

1. Let A and B be two events.
 - (a) (5%) If A and B are disjoint, can they be independent? Verify your answer.
 - (b) (5%) If $A \subset B$, can A and B be independent? Verify your answer.
2. (10%) Two teams, A and B , play a series of games. If team A has probability .4 of winning each game, is it to its advantage to play the best two out of three games or just one game? Explain why playing a longer or shorter series of game benefit team A . Assume the outcomes of successive games are independent.
3. (10%) The exponential distribution is $f(x; \lambda) = \lambda \exp(-\lambda x)$ and $\mathbb{E}(X) = \lambda^{-1}$. The cdf is $F(x) = \Pr(X \leq x) = 1 - \exp(-\lambda x)$. Three observations are made by an instrument that reports $x_1 = 5$ and $x_2 = 3$, but x_3 is too large for the instrument to measure and it reports only that $x_3 > 10$, i.e., the largest value the instrument can measure is 10. (Hint: The x_3 is unknown and should not appear in the likelihood function.)
 - (a) What is the likelihood function?
 - (b) What is the MLE of λ ?
4. (15%) Let X_1, X_2, \dots be a sequence of independent random variables having mean 0, variance σ^2 , the common distribution function F and moment-generating function (MGF) M defined in a neighborhood of zero. Let

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i.$$

Use MGF and Taylor expansion to show

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr \left(\frac{S_n}{\sigma \sqrt{n}} \leq x \right) = \Phi(x),$$

where Φ is the cdf of $N(0, 1)$. The MGF of $N(0, 1)$ is $\exp(t^2/2)$.

5. Let X_1, \dots, X_n be i.i.d. samples from a Poisson distribution with parameter λ , i.e., $f(x; \lambda) = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}$ for $x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ and $\lambda > 0$.
 - (a) (5%) Find the UMVUE of λ .
 - (b) (10%) Find the UMVUE of λ^2 .

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6. Let X_1, \dots, X_n be i.i.d. samples from a distribution with pdf $f(x; \theta) = \theta x^{\theta-1}$ for $0 < x < 1$ and $\theta > 0$.
- (a) (10%) Find the Uniform Most Powerful (UMP) test for testing $H_0 : \theta \leq \theta_0$ against $H_1 : \theta > \theta_0$ at significance level α .
- (b) (10%) Find the distribution of the test statistic under H_0 and determine the rejection region.
7. (20%) Let X_1, X_2, X_3 be i.i.d. samples from an exponential distribution with parameter λ . Let $X_{(1)} < X_{(2)} < X_{(3)}$ denote the order statistics. Define the sample spacings as $W_1 = X_{(1)}$, $W_2 = X_{(2)} - X_{(1)}$, and $W_3 = X_{(3)} - X_{(2)}$. Show that W_1, W_2, W_3 are independent and identify their distributions.

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