

SECOND SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MAY 2005

STATISTICS

INFERENCE - I
(2004 Admns.)

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 70 Marks

Answer any five questions, choosing one from each unit.

UNIT - I

(7+7)

1. a) Let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n be i i d observations from $U(0, \theta)$. Show that $T(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = (\prod_{i=1}^n x_i)^{1/n}$ is consistent for θ/e .

b) Define sufficient statistics. If T is sufficient and $T = g(U)$, then show that U is sufficient.

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c) Let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n be a sample from $U(\theta - 1/2, \theta + 1/2)$ $\theta \in R$. Show that $T(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = (\min x_i, \max x_i)$ is sufficient for θ but not complete. (5 + 5 + 4 = 14)

2. a) Prove or disprove : 'Unbiased estimators are consistent'.

b) Let x_1 and x_2 be two observations from a population with density

$$f(x; \theta) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{1+(x-\theta)^2} \quad -\alpha < x < \alpha, -\alpha < \theta < \alpha$$

Show that $T = (X_{(1)}, X_{(2)})$ is minimal sufficient for θ .

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c) Let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n be a sample from

$$f_N(x) = \begin{cases} 1/N & x = 1, 2, \dots, N \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Show that the family $P = \{ P_N : N \geq 2 \}$ is not complete. (4 + 5 + 5 = 14)

UNIT - II

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3. a) Define maximum likelihood estimator (MLE)

Prove or disprove : MLE's are unique.

b) Let x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n be a sample from the density

$$f(x) = \frac{m^p}{\sqrt{p}} e^{-mx} x^{p-1} \quad x > 0$$

Obtain method of moment estimates for m and p .

c) Describe the method of least square estimation. (4 + 5 + 5 = 14)

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4. a) Under the conditions to be stated, prove that the likelihood equation has consistent solution $\hat{\theta}_n$. Also show that $\hat{\theta}_n$ is asymptotically normal with mean θ and variance $\frac{1}{n I_x(\theta)}$.
- b) Explain the method of minimum variance estimation. (8 + 6 = 14)

UNIT - III

5. a) State Cramer-Rao inequality. Obtain the Cramer-Rao lower bound for the variance of an unbiased estimator θ , when
- $$f(x; \theta) = \theta(1-\theta)^x, \quad x = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad 0 < \theta < 1$$

- b) Find Fisher information matrix of μ and σ when $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$.
- c) Define CAN estimator. Prove or disprove. Minimum variance bound estimators are CAN estimators. (5 + 4 + 5 = 14)

6. a) State and Prove Lehman - Scheffe Theorem
- b) Let $X \sim N(\theta, 1)$. Find uniformly minimum variance unbiased estimator for $F(u) = P(X < U)$.
- c) Show that a necessary and sufficient condition for an estimate T of θ to be most efficient is that T be sufficient and the density can be written in the form
- $$\delta \log f(x; \theta) = K(\theta) [T(X) - \theta].$$

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UNIT - IV

7. a) Explain (i) loss function and (ii) Risk function, with examples.
- b) Let $X \sim P(\lambda)$. Using squared error loss function with prior distribution $\pi(\lambda) = e^{-\lambda}$ if $\lambda > 0$, find Bayes estimate of λ .
- c) If the risk function is constant, show that the estimator is a minimax estimator. (5 + 5 + 4 = 14)
8. a) Describe the method of Bayes estimation.
- b) What do you mean by admissibility of estimators.
- c) Let $X \sim b(n, \theta)$ and the loss function $L(\theta, d) = (\theta - d)^2 / \theta(1 - \theta)$. Using $\pi(\theta) = 1$, $0 < \theta < 1$. Find a minimax estimate of θ . (5 + 4 + 5 = 14)

UNIT V

9. a) Define $(1 - \alpha)\%$ confidence interval. Based on a sample of size 1 from the population $f(x; \theta) = \frac{2}{\theta}(\theta - x)$ $0 < x < \theta$.

Find $(1 - \alpha)$ level confidence interval for θ ;

- b) Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_m and Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n be i.i.d samples from $N(\mu_1, \sigma_1^2)$ and $N(\mu_2, \sigma_2^2)$ respectively. Find $(1 - \alpha)$ confidence interval for σ_1^2 / σ_2^2 when μ_1, μ_2 are unknown
- c) Let X and Y be independent random variables with densities $\lambda e^{-\lambda x}$ and $\mu e^{-\mu y}$ ($x, y > 0$) respectively. Find a $(1 - \alpha)$ level confidence region for (λ, μ) of the term $\{(\lambda, \mu) : \lambda x + \mu y \leq k\}$

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10. a) what do you mean by shortest length confidence interval. Let $f(x; \theta) = e^{-x/\theta}$, $x > 0$.
 Find the shortest length confidence interval for θ at level $(1 - \alpha)$ based on a sufficient statistic for θ .
- b) Define unbiased confidence interval. Find an unbiased confidence interval for θ based on $X_{(n)}$ when $X \sim U(0, \theta)$.
- c) Find a UMA family of confidence interval for θ when $X \sim U(0, \theta)$. Compare it with the unbiased confidence interval.

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