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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 μ when σ is known.
(b) Find a sufficient statistic for σ when μ is known.
(c) Find a sufficient statistic for θ .
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 θ . 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 θ . 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 π , is a conjugate family of distributions and find the posterior mean under Pareto(α, β) 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 θ 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 .