

1. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample of size  $n$  from a distribution with pdf

$$f(x|\theta) = \begin{cases} \theta x^{\theta-1} & 0 < x < 1, \quad 0 < \theta < \infty \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Show that the maximum likelihood estimator of  $\theta$  is  $\hat{\theta} = -n / \sum_{i=1}^n \log X_i$ .
- (b) Let  $Y_i = -\log X_i$ . Show that the distribution of  $Y_i$  is  $\text{Exp}(\theta^{-1})$ . Hence,  $\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i$  follows  $\text{Gamma}(n, \theta^{-1})$ .

[The pdf of  $\text{Exp}(\beta)$  is  $f(y) = \frac{1}{\beta} e^{-y/\beta}$ ,  $0 < y < \infty$ .]

- (c) If a random variable  $W$  follows  $\text{Gamma}(n, \theta^{-1})$ , then, for  $r > -n$ ,

$$E(W^r) = \frac{\Gamma(n+r)}{\Gamma(n)} \theta^{-r}.$$

Find  $E(\hat{\theta})$  and comment on if  $\hat{\theta}$  is an unbiased estimator.

- (d) Find the Crámer-Rao lower bound for every unbiased estimator and comment on if the variance of  $\hat{\theta}$  reach the lower bound.

2. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from Bernoulli distribution with probability of success  $\theta \in (0, 1)$ .

- (a) Find the method of moment estimator for  $\tau(\theta) = \text{Var}(X_1) = \theta(1 - \theta)$ .

- (b) Show that  $\bar{X}(1 - \bar{X})/(n - 1)$  is the UMVUE of  $\text{Var}(\bar{X}) = \theta(1 - \theta)/n$ .

3. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample of size  $n > 2$  from a normal distribution with mean 0 and variance  $\sigma^2 > 0$ . To test the hypothesis  $H_0 : \sigma^2 = \sigma_0^2$  versus  $H_1 : \sigma^2 \neq \sigma_0^2$ :

- (a) Find the maximum likelihood estimator of  $\sigma^2$  under the overall parameter space  $\Theta = \Theta^0 \cup \Theta^c = (0, \infty)$ .

- (b) Show that the likelihood ratio test statistic  $\lambda(\mathbf{x}) = c_1 t^{n/2} \exp(-c_2 t)$ , where  $t = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2$  and  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are functions of  $\sigma_0^2$  and  $n$  (constants).
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- (c) By the likelihood ratio test, one rejects  $H_0$  if  $\delta(x) = 1$ , where

$$\delta(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \lambda(x) \leq c \\ 0 & \text{if } \lambda(x) > c. \end{cases}$$

Show that, equivalently, one can use the following rejection region:

$$\delta(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } t \geq c_1^* \text{ or } t \leq c_2^* \\ 0 & \text{if otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

given that  $\lambda(\mathbf{x})$  is a concave function of  $t = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2$ .

- (d) Following (c), find  $c_1^*$  and  $c_2^*$  such that the type I error probability of the test equals  $\alpha$ .
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