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1. The life time X , of a certain product, has the *Exponential*(θ) distribution with density

$$f(x|\theta) = \theta \exp(-\theta x), \quad x > 0, \theta > 0.$$

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be life times of a random sample of $n > 1$ such products. Consider testing

$$H_0 : \theta \leq \theta_0 \text{ versus } H_1 : \theta > \theta_0.$$

(a) Show that the conditions required for the existence of a UMP test are satisfied here.

(b) Derive the UMP test of level α . [10]

2. Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n and Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_m be independent random samples, respectively, from $N(\mu_1, \sigma^2)$ and $N(\mu_2, \sigma^2)$, where μ_1, μ_2 and σ^2 are unknown. For testing

$$H_0 : \mu_1 = \mu_2 \text{ versus } H_1 : \mu_1 \neq \mu_2,$$

find the generalized likelihood ratio test at the significance level α . [10]

3. The number of occurrences of a certain disease, X , is assumed to have the Poisson(λ) distribution with mean λ . Consider data X_1, \dots, X_n from $n > 1$ widely separated areas.

(a) Derive the maximum likelihood estimator, $\hat{\lambda}$, of λ .

(b) Is $\hat{\lambda}$ a consistent estimator of λ ?

(c) Derive the asymptotic distribution of $\hat{\lambda}$.

(d) Derive the asymptotic distribution of $(\hat{\lambda})^{1/2}$.

(e) Find a large sample 95% confidence interval for λ using (d). [15]

4. Consider a trial which ends up in 'Success' with probability p or 'Failure' with probability $1 - p$, $0 < p < 1$. Let X denote the number of independent trials required to obtain the first 'Success'. Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a random sample from the distribution of X . Assume the Beta(a, b) prior distribution on p .

(a) Derive the posterior distribution p given the data.

(b) Find the highest posterior density estimate of p .

(c) Find the posterior mean and posterior standard deviation of p . [15]