

**Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore**  
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1. (8+2) Suppose  $U, V, W$  are independent normal variables, with  $U$  and  $V$  being  $N(\mu, 1)$  and  $W$  being  $N(0, 1)$ . Let  $X_1 = U + W$  and  $X_2 = V + W$ . In other words, a common error of measurement  $W$  contaminates both  $U$  and  $V$ . Show that the joint distribution of  $(X_1, X_2)$  belongs to a one parameter Exponential family. What is the natural parameter?
2. (5+5+5) Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be a sample from a population with density  $p(x, \theta)$  given by

$$p(x, \theta) = \frac{1}{\sigma} \exp\left(-\frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}\right), \quad \mu \leq x < \infty$$

Here  $\theta = (\mu, \sigma)$  with  $-\infty < \mu < \infty, \sigma > 0$ .

- (a) Find a sufficient statistic for  $\mu$  when  $\sigma$  is known.
  - (b) Find a sufficient statistic for  $\sigma$  when  $\mu$  is known.
  - (c) Find a sufficient statistic for  $\theta$ .
3. (7+6+7)
    - (a) Let  $\mathcal{U}$  denote the class of all unbiased estimators of  $q(\theta)$  and  $\mathcal{Z}$  denote the class of all statistics with expectation zero. Prove that  $U \in \mathcal{U}$  has minimum variance in  $\mathcal{U}$  iff  $E(UZ) = 0 \forall Z \in \mathcal{Z}$ .
    - (b) Suppose  $S(X)$  is sufficient for  $\theta$ . Let  $T(X)$  be an estimator for  $q(\theta)$ . Let  $T_1(X) = E[T(X)|S(X)]$ . Show that the mean square error of  $T_1(X)$  is smaller than or equal to that of  $T(X)$ .
    - (c) Suppose  $S(X)$  is complete sufficient for  $\theta$ . Let  $S_1(X)$  be a function of  $S(X)$  which is unbiased for  $q(\theta)$ . Then show that  $S_1(X)$  is UMVUE for  $q(\theta)$ .
  4. (15) Consider the regression model:

$$y_i = bx_i + e_i, 1 \leq i \leq n,$$

where  $x_i$ 's are fixed non-zero real numbers and  $e_i$ 's are independent random variables with mean zero and equal variance. Consider estimators of the form  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i y_i$  (where  $a_i$ 's are non random real numbers) that are unbiased for  $b$ . Show that the least squares estimator of  $b$  has the minimum variance in this class of estimators.

5. (8+2) Suppose  $(X_1, \dots, X_n) \sim i.i.d. Unif([0, \theta])$ . Show that the Pareto prior, given below as  $\pi$ , is a conjugate family of distributions and find the posterior mean under Pareto( $\alpha, \beta$ ) prior.

$$\pi(\theta|\alpha, \beta) = \frac{\alpha\beta^\alpha}{\theta^{\alpha+1}}, \theta \geq \beta > 0$$

Note:  $E(\theta|\alpha, \beta) = \frac{\alpha\beta}{\alpha-1}$  for the above distribution.

6. (7+8) Let  $\theta > 0$  be an unknown parameter, and  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from the distribution with density

$$f(x) = 2x/\theta^2, \quad 0 \leq x \leq \theta.$$

Find the maximum likelihood estimator of  $\theta$  and its mean squared error.

7. (8+7) Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be iid Bernoulli( $p$ ). Show that  $\bar{X}$  attains the Cramer-Rao lower bound. Hence show that  $\bar{X}$  is the UMVUE of  $p$ .