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1. A random sample of size  $n, Y_1, Y_2, \ldots, Y_n$ , is taken from the pdf

$$f_Y(y; \theta_o) = cy\theta_o^2, \ 0 \le y \le \frac{1}{\theta_o},$$

where c is a constant and  $\theta_o$  is the unknown parameter of interest. Let  $\hat{\theta}_{mm}$  denote the Method of Moments estimator for  $\theta_o$ , and  $\hat{\theta}_{ml}$  the Maximum Likelihood estimator for  $\theta_o$ .

- (a) Find  $\hat{\theta}_{mm}$  and  $\hat{\theta}_{ml}$ . (5%)
- (b) Is  $\hat{\theta}_{ml}$  unbiased? (5%)
- (c) Show the Cramér-Rao lower bound in this case. (5%)
- (d) Is it possible that the variance of an unbiased estimator is less than the derived Cramér-Rao lower bound in (c)? Why or Why not? (5%)
- (e) Is  $\hat{\theta}_{mm}$  a sufficient estimator for  $\theta_o$ ? Why or Why not? (5%)
- (f) Is  $\hat{\theta}_{ml}$  a consistent estimator for  $\theta_0$ ? Why or Why not? (5%)
- 2. Let  $X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n$  and  $Y_1, Y_2, \ldots, Y_m$  be independent random samples from normal distributions with mean  $\mu_X$  and  $\mu_Y$  and standard derivations  $\sigma_X$  and  $\sigma_Y$ , respectively.
  - (a) If  $\sigma_X$  and  $\sigma_Y$  are known, derive a  $100(1-\alpha)\%$  confidence interval for  $\mu_X \mu_Y$ . (5%)
  - (b) For testing  $H_0$ ;  $\sigma_X^2 = \sigma_Y^2$  versus  $H_1 : \sigma_X^2 \neq \sigma_Y^2$ ,
    - (i) Derive the likelihood ratio test statistic in detail. (5%)
    - (ii) Explain how to implement the likelihood ratio test given the significance level  $\alpha$ . (5%)
- 3. Show the "memoryless property" of the geometric random variable X. (5%)

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4. In the model  $y_t = \alpha + \beta x_t + e_t$ , with  $x_t$  non-stochastic. Assume that  $E(e_i) = 0$ and  $E(e_i^2) = \sigma_0^2$ . Giving the following sample moments:

$$\sum_{t=1}^{10} y_t = 8, \ \sum_{t=1}^{10} x_t = 40, \ \sum_{t=1}^{10} y_t^2 = 26, \ \sum_{t=1}^{10} x_t^2 = 200, \ \sum_{t=1}^{10} x_t y_t = 20.$$

Assume that this model holds for  $x_{11} = 10$  and  $x_{12} = 12$ .

- (a) Calculate the best linear unbiased predictor of  $y_{11}$  and  $y_{12}$ . (5%)
- (b) Estimate the standard error of your forecast in (a). (10%)
- (c) If the realized values for  $y_{11}$  and  $y_{12}$  are 0.5 and 0.6 respectively, test the null hypothesis that  $H_0: E(e_{11}) = 0$  and  $H_0: E(e_{12}) = 0$  at the 5% level. State additional assumption you need to carry the test. (15%)
- 5. Let  $e_0, e_1, \dots, e_T$  be a sequence of independent and identically distributed  $N(0, \sigma_0^2)$ random variables for some  $\sigma_0^2$ . Assume that

$$y_t = \alpha_0 + \beta_0 e_{t-1} + e_t, \ t = 1, \dots, T,$$

for some  $\alpha_0$  and  $\beta_0$ .

- (a) Please derive the variance of  $y_t$ . (5%)
- (b) Please derive the autocovariances,  $cov(y_T, y_{T-k}), k = 1, 2, \dots, T-1.$  (5%)
- 6. Assume that  $y_t = \beta_1 x_{t1} + \beta_2 x_{t2} + u_t$ ,  $E(u_t) = 0$ ,  $E(u_t^2) = \sigma^2$ ,  $E(u_t u_s) = 0$ . All variables have zero mean. If  $\beta_1$  is estimated from the regression of y on  $x_1$  with  $x_2$  omitted, show that the resulting estimate is biased but has smaller variance than the estimate with  $x_2$  included. (10%)