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1. (25 points) Answer the following problems.
  - (a) (10 points) What does *variance stabilizing transformation* mean?
  - (b) (15 points) Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be iid Bernoulli( $\theta$ ). Find the variance stabilizing transformation  $h$  such that  $h(0) = 0$ ,  $h(1) = 1$ , and  $h'(t) \geq 0 \forall t$ .
2. (20 points) Suppose that given  $p$ , each of  $n$  trials are independent with success probability  $p$ . Assume that  $p$  has uniform prior on  $(0,1)$ . Let  $X$  denote the number of successes in the  $n$  trials. Then,
  - (a) (10 points) Find  $P(X = k)$  for  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$ .
  - (b) (10 points) Find  $E(p|X)$ .
3. (20 points) Consider the data set in the following table, where 12 observations are assumed to come from the bivariate normal distribution with  $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = 0$ , the correlation coefficient  $\rho$ , and variances  $\sigma_{11}$  and  $\sigma_{22}$ .

\* Value not observed

1	1	-1	-1	2	2	-2	-2	*	*	*	*
1	-1	1	-1	*	*	*	*	2	2	-2	-2

In this data, 2 pairs have correlation 1, 2 pairs have correlation -1, and there are 8 missing values. Denote the covariance matrix as  $\Sigma = [\sigma_{ij}]_{i,j=1,2}$ . Assume the Jeffreys prior density on  $\Sigma$ ; that is,

$$\xi(\Sigma) = \xi(\sigma_{11}, \sigma_{22}, \sigma_{12}) \propto |\Sigma|^{-(k+1)/2},$$

where  $k = 2$  is the dimensional of the multivariate normal distribution.

- (a) (10 points) Write down the joint posterior density of  $(\sigma_{11}, \sigma_{22}, \rho)$ .
  - (b) (10 points) Derive the marginal posterior density of  $\rho$ .
4. (15 points) The Kullback-Leibler information number between probability densities  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  is defined as

$$I(f, g) = E_f \left( \log \frac{f(X)}{g(X)} \right).$$

Show that  $I(f, g) \geq 0$ .

5. (20 points) Suppose that  $X_t = \mu + \sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} \psi_j Z_j$  where  $\sum_{j=-\infty}^{\infty} |\psi_j| < \infty$  and  $Z_j$  are iid r.v.'s with mean 0 and variance  $\sigma^2$ . Let  $\gamma(h) = E(X_t - \mu)(X_{t+h} - \mu)$ ,  $-\infty < h < \infty$ .
  - (a) (10 points) Show that  $\sum_{h=-\infty}^{\infty} |\gamma(h)| < \infty$ .
  - (b) (10 points) Show that  $n \text{Var}(\bar{X}_n) \rightarrow \sum_{h=-\infty}^{\infty} \gamma(h)$ .

# Mathematical Statistics

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**1.(10%)** Let  $X$  be a random variable with CDF  $F_X$ . Show that, if  $EX$  exists, then

$$EX = \int_0^{\infty} [1 - F_X(x)] dx - \int_{-\infty}^0 F_X(x) dx.$$

**2.(16%)** Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be i.i.d. random variables having the uniform distribution  $U[0, \theta]$ . It is known that when  $\theta \in \Theta = (0, \infty)$ , the UMVUE of

$\theta$  is  $\frac{n+1}{n} X_{(n)}$ . Now suppose that  $\Theta = (1, \infty)$ , show that the UMVUE for

$\theta$  is  $I_{[0,1]}(X_{(n)}) + \frac{n+1}{n} X_{(n)} I_{(1,\infty)}(X_{(n)})$ .

**3.(12%)** Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be i.i.d. random variables having the exponential distribution  $E(a, \theta)$ , where  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $\theta > 0$ .

**a(6%)** Show that  $X_{(1)}$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - X_{(1)})$  independent for any  $(a, \theta)$ .

**b(6%)** Show that  $Z_i = (X_{(n)} - X_{(i)}) / (X_{(n)} - X_{(n-1)})$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots, n-2$ , are

independent of  $(X_{(1)}, \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - X_{(1)}))$

**4.(16%)** Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be i.i.d. random variables from the uniform distribution  $U(\theta_1, \theta_2)$ ,  $-\infty < \theta_1 < \theta_2 < \infty$ .

**a(8%)** Show that the conditional distribution of  $X_{(1)}$  given  $X_{(n)} = x$  is the distribution of the minimum of a sample of size  $n-1$  from the uniform distribution  $U(\theta_1, x)$ .

**b(8%)** Find a UMPU test of size  $\alpha$  for testing  $H_0: \theta_1 \leq 0$  versus  $H_1: \theta_1 > 0$ .

**5.(16%)** Consider the bivariate discrete distribution with probability mass function

$$p(x, y; \alpha, \beta, \gamma) = c \frac{\alpha^x \beta^y \gamma^{xy}}{x! y!}, \quad x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, y = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \text{ where } \alpha \geq 0, \beta \geq 0,$$

$0 \leq \gamma \leq 1$ , and  $c$  is a normalizing constant. Consider a random sample of size  $n$  drawn from the bivariate distribution  $(X_1, Y_1), (X_2, Y_2), \dots, (X_n, Y_n)$ . We want to construct a UMP test of size  $\alpha$  of the null hypothesis that  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent against the alternative that  $X$  and  $Y$  are dependent.

**a(6%)** Determine the conditional distribution of  $Y$  given  $X$ , show that it's Poisson.

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**b(4%)** Give the hypotheses of interest in terms of the parameters.

**c(6%)** Conduct the test with a sample of  $n=3$ ,  $(x_1, y_1)=(1, 3)$ ,  $(x_2, y_2)=(2, 0)$  and  $(x_3, y_3)=(1, 1)$ .

**6.(18%)** Let  $X$  be a single observation from the discrete p.d.f.

$f_\theta(x) = [x!(1 - e^{-\theta})]^{-1} \theta^x e^{-\theta} I_{(1,2,\dots)}(x)$ , where  $\theta > 0$  is unknown. Consider the

estimation of  $\theta/(1 - e^{-\theta})$  under the squared error loss.

**a(6%)** Show that the estimator  $X$  is admissible.

**b(6%)** Show that  $X$  is not minimax unless  $\sup_\theta R_T(\theta) = \infty$  for any estimator  $T=T(X)$ .

**c(6%)** Find a loss function under which  $X$  is minimax and admissible.

**7.(12%)** Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be i.i.d. from the discrete p.d.f. in the last problem

where  $\theta > 0$  is unknown. Show that the likelihood equation has a unique root when the sample mean is greater than 1. Is this root an MLE of  $\theta$ ?

1. (40 pts; 10 pts for each part) Suppose that we have a sample  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  such that  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are independent and identically distributed and  $P(X_1 = 1) = p = 1 - P(X_1 = 0)$ , where  $0 < p < 1$ . Suppose that  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $\beta > 0$ , and  $B(\alpha, \beta)$  is the Beta distribution with Lebesgue probability density function  $g$ , which is given by

$$g(y) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} y^{\alpha-1} (1-y)^{\beta-1} I_{(0,1)}(y) \text{ for } y \in (-\infty, \infty),$$

where  $I_{(0,1)}(\cdot)$  is the indicator function on  $(0, 1)$  and  $\Gamma(\cdot)$  is the Gamma function, which is defined by  $\Gamma(a) = \int_0^\infty t^{a-1} e^{-t} dt$  for  $a > 0$ .

- Show that the Bayes estimator for  $p$  under square error loss with respect to the prior distribution  $B(\alpha, \beta)$  is  $(\alpha + \sum_{i=1}^n X_i) / (\alpha + \beta + n)$ .
  - Consider estimating  $p$  using  $\hat{p} = ((\sqrt{n}/2) + \sum_{i=1}^n X_i) / (\sqrt{n} + n)$ . Show that  $\hat{p}$  is minimax under square error loss.
  - Suppose that the loss of estimating  $p$  using  $a$  when  $P(X_1 = 1) = p$  is  $L(p, a) = (a - p)^2 / p$ . Determine whether the  $\hat{p}$  in Part (b) is admissible under the loss  $L$ . Justify your answer.
  - Determine whether the  $\hat{p}$  in Part (b) is consistent. Justify your answer.
2. (50 pts; 10 pts for each part) Suppose that we have a random sample  $(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  from a distribution with a Lebesgue probability density function  $f$ , which is given by

$$f(x) = \frac{\beta^\lambda}{\Gamma(\lambda)} \exp(\lambda x - \beta e^x) \text{ for all } x \in (-\infty, \infty),$$

where  $\beta$  and  $\lambda$  are positive parameters and  $\Gamma(\cdot)$  is the Gamma function as in Problem 1. Suppose that  $\alpha$  is a constant in  $(0, 1)$ .

- Suppose that  $\lambda = 1$ . Find a statistic  $U$  that is complete and sufficient for  $\beta$ .
- Suppose that  $\lambda = 1$ . Let  $Y_i = e^{X_i}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, n$ ,  $\bar{Y} = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i$  and  $V = \prod_{i=1}^n (Y_i / \bar{Y})$ . Show that  $V$  is independent of the statistic  $U$  in part (a).
- Suppose that  $T$  is a test for testing

$$H_0 : \lambda \leq 1 \text{ versus } H_1 : \lambda > 1 \quad (1)$$

such that  $\beta_T \leq \alpha$  under  $H_0$  and  $\beta_T \geq \alpha$  under  $H_1$ , where  $\beta_T$  is the power function of  $T$ . Show that  $E(T|U) = \alpha$  almost everywhere when  $\lambda = 1$ , where  $U$  is the statistic in part (a).

- Find a UMPU level  $\alpha$  test for the problem in (1). Also, express the rejection region of the UMPU test using the statistic  $V$  in part (b), if possible.

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- (e) For every  $c \in (-\infty, \infty)$ , let  $g_c$  be the location transform such that  $g_c(X_1, \dots, X_n) = (X_1 + c, \dots, X_n + c)$ . Let  $\mathcal{G} = \{g_c : c \in (-\infty, \infty)\}$ . Show that  $\mathcal{G}$  is a group of transformation and determine whether the testing problem in (1) is invariant under  $\mathcal{G}$ . Justify your answer.
3. (10 pts) Suppose that  $X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$  is a random sample from  $N(\theta, 1)$ , where  $\theta \in (-\infty, \infty)$ . Consider two estimators of  $\theta$ :  $\bar{X} = n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  and

$$T_n = \begin{cases} \bar{X} & \text{if } |\bar{X}| > n^{-1/4}; \\ \bar{X}/2 & \text{if } |\bar{X}| \leq n^{-1/4}. \end{cases}$$

Determine whether  $T_n$  is asymptotically more efficient than  $\bar{X}$ . Justify your answer.