

Some key steps in the solution

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a)

Step 1. Find the log likelihood function

Step 2. Using first order condition, get $\hat{\tau}_{mle} = \bar{X}$

b)

$E(X)$, $E(X^2)$ can be obtained by integration by part.

You can also find $E(X)$, $Var(X)$ of the exponential distribution in the textbook, if you notice it is a special case of Gamma distribution.

$$E(\hat{\tau}_{mle}) = E(\bar{X}) = \frac{1}{n}E\left(\sum_i X_i\right) = \frac{1}{n}\sum_i EX_i$$

$$\stackrel{\text{identical distribution}}{=} \frac{1}{n}nE(X) = E(X) = \tau.$$

So it is unbiased.

$$Var(\hat{\tau}_{mle}) = Var(\bar{X}) = \frac{1}{n^2}Var\left(\sum_i X_i\right)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{independent}}{=} \frac{1}{n^2}\sum_i Var(X_i) \stackrel{\text{identical distribution}}{=} \frac{1}{n^2}nVar(X) = \frac{Var(X)}{n}$$

$$= \frac{1}{n}[E(X^2) - (EX)^2] = \frac{1}{n}[2\tau^2 - \tau^2] = \frac{\tau^2}{n}$$

d)

$$\log f(x|\tau) = -x/\tau - \log \tau$$

$$I(\tau) = E\left[\left(\frac{\partial \log f(X|\tau)}{\partial \tau}\right)^2\right] = E\left[\left(\frac{X}{\tau^2} - \frac{1}{\tau}\right)^2\right] = E\left[\frac{X^2}{\tau^4} + \frac{1}{\tau^2} - \frac{2X}{\tau^3}\right] = \frac{E(X^2)}{\tau^4} + \frac{1}{\tau^2} - \frac{2E(X)}{\tau^3} = \frac{1}{\tau^2} - \frac{2E(X)}{\tau^3} = \frac{1}{\tau^2}$$

Using Cramer-Rao inequality to show $Var(\hat{\tau}_{mle}) = \frac{\tau^2}{n} \leq Var(T)$, where T is any unbiased estimator of τ .

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a)

$$P(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_n = x_n | \sum_i X_i = t) = \frac{P(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_n = x_n, \sum_i X_i = t)}{P(\sum_i X_i = t)}$$

Notice $P(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_n = x_n, \sum_i X_i = t)$ is the probability of *one* specific outcome where $\sum_i x_i = t$

$$P(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_n = x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\lambda^{x_i} e^{-\lambda}}{x_i!}$$

Notice $P(\sum_i X_i = t)$ is the sum of *all* the probability of the outcomes where $\sum_i y_i = t$

$$\begin{aligned}
P\left(\sum_i^n X_i = t\right) &= \sum_{y_1=0}^t \sum_{y_2=0}^{t-y_1} \dots \sum_{y_n=0}^{t-(y_1+\dots+y_{n-1})} \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\lambda^{y_i} e^{-\lambda}}{y_i!} \\
&= e^{-n\lambda} \lambda^{(y_1+\dots+y_n)} \left\{ \sum_{y_1=0}^t \sum_{y_2=0}^{t-y_1} \dots \sum_{y_n=0}^{t-(y_1+\dots+y_{n-1})} \left(\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{y_i!} \right) \right\}
\end{aligned}$$

To prove it is independent of λ , just notice $e^{-n\lambda} \lambda^{(y_1+\dots+y_n)} / e^{-n\lambda} \lambda^{(x_1+\dots+x_n)} = 1$

b)

$$P(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_n = x_n | X_1 = t) = \frac{P(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_n = x_n, X_1 = t)}{P(X_1 = t)}$$

Notice $P(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_n = x_n, X_1 = t) = P(X_1 = t, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_n = x_n) =$

$$P(X_1 = t) \prod_{i=2}^n \frac{\lambda^{x_i} e^{-\lambda}}{x_i!}$$

c) and 8. 69, 8. 70

Step 1. Write down the joint probability frequency (density) function

Step 2. Notice it is a product of frequency (density) function $\prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i | \theta)$

Step 3. Combining the terms which contain x_i

Step 4. Define $T = t(X)$. In the above three cases, $T = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$.

Step 5. Define $g(\theta, T)$ and $h(X)$, and thus use the Factorization Theorem to prove T is sufficient.