

**Question 3****[23]**

Suppose that  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  is a random sample from a distribution with probability density function:

$$f(x|\theta) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\theta} \exp\{-x/\theta\} & \text{if } x > 0, \theta > 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Show that  $f(x|\theta)$  belongs to the 1-parameter exponential family. **(4)**
- (b) Write down the complete sufficient statistic for  $\theta$ . **(3)**
- (c) Show that  $\bar{X}$  is a *MVUE* of  $\theta$  **(8)**
- (d) Determine the *CRLB* for an unbiased estimator of  $\theta$ . **(8)**

**Question 4****[21]**

- (a) It is known that the random variable  $X$  has probability density function

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

It is desired to test the null hypothesis  $H_0 : \theta = 1$  against the alternative  $H_1 : \theta = 2$ . A random sample  $X_1$  of size  $n = 1$  is to be used.

- (i) Calculate the level of significance and the power of the test which rejects  $H_0$  if  $X_1 \geq \frac{1}{2}$ . **(8)**
- (ii) Consider the test which rejects  $H_0$  if  $X_1 \geq c$ . Find  $c$  for which the level of significance of the test is 0.1. **(5)**
- (b) Let  $X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from a population with probability density in part (a). Show that the best test for the hypotheses in part (a) rejects  $H_0$  if

$$\prod_{i=1}^n x_i \geq c$$

where  $c$  solves the probability equation

$$\alpha = P\left(\prod_{i=1}^n x_i \geq c \mid \theta = 1\right).$$

**(8)****TOTAL: [100]**

**ADDENDUM B: SECOND SEMESTER ASSIGNMENTS**

**B.1 Assignment 01**

**ONLY FOR SEMESTER 2 STUDENTS**  
**ASSIGNMENT 01**  
**Unique Nr.: 755093**  
**Fixed closing date: 26 AUGUST 2016**

**Question 1** **[20]**

Suppose that  $X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n$  is a random sample from Poisson distribution with probability mass function:

$$p(x|\theta) = \begin{cases} \frac{e^{-\theta}\theta^x}{x!} & \text{if } x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Find the method of moments estimator (MME) of  $\theta$ . (Pg 34) (4)
- (b) Find the maximum likelihood estimator (MLE) of  $\theta$ . (Pg 32) (8)
- (c) Find the maximum likelihood estimators (MLE) of the following functions of  $\theta$ . **Justify your answers.**

(i)  $e^\theta$  (3)

(ii)  $P(X \geq 1)$ . (5)

$$1 - P(X=0) = 1 - \frac{e^{-\theta}}{0!} = 1 - e^{-\theta}$$

**Question 2** **[20]**

Let  $X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from a population whose probability density function is

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

- (a) Find the likelihood and log likelihood functions of  $\theta$ . (4)
- (b) Show that  $\prod_{i=1}^n X_i$  is a minimal sufficient statistic for  $\theta$ . *study unit 4. Pg 75?* (7)
- (c) Find the maximum likelihood estimator (MLE) of  $\theta$ . *follow steps* (4)
- (d) Determine the observed information,  $I(\mathbf{X})$ , of  $\theta$  (5)

$-\ddot{l}(\hat{\theta}|x)$

*second derivative  
 & put in Likelihood  
 estimate.*

**Question 3** (page 50, ex 2.11.1)

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Suppose that 3, 0, 3, 0, 3, 2, 2, 0, 1, 0 are 10 independent observations from a population whose discrete distribution has a probability mass function given in the table below.

$x$	0	1	2	3
$P(X = x)$	$\frac{2}{3}\theta$	$\frac{1}{3}\theta$	$\frac{2}{3}(1-\theta)$	$\frac{1}{3}(1-\theta)$

- (a) Find the method of moments estimate (MME) of  $\theta$ .  $E(X_1) = \sum x \cdot f(x|\theta)$  [4]
- (b) Find the maximum likelihood estimate (MLE) of  $\theta$ . [6]
- (c) Find the approximate standard errors for the estimates in parts (a) and (b). [7]
- (d) Which of the MME and MLE is preferred and why? [3]

**Question 4**

[20]

Suppose that  $X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n$  is a random sample from a distribution with probability density function:

$$f(x|\theta_1, \theta_2) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\theta_2} \exp\left(-\frac{x-\theta_1}{\theta_2}\right) & \text{if } 0 < \theta_2 < \infty, 0 < \theta_1 \leq x < \infty, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (a) Find the likelihood function of  $(\theta_1 \text{ and } \theta_2)$  one function for both [3]
- (b) What are the joint sufficient statistics for  $\theta_1$  and  $\theta_2$ ? pg 78 [5]
- (c) Show that the maximum likelihood estimator (MLE) of  $\theta_1$  is  $\hat{\theta}_1 = \min\{X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n\}$ . [6]
- (d) Find the maximum likelihood estimator of (MLE) of  $\theta_2$ . [6]

**TOTAL: [80]**

c)  $l(\theta_1, \theta_2 | x) = -n \ln \theta_2 - \sum_{i=1}^n \left( \frac{x_i - \theta_1}{\theta_2} \right)$

$-\sum (x_i - \theta_1)$  needs to be as big as possible

$\sum (x_i - \theta_1)$  needs to be as small as possible

$\therefore \theta_1$  needs to be as big as possible but it cannot be higher

than  $x_1$  as  $\theta_1 \leq x$

$\therefore \hat{\theta}_1 = \min (X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n)$

**B.2 Assignment 02**

**ONLY FOR SEMESTER 2 STUDENTS**  
**ASSIGNMENT 02**  
**Unique Nr.: 715755**  
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**Question 1**

**[20]**

A distribution belongs to the regular exponential family if among other regularity conditions its *pdf* or *pmf* has the form:

$$f(x|\theta) = g(x) \exp\{p(\theta)K(x) - q(\theta)\}, \theta \in \Theta \in (\infty, \infty).$$

Furthermore, for this distribution  $E[K(X)] = \frac{q'(\theta)}{p'(\theta)}$ .

- ✓ (a) Show that the other form of the above *pdf* is:

$$f(x|\theta) = \exp\{p(\theta)K(x) + q^*(\theta) + g^*(x)\}, \theta \in \Theta \in (\infty, \infty).$$

**(4)**

- ✓ (b) Write down the complete sufficient statistic for  $\theta$ .

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- (c) Show that the *MLE* of  $\theta$  only depends on the sample through the complete sufficient statistic for  $\theta$ .

**(6)**

- \* (d) Find the *MVUE* of  $E[K(X)] = \frac{q'(\theta)}{p'(\theta)}$ .

**(6)**

*minimum variance unbiased estimation*

**Question 2**

**[36]**

Let  $X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from a population whose probability mass function is

$$p(x|\theta) = \begin{cases} \theta(1-\theta)^{x-1} & \text{if } x = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 0 < \theta < 1, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- ✓ (a) Show that  $p(x|\theta)$  belongs to the 1-parameter exponential family.

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- ✓ (b) Write down the complete sufficient statistic for  $\theta$ .

**(4)**

- ✓ (c) Find the mean of the complete sufficient statistic for  $\theta$ .

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- (d) Does the *MLE* of  $\theta$  depend on the sample through the complete sufficient statistic for  $\theta$ ? Give reasons for your answer.

**(6)**

- (e) Is the *MLE* of  $\frac{1}{\theta}$  also a *MVUE* of  $\frac{1}{\theta}$ ? If not find a *MVUE* of  $\frac{1}{\theta}$ .

**(7)**

- (f) Suppose that  $n = 200$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^{200} x_i = 400$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^{200} x_i^2 = 100$ , and  $\sum_{i=1}^{200} x_i^3 = 250$ . Determine:

- (i) the observed information,  $I(\mathbf{x})$ , of  $\theta$ ; and

**(6)**

- (ii) and the approximate 95% confidence interval for  $\theta$ .

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(8)

**TOTAL: [100]**

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d)  $L(\theta|x) = \theta \left(1 + \sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right)^{-(1+\theta)}$

$\ln L(\theta|x) = \ln \theta + \ln \frac{1}{\left(1 + \sum_{i=1}^n x_i\right)^{1+\theta}}$

