1. Suppose  $X_1, X_2, ..., X_n$  are iid from

$$f_X(x|\theta) = \begin{cases} \theta^2 x e^{-\theta x}, & x > 0\\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $\theta > 0$ .

- (a) Find the method of moments (MOM) estimator of  $\theta$ .
- (b) Find the maximum likelihood estimator (MLE) of  $\theta$ .
- (c) Find the MLE of  $E_{\theta}(X)$ .

(d) Is there a function of  $\theta$ , say  $\tau(\theta)$ , for which there exists an unbiased estimator whose variance attains the Cramér-Rao Lower Bound? If so, find it and identify the corresponding estimator. If not, show why not.

2. Suppose that  $X_1, X_2, ..., X_n$  are iid from

$$f_X(x|\theta) = \begin{cases} (1-\theta)^{x-1}\theta, & x = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where  $0 < \theta < 1$ . Note that this is a geometric (population) distribution with  $E_{\theta}(X) = 1/\theta$ . (a) Show that  $T = T(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i$  is a sufficient statistic for  $\theta$  and derive its (finite-sample) sampling distribution.

(b) Now view the X's as iid from  $f_X(x|\theta)$  but conditionally on  $\theta$ , where  $\theta \sim \text{beta}(a,b)$ , a, b known. Derive the posterior distribution of  $\theta$  given  $\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}$ .

(c) Find  $\hat{\theta}_B = E(\theta | \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x})$ , the posterior mean of  $\theta$ .

3. Suppose  $X_1, X_2, ..., X_n$  are iid  $\mathcal{N}(\theta, 1)$ , where  $-\infty < \theta < \infty$ .

(a) Show that  $W(\mathbf{X}) = \overline{X}$  is the uniformly minimum variance unbiased estimator (UMVUE) for  $\theta$  in **two ways**: one way that uses a Cramér-Rao Lower Bound argument and one way that uses sufficiency and completeness.

(b) Find the UMVUE for  $\tau(\theta) = e^{\theta}$ .

(c) Calculate  $E(X_1|\overline{X})$ ,  $E(X_1 - \overline{X}|\overline{X})$ , and  $\operatorname{cov}(X_1, X_1 - \overline{X}|\overline{X})$ .

4. Suppose  $X_1, X_2, ..., X_m$  are iid  $\mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_1^2)$ . Suppose  $Y_1, Y_2, ..., Y_n$  are iid  $\mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_2^2)$ . Suppose the samples are independent.

(a) Derive the likelihood ratio test (LRT) statistic  $\lambda(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y})$  for testing

$$H_0: \sigma_1^2 = \sigma_2^2$$
  
versus  
$$H_1: \sigma_1^2 \neq \sigma_2^2,$$

and show that it is a function of  $t_1 = t_1(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^m x_i^2$  and  $t_2 = t_2(\mathbf{y}) = \sum_{j=1}^n y_j^2$ . (b) Show how you could perform a size  $\alpha$  test in part (a) using the *F* distribution.

5. The random variable X has two possible distributions:  $f_0(x) = xe^{-x^2/2}I(x>0)$  or

$$f_1(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} e^{-x^2/2} I(x > 0).$$

(a) Find the most powerful level  $\alpha = 0.05$  test of  $H_0: X \sim f_0(x)$  versus  $H_1: X \sim f_1(x)$  on the basis of observing X only.

(b) Calculate the power of your test in part (a).

(c) Here is what the  $f_0(x)$  and  $f_1(x)$  densities look like:



For this part only, suppose you have an iid sample  $X_1, X_2, ..., X_n$  from

$$f_X(x|p) = pf_0(x) + (1-p)f_1(x),$$

where  $0 \le p \le 1$ . Suggest a sensible test function  $\phi(\mathbf{x})$  you could use to test  $H_0: p = 0.5$  versus  $H_1: p \ne 0.5$ . You don't have to do anything formal here; you could just use your intuition (of course, explain your intuition!).

6. Suppose that  $X_1, X_2, ..., X_n$  is an iid sample from

$$f_X(x|\theta) = \frac{1}{\theta} x^{(1-\theta)/\theta} I(0 < x < 1),$$

where  $\theta > 0$ . (a) Derive the uniformly most powerful (UMP) level  $\alpha$  test for

$$H_0: \theta \le \theta_0$$
versus
$$H_1: \theta > \theta_0.$$

You should be able to write your rejection region in terms of gamma or  $\chi^2$  quantiles. (b) Derive an expression for  $\beta(\theta)$ , the power function of the test in part (a).