

1. Let  $U$  be any random variable and  $V$  be any other nonnegative random variable. Denote the cdf of  $U + V$  and  $U$  by  $F_{U+V}$  and  $F_U$  respectively. Show that

$$F_{U+V}(t) \leq F_U(t) \text{ for every } t.$$

(8 points)

2. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be a random sample from the pdf  $f(x | \theta, \nu) = \frac{\theta \nu^\theta}{x^{\theta+1}}$ , where  $\theta > 0$  and  $x \geq \nu > 0$ . Find the MLE for both  $\theta$  and  $\nu$ . (10 points)
3. Suppose an experimenter collects  $n$  i.i.d. samples  $(A_i, B_i)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , where  $A_i$ 's and  $B_i$ 's are binary random variables. Given the marginal counts of  $A_i$ 's and  $B_i$ 's, we have the following  $2 \times 2$  contingency table

	$A = 0$	$A = 1$	Row Total
$B = 0$	$X$	$n_{1.} - X$	$n_{1.}$
$B = 1$	$n_{.1} - X$	$n - n_{1.} - n_{.1} + X$	$n_{.2}$
Col. Total	$n_{.1}$	$n_{.2}$	$n$

- (i) Assume that  $A$  and  $B$  are independent. Find the conditional distribution of  $X$  given  $n_{1.}$ ,  $n_{.1}$ , and  $n$ . (6 points)
- (ii) Suppose we observe  $n = 5$ ,  $n_{1.} = 3$ ,  $n_{.1} = 2$ , and  $X = 0$  and wish to test the hypotheses:

$$H_0 : A \text{ and } B \text{ are independent}$$

$$H_1 : A \text{ and } B \text{ are NOT independent.}$$

Can we reject  $H_0$  under  $\alpha = 0.05$ ? (6 points)

4. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} N(\mu, 1)$ . Consider the sample mean  $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  and sample interquartile range  $\text{IQR} = (Q_3 - Q_1)/2$  where  $Q_3$  and  $Q_1$  are the third and the first quartiles. Show that  $\bar{X}$  and  $\text{IQR}$  are independent. (10 points)
5. Let  $X$  be uniformly distributed on  $[0, \theta]$ , where  $\theta \in (0, \infty)$  is an unknown parameter. Given an i.i.d. sample  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ , construct two unbiased estimator based on (i)  $\sum X_i$  and (ii)  $\max_i X_i$ . Which one is a better estimator? Justify your answer. (15 points)
6. Let  $X$  be a discrete random variable with probability mass function

$$f(x; \alpha, \beta) = \int_0^1 \binom{n}{x} \frac{1}{B(\alpha, \beta)} p^{\alpha+x-1} (1-p)^{\beta+n-x-1} dp, \quad x = 0, 1, \dots, n$$

where  $\alpha, \beta > 0$ ,  $n$  is a known positive integer, and  $B(a, b) = \int_0^1 x^{a-1} (1-x)^{b-1} dx$  is the Beta function. Find the expectation and variance of  $X$ . (15 points)

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7. (i) State the condition under which a binomial distribution can be well approximated by a Poisson distribution. Justify your answer. (8 points)
- (ii) Find that the asymptotic distribution of  $Z_\lambda = \frac{X-\lambda}{\sqrt{\lambda}}$  as  $\lambda \rightarrow \infty$ , where  $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ . (7 points)
8. Suppose  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  are independent with  $Y_i \sim N(\beta_1 + \beta_2 z_i, \sigma^2)$ , where  $z_1, \dots, z_n$  are (fixed not random) covariates not all equal.
- (i) Show that this is an exponential family and specify the natural sufficient statistics for  $(\beta_1, \beta_2, \sigma^2)$ . (10 points)
- (ii) Calculate the expectation of the sufficient statistics in (i). (5 points)

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