

MATH3911 Assignment 1

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1. (a) Now X_1, \dots, X_n are i.i.d. Poisson (λ) random variables, so $E_\lambda[X] = \lambda$ and their common probability function is

$$f(x; \lambda) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^x}{x!} \quad \text{for } x \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\},$$

Then the likelihood function is

$$\begin{aligned} L(\mathbf{x}, \lambda) &= \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i; \lambda) \quad \text{as } X_1, \dots, X_n \text{ are i.i.d} \\ &= e^{-n\lambda} \frac{\lambda^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}}{\prod_{i=1}^n (x_i)!} \end{aligned}$$

and the score function is

$$\begin{aligned} V(\mathbf{X}, \lambda) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \log L(\mathbf{X}, \lambda) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \left(-n\lambda + \log \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n X_i - \sum_{i=1}^n \log(x_i)! \right) \\ &= -n + \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i, \end{aligned}$$

so the Fisher information about λ in \mathbf{X} is

$$\begin{aligned} I_{\mathbf{X}}(\lambda) &= E_\lambda \left[-\frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} V(\mathbf{X}, \lambda) \right] \\ &= E_\lambda \left[\frac{1}{\lambda^2} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \sum_{i=1}^n E_\lambda[X_i] \\ &= \frac{n\lambda}{\lambda^2} = \frac{n}{\lambda}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence the Cramer-Rao lower bound for the variance of an unbiased estimator of $\tau(\lambda) = \lambda e^{-\lambda}$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \tau(\lambda) \right\}^2}{I_{\mathbf{X}}(\lambda)} &= \frac{[e^{-\lambda}(1-\lambda)]^2}{n/\lambda} \\ &= \frac{\lambda e^{-2\lambda}(1-\lambda)^2}{n}. \end{aligned}$$

Suppose that $T(\mathbf{X})$ is an unbiased estimator of $\tau(\lambda)$ which attains this variance bound. Then the score function $V(\mathbf{X}, \lambda)$ can be expressed as $k_n(\lambda)[T(\mathbf{X}) - \tau(\lambda)]$, where $k_n(\lambda)$ is independent of \mathbf{X} . Now

$$\begin{aligned} V(\mathbf{X}, \lambda) &= \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i - n \\ &= \frac{n}{\lambda} (\bar{X} - \lambda) \\ &= \frac{ne^\lambda}{\lambda} (\bar{X}e^{-\lambda} - \lambda e^{-\lambda}) \\ &= \frac{ne^\lambda}{\lambda} [\bar{X}e^{-\lambda} - \tau(\lambda)] \end{aligned}$$

which implies that $T(\mathbf{X}) = \bar{X}e^{-\lambda}$, but this is not an estimator as it depends on λ . Hence there is no unbiased estimator of $\tau(\lambda)$ which attains the Cramer-Rao lower bound.

(b) Consider the estimator $W(\mathbf{X}) = I_{\{X_1=1\}}(\mathbf{X})$. Now

$$E_\lambda[W(\mathbf{X})] = \Pr_\lambda[X_1 = 1] = \lambda e^{-\lambda} = \tau(\lambda)$$

so $W(\mathbf{X})$ is an unbiased estimator of $\tau(\lambda)$.

Also

$$f(x; \lambda) = \frac{e^{-\lambda}}{x!} e^{x \log \lambda} = a(\lambda)b(x)e^{c(\lambda)d(x)}$$

where $a(\lambda) = e^{-\lambda}$, $b(x) = \frac{1}{x!}$, $c(\lambda) = \log \lambda$ and $d(x) = x$. Then the family of distributions $\{f(x; \lambda) \mid \lambda > 0\}$ is a one-paramter exponential family, so the statistic $T(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^n d(X_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ is complete and sufficient.

Now $T(\mathbf{X}) \sim \text{Poisson}(n\lambda)$ and $\sum_{i=2}^n X_i \sim \text{Poisson}((n-1)\lambda)$, so

$$\begin{aligned} E[W(\mathbf{X}) \mid T(\mathbf{X}) = t] &= \Pr[X_1 = 1 \mid T(\mathbf{X}) = t] \\ &= \frac{\Pr_\lambda[X_1 = 1, \sum_{i=1}^n X_i = t]}{\Pr_\lambda[T(\mathbf{X}) = t]} \\ &= \frac{\Pr_\lambda[X_1 = 1, \sum_{i=2}^n X_i = t-1]}{\Pr_\lambda[T(\mathbf{X}) = t]} \\ &= \frac{\Pr_\lambda[X_1 = 1] \Pr_\lambda[\sum_{i=2}^n X_i = t-1]}{e^{-n\lambda} (n\lambda)^t (t!)^{-1}} \\ &\quad \text{as } X_1, \dots, X_n \text{ are independent} \\ &= \frac{[e^{-\lambda} \lambda] [e^{-\lambda(n-1)} (\lambda(n-1))^{t-1} ((t-1)!)^{-1}]}{e^{-n\lambda} (n\lambda)^t (t!)^{-1}} \\ &= \frac{t! e^{-n\lambda} \lambda^t (n-1)^{t-1}}{(t-1)! e^{-n\lambda} \lambda^t n^t} \\ &= \frac{t}{n-1} \left(\frac{n-1}{n} \right)^t = \frac{t}{n-1} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n} \right)^t. \end{aligned}$$

Then by the Lehmann-Scheffe Theorem, the UMVUE is

$$\tilde{\tau}(\mathbf{X}) = E[W(\mathbf{X}) | T(\mathbf{X})] = \frac{T(\mathbf{X})}{n-1} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^{T(\mathbf{X})} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{n-1} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}.$$

(c) Let the MLE of λ be $\hat{\lambda}(\mathbf{X})$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= V(\mathbf{X}, \hat{\lambda}(\mathbf{X})) \\ &= \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{\hat{\lambda}(\mathbf{X})} - n \\ &= n \left(\frac{\bar{X}}{\hat{\lambda}(\mathbf{X})} - 1 \right) \\ 0 &= \frac{\bar{X}}{\hat{\lambda}(\mathbf{X})} - 1 \end{aligned}$$

so $\hat{\lambda}(\mathbf{X}) = \bar{X}$.

Let the MLE of $\tau(\lambda)$ be $\hat{\tau}(\mathbf{X})$. By the invariance property of MLEs,

$$\hat{\tau}(\mathbf{X}) = \tau(\hat{\lambda}(\mathbf{X})) = \tau(\bar{X}) = \bar{X}e^{-\bar{X}}.$$

As the MLE is asymptotically normal, unbiased and efficient, the asymptotic distribution of $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\tau}(\mathbf{X}) - \tau(\lambda))$ is $N(0, \lambda e^{-2\lambda}(1 - \lambda)^2)$, where

$$\lambda e^{-2\lambda}(1 - \lambda)^2 = \frac{\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \tau(\lambda)\right]^2}{I_{X_1}(\lambda)} = \frac{\left[\frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \tau(\lambda)\right]^2}{\frac{1}{n} I_{\mathbf{X}}(\lambda)}.$$

(d) For the given data, $n = 25$ and $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i = 76$, so $\bar{x} = 3.04$. Then the UMVUE is $\tilde{\tau}(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{76}{24} \left(1 - \frac{1}{25}\right)^{76} = 0.14230$ and the MLE is $\hat{\tau}(\mathbf{x}) = 3.04(e^{-3.04}) = 0.14542$. The two numerical values are very close to one another, which would be expected as

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{\tau}(\mathbf{X}) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n\bar{X}}{n-1} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n\bar{X}} \\ &= \bar{X} \left[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n-1} \right] \left[\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^{n\bar{X}} \right] \\ &= \bar{X}e^{-\bar{X}} \\ &= \hat{\tau}(\mathbf{X}), \end{aligned}$$

which shows that the UMVUE approaches the MLE asymptotically.

(e) The asymptotic distribution of $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\tau}(\mathbf{X}) - \tau(\lambda))$ is $N(0, \lambda e^{-2\lambda}(1 - \lambda)^2)$, so the distribution of $\hat{\tau}(\mathbf{X})$ is approximately $N(\tau(\lambda), \frac{1}{n} \lambda e^{-2\lambda}(1 - \lambda)^2)$. Then the standard error of $\hat{\tau}(\mathbf{X})$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{sê}[\hat{\tau}(\mathbf{X})] &\approx \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \hat{\lambda}(\mathbf{x}) e^{-2\hat{\lambda}(\mathbf{x})} (1 - \hat{\lambda}(\mathbf{x}))^2} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{n} \bar{x} e^{-2\bar{x}} (1 - \bar{x})^2} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{1}{25} (3.04) e^{-2(3.04)} (1 - 3.04)^2} \\ &= 0.03403 \end{aligned}$$

so an asymptotic 90% confidence interval for $\tau(\lambda)$ is

$$\begin{aligned} & (\hat{\tau}(\mathbf{x}) - \Phi^{-1}(0.95)\hat{\text{se}}[\hat{\tau}(\mathbf{X})], \hat{\tau}(\mathbf{x}) + \Phi^{-1}(0.95)\hat{\text{se}}[\hat{\tau}(\mathbf{X})]) \\ &= (0.14542 - 1.645(0.03403), 0.14542 + 1.645(0.03403)) \\ &= (0.08944, 0.20139), \end{aligned}$$

where Φ is the standard normal distribution function.

2. Let g be a function from $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ to \mathbb{R} . Suppose that X follows Distribution I and for all $\theta \in \Theta = (0, 0.1)$, $E_\theta[g(X)] = 0$.

Then for all $\theta \in (0, 0.1)$,

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \sum_{x=1}^4 g(x) \Pr_\theta[X = x] \\ &= \theta g(1) + (\theta - \theta^4) g(2) + (2\theta^3 - \theta^4) g(3) + (1 + 2\theta^4 - 2\theta^3 - 2\theta) g(4) \\ &= g(4) + \theta [g(1) + g(2) - 2g(4)] + \theta^3 [2g(3) - 2g(4)] + \theta^4 [2g(4) - g(2)], \end{aligned}$$

so on equating coefficients,

$$g(4) = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$g(1) + g(2) - 2g(4) = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$2g(3) - 2g(4) = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$2g(4) - g(2) = 0 \quad (4).$$

Now from equation (1), $g(4) = 0$, so from equation (3), $g(3) = g(4) = 0$, and from equation (4), $g(2) = 2g(4) = 0$. Then from equation (2), $g(1) = 2g(4) - g(2) = 0$, so for all $x \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$, $g(x) = 0$. Then $\Pr_\theta[g(X) = 0] = 1$, for all $\theta \in (0, 0.1)$, so this family of distributions is complete.

Now suppose that X follows Distribution II and let $g : \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by $g(1) = 1$, $g(2) = -1$, $g(3) = g(4) = 0$. Then for all $\theta \in \Theta = (0, 0.1)$,

$$\begin{aligned} E_\theta[g(X)] &= \sum_{x=1}^4 g(x) \Pr_\theta[X = x] \\ &= 2\theta^2 g(1) + 2\theta^2 g(2) + (2\theta^3 - \theta^4) g(3) + (1 + \theta^4 - 4\theta^2 - 2\theta^3) g(4) \\ &= 2\theta^2 \times 1 + 2\theta^2 \times (-1) + (2\theta^3 - \theta^4) \times 0 + (1 + \theta^4 - 4\theta^2 - 2\theta^3) \times 0 \\ &= 2\theta^2 - 2\theta^2 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

but

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr_\theta[g(X) = 0] &= \Pr_\theta[X = 3] + \Pr_\theta[X = 4] \\ &= 1 - \Pr_\theta[X = 1] + \Pr_\theta[X = 2] \\ &= 1 - 4\theta^2 < 1 \end{aligned}$$

as $\theta > 0$. Hence this family of distributions is not complete.

3. (a) Now X_1, \dots, X_n are i.i.d. random variables with common density $f(x; \theta) = e^{\theta-x} I_{(-\infty, x]}(\theta) =$

$$\begin{cases} e^{\theta-x} & , \text{ if } x \geq \theta \\ 0 & , \text{ otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Then the likelihood function is

$$\begin{aligned} L(\mathbf{x}, \theta) &= \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i; \theta) \quad \text{as } X_1, \dots, X_n \text{ are i.i.d.} \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n e^{\theta-x_i} I_{(-\infty, x_i]}(\theta) \\ &= \exp(n\theta - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i) I_{(-\infty, x_{(1)}]}(\theta). \end{aligned}$$

Let $\psi(\theta)$ be the ratio of the likelihoods for data vectors \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} . Then

$$\psi(\theta) = \frac{L(\mathbf{x}, \theta)}{L(\mathbf{y}, \theta)} = \frac{\exp(n\theta - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i) I_{(-\infty, x_{(1)}]}(\theta)}{\exp(n\theta - \sum_{i=1}^n y_i) I_{(-\infty, y_{(1)}]}(\theta)} = \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right) \frac{I_{(-\infty, x_{(1)}]}(\theta)}{I_{(-\infty, y_{(1)}]}(\theta)}.$$

Now when $x_{(1)} < y_{(1)}$, we have

$$\psi(\theta) = \begin{cases} \exp(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i) & , \theta \leq x_{(1)} \\ 0 & , x_{(1)} < \theta \leq y_{(1)} \\ \text{undefined} & , \theta > y_{(1)} \end{cases}$$

and when $y_{(1)} < x_{(1)}$, we have

$$\psi(\theta) = \begin{cases} \exp(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i) & , \theta \leq y_{(1)} \\ \infty & , y_{(1)} < \theta \leq x_{(1)} \\ \text{undefined} & , \theta > x_{(1)} \end{cases}$$

so when $x_{(1)} \neq y_{(1)}$, $\psi(\theta)$ is not constant with respect to θ (where it is defined).

When $x_{(1)} = y_{(1)}$, we have

$$\psi(\theta) = \begin{cases} \exp(\sum_{i=1}^n y_i - \sum_{i=1}^n x_i) & , \theta \leq x_{(1)} = y_{(1)} \\ \text{undefined} & , \theta > x_{(1)} = y_{(1)} \end{cases}$$

so $\psi(\theta)$ is constant with respect to θ (where it is defined). Hence, by the method of Lehmann and Scheffe, $T(\mathbf{X}) = X_{(1)}$ is a minimal sufficient statistic for θ .

- (b) Let $F(x; \theta)$ be the common distribution function for X_1, \dots, X_n . Then for $x \geq \theta$,

$$\begin{aligned} F(x; \theta) &= \int_{\theta}^x f(u; \theta) du \\ &= \int_{\theta}^x e^{\theta-u} du \\ &= e^{\theta} [-e^{-u}]_{u=\theta}^x \\ &= e^{\theta} (e^{-\theta} - e^{-x}) \\ &= 1 - e^{\theta-x} \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\begin{aligned}
F_{X_{(1)}}(x; \theta) &= 1 - \Pr_{\theta}[X_{(1)} > x] \\
&= 1 - \Pr_{\theta}[X_1 > x, \dots, X_n > x] \\
&= 1 - (\Pr_{\theta}[X_1 > x])^n \quad \text{as } X_1, \dots, X_n \text{ are i.i.d.} \\
&= 1 - [1 - F(x; \theta)]^n \\
&= 1 - [e^{\theta-x}]^n \\
&= 1 - e^{n\theta}(e^{-nx})
\end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$f_{X_{(1)}}(x; \theta) = \frac{d}{dx} F_{X_{(1)}}(x; \theta) = ne^{n\theta}(e^{-nx}) = ne^{n(\theta-x)}.$$

Also for $x < \theta$, $f_{X_{(1)}}(x; \theta) = F_{X_{(1)}}(x; \theta) = 0$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned}
E_{\theta}[X_{(1)}] &= \int_{\theta}^{\infty} x f_{X_{(1)}}(x; \theta) dx \\
&= e^{n\theta} \int_{\theta}^{\infty} x n e^{-nx} dx \\
&= e^{n\theta} \left\{ [-x e^{-nx}]_{\theta}^{\infty} + \int_{\theta}^{\infty} e^{-nx} dx \right\} \\
&= e^{n\theta} \left\{ \theta e^{-n\theta} - \frac{1}{n} [e^{-nx}]_{\theta}^{\infty} \right\} \\
&= \theta + e^{n\theta} \left(\frac{1}{n} e^{-n\theta} \right) \\
&= \theta + \frac{1}{n}.
\end{aligned}$$

- (c) Let g be a function from $[\theta, \infty)$ to \mathbb{R} and suppose that $E_{\theta}[g(X_{(1)})] = 0$ for all $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= \int_{\theta}^{\infty} g(x) f_{X_{(1)}}(x; \theta) dx \\
&= ne^{n\theta} \int_{\theta}^{\infty} g(x) e^{-nx} dx \\
0 &= \int_{\theta}^{\infty} g(x) e^{-nx} dx.
\end{aligned}$$

On differentiating both sides, $-g(\theta)e^{-n\theta} = 0$ and so $g(\theta) = 0$ for all $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$, as $e^{-n\theta} > 0$. Then $g(x) = 0$ for all $x \in [\theta, \infty)$, so $\Pr_{\theta}[g(X_{(1)}) = 0] = 1$ for all $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$, and hence $X_{(1)}$ is complete. From part a), it is also sufficient for θ .

Consider the estimator $W(\mathbf{X}) = X_{(1)} - \frac{1}{n}$. Now $E_{\theta}[W(\mathbf{X})] = E_{\theta}[X_{(1)}] - \frac{1}{n} = \theta$, so $W(\mathbf{X})$ is an unbiased estimator of θ . Then by the Lehmann-Scheffe Theorem, the UMVUE of θ is $E[W(\mathbf{X})|X_{(1)}] = E[X_{(1)}|X_{(1)}] - \frac{1}{n} = X_{(1)} - \frac{1}{n}$.

4. (a) Now X_1, \dots, X_n are i.i.d NegativeBinomial(k, θ) random variables with common probability function

$$f(x; \theta) = \binom{k-1+x}{x} \theta^k (1-\theta)^x \quad \text{for } x \in \{0, 1, \dots\},$$

so the likelihood function is

$$\begin{aligned} L(\mathbf{x}, \theta) &= \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i; \theta) \quad \text{as } X_1, \dots, X_n \text{ are i.i.d.} \\ &= \left[\prod_{i=1}^n \binom{k-1+x_i}{x_i} \right] \theta^{nk} (1-\theta)^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}. \end{aligned}$$

Then the ratio of the likelihoods for data vectors \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{L(\mathbf{x}, \theta)}{L(\mathbf{y}, \theta)} &= \frac{\left[\prod_{i=1}^n \binom{k-1+x_i}{x_i} \right] \theta^{nk} (1-\theta)^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}}{\left[\prod_{i=1}^n \binom{k-1+y_i}{y_i} \right] \theta^{nk} (1-\theta)^{\sum_{i=1}^n y_i}} \\ &= \frac{\left[\prod_{i=1}^n \binom{k-1+x_i}{x_i} \right]}{\left[\prod_{i=1}^n \binom{k-1+y_i}{y_i} \right]} (1-\theta)^{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i - \sum_{i=1}^n y_i} \end{aligned}$$

which is independent of θ if and only if $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$. Hence, by the method of Lehmann and Scheffe, $T(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ is a minimal sufficient statistic for θ .

(b) The expected value of X_1 is

$$\begin{aligned} E_\theta[X_1] &= \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x f(x; \theta) \\ &= \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} x \binom{k-1+x}{x} \theta^k (1-\theta)^x \\ &= \theta^k \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} x \frac{(k-1+x)!}{x!(k-1)!} (1-\theta)^x \\ &= \theta^k \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \frac{(k-1+x)!}{(x-1)!(k-1)!} (1-\theta)^x \\ &= \theta^k \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{(k+x)!}{x!(k-1)!} (1-\theta)^{x+1} \\ &= \frac{k}{\theta} (1-\theta) \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{(k+x)!}{x!k!} \theta^{k+1} (1-\theta)^x \\ &= \frac{k(1-\theta)}{\theta} \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{(l-1+x)!}{x!(l-1)!} \theta^l (1-\theta)^x \quad \text{where } l = k+1 \\ &= \frac{k(1-\theta)}{\theta} \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} f_Y(x; \theta) \quad \text{where } Y \sim \text{NegativeBinomial}(l, \theta) \\ &= \frac{k(1-\theta)}{\theta}. \end{aligned}$$

As X_1, \dots, X_n are i.i.d., this is also the expected value of X_2, \dots, X_n .

(c) Now the score function is

$$\begin{aligned}
V(\mathbf{X}; \theta) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} [\log L(\mathbf{X}; \theta)] \\
&= \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \left[\sum_{i=1}^n \log \binom{k-1+X_i}{X_i} + nk \log \theta + \log(1-\theta) \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \right] \\
&= \frac{nk}{\theta} - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{1-\theta}
\end{aligned}$$

so the Fisher information about θ in \mathbf{X} is

$$\begin{aligned}
I_{\mathbf{X}}(\theta) &= E_{\theta} \left[-\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} V(\mathbf{X}; \theta) \right] \\
&= E_{\theta} \left[\frac{nk}{\theta^2} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{(1-\theta)^2} \right] \\
&= \frac{nk}{\theta^2} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n E_{\theta}[X_i]}{(1-\theta)^2} \\
&= \frac{nk}{\theta^2} + \frac{nk(1-\theta)/\theta}{(1-\theta)^2} \\
&= nk \left[\frac{1}{\theta^2} + \frac{1}{\theta(1-\theta)} \right] \\
&= nk \left[\frac{(1-\theta) + \theta}{\theta^2(1-\theta)} \right] \\
&= \frac{nk}{\theta^2(1-\theta)}.
\end{aligned}$$

As $T(\mathbf{X})$ is a sufficient statistic for θ , from part a), we have $I_{T(\mathbf{X})}(\theta) = I_{\mathbf{X}}(\theta) = \frac{nk}{\theta^2(1-\theta)}$.

(d) Now the score function can be factorised into

$$\begin{aligned}
V(\mathbf{X}; \theta) &= \frac{nk}{\theta} - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{1-\theta} \\
&= -\frac{nk}{1-\theta} \left[\frac{1}{nk} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i - \frac{1-\theta}{\theta} \right] \\
&= K_n(\theta) [T(\mathbf{X}) - \tau(\theta)]
\end{aligned}$$

where $K_n(\theta) = -\frac{nk}{1-\theta}$ is independent of \mathbf{X} . Hence the UMVUE of $\tau(\theta) = \frac{1-\theta}{\theta}$ is $T(\mathbf{X}) = \frac{1}{nk} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i = \frac{\bar{X}}{k}$, and the variance of the UMVUE attains the Cramer-Rao lower bound.

(e) Let the common m.g.f. of X_1, \dots, X_n be $m_X(t)$. Now

$$\begin{aligned}
m_X(t) &= E_\theta[e^{Xt}] \\
&= \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} e^{xt} f(x; \theta) \\
&= \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} e^{xt} \binom{k-1+x}{x} \theta^k (1-\theta)^x \\
&= \theta^k \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \binom{k-1+x}{x} (e^t(1-\theta))^x \\
&= \theta^k \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \binom{k-1+x}{x} (1-p)^x \quad \text{where } p = 1 - e^t(1-\theta) \\
&= \frac{\theta^k}{p^k} \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \binom{k-1+x}{x} p^k (1-p)^x \\
&= \frac{\theta^k}{p^k} \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} f_U(x) \quad \text{where } U \sim \text{NegativeBinomial}(k, p) \\
&= \left(\frac{\theta}{p}\right)^k \\
&= \left(\frac{\theta}{1 - e^t(1-\theta)}\right)^k.
\end{aligned}$$

Let $T(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$. Then the m.g.f. of $T(\mathbf{X})$ is

$$\begin{aligned}
m_{T(\mathbf{X})}(t) &= \prod_{i=1}^n m_X(t) \quad \text{as } X_1, \dots, X_n \text{ are i.i.d.} \\
&= \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\theta}{1 - e^t(1-\theta)}\right)^k \\
&= \left(\frac{\theta}{1 - e^t(1-\theta)}\right)^{nk}
\end{aligned}$$

so $T(\mathbf{X}) \sim \text{NegativeBinomial}(nk, \theta)$, as an m.g.f. uniquely characterises a distribution. Then the probability function of $T(\mathbf{X})$ is

$$f_T(t) = \binom{nk-1+t}{t} \theta^{nk} (1-\theta)^t \quad \text{for } t \in \{0, 1, \dots\}.$$

Similarly, $\sum_{i=2}^n X_i \sim \text{NegativeBinomial}((n-1)k, \theta)$.

Now let g be a function from $\{0, 1, \dots\}$ to \mathbb{R} and suppose that $E_\theta[g(T(\mathbf{X}))] = 0$

for all $\theta \in (0, 1)$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} g(t) f_T(t) \\
&= \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} g(t) \binom{nk-1+t}{t} \theta^{nk} (1-\theta)^t \\
&= \theta^{nk} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} g(t) \binom{nk-1+t}{t} (1-\theta)^t \\
0 &= \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} g(t) \binom{nk-1+t}{t} (1-\theta)^t,
\end{aligned}$$

where the right hand side is a power series in $(1-\theta)$. Then for all $t \in \{0, 1, \dots\}$, $g(t) \binom{nk-1+t}{t} = 0$, so $g(t) = 0$ as $\binom{nk-1+t}{t} \geq 1$. Hence $\Pr_{\theta}[T(\mathbf{X}) = 0] = 1$ for all $\theta \in (0, 1)$, so $T(\mathbf{X})$ is complete.

Now consider the estimator $W(\mathbf{X}) = I_{\{X_1=0\}}(\mathbf{X})$. We have $E_{\theta}[W(\mathbf{X})] = \Pr_{\theta}[X_1 = 0] = f(0; \theta) = \theta^k$, so $W(\mathbf{X})$ is an unbiased estimator of $\eta(\theta) = \theta^k$. Now

$$\begin{aligned}
E[W(\mathbf{X}) | T(\mathbf{X}) = t] &= \Pr[X_1 = 0 | T(\mathbf{X}) = t] \\
&= \frac{\Pr_{\theta}[X_1 = 0, \sum_{i=1}^n X_i = t]}{\Pr_{\theta}[T(\mathbf{X}) = t]} \\
&= \frac{\Pr_{\theta}[X_1 = 0, \sum_{i=2}^n X_i = t]}{\binom{nk-1+t}{t} \theta^{nk} (1-\theta)^t} \\
&= \frac{\Pr_{\theta}[X_1 = 0] \Pr_{\theta}[\sum_{i=2}^n X_i = t]}{\binom{nk-1+t}{t} \theta^{nk} (1-\theta)^t} \quad \text{as } X_1, \dots, X_n \text{ are independent} \\
&= \frac{\theta^k \binom{nk-k-1+t}{t} \theta^{k(n-1)} (1-\theta)^t}{\binom{nk-1+t}{t} \theta^{nk} (1-\theta)^t} \\
&= \frac{\binom{nk-k-1+t}{t}}{\binom{nk-1+t}{t}} \\
&= \frac{(nk-k-1+t)!}{t!(nk-k-1)!} \frac{t!(nk-1)!}{(nk-1+t)!} \\
&= \frac{(nk-k-1+t)!(nk-1)!}{(nk-1+t)!(nk-k-1)!}
\end{aligned}$$

so by the Lehmann-Scheffe Theorem, the UMVUE of $\eta(\theta) = \theta^k$ is

$$E[W(\mathbf{X}) | T(\mathbf{X})] = \frac{(nk-k-1+T(\mathbf{X}))!(nk-1)!}{(nk-1+T(\mathbf{X}))!(nk-k-1)!} = \frac{(nk-k-1+\sum_{i=1}^n X_i)!(nk-1)!}{(nk-1+\sum_{i=1}^n X_i)!(nk-k-1)!}.$$