

1. (5%) If the true value of the quantity being measured is denoted by x_0 , the measurement, X , is modeled as

$$X = x_0 + \beta + \varepsilon$$

where β is the constant, or systematic, error and ε is the random component of the error; ε is a random variable with $E(\varepsilon) = 0$ and $Var(\varepsilon) = \sigma^2$. An overall measure of the size of the measurement error that is often used is the mean squared error, (MSE), which is defined as $MSE = E[(X - x_0)^2]$. Find the MSE in terms of β and σ^2 .

2. (13%) If $F(x)$ and $G(y)$ are one-dimensional cdfs, it can be shown that, for any α for which $|\alpha| \leq 1$,

$$H(x, y) = F(x)G(y)\{1 + \alpha[1 - F(x)][1 - G(y)]\}$$

is a bivariate cumulative distribution function.

Because $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F(x) = \lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} G(y) = 1$, the marginal distributions are

$$H(x, \infty) = F(x), \quad H(\infty, y) = G(y).$$

As an example, we will construct bivariate distribution with marginals that are uniform on $[0, 1]$.

- (i) (5%) If $\alpha = 1$, find $H(x, y)$.
(ii) (8%) If $\alpha = 1$, find $Cov(X, Y)$.

3. (26%) If gene frequencies are in equilibrium, the genotypes AA , Aa , and aa occur in population with frequencies $(1-\theta)^2$, $2\theta(1-\theta)$, and θ^2 , according to the Hardy-Weinberg law. If we let X_1 , X_2 , and X_3 denote the counts in the three cells and let $n = X_1 + X_2 + X_3$,
- (5%) Find the maximum likelihood estimator (MLE) of θ .
 - (3%) Is the MLE of θ unbiased?
 - (6%) Find an approximate 95% confidence interval for θ .
 - (12%) In a sample from the Chinese population of Hong Kong in 1937, blood types occurred with the following frequencies, when M and N are erythrocyte antigens. Use the likelihood ratio test

	Blood Type			Total
	M	MN	N	
Frequency	342	500	187	1029

to test whether this observed data is consistent with the Hardy-Weinberg law at $\alpha = 5\%$. ($\chi_{1,0.95}^2 = 3.84$, $\chi_{2,0.95}^2 = 5.99$).

4. (30%) Let X have the pdf

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

Consider the random variable $Y = -2 \log X$.

- (4%) Find the cdf of Y .
- (6%) Find the moment generating function of Y .

(iii) (10%) Suppose the random sample Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n from the distribution of Y . Let $Z_n = Y_1 + Y_2 + \dots + Y_n$, find the limiting distribution of $W_n = \frac{Z_n - n}{\sqrt{2n}}$.

(iv) (10%) Find the limiting distribution of $\sqrt{n}(V_n - (\frac{1}{2})^{\frac{1}{4}})$, where $V_n = (\frac{Z_n}{\sqrt{2n}})^{\frac{1}{2}}$.

5. (18%) Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be i.i.d with pdf

$$f(x; \theta) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-\frac{1}{\theta}x} & 0 < x < \infty \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

(i) (4%) Find the minimum variance unbiased estimator, (MVUE), of θ .

(ii) (6%) When $n = 3$ and let $Z_1 = X_1 + X_2 + X_3$, $Z_2 = X_2 + X_3$, $Z_3 = X_3$, find the joint pdf of Z_1, Z_2, Z_3 .

(iii) (8%) Find $E(\frac{Z_1}{3} | z_3)$ and $E[E(\frac{Z_1}{3} | z_3)]$.

6. (8%) Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n denote a random sample from a distribution with mean μ and variance σ^2 . To show that the sample variance converges in probability to σ^2 , assume further that $E[X_1^4] < \infty$, so that $\text{Var}(S^2) < \infty$.