

1. Suppose X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n is an iid sample from $f_X(x|\theta)$, where $\theta \in \Theta \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. Recall the score function is given by

$$S(\theta|\mathbf{x}) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \ln f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}|\theta),$$

where $f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}|\theta)$ is the joint distribution of $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$.

(a) Show that $E_{\theta}[S(\theta|\mathbf{X})] = 0$.

(b) Calculate the score function when

$$f_X(x|\theta) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{1 + (x - \theta)^2}, & -\infty < x < \infty \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(c) How would you find the maximum likelihood estimate of θ ?

2. You have observed one observation X from a distribution with probability density function $f_X(x)$ and support $\mathcal{X} = \{x : 0 < x < 1\}$.

(a) Derive the most powerful $\alpha = 0.05$ test for testing

$$\begin{aligned} H_0 : f_X(x) &= 2x I(0 < x < 1) \\ &\text{versus} \\ H_1 : f_X(x) &= 5x^4 I(0 < x < 1). \end{aligned}$$

Be sure to give the rejection region explicitly.

(b) Compute the power of the test.

3. Conditional on θ , the random variables X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are iid from

$$f_X(x|\theta) = \theta^2 x e^{-\theta x} I(x > 0).$$

In turn, the parameter θ is best regarded as random with prior distribution

$$\tau(\theta) = a e^{-a\theta} I(\theta > 0),$$

where $a > 0$ is known.

(a) Find the posterior mean of θ .

(b) Discuss how you would formulate the Bayesian test of

$$\begin{aligned} H_0 : \theta &\leq \theta_0 \\ &\text{versus} \\ H_1 : \theta &> \theta_0. \end{aligned}$$

4. Suppose X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are iid Bernoulli(θ), where $0 < \theta < 1$.

(a) Find the Crámer-Rao Lower Bound (CRLB) on the variance of any unbiased estimator of $\text{var}_{\theta}(X_1) = \theta(1 - \theta)$.

(b) For $n \geq 3$, find the uniformly minimum variance unbiased estimator (UMVUE) of θ^3 .

5. Suppose X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are iid Poisson random variables with mean $\theta > 0$.

(a) Show that the likelihood ratio test (LRT) of

$$\begin{aligned} H_0 : \theta &\leq \theta_0 \\ \text{versus} \\ H_1 : \theta &> \theta_0 \end{aligned}$$

will reject H_0 if $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i > c'$.

(b) Discuss how c' would be chosen in part (a) to ensure the test is level α . A brief discussion will suffice.

6. Suppose that X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are iid $\mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$, where $\sigma^2 > 0$ is unknown.

(a) Derive the uniformly most powerful (UMP) level α test for testing

$$\begin{aligned} H_0 : \sigma^2 &\geq \sigma_0^2 \\ \text{versus} \\ H_1 : \sigma^2 &< \sigma_0^2. \end{aligned}$$

(b) Derive an expression for the power function $\beta(\sigma^2)$ of the UMP test.