

**PhD Prelim Exam**  
**THEORY**  
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## Part I

1. Define the following terms:

- a)  $\sigma$ -algebra,
- b) measure,
- c) measure space,
- d) probability space,
- e) random variable,
- f) cdf on  $\mathbb{R}$ ,
- g) Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

2. Let  $G : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be nondecreasing, i.e.,  $x_1 \leq x_2 \Rightarrow G(x_1) \leq G(x_2)$ . Define  $G(-\infty) \equiv \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} G(x)$ ,  $G(\infty) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} G(x)$ , and for  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $G(a+) = \lim_{x \downarrow a} G(x)$ ,  $G(a-) = \lim_{x \uparrow a} G(x)$ .  
Let

$$\mathcal{C} \equiv \left\{ I : I = (a, b], a, b \in \mathbb{R} \text{ or } (-\infty, a], a \in \mathbb{R} \text{ or } (b, \infty), b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

For any  $I \in \mathcal{C}$ , define

$$\mu_G(I) = \begin{cases} G(b+) - G(a+) & \text{if } I = (a, b], a, b \in \mathbb{R} \\ G(a+) - G(-\infty) & \text{if } I = (-\infty, a], a \in \mathbb{R} \\ G(\infty) - G(b+) & \text{if } I = (b, \infty), b \in \mathbb{R}. \end{cases}$$

For any  $A \subset \mathbb{R}$ , define

$$\mu_G^*(A) \equiv \inf \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu_G(I_j) = I_j \in \mathcal{C}, \bigcup_{j=1}^{\infty} I_j \supset A \right\}.$$

Let

$$\mathcal{M}_{\mu_G^*} \equiv \left\{ A : A \subset \mathbb{R}, \mu_G^*(E) = \mu_G^*(E \cap A) + \mu_G^*(E \cap A^c) \forall E \subset \mathbb{R} \right\}.$$

It is known that  $(\mathbb{R}, \mathcal{M}_{\mu_G^*}, \mu_G^*)$  is a measure space and the class  $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathcal{M}_{\mu_G^*}$ .

- a) Show that  $\mathcal{M}_{\mu_G^*} \supset \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ , the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra of  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- b) Show that if  $A \in \mathcal{M}_{\mu_G^*}$ ,  $\mu_G^*(A) = 0$  and  $B \subset A$ , then  $B \in \mathcal{M}_{\mu_G^*}$ .
- c) Let  $F$  be a cdf on  $\mathbb{R}$ . That is,  $F(\cdot)$  is nondecreasing,  $F(x+) = F(x)$  for all  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $F(-\infty) = 0$ ,  $F(\infty) = 1$ . Suppose there exists a countable set  $D \subset \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\sum_{x \in D} (F(x+) - F(x-)) = 1$ . Show that  $\mathcal{M}_{\mu_F^*} \equiv P(\mathbb{R})$ , the power set of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Give an example of such an  $F$ .

**Part II**

Recall that every  $0 \leq u < 1$  can be written in terms of its binary expansion as  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\delta_n(u)}{2^n}$  where  $\delta_n(u) = 0$  or  $1$  by defining  $\delta_1(u) = 0$  if  $0 \leq u < \frac{1}{2}$  and  $= 1$  if  $\frac{1}{2} \leq u < 1$ ,  $\delta_2(u) = \delta_1(u_1)$  where  $u_1 = 2\left(u - \frac{\delta_1(u)}{2}\right)$  and  $\delta_3(u) = \delta_1(u_2)$  where  $u_2 = 2^2\left(u - \frac{\delta_1(u)}{2} - \frac{\delta_2(u)}{2^2}\right)$  and so on. Let  $U$  be a uniform  $[0, 1]$  random variable and consider the random variables  $\delta_n(U)$ ,  $n \geq 1$ .

3. Show that  $\{\delta_n(U)\}_{n \geq 1}$  are iid Bernoulli  $(1/2)$  random variables.
4. Let  $F$  be a cdf on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $F^{-1}(x) \equiv \inf\{y : F(y) \geq x\}$  for  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ .
  - a) Show that for any  $0 \leq x \leq 1$  and  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  

$$F(y) \geq x \text{ if and only if } F^{-1}(x) \leq y .$$
  - b) Show also that  $F^{-1}(x)$  is Borel measurable and  $X \equiv F^{-1}(U)$  has cdf  $F$ .
5. Given a sequence of cdf's  $\{F_k\}_{k \geq 1}$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ , show that there exist functions  $\phi_k$  on  $[0, 1]$  such that  $\{X_k \equiv \phi_k(U)\}_{k \geq 1}$  are *independent* and for each  $k$ ,  $X_k$  has cdf  $F_k$ .

(Hint: The set  $N \equiv \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  can be written as  $\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i$ , where  $A_i$  are disjoint subsets of  $N$  such that for each  $i$ ,  $A_i$  is infinite.)

**Part III**

For each  $n \geq 1$ , let  $X_n$  be a random variable with the Binomial  $(n, p_n)$  distribution. Suppose that as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $p_n \rightarrow 0$  and  $np_n \rightarrow \lambda$  for some  $0 < \lambda < \infty$ .

6. Show that there exist  $\{\pi_i\}_{i \geq 0}$  such that  

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} |p_{n,i} - \pi_i|^2 \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$
 where  $p_{n,i} \equiv \Pr(X_n = i)$ ,  $i \geq 0$ ,  $n \geq 1$ .
7. Does the existence result in (6) hold if  $\lambda = 0$ ?
8. State the Lindeberg-Feller CLT. Suppose  $a_n \rightarrow \infty$  but  $\frac{a_n - np_n}{\sqrt{np_n(1-p_n)}} \rightarrow x$ , for  $-\infty < x < \infty$ . Evaluate  

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(X_n \leq a_n) .$$

Justify your steps.

(Hint: Use Polya's Theorem: If  $F_n$ ,  $F$  are cdf on  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $F_n \xrightarrow{d} F$  and  $F$  is continuous then  $\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |F_n(x) - F(x)| \rightarrow 0$ .)

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Part I  
Problem 1

Bookwork

Problem 2

a)  $M_{\mu_G^*} \supset C$  by given information.

Also  $M_{\mu_G^*}$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra (a fact that is given)

So  $M_{\mu_G^*} \supset \sigma(C)$ , The  $\sigma$ -algebra generated by  $C$ .

But  $\sigma(C) = \mathcal{B}(\mathbb{R})$ , the Borel  $\sigma$ -algebra of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

b) Let  $B \subset A$  and  $\mu_G^*(A) = 0$ . Then for any  $E \subset \Omega$ ,

$$\mu_G^*(E \cap B) = \mu_G^*(E \cap A) \leq \mu_G^*(A) = 0.$$

$$\text{Also } \mu_G^*(E) \geq \mu_G^*(E \cap B^c)$$

$$\text{So } \mu_G^*(E) \geq \mu_G^*(E \cap B^c) + \mu_G^*(E \cap B). \quad (1)$$

By subadditivity of  $\mu_G^*(\cdot)$ ,

$$\mu_G^*(E) \leq \mu_G^*(E \cap B^c) + \mu_G^*(E \cap B) \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Now (1) + (2)} \Rightarrow \mu_G^*(E) = \mu_G^*(E \cap B^c) + \mu_G^*(E \cap B)$$

for any  $E \subset \Omega$ . So  $B \in M_{\mu_G^*}$ .

c) Since  $\mu_F^*(\{x\}) = F(x+) - F(x-) \neq x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

and  $D$  is countable and  $\mu_F^*$  is countably additive

Part I Problem 2 Part c (contd)

$$\mu_F^*(D) = \sum_{x \in D} \mu_F^*(\{x\}) = \sum_{x \in D} (F(x) - F(x-1)) = 1.$$

Since  $\mu_F^*(\mathbb{R}) = 1$ , it follows that  $\mu_F^*(D^c) = 0$ .

So by (b)  
for any  $B \subset \mathbb{R}$ ,  $B \cap D^c \in \mathcal{M}_{\mu_F^*}$

Since  $B \cap D$  is atmost countable,  $B \cap D \in \mathcal{M}_{\mu_F^*}$ .

Thus  $B = (B \cap D) \cup (B \cap D^c) \in \mathcal{M}_{\mu_F^*}$ .

Thus  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}) \subset \mathcal{M}_{\mu_F^*}$ . But  $\mathcal{M}_{\mu_F^*} \subset \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$

and so  $\mathcal{M}_{\mu_F^*} = \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$ .

Examples of such  $F$  includes any discrete cdf such as those of Binomial ( $n, p$ ), Poisson ( $\lambda$ ), negative binomial etc.

Part II

Problem 3 Let  $\delta_i = \delta_i(U)$ ,  $i \geq 1$ , where  $U$  is

a uniform  $[0, 1]$  r.v.

$$\text{Then } P(\delta_1 = 1) = P\left(\frac{1}{2} < U \leq 1\right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(\delta_1 = 0) = P(0 < U < \frac{1}{2}) = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Further, for any  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k \in \{0, 1\}$ ,  $k \leq \infty$

$$P(\delta_1 = i_1, \delta_2 = i_2, \dots, \delta_k = i_k)$$

$$= P(U \in \text{an interval } I_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k} \text{ determined by } i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k)$$

$$= \text{length of } I_{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_k} = \frac{1}{2^k}$$

$$= P(S_i = i_1) P(S_2 = i_2) \cdots P(S_k = i_k)$$

This implies that  $\{S_i\}_{i \geq 1}$  are iid  $\text{Bin}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$ .

Problem 4 a) Fix  $0 \leq x_0 \leq 1$ ,  $y_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then, by definition of infimum

$$\textcircled{1} \quad F(y_0) > x_0 \Rightarrow \bar{F}'(x_0) \leq y_0.$$

\textcircled{2} Conversely, if  $\bar{F}'(x_0) \leq y_0$ , by definition of infimum,  
 $\exists y_n \downarrow \bar{F}'(x_0)$  such that  $F(y_n) \geq x_0$ .

By the right continuity of  $F$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} F(y_n) = F(\bar{F}'(x_0))$$

$$\text{So } F(\bar{F}'(x_0)) \geq x_0$$

by assumption.  
Since  $y_0 \geq \bar{F}'(x_0)$ , it follows that  $F(y_0) \geq x_0$

so for any  $0 \leq x_0 \leq 1$ ,  $y_0 \in \mathbb{R}$

$$F(y_0) \geq x_0 \Leftrightarrow \bar{F}'(x_0) \leq y_0$$

b) Since  $\bar{U}$  is uniform  $[0, 1]$ , for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$P(X \leq x) = P(\bar{F}'(\bar{U}) \leq x)$$

$$= P(\bar{U} \leq F(x)) \quad (\text{by part(a)})$$

$$= F(x)$$

Part IIProblem 5

Let  $N = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

Let  $\{P_k : k \geq 1\}$  be the set of prime integers  
 $\{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, \dots\}$

Let  $A_k = \{P_k^j, j=1, 2, \dots\}, k \geq 1.$

Let  $\tilde{A}_1 = A_1 \cup \{1\}, \tilde{A}_k = A_k \text{ for } k \geq 2.$

Then  $N = \bigcup_{i \geq 1} \tilde{A}_i, \text{ and } \tilde{A}_i \text{ is infinite.}$

Let  $U_k = \sum_{j \in \tilde{A}_k} \frac{\delta_j(U)}{2^j}, k \geq 1.$

Then,  $\{U_k\}_{k \geq 1}$  are iid uniform  $[0, 1]^{\aleph_0 - k}$ .

Let  $X_k = F_k^{-1}(U_k), k \geq 1.$  Then  $\{X_k\}_{k \geq 1}$  are independent

with  $X_k$  having cdf  $F_k$  (by Problem 4, part b))

Part IIIProblem 6 For  $n \geq 1, 0 \leq i \leq n,$ 

$$P_{ni} = P(X_n=i) = \binom{n}{i} p_n^i (1-p_n)^{n-i}$$

Since  $X_n \sim \text{Bin}(n, p_n).$

$$\text{Now } \binom{n}{i} p_n^i (1-p_n)^{n-i} = \frac{(n(n-1) \dots (n-i+1)p_n^i)}{i!} \left(1 - \frac{n-p_n}{n}\right)^{n-i}$$

This converges as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  to  $\frac{i! e^{-\lambda}}{i!} = \pi_i, \text{ say.}$

$$\text{Since } \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \pi_i = e^{\lambda} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^i}{i!} = 1 \quad )$$

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists n_\epsilon \Rightarrow \sum_{i>n_\epsilon} \pi_i < \epsilon.$$

For fixed  $n_\epsilon$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i \leq n_\epsilon} |\hat{p}_{ni} - p_i| = 0$$

$$\text{Also } \sum_{i>n_\epsilon} \hat{p}_{ni} = 1 - \sum_{i \leq n_\epsilon} \hat{p}_{ni}$$

$$\text{So } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i>n_\epsilon} \hat{p}_{ni} = 1 - \sum_{i \leq n_\epsilon} \pi_i < \epsilon$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} |\hat{p}_{ni} - \pi_i|^2 &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} |\hat{p}_{ni} - \pi_i| \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sum_{i \leq n_\epsilon} + \sum_{i>n_\epsilon} \right) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i \leq n_\epsilon} |\hat{p}_{ni} - p_i| + \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i>n_\epsilon} \hat{p}_{ni} + \cancel{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i>n_\epsilon} \pi_i} \\ &= 0 + \epsilon + \epsilon = 2\epsilon. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\epsilon > 0$  is arbitrary the claim follows.

Problem 7 Yes, since here  $\pi_0 = 1$ ,  $\pi_i = 0$  for  $i > 1$ .

Same proof works.

Problem 8 By the Lindeberg Feller CLT applied to

$\{S_{ni} : 1 \leq i \leq n\}_{n \geq 1}$ , where  $\{S_{ni} : 1 \leq i \leq n\}$  are iid

Bernoulli ( $\hat{p}_n$ )

It follows that if  $X_n = \sum_{i=1}^n f_{ni}$  then

$$\frac{X_n - n\bar{p}_n}{\sqrt{n\bar{p}_n(1-\bar{p}_n)}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (f_{ni} - \bar{p}_n)}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(f_{ni}, \bar{p}_n)}} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$$

(Lindeberg-Feller CLT applies since  $f_{ni}$  are bounded by  $\bar{p}_n$ )

$$\text{So } P(X_n \leq a_n) = P\left(\frac{X_n - n\bar{p}_n}{\sqrt{n\bar{p}_n(1-\bar{p}_n)}} \leq \frac{a_n - n\bar{p}_n}{\sqrt{n\bar{p}_n(1-\bar{p}_n)}}\right) \\ \rightarrow \Phi(x), \quad \Phi \text{ being the normal cdf}$$

\* as  $\frac{a_n - n\bar{p}_n}{\sqrt{n\bar{p}_n(1-\bar{p}_n)}} \rightarrow x$ , and  $\Phi^{-1}$  is continuous

Here one uses Polya's theorem.

If  $F_n, F$  are cdfs on  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $F_n \xrightarrow{d} F$   
and  $F$  is continuous then  $\sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}} |F_n(x) - F(x)| \rightarrow 0$ .

## Part I

Let  $X_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, n, n \geq 2$ , be i.i.d. random variables with the translated Weibull distribution with probability density

$$f(x; \theta, \alpha, \kappa) = \frac{\kappa}{\alpha} \left( \frac{x - \theta}{\alpha} \right)^{\kappa-1} \exp \left\{ - \left( \frac{x - \theta}{\alpha} \right)^\kappa \right\} I_{(\theta, \infty)}(x),$$

where  $\theta \in \mathcal{R}$  is the location parameter,  $\alpha > 0$  is the scale parameter,  $\kappa > 0$  is the shape parameter, and  $I_{(a,b)}(x)$  is the indicator function with value 1 if  $x \in (a, b)$  and 0 otherwise.

1. Consider the special case  $\theta = 1$  and  $\kappa = 0.5$ . Write the density function in the canonical form of an exponential family  $f(x; \eta)$ , and find the natural parameter space for  $\eta$ . Write down the condition for a natural exponential family to be of full rank, and determine if this natural exponential family is of full rank. Find the Fisher information in  $X_1$  for  $\eta$ .
2. Consider the special case  $\kappa = 1$ . Find a minimal sufficient statistic for  $(\theta, \alpha)$  based on  $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  and prove that it is minimal sufficient.
3. Consider the special case  $\kappa = 0.5$ . Either find the MLE of  $(\theta, \alpha)$  based on  $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  or say why such an estimator does not exist. Then either identify the largest region  $D$  such that  $\forall (\theta, \alpha) \in D$  the distribution is Fisher information regular or say why no such parameter vectors exist.
4. Consider the special case  $\kappa = 1$ . Let  $\lambda = 1/\alpha$ . Under the squared error loss function  $L((\hat{\theta}, \hat{\lambda}), (\theta, \lambda)) = (\theta - \hat{\theta})^2 + (\lambda - \hat{\lambda})^2$ , find the Bayes estimator for  $(\theta, \lambda)$  with respect to the prior distribution with probability density

$$G(\theta, \lambda) = I_{(0,1)}(\theta) \exp\{-\lambda\} I_{(0,\infty)}(\lambda)$$

based on  $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ .

**Part II**

Consider the estimation of  $p \in (0, 1)$  based on  $X \sim \text{binomial}(16, p)$  using the squared error loss function, and the decision rule  $\delta(x) = ax + b$ .

5. Find the risk function for  $\delta(x)$  and find  $a$  and  $b$  which make  $\delta(x)$  an equalizer rule.
6. Is  $\delta(x)$  in question 5 a minimax rule? If your answer is yes, prove your claim. If your answer is no, give a rule which has smaller maximum risk.
7. Consider the general case  $X \sim \text{binomial}(n, p)$ . Suppose we believe  $p$  is near zero and use  $\text{Beta}(1, 10)$  as the prior distribution on  $p$ . Let  $\delta_0(x)$  be the Bayes decision rule with respect to this prior distribution and  $R(n)$  be the maximum risk of the minimax rule, prove that as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\sup_p R(p, \delta_0)/R(n) \rightarrow 1.$$

**Part III**

Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be two independent random variables having exponential distributions with  $E[X_1] = 1/\lambda_1$  and  $E[X_2] = 1/\lambda_2$ . Let  $Y = \lambda_1 X_1 - \lambda_2 X_2$ .

8. Find the characteristic function of  $Y$ .
9. Show that  $Y$  has the standard Laplace distribution, i.e., that its probability density function is given by

$$f(y) = \frac{1}{2} \exp\{-|y|\}.$$

**Part IV**

Let  $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  be a sequence of independent random variables with

$$P(X_n = n) = P(X_n = -n) = p_n$$

and  $P(X_n = 0) = 1 - 2p_n$  for  $p_n \in (0, 1)$ .

10. Give an example of  $\{p_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  for which  $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  satisfies the Lindeberg condition.
11. Find constants  $\{a_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  (depending upon  $\{p_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ ) such that

$$\frac{\sum_{j=1}^n X_j}{a_n} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1).$$

## Theory II

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$$1. f(x; \alpha) = \frac{1}{2\alpha} \left(\frac{x-1}{\alpha}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} e^{-\left(\frac{x-1}{\alpha}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}} I_{(1, \infty)}(x)$$

$$= \exp\left\{-\sqrt{x-1} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha}} + \log \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha}}\right\} \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x-1}} I_{(1, \infty)}(x)$$

Let  $\eta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha}}$ , we have the canonical form

$$f(x; \eta) = \exp\left[-\eta \sqrt{x-1} + \log \eta\right] \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x-1}} I_{(1, \infty)}(x)$$

The natural para. space is  $(0, \infty)$ .

If  $\eta$  is full rank.

$$I(\eta) = \frac{d^2(-\log \eta)}{d\eta^2} = \frac{1}{\eta^2}$$

2. The min. suff. stat is  $(X_{(1)}, \sum_{i=1}^n X_i)$

Need to show  $f_\theta(X; \theta, \alpha) = f(X; \theta, \alpha) \cdot K(X, Y) \quad \forall \theta$

$$\text{implies } X_{(1)} = Y_{(1)}, \sum_{i=1}^n X_i = \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i$$

If  $X_{(1)} \neq Y_{(1)}$  then  $\exists \theta$  b/w  $X_{(1)}$  and  $Y_{(1)}$  s.t. one side is 0 and the other side is not. Thus  $X_{(1)} = Y_{(1)}$ .

$$\text{For } \theta < X_{(1)} = Y_{(1)}, \frac{f(X; \theta, \alpha)}{f(Y; \theta, \alpha)} = e^{-\frac{1}{2}(\sum X_i - \sum Y_i)}$$

$$\text{is free of } \alpha \Rightarrow \sum_{i=1}^n X_i = \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i$$

So the min. suff. stat is  $(X_{(1)}, \sum_{i=1}^n X_i)$

3. For fixed  $\alpha$ ,  $f(x_i | \theta, \alpha)$  is a positive increasing function of  $\theta$  for  $\theta \in (-\infty, X_{(1)})$  and 0 for  $\theta \in [X_{(n)}, \infty)$ . So MLE does not exist. There is also no  $(\theta, \alpha)$  for which the distribution is Fisher information regular.

4. Under the squared error loss, the Bayes estimator is the posterior mean.

$$f(x | \theta, \lambda) = \lambda^n \exp\{-\lambda(\sum x_i - n\theta)\} I_{(0, \infty)}(X_{(1)})$$

$$g(\theta, \lambda) = e^{-\lambda} I_{(0, \infty)}(\lambda) I_{(0, 1)}(\theta)$$

For  $X_{(1)} \geq 0$

$$f(\theta, \lambda | x) = \frac{f(x | \theta, \lambda) g(\theta, \lambda)}{\int_0^\infty \int_0^1 f(x | \theta, \lambda) g(\theta, \lambda) d\theta d\lambda} = \frac{1}{C(x)} f(x | \theta, \lambda) g(\theta, \lambda)$$

For  $X_{(1)} \geq 1$

$$C(x) = \int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda(\sum x_i - n\theta + 1)} \lambda^n d\lambda d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{(\sum x_i - n\theta + 1)^{n+1}} d\theta$$

$$= [(n+1) \left( \frac{1}{(\sum x_i - n+1)^n} - \frac{1}{(\sum x_i + 1)^n} \right)]$$

For  $X_{(1)} \in (0, 1)$

$$C(x) = [(n+1) \left( \frac{1}{(\sum x_i - nX_{(1)} + 1)^n} - \frac{1}{(\sum x_i + 1)^n} \right)]$$

For  $X_{(1)} \leq 0$ , the posterior distribution is not defined.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For } X_{(1)} \geq 1, \theta &= E[\theta | x] = \int_0^\infty \int_0^1 \theta \lambda^n e^{-\lambda(\sum x_i - n\theta + 1)} d\theta d\lambda / C(x) \\ &= \int_0^\infty \lambda^n e^{-\lambda(\sum x_i + 1)} \int_0^1 \theta e^{x_i \lambda} d\theta d\lambda / C(x) \\ &= \int_0^\infty \lambda^n e^{-\lambda(\sum x_i + 1)} \left[ \frac{e^{x_i \lambda}}{\lambda} - \frac{e^{2x_i \lambda}}{(\lambda)^2} + \frac{1}{(\lambda)^2} \right] d\lambda / C(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{n} \lambda^{n-1} e^{-\lambda(\sum X_i - n+1)} - \frac{1}{n^2} \lambda^{n-2} e^{-\lambda(\sum X_i - n+1)} + \frac{1}{n^2} \lambda^{n-2} e^{-\lambda(\sum X_i + 1)} d\lambda / C(x)$$

$$= \left( \frac{1}{n} \frac{\Gamma(n)}{(\sum X_i - n+1)^n} - \frac{1}{n^2} \frac{\Gamma(n-1)}{(\sum X_i - n+1)^{n-1}} + \frac{1}{n^2} \frac{\Gamma(n-1)}{(\sum X_i + 1)^{n-1}} \right) / C(x)$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad \bar{\lambda} = E(\lambda | X) = \int_0^1 \int_0^\infty \lambda^{n+1} e^{-\lambda(\sum X_i - n\theta + 1)} d\lambda d\theta / C(x)$$

$$= \int_0^1 \frac{\Gamma(n+2)}{(\sum X_i - n\theta + 1)^{n+2}} d\theta / C(x)$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma(n+2)}{n(n+1)} \left( \frac{1}{(\sum X_i - n+1)^{n+1}} - \frac{1}{(\sum X_i + 1)^{n+1}} \right) / C(x)$$

$$= \left( \frac{\Gamma(n+1)}{(\sum X_i - n+1)^{n+1}} - \frac{\Gamma(n)}{(\sum X_i + 1)^{n+1}} \right) / C(x)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \left( \frac{1}{(\sum X_i - n+1)^{n+1}} - \frac{1}{(\sum X_i + 1)^{n+1}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{(\sum X_i - n+1)^n} - \frac{1}{(\sum X_i + 1)^n} \right)^{-1}$$

For  $X_{(1)} \in (0, 1)$ , through similar calculation we have

$$\bar{\theta} = \frac{1}{C(x)} \left( \frac{1}{n} \frac{\Gamma(n)}{(\sum X_i - nX_{(1)} + 1)^n} - \frac{1}{n^2} \frac{\Gamma(n-1)}{(\sum X_i - nX_{(1)} + 1)^{n-1}} + \frac{1}{n^2} \frac{\Gamma(n-1)}{(\sum X_i + 1)^{n-1}} \right)$$

$$\bar{\lambda} = \frac{1}{n} \left( \frac{1}{(\sum X_i - nX_{(1)} + 1)^{n+1}} - \frac{1}{(\sum X_i + 1)^{n+1}} \right) \left( \frac{1}{(\sum X_i - nX_{(1)} + 1)^n} - \frac{1}{(\sum X_i + 1)^n} \right)^{-1}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} 5. R(p, \delta) &= E_p[(aX+b)^2 - p]^2 \\ &= p^2(240a^2 - 32a + 1) + p(16a^2 + 32ab - 2b) + b^2 \end{aligned}$$

For  $\delta$  to be equalizer rule, we must have

$$\begin{cases} 240a^2 - 32a + 1 = 0 \\ 16a^2 + 32ab - 2b = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} a = 0.05 \\ b = 0.1 \end{cases}$$

6. Since  $\delta(X) = 0.05X + 0.1$  is an equalizer rule, only need to show it is Bayes wrt some  $G$ .

Let  $G \sim \text{Beta}(2, 2)$ , then  $E[p|X] = \frac{X+2}{16+2+2} = 0.05X + 0.1$

i.e.,  $\delta(X)$  is Bayes wrt  $G \sim \text{Beta}(2, 2)$

$$7. \delta_0(X) = E[p|X] = \frac{X+1}{n+1+1} = \frac{X+1}{n+1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} R(p, \delta_0) &= E\left[\left(\frac{X+1}{n+1} - p\right)^2\right] = \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} (np(1-p) + (1-n)p^2) \\ &= \frac{(1-n)p^2 + (n-22)p + 1}{(n+1)^2} \end{aligned}$$

For  $n$  large, the denominator is maximized at  $p = \frac{n-22}{2n-242} \in (0, 1)$ ,

$$\text{w/ } \sup_p R(p, \delta_0) = \frac{1}{(n+1)^2} \left(1 + \frac{(n-22)^2}{4(n-12)}\right) = \frac{1}{4n} + o\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\text{Using arguments similar to Q6, we have } \delta_n(X) = \frac{X + \frac{\sqrt{n}}{2}}{n + \sqrt{n}}$$

$$\text{w/ } R(h) = \left(\frac{\sqrt{n}}{2(n+\sqrt{n})}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{4n} + o\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\text{Thus } \sup_p R(p, \delta_0)/R(h) \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

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$$8. \phi_{X_1}(t) = \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 - it} \quad \phi_{X_2}(t) = \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_2 - it}$$

$$\phi_Y(t) = \phi_{\lambda_1 X_1 + \lambda_2 X_2}(t) = \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 - it} \cdot \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_2 + it} = \frac{1}{1+t^2}$$

9. Let  $\tilde{Y}$  be a r.v. w/ standard Laplace distribution

$$\phi_{\tilde{Y}}(t) = E[e^{it\tilde{Y}}]$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ity} \frac{1}{2} e^{-|y|} dy$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{1}{2} e^{it+y+y} dy + \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{2} e^{it+y-y} dy$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{e^{(it+1)y}}{it+1} \Big|_{-\infty}^0 + \frac{e^{(it-1)y}}{it-1} \Big|_0^{\infty} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{1+t^2} = \phi_Y(t)$$

10. Lindeberg Condition  $L_n = \frac{1}{B_n^2} \sum_{j=1}^n E[X_j^2 I\{|X_j| > \varepsilon B_n\}] \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$$\text{where } B_n^2 = \sum_{j=1}^n E[X_j^2] = 2 \sum_{j=1}^n j^2 p_j$$

$$\text{Take } p_j = \frac{1}{j^2} \text{ for example, } B_n^2 = 2 \sum_{j=1}^n j^2 j^{-2} = 2 \sum_{j=1}^n j^{\frac{3}{2}} \sim \frac{4}{5} n^{\frac{5}{2}}$$

$$L_n = \frac{1}{\frac{4}{5} n^{\frac{5}{2}}} \sum_{j=1}^n j^2 P(j > \varepsilon B_n) = \frac{5}{4} n^{\frac{3}{2}} \sum_{j=1}^n j^2 j^{-\frac{1}{2}} I\{j > \varepsilon B_n\} = \frac{5}{4} n^{\frac{3}{2}} \sum_{j=1}^n j^{\frac{3}{2}} \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{\text{as}} [\varepsilon B_n]^{\frac{3}{2}} \rightarrow 0$$

11. By Lindeberg CLT, Let  $a_n = B_n = \sqrt{\frac{4}{5}} n^{\frac{5}{4}}$

$$\frac{\sum_{j=1}^n X_j}{a_n} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, 1)$$

**Part I**

Let  $\mathbf{X} \sim N_p(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}_p)$ , where  $\mathbf{0} \in \mathbb{R}^p$ , and  $\mathbf{I}_p$  is the  $p \times p$  identity matrix. Further, let  $Y$  be independent of  $\mathbf{X}$  and distributed as  $\chi_p^2$  (*i.e.*, the  $\chi^2$ -distribution with  $p$  degrees of freedom).

1. Find the (joint) probability density of  $Z = \sqrt{Y} \frac{\mathbf{X}}{\|\mathbf{X}\|}$ .

**Part II**

Let  $X_0, X_1, X_2, \dots$  be a sequence of dependent integer-valued random variables such that the conditional distribution of the random variable  $X_i$  given  $X_0, X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{i-1}$  is the same as the conditional distribution of  $X_i$  given  $X_{i-1}$ , for any  $i \geq 1$ . Suppose that  $X_0 \equiv 0$ .

2. Show that for any  $n > i$ , the conditional distribution of  $X_i$  given  $X_{i+1}, X_{i+2}, \dots, X_n$  is the same as the conditional distribution of  $X_i$  given  $X_{i+1}$ .
3. Now, suppose that all  $X_i$  take values in  $\{0,1,2\}$ . Suppose that

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_i = 0 | X_{i-1} = 0) &= 1 - p \\ P(X_i = 1 | X_{i-1} = 0) &= p \\ P(X_i = 0 | X_{i-1} = 1) &= 1 - q \\ P(X_i = 2 | X_{i-1} = 1) &= q \\ P(X_i = 0 | X_{i-1} = 2) &= 1 - l \\ P(X_i = 2 | X_{i-1} = 2) &= l \end{aligned}$$

Recall that  $X_0 \equiv 0$ . Let  $Y = \min\{i > 0 : X_i = 0\}$ . Calculate  $E(Y)$ .

**Part III**

Consider a joint probability mass function  $f(x, y)$  where

$$f(x, y) \propto \begin{cases} \exp \{ \alpha(x + y) + \rho xy + \rho(1 - x)(1 - y) \} & (x, y) \in \{(0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 0), (1, 1)\} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} . \end{cases}$$

Note that the parameter vector  $(\alpha, \rho) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

4. Is the above mass function in the regular exponential family?

Let  $(X_1, Y_1), (X_2, Y_2), \dots, (X_n, Y_n)$  be iid with the bivariate pmf  $f(x, y)$ .

5. Calculate the expected value of the number of  $(X_i, Y_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  for which  $X_i = Y_i$ .
6. Provide a (joint) minimal sufficient statistic for the parameter  $(\alpha, \rho)$ .
7. Find the MLE of  $(\alpha, \rho)$ , call this  $(\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\rho})$ .
8. Assume  $\rho = 0$ . Under this restriction, find the MLE of  $\alpha$ , call this  $\tilde{\alpha}$ .
9. Provide a likelihood ratio test of approximate size 0.05 for testing  $H_0 : \rho = 0$ . You may assume that  $n$  is large.

Part I :

i. Let  $\underline{X} \sim N_p(\underline{0}, I)$ .

$$\underline{Y} \sim f_p^2(\underline{X})$$

$$\text{i.e., } f(\underline{y}) \propto \exp\left(-\frac{\underline{y}^2}{2}\right) \cdot \underline{y}^{\frac{p}{2}-1}, \quad \underline{y} > 0.$$

$$\text{Let } \underline{Z} = \sqrt{\underline{Y}} \frac{\underline{X}}{\|\underline{X}\|} \text{ and } u = \frac{\|\underline{X}\|}{\sqrt{\underline{Y}}}.$$

$$\text{i.e., } \varphi(\underline{x}, \underline{y}) = \left( \frac{\sqrt{\underline{y}} \underline{x}}{\|\underline{x}\|}, \frac{\|\underline{x}\|}{\sqrt{\underline{y}}} \right).$$

$$\Rightarrow \varphi(\underline{z}, u) = (u\underline{z}, \underline{z}'\underline{z}).$$

$$\text{Then } J_{\varphi} = u^{p-1}.$$

$$\text{So } f(\underline{z}, u) \propto u^{p-1} \exp\left\{-\left(u^2 + 1\right) \frac{\|\underline{z}\|^2}{2}\right\} \|\underline{z}\|^p.$$

$$\text{Integrating out } u \text{ yields } f(\underline{z}) = \int_0^\infty f(\underline{z}, u) du$$

$$\text{Thus } f(\underline{z}) \propto \exp\left\{-\frac{\underline{z}'\underline{z}}{2}\right\}; \underline{z} \in \mathbb{R}^p. \text{ So, } \underline{z} \sim N(\underline{0}, I)$$

since the integral w.r.t.  $u$  is like a gamma density integrated out.

$$\text{Thus } \underline{z} \sim N(\underline{0}, I).$$

## Part II:

2.  $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots$  are realizations from a markov chain.

$$P(x_i | x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}, \dots, x_n) = \frac{P(x_i, x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}, \dots, x_n)}{P(x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}, \dots, x_n)}$$

$$= \frac{\sum_{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}} P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)}{\sum_{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}} P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)}.$$

$$= \frac{\sum_{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}} P(x_1 | x_0) P(x_2 | x_1) \dots P(x_i | x_{i-1}) P(x_{i+1} | x_i) \dots P(x_n | x_i)}{\sum_{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{i-1}} P(x_1 | x_0) P(x_2 | x_1) \dots P(x_i | x_{i-1}) P(x_{i+1} | x_i) \dots P(x_n | x_i)}$$

$$= \frac{\sum_{x_{i-1}} P(x_{i-1}) P(x_i | x_{i-1}) P(x_{i+1} | x_i)}{\sum_{x_{i-1}} \sum_{x_i} P(x_i | x_{i-1}) P(x_{i-1}) P(x_{i+1} | x_i)}$$

$$= \frac{P(x_{i+1} | x_i) \cdot P(x_i)}{P(x_{i+1})} = P(x_i | x_{i+1}).$$

3. Let  $Y$  be the return to state 0. Then,

$$p_k(x) = \begin{cases} 1-p & , x=1 \\ p(1-q) & , x=2 \end{cases}$$

$$pq \ell^{x-3} (1-\ell) , \quad x \geq 3.$$

$$\text{Then, } E(Y) = 1 \cdot (1-p) + 2 \cdot p(1-q) + \sum_{x=3}^{\infty} x pq \ell^{x-3} (1-\ell).$$

$$= 1-p + 2p - 2pq + pq(1-\ell) \left[ \sum_{x=3}^{\infty} \ell^{x-3} (x-2) + 2 \sum_{x=3}^{\infty} 2\ell^{x-3} \right]$$

$$= 1+p - 2pq + pq(1-\ell) \left[ \frac{d}{d\ell} \sum_{x=3}^{\infty} \ell^{x-2} + \frac{2}{1-\ell} \right]$$

$$= 1 + p - 2pq + pq(1-\epsilon) \left[ \frac{d}{d\epsilon} \left( \frac{1}{1-\epsilon} - 1 \right) + \frac{2}{1-\epsilon} \right].$$

$$= 1 + p - 2pq + pq(1-\epsilon) \left[ \frac{1}{(1-\epsilon)^2} + \frac{2}{1-\epsilon} \right]$$

$$= 1 + p - 2pq + pq(1-\epsilon) \left[ \frac{1 + 2(1-\epsilon)}{(1-\epsilon)^2} \right] = 1 + p - 2pq + \frac{pq(3-2\epsilon)}{1-\epsilon}$$

Part III :

4. Yes, since  $\exp\{\alpha(x+y) + p(xy + \bar{x}\bar{y}) - \ln(e^p + e^{2\alpha+p})\}$  and the statespace does not depend on the parameter. So, we have a 2-parameter REF.

5.  $f(x,y) \propto \exp\{\alpha(x+y) + p(xy + (1-x)(1-y))\}$ .

$$E(XY + (1-X)(1-Y)) = E[2XY + (1-X-Y)]$$

Note that  $f(x,y) = \frac{1}{e^p + 2e^\alpha + e^{2\alpha+p}} \exp\{\alpha(x+y) + p(xy + \bar{x}\bar{y})\}$

$$\text{Now, } XY + \bar{x}\bar{y} = 1 \quad \text{w.p. } \frac{e^p + e^{2\alpha+p}}{e^p + 2e^\alpha + e^{2\alpha+p}}$$

0 o.w.

$$\text{So } E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i Y_i + \bar{x}_i \bar{y}_i)\right] = n \cdot \frac{e^p + e^{2\alpha+p}}{e^p + 2e^\alpha + e^{2\alpha+p}}$$

6. The minimal joint sufficient statistic for  $(p, \alpha)$  is

$$\left[ \sum_{i=1}^n \{X_i Y_i + (1-X_i)(1-Y_i)\}, \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i + Y_i) \right].$$

It is easy to see that this is sufficient. Since it is of the same dimension as the parameter set, it is minimal also.

7. The loglikelihood is given by

$$\ell = -n \ln (2e^\alpha + e^\rho + e^{2\alpha+\rho}) + \alpha \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i + Y_i) + \rho \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i Y_i + \bar{X}_i \bar{Y}_i)$$

$$= -n \ln (2e^\alpha + e^\rho + e^{2\alpha+\rho}) + \alpha m + \rho K \quad \text{where } m = \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i + Y_i)$$

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \alpha} = 0 \Rightarrow -\frac{2ne^\alpha + 2ne^{2\alpha+\rho}}{2e^\alpha + e^\rho + e^{2\alpha+\rho}} + m = 0$$

$$K = \sum_{i=1}^n [X_i Y_i + \bar{X}_i \bar{Y}_i]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2ne^\alpha (1+e^{\alpha+\rho})}{2e^\alpha + e^\rho + e^{2\alpha+\rho}} = m.$$

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \rho} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{-n(e^\rho + e^{2\alpha+\rho})}{2e^\alpha + e^\rho + e^{2\alpha+\rho}} + K = 0 \Rightarrow K = \frac{n e^\rho (1+e^{2\alpha})}{2e^\alpha + e^\rho + e^{2\alpha+\rho}}$$

Now, let  $a = e^\alpha$ ;  $b = e^\rho$ .

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2na(1+ab)}{2a+b+a^2b} = m. \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{nb(1+a^2)}{2a+b+a^2b} = K.$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2ka(1+ab)}{m} = \frac{kb(1+a^2)}{K} \Rightarrow 2ka(1+ab) = mb(1+a^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2ka + 2ka^2b = mb + ma^2b.$$

$$\Rightarrow b = \frac{2ka}{m+ma^2-2ka^2}.$$

$$\text{Also, } 2na(1+ab) = m(2a+b+a^2b)$$

$$\text{So, } 2na \left(1 + \frac{2ka^2}{m+ma^2-2ka^2}\right) = m \left(2a + \frac{2ka(1+a^2)}{m+ma^2-2ka^2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2na \left(m + ma^2 - 2ka^2 + 2ka^2\right) = 2ma \left(m + ma^2 - 2ka^2 + 2k + 2ka^2\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow n(m+ma^2) = m(m+ma^2+2k).$$

$$\Rightarrow n(1+a^2) = m(1+a^2) + 2k - ka^2 = m(1+a^2) - k(a^2-1).$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2n + n - a^2m - m + a^2k - k = 0. \Rightarrow a = \sqrt{\frac{k+m-n}{n+k-m}}, \text{ only } (+)\text{ve}$$

$$\text{So, } a = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i Y_i / \left( \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i Y_i - \bar{X}_i \bar{Y}_i) + n \right)}, b = \frac{2ka}{m+ma^2-2ka^2}. \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{root being} \\ \text{valid.} \end{array}$$

Solve for  $(\hat{\alpha}, \hat{\rho})$

8. Assume  $\rho = 0$ . Under this restriction the MLE for  $\alpha$  is  
 sol $\hat{\alpha}$  to:  $e^\alpha = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i + Y_i)}{[2n - \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i + Y_i)]} ; \Rightarrow \hat{\alpha} = \ln \left[ \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i + Y_i)}{2n - \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i + Y_i)} \right]$

9. The likelihood ratio test for testing  $H_0: \rho = 0$ .

Under  $H_0$ ; let  $a_0 = e^{\hat{\alpha}}$ .

Then  $\sup_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}_0} l(\theta) = -n \ln [2a_0 + a_0^{-2} + 1] + \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i + Y_i) \ln a_0$ .

$\sup_{\theta \in \mathbb{R}_0 \cup \mathbb{R}} l(\theta) = -n \ln [2a_1 + b_1 + a_1^{-2} b_1] + \ln a_1 m + b_1 k$

where  $a_1, b_1$  are the  $a$  and  $b$  of the part (7).

Since  $-2 \left[ \sup_{\mathbb{R}_0} l(\theta) - \sup_{\mathbb{R}_0 \cup \mathbb{R}} l(\theta) \right] \xrightarrow{d} \chi^2_{\text{full-reduced}} = \chi^2_1$ .

we have

$$\begin{aligned} & -2 \left[ -n \ln (2a_0 + a_0^{-2} + 1) + n \ln a_0 + n \ln (2a_1 + b_1 + a_1^{-2} b_1) - m \ln a_1 - k \ln b_1 \right] \\ &= -2 \left[ n \{ \ln (2a_1 + b_1 + a_1^{-2} b_1) - \ln (2a_0 + a_0^{-2} + 1) \} - m \ln a_1 - k \ln b_1 \right. \\ &\quad \left. + m \ln a_0 \right] \\ &= -2 \left[ \ln \left( \frac{2a_1 + b_1 + a_1^{-2} b_1}{2a_0 + a_0^{-2} + 1} \right)^n + \ln \left( \frac{a_0^m}{a_1^m b_1^k} \right) \right] \\ &= 2 \ln \frac{(2a_0 + a_0^{-2} + 1)^n a_1^m b_1^k}{(2a_1 + a_1^{-2} b_1 + b_1)^n a_0^m}. \end{aligned}$$

So, we need to compare

$$z = \frac{(2a_0 + a_0^{-2} + 1)^n a_1^m b_1^k}{(2a_1 + a_1^{-2} b_1 + b_1)^n a_0^m} > \exp \left\{ \frac{\chi^2_{1, 1-\alpha}}{2} \right\}$$

where  $\alpha = 0.05$ .

**Part I**

Let  $X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots$  be an infinite sequence of independent and identically distributed Bernoulli( $p$ ) random variables for  $p \in (0, 1)$ . For some  $\lambda > 0$ , let  $n$  be a Poisson( $\lambda$ ) random variable, which is independent of the Bernoulli sequence  $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$ . Let

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

which is the random variable of interest here.

1. Derive  $E(S_n)$  and  $Var(S_n)$ .
2. Derive the moment generating function (MGF) of  $S_n$ .
3. Use the MGF obtained above to verify your answers in 1.
4. Establish using the MGF that

$$\frac{S_n - E(S_n)}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \rightarrow N(0, \eta^2) \quad \text{in distribution, as } \lambda \rightarrow \infty$$

and identify  $\eta^2$ .

**Part II**

The hazard function of a random variable  $X$  is defined as

$$h_X(t) = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{P(t \leq X < t + \delta | X \geq t)}{\delta}.$$

5. Suppose that  $X$  is a continuous random variable with density  $f$  and a cdf  $F$ . Obtain an expression of  $h_X(t)$  in terms of  $F$  and  $f$ .

Let  $X \sim \text{Exp}(\beta)$  such that  $E(X) = \beta$ . Define  $Y = X^{1/\gamma}$  for a  $\gamma > 0$ .

6. Derive the density function of  $Y$ .
7. Derive the hazard function of  $Y$ .

**Part III**

Let  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ .

8. Use the approach that proves the Chebyshev inequality to show that

$$P(|Z| \geq t) \leq \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{1}{t} e^{-t^2/2}.$$

9. Use integration by parts to establish that

$$P(|Z| \geq t) \geq \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{t}{1+t^2} e^{-t^2/2}.$$

You may like to know that

$$P(|Z| \geq t) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_t^\infty \frac{1}{1+z^2} e^{-z^2/2} dz + \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_t^\infty \frac{z^2}{1+z^2} e^{-z^2/2} dz.$$

**Part IV**

Let  $U$  be a uniform( $0, 1$ ) random variable, and  $V$  be a continuous random variable with density taking positive values only on  $(0, 1)$ . For  $(u, v) \in (0, 1)^2$ , suppose that the conditional cdf of  $V$  given  $U = u$  is

$$\left( \frac{v}{u+v-uv} \right)^2.$$

10. Identify the joint cdf of  $(U, V)$  for  $(u, v) \in (0, 1)^2$ .

11. Identify the marginal cdf of  $V$ .

**Part I**

1. Derive  $E(S_n)$  and  $Var(S_n)$ ;

$$E(S_n) = E(E(S_n|n)) = E(np) = \lambda p; Var(S_n) = E\{Var(S_n|n)\} + Var\{E(S_n|n)\} = E(np(1-p)) + Var(np) = \lambda p.$$

2. Derive the moment generating function (MGF) of  $S_n$ ;

Let  $\theta = 1 - p + pe^t$ .

$$M_{S_n}(t) = E(e^{t \sum_{i=1}^n X_i}) = E((1 - p + pe^t)^n) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \theta^k \lambda^k e^{-\lambda} / k! = e^{-\lambda + \theta \lambda} = e^{-p\lambda(1-e^t)}.$$

3.  $M'_{S_n}(t) = p\lambda e^t e^{p\lambda(e^t-1)}$ . So,  $M'(0) = p\lambda$ .

$$M''_{S_n}(t) = p\lambda e^{p\lambda(e^t-1)} \{e^t + p\lambda e^{2t}\}. \text{ So, } M''_{S_n}(0) = p\lambda + (p\lambda)^2. \text{ Hence, } Var(S_n) = M''_{S_n}(0) - \{M'_{S_n}(0)\}^2 = p\lambda.$$

4. The MGF of  $\frac{S_n - E(S_n)}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-\sqrt{\lambda}pt} M_{S_n}(t/\sqrt{\lambda}) &= \exp(-\sqrt{\lambda}pt) \exp\{p\lambda\{t/\sqrt{\lambda} + t^2/\{2\lambda\} + o(1/\lambda)\}\} \\ &= \exp(pt^2/2 + o(1)) \rightarrow \exp(pt^2/2) \quad \text{as } \lambda \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

$$\eta^2 = p.$$

**Part II**

5.

$$h_X(t) = \lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{F_X(t + \delta) - F_X(t)}{\{1 - F_X(t)\}\delta} = f_X(t)/\{1 - F_X(t)\}.$$

6.

$$f_Y(t) = \frac{\gamma}{\beta} y^{\gamma-1} e^{-y^\gamma/\beta}.$$

7.

$$\begin{aligned} F_Y(t) &= 1 - e^{-t^\gamma/\beta} \\ h_Y(t) &= f_Y(t)/\{1 - F_Y(t)\} = \frac{\gamma}{\beta} t^{\gamma-1}. \end{aligned}$$

**Part III**

8.

$$P(|Z| \geq t) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_t^\infty e^{-z^2/2} dz \leq \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_t^\infty \frac{z}{t} e^{-z^2/2} dz = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \frac{e^{-t^2/2}}{t}.$$

9.

$$P(|Z| \geq t) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_t^\infty \frac{1}{1+z^2} e^{-z^2/2} dz + \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_t^\infty \frac{z^2}{1+z^2} e^{-z^2/2} dz.$$

The second integral, by integration by parts, is

$$\int_t^\infty \frac{z^2}{1+z^2} e^{-z^2/2} dz = \frac{t}{1+t^2} e^{-t^2/2} + \int_t^\infty \frac{1-z^2}{(1+z^2)^2} e^{-z^2/2} dz.$$

As

$$\frac{1}{1+z^2} + \frac{1-z^2}{(1+z^2)^2} \geq 0,$$

$$P(|Z| \geq t) \geq \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \frac{t}{1+t^2} e^{-t^2/2}.$$

**Part IV**

10. As  $U$  is uniform, the joint cdf for  $(u, v) \in (0, 1)^2$

$$F(u, v) = \int_0^u \left( \frac{v}{t+v-tv} \right)^2 dt = \frac{vu}{(u+v-uv)^2}.$$

For other values of  $(u, v)$ , the distribution will be trivial.

11. The marginal cdf of  $V$  is  $F(1, v) = v$ , hence it is uniform(0, 1).

You may take the following facts as given:

Let  $W$  be a  $\text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$  random variable with the following pdf

$$f(w) = \frac{1}{\beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)} e^{-\frac{w}{\beta}} w^{\alpha-1}, \quad w \geq 0.$$

Then  $E(W) = \alpha\beta$  and  $\text{Var}(W) = \alpha\beta^2$ . If  $c > 0$  is a constant then  $cW \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, c\beta)$ .

Also if  $W_1, W_2, \dots, W_n$  are iid  $\text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$ , then  $\sum_{i=1}^n W_i \sim \text{Gamma}(n\alpha, \beta)$ .

For the following questions, suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ ,  $n > 1$  are a random sample from the following probability density function

$$f_\theta(x) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{2\theta}{\pi}} e^{-\frac{\theta x^2}{2}} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where  $\theta > 0$  is unknown.

1. Show that  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 \sim \text{Gamma}\left(\frac{n}{2}, \frac{2}{\theta}\right)$ .
2. Find a uniformly minimum variance unbiased estimator (UMVUE) of  $\frac{1}{\theta}$ .
3. Find a uniformly minimum variance unbiased estimator (UMVUE) of  $\theta$  when  $n > 2$ .
4. Show that a method of moments estimator of  $\theta$  is

$$\tilde{\theta}_n = 2/(\pi \bar{X}^2),$$

$$\text{where } \bar{X} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{n}.$$

5. Find the limiting distribution of  $\sqrt{n}(\tilde{\theta}_n - \theta)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
6. Show that the maximum likelihood estimator of  $\theta$  is

$$\hat{\theta}_n = \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2}.$$

7. Find the limiting distribution of  $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta)$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .
8. For fixed  $\theta_0 > 0$ , find the likelihood ratio test statistic  $\lambda_{\theta_0}(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  for testing  $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$  vs.  $H_1 : \theta \neq \theta_0$ .
9. Let a prior on  $\theta$  be  $\text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$  with  $\alpha, \beta$  known. Consider the loss function  $L(\gamma(\theta), t) = \frac{(t - \gamma(\theta))^2}{\gamma(\theta)}$  for estimating  $\gamma(\theta)$ , a real valued function of  $\theta$ . Find the Bayes estimator of  $\sqrt{\theta}$  under this loss function.
10. Now let  $n = 10$ . Invert the likelihood ratio test obtained in (8) to find a 95% confidence interval for  $\theta$ . (You **don't** need to provide any numerical solution.)

1. Let  $y_i = x_i^2$ . Then the Jacobian of the transformation is  $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{y_i}}$  and so the pdf of  $y_i$  is

$$f(y_i) = \sqrt{\frac{\theta}{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{\theta y_i}{2}} y_i^{\frac{1}{2}-1}.$$

So,  $Y_i \sim \text{Gamma}\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{\theta}\right)$  and hence  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 \equiv \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i \sim \text{Gamma}\left(\frac{n}{2}, \frac{2}{\theta}\right)$ .

2. Since  $\{f_\theta(x), \theta > 0\}$  is an exponential family, we know that  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2$  is complete and sufficient.

From (1) we know that  $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 \sim \text{Gamma}\left(\frac{n}{2}, \frac{2}{\theta}\right)$ , so  $E\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2\right) = \frac{n}{\theta}$ , i.e.,  $E\left(\frac{\sum X_i^2}{n}\right) = \frac{1}{\theta}$ , which implies that  $\frac{\sum X_i^2}{n}$  is a UMVUE of  $\frac{1}{\theta}$ .

3. Since  $n > 2$ , we have

$$E\left(\frac{1}{\sum X_i^2}\right) = \frac{1}{\frac{2}{\theta}\left(\frac{n}{2} - 1\right)} = \frac{\theta}{n-2}.$$

So,  $\frac{n-2}{\sum X_i^2}$  is UMVUE of  $\theta$ .

4. Note that  $E(X_1) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi\theta}}$ . So MOM of  $\theta$  is obtained as the solution of the following equation

$$\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi\theta}} = \bar{X}.$$

So,  $\tilde{\theta}_n = \frac{2}{\pi\bar{X}^2}$ .

5. Since  $E(X_i^2) = \frac{1}{\theta}$ , we have  $V(X_1) = \frac{1}{\theta} - \frac{2}{\pi\theta} = (1 - \frac{2}{\pi})\frac{1}{\theta}$ . So by CLT, we have

$$\sqrt{n}\left(\bar{X} - \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi\theta}}\right) \rightarrow N\left(0, \left(1 - \frac{2}{\pi}\right)\frac{1}{\theta}\right).$$

Let  $g(x) = \frac{2}{\pi x^2}$ . So  $g'(x) = \frac{-4}{\pi x^3}$  and by the Delta method we have

$$\sqrt{n}(\tilde{\theta}_n - \theta) \rightarrow N\left(0, 2(\pi - 2)\theta^2\right).$$

6. The likelihood function is given by

$$L(\theta) = \left(\frac{2\theta}{\pi}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}} e^{-\frac{\theta}{2}\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}.$$

The log likelihood function is

$$\ell(\theta) = \frac{n}{2} \log(2\theta) - \frac{n}{2} \log \pi - \frac{\theta}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2.$$

Since  $\ell''(\theta) = -\frac{n}{2\theta^2} < 0$ , by solving  $\ell'(\theta) = 0$ , we get  $\hat{\theta}_n = \frac{n}{\sum x_i^2}$ .

7. Note that  $\ell''(\theta) = -\frac{n}{2\theta^2}$ . So the Fisher information number is  $I_n(\theta) = \frac{n}{2\theta^2}$ . It now follows from the properties of MLE that

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta) \rightarrow N(0, 2\theta^2).$$

8. The likelihood ratio test statistic for testing  $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$  against  $H_1 : \theta \neq \theta_0$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_{\theta_0}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) &= \frac{\left(\frac{2\theta_0}{\pi}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{\theta_0}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2\right\}}{\left(\frac{2\hat{\theta}_n}{\pi}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{\hat{\theta}_n}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2\right\}} \\ &= \left(\frac{\theta_0}{\hat{\theta}_n}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{n}{2}\left(\frac{\theta_0}{\hat{\theta}_n} - 1\right)\right\} \\ &= \left(\frac{\theta_0 \sum x_i^2}{n}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \exp\left\{-\frac{n}{2}\left(\frac{\theta_0 \sum x_i^2}{n} - 1\right)\right\}.\end{aligned}$$

9. The posterior density is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\pi(\theta|x) &\propto \theta^{\frac{n}{2}} e^{-\frac{\theta}{2} \sum x_i^2} \theta^{\alpha-1} e^{-\frac{\theta}{\beta}} \\ &= \theta^{(\frac{n}{2}+\alpha)-1} e^{-\theta\left(\frac{\sum x_i^2}{2} + \frac{1}{\beta}\right)}.\end{aligned}$$

The posterior risk for estimating  $\sqrt{\theta}$  is

$$\begin{aligned}&c \int_0^\infty \frac{(t - \sqrt{\theta})^2}{\sqrt{\theta}} \theta^{(\frac{n}{2}+\alpha)-1} e^{-\theta\left(\frac{\sum x_i^2}{2} + \frac{1}{\beta}\right)} d\theta \\ &= ct^2 \frac{\Gamma(\frac{n-1}{2} + \alpha)}{\left(\frac{\sum x_i^2}{2} + \frac{1}{\beta}\right)^{\frac{n-1}{2} + \alpha}} - 2t + c.c_1\end{aligned}$$

where  $c$  and  $c_1$  are constants given by

$$c = \frac{\left(\frac{\sum x_i^2}{2} + \frac{1}{\beta}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}+\alpha}}{\Gamma(\frac{n}{2} + \alpha)} \text{ and } c_1 = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{n+1}{2} + \alpha)}{\left(\frac{\sum x_i^2}{2} + \frac{1}{\beta}\right)^{\frac{n+1}{2}+\alpha}}.$$

So the Bayes estimator of  $\sqrt{\theta}$  is

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\left(\frac{\sum x_i^2}{2} + \frac{1}{\beta}\right)^{\frac{n-1}{2}+\alpha}}{c\Gamma(\frac{n-1}{2} + \alpha)} &= \frac{\left(\frac{\sum x_i^2}{2} + \frac{1}{\beta}\right)^{\frac{n-1}{2}+\alpha}}{\Gamma(\frac{n-1}{2} + \alpha)} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(\frac{n}{2} + \alpha)}{\left(\frac{\sum x_i^2}{2} + \frac{1}{\beta}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}+\alpha}} \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(\frac{n}{2} + \alpha)}{\Gamma(\frac{n-1}{2} + \alpha)} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{\sum x_i^2}{2} + \frac{1}{\beta}}}.\end{aligned}$$

10. From (8) we know that a size  $\alpha$  LR test is given by

$$\left\{ x : \left( \theta_0 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 \right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \exp \left\{ - \frac{\theta_0 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}{2} \right\} < k \right\}$$

where  $k$  is such that

$$P_{\theta_0} \left( \left( \theta_0 \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 \right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \exp \left\{ - \frac{\theta_0 \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2}{2} \right\} < k \right) = \alpha .$$

Since  $g(x) = x^{\frac{n}{2}} e^{-\frac{x}{2}}$  is a concave function in  $x$  and under  $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$ ,  $\theta_0 \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 \sim \text{Gamma}(\frac{n}{2}, 2) \equiv \chi_n^2$ , the size  $\alpha$  LR test is given by

$$\phi(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \theta_0 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 < \chi_{n,1-\alpha+\alpha_1}^2 \text{ or } \theta_0 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 > \chi_{n,\alpha_1}^2 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where  $\chi_{n,\alpha}^2$  is the upper  $\alpha$  quantile of  $\chi_n^2$  distribution, i.e.,  $P(\chi_n^2 > \chi_{n,\alpha}^2) = \alpha$  and  $\alpha_1 \in (0, \alpha)$  is chosen such that

$$(\chi_{n,1-\alpha+\alpha_1}^2)^{\frac{n}{2}} e^{-\frac{\chi_{n,1-\alpha+\alpha_1}^2}{2}} = (\chi_{n,\alpha_1}^2)^{\frac{n}{2}} e^{-\frac{\chi_{n,\alpha_1}^2}{2}} . \quad (1)$$

Inverting the above size  $\alpha$  test, we get a  $(1 - \alpha)$  confidence interval of  $\theta$  as follows

$$\left\{ \theta : \chi_{n,1-\alpha+\alpha_1}^2 < \theta \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 < \chi_{n,\alpha_1}^2 \right\}$$

where  $\alpha_1$  is chosen satisfying (1). Since  $n = 10$  and  $\alpha = 0.05$ , we find solution of (1) numerically to be  $\alpha_1 \approx 0.01654686$  and hence a 95% confidence interval for  $\theta$  is given by

$$\left\{ \theta : 3.516 < \theta \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 < 21.729 \right\}.$$