = \mathbb{P}(X^{-1}(A)), \forall A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ .  $F_X : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$  defined by  $F_X(x) = P_X((-\infty, x]) = \mathbb{P}(X \leq x), \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- h.  $X$  is an absolutely continuous r.v if  $F_X$  is an absolutely continuous function, i.e. if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is a  $\delta > 0$  such that whenever a finite sequence of pairwise disjoint sub-intervals  $(x_k, y_k)$  with  $x_k < y_k \in \mathbb{R}$  satisfying  $\sum_k (y_k - x_k) < \delta$ , we have  $\sum_k |F_X(y_k) - F_X(x_k)| < \varepsilon$ . In that case, there exists nonnegative  $f_X$  s.t.

$$F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(u) dm(u) = \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(u) du$$

and  $\frac{dF_X}{dx} = f_X = \frac{dP_X}{dm}$  a.e.( $m$ ).

- i. Conditional expectation  $\mathbb{E}(X|\mathcal{G}) = X_0$  is any random variable such that  $X_0 \in L_2(\Omega, \mathcal{G}, \mathbb{P})$  satisfying the following condition with probability 1 ( $\mathbb{P}$ ):

$$\mathbb{E}(X \mathbf{I}_A) = \mathbb{E}(X_0 \mathbf{I}_A), \forall A \in \mathcal{G}.$$

If  $\mathcal{G} = \sigma\langle Y \rangle$ , then  $\mathbb{E}(X|\mathcal{G})$  is denoted as  $\mathbb{E}(X|Y)$ .

## Part 2

- 2. Define  $\mu^{(1)} = \mu_1 \equiv \mu_{F_{X_1}}$ , the distribution of  $X_1$  and  $\mu_n \equiv \mu_{F_{X_n}}$ , the distribution of  $X_n$ . Set the product measures  $\mu^{(n+1)} = \mu^{(n)} \times \mu_{n+1}$ , for  $n \geq 1$ . For each  $n \geq 1$ ,  $\mu^{(n)}$  is the valid measure (product measure) on  $(\mathbb{R}^n, \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n))$  and  $\mu^{(n+1)}(A \times \mathbb{R}) = \mu^{(n)}(A)$  for  $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R}^n)$ . Hence, from Kolmogorov's Consistency theorem we can construct a sequence of random variables  $\{X_n : n \geq 1\}$  on some probability space  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}, \mathbb{P})$  such that joint distribution of  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  is given by  $\mu^{(n)}$ . Hence  $\{X_n : n \geq 1\}$  is a sequence of independent r.v. with  $P_{X_n} = \mu_{F_{X_n}}$ , for  $n \geq 1$ . On this probability space, define  $X$  such that  $X(\omega) = 0, \forall \omega \in \Omega$ . This, being a constant function is measurable and hence a random variable on the same space.

3. Note that here  $\mathbb{P}(X_n \in A) = P_{X_n}(A) = \int_A f_{X_n}(u) dm(u)$ , for any  $A \in \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ . For any  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\mathbb{P}(|X_n - X| > \epsilon) = \mathbb{P}(X_n > \epsilon) = 0$  for  $n \geq \frac{1}{\epsilon}$ . Hence the convergence holds.

4. for any  $p > 0$ ,

$$\mathbb{E}(|X_n - X|^p) = \mathbb{E}(X^p) = \int_{\Omega} X^p d\mathbb{P} = \int_{\mathbb{R}} x^p dP_{X_n}(x) = \int_0^{\frac{1}{n}} x^p 2n(1 - nx) dx \quad (1)$$

$$= \frac{2}{(p+1)(p+2)} \frac{1}{n^p} \rightarrow 0, \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \quad (2)$$

5. For these random variables,  $F_X = \mathbf{I}_{[0, \infty)}$  with set of discontinuity  $D = \{0\}$  and

$$F_{X_n}(u) = \int_{-\infty}^u f_{X_n}(x) dx = \begin{cases} 0 & , \text{ if } u < 0 \\ nu(2 - nu) & , \text{ if } 0 < u < \frac{1}{n} \\ 1 & , \text{ if } u \geq \frac{1}{n}. \end{cases}$$

Clearly  $\forall x \notin D$ ,  $F_{X_n}(x) \rightarrow F_X(x)$ , as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

6. From calculation in Question 4, we have  $\mathbb{E}(X^2) = \frac{1}{6n^2}$  and hence my Markov's inequality, for each  $\epsilon > 0$ ,  $\sum \mathbb{P}(|X_n| > \epsilon) \leq \sum \frac{\mathbb{E}(X^2)}{\epsilon^2} = \frac{1}{6\epsilon^2} \sum \frac{1}{n^2} < \infty$ . This, using Borel-Cantelli lemma (Proposition 7.2.3 in the text), we have  $\mathbb{P}(X_n \rightarrow X) = 1$ .

### Part 3

7. It is easy to check  $\mathbb{E}(XY) = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}(XY|Y)] = \mathbb{E}[Y\mathbb{E}(X|Y)] = \mathbb{E}(Y^2)$ . Similarly,  $\mathbb{E}(XY) = \mathbb{E}(X^2)$ . Hence  $\mathbb{E}((X - Y)^2) = \mathbb{E}(X^2) + \mathbb{E}(Y^2) - 2\mathbb{E}(XY) = 0$ . Since it is a non-negative r.v. with expectation 0, we have  $X = Y$  a.s. ( $\mathbb{P}$ )

8. Note that  $\mu_X = \mathbb{E}(X)$  is constant, and hence  $\sigma\langle Y \rangle$ -measurable. Take any  $A \in \sigma\langle Y \rangle$ , we have from independence,  $\mathbb{E}(X\mathbf{I}_A) = E(X)E(\mathbf{I}_A) = \mu_X E(\mathbf{I}_A) = \mathbb{E}(\mu_X \mathbf{I}_A)$ . So  $\mathbb{E}(X|Y) = \mu_X = E(X)$  a.s. ( $\mathbb{P}$ ).

9. In the example, clearly  $X, Y$  are not independent, but  $P(X = x|Y = y) = \frac{1}{2}$  if  $x = +y, -y$  and 0 otherwise. So  $\mathbb{E}(X|Y) = 0$ . Also,  $\mathbb{E}(X) = 0$ .

10. Let  $\mathbb{E}(X_i|Y) = X_i^0$  be  $\sigma\langle Y \rangle$ -measurable functions that satisfies  $\mathbb{E}(X_i \mathbf{I}_{A_i}) = \mathbb{E}(X_i^0 \mathbf{I}_{A_i})$ , for  $A_i \in \sigma\langle Y \rangle$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . Since  $X_1 \geq X_2$  almost surely ( $\mathbb{P}$ ), we have  $X_1 \mathbf{I}_A \geq X_2 \mathbf{I}_A$  almost surely ( $\mathbb{P}$ ), and hence, by monotonicity of integrals, we have for all  $A \in \sigma\langle Y \rangle$

$$\mathbb{E}(X_1^0 \mathbf{I}_A) \geq \mathbb{E}(X_2^0 \mathbf{I}_A), \text{ or } \int_A (X_1^0 - X_2^0) d\mathbb{P} \geq 0.$$

Since this holds for all  $A \in \sigma\langle Y \rangle$ , we have  $X_1^0 - X_2^0 \geq 0$  or  $\mathbb{E}(X_1|Y) = X_1^0 \geq X_2^0 = \mathbb{E}(X_2|Y)$  almost surely ( $\mathbb{P}$ ).

11. Note that  $\mathbb{E}(X|\mathcal{G}) = X^0$  is a  $\mathcal{G}$ -measurable function that satisfies

$$\mathbb{E}(X\mathbf{I}_A) = \mathbb{E}(X^0\mathbf{I}_A)$$

for all  $A \in \mathcal{G}$ . For this  $\mathcal{G}$ , the only measurable functions are indicators and constant functions. So  $X^0 = a\mathbf{I}_{\{\omega_1\}} + b$  for some  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ . Let  $\mu = \mathbb{E}(X) = \sum x_i p_i$ . Choosing  $A = \Omega$  and  $A = \{\omega_1\}$  in the property above gives:

$$a\mathbb{P}(\{\omega_1\}) + b = \mu, \quad \text{and} \quad X(\omega_1) = (a + b).$$

Solving the above two equations and writing  $\mathbb{P}(\{\omega_1\}) = p_1, X(\omega_1) = x_1$ , we get  $a = \frac{x_1 - \mu}{1 - p_1}$  and  $b = \frac{\mu - x_1 p_1}{1 - p_1}$ . So,

$$\mathbb{E}(X|\mathcal{G}) = \frac{1}{1 - p_1} \left( (x_1 - \mu)\mathbf{I}_{\{\omega_1\}} + \mu - x_1 p_1 \right)$$

Or,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(X|\mathcal{G})(\omega) &= x_1 \mathbf{I}_{\{\omega_1\}}(\omega) + \left( \frac{\mu - x_1 p_1}{1 - p_1} \right) \mathbf{I}_{\{\omega_2, \omega_3, \omega_4\}}(\omega) \\ &= x_1 \mathbf{I}_{\{\omega_1\}}(\omega) + \left( \frac{x_2 p_2 + x_3 p_3 + x_4 p_4}{1 - p_1} \right) \mathbf{I}_{\{\omega_2, \omega_3, \omega_4\}}(\omega) \end{aligned}$$