

1. (10%) Approximately  $1/125$  of all births are fraternal twins and  $1/300$  of all births are identical twins. John (who is a male) had a twin brother. What is the probability that John was an identical twins? You may approximate the probability of a boy or girl birth as  $1/2$ . [Hint: Use conditional probability].
2. (10%) Suppose we break a stick of unit length according to the distribution  $f(x) = 6x(1-x)$ ,  $0 < x < 1$ . Here  $X$  is the break point. Find the expected value of the longer piece.
3. (24%) Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  is a sequence of independent, identically distributed random variables. Suppose  $N$  is an integer valued random variable, independent of  $X_1, X_2, \dots$ . Define  $S_N = \sum_{i=1}^N X_i$ . Hence, there is a random number of terms in the sum ( $S_N$  is called a *random sum* of independent random variables).
  - (a) (5%) Show  $E(S_N) = E(N)E(X)$  and also find  $Var(S_N)$ .
  - (b) (6%) Roll a die until a 6 appears. Let  $N = \text{number of trials}$  until the six appears. Show that  $P(N = k) = \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{k-1}$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ , and show the moment generating function  $M_N(t) = e^t / (6 - 5e^t)$ .

Suppose now we conduct an experiment with a die and a coin in two steps:

**step 1.** roll a die until a 6 appears and let  $N = \text{number of trials}$  until the six appears;

**step 2.** given that  $N = n$ , toss a fair coin  $n$  times and record the number of heads in  $n$  trials.

Let  $X_i = 1$  if heads and 0 otherwise, then  $S_N = \sum_{i=1}^N X_i$  is the number of heads recorded in the experiment.

- (c) (5%) Find the numerical values of  $E(S_N)$  and  $Var(S_N)$  for the experiment.
- (d) (8%) Show the moment generating function of  $S_N$ ,  $M_{S_N} = \frac{1 + e^t}{7 - 5e^t}$ .
4. (14%) Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be independent normal  $N(0, \sigma^2)$  variables.
  - (a) (8%) Show that  $W = X^2 + Y^2$  and  $V = X/\sqrt{W}$  are independent.
  - (b) (6%) Prove  $U = \sin^{-1} V$  has the uniform  $(-\pi/2, \pi/2)$  distribution.
5. (14%) Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be iid with pdf

$$f(x; \theta) = \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-x/\theta}, \quad x > 0, \quad \theta > 0$$

- (a) (7%) Derive a uniformly most power (UMP) test for testing  $H_0 : \theta \geq \theta_0$  against the alternative  $H_1 : \theta < \theta_0$  at level of significance  $\alpha$ .
- (b) (7%) Use Central Limit Theorem to determine the minimum sample size  $n$  required to obtain power at least 0.95 against the alternative  $\theta_1 = 500$  when  $\theta_0 = 1000$  and  $\alpha = 0.05$ .

6. (18%) Consider the following genetic (linkage) data model

Type	AA	Aa	aA	aa	Total
Probability	$(1 + \theta)/4$	$(1 - \theta)/4$	$(1 - \theta)/4$	$(1 + \theta)/4$	1
Observed frequency	$n_1$	$n_2$	$n_3$	$n_4$	$n$

where  $\theta$  ( $-1 \leq \theta \leq 1$ ) is the linkage parameter.

- (a) (6%) Derive an equation which can be used to find the maximum likelihood estimator (MLE)  $\hat{\theta}$  of  $\theta$ . Find the MLE  $\hat{\theta}$  and also compute its mean and variance.
- (b) (6%) What is the (exact) distribution of  $\hat{\theta}$ ?
- (c) (6%) Is  $\hat{\theta}$  the uniformly minimum variance unbiased estimate (UMVUE) of  $\theta$ ?

7. (10%) Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  be a random sample of size  $n$  from a  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  population.

Let  $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ ,  $S^2 = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \bar{X})^2$ , and

$$T_{n-1} = \frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \mu)}{S}.$$

Calculate the correlation  $\text{Corr}(\bar{X}, T_{n-1})$ , and numerically evaluate this expression for  $n = 3$  and 4.

You may use the fact that if  $Y \sim \chi_\nu^2$ , then

$$E(Y^r) = 2^r \frac{\Gamma(\frac{\nu}{2} + r)}{\Gamma(\frac{\nu}{2})}, \quad \frac{\nu}{2} + r > 0$$

where  $\Gamma$  denotes the gamma function.