

## Statistics 581, Final Exam Solutions

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1. (40 points) **Define** the following terms. In each case, provide an appropriate (brief) context for your definition.
  - (a) The *Kullback - Leibler* divergence (or information) between a probability measure  $P$  and another (sub-)probability measure  $Q$  on the same measurable space  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{A})$ .
  - (b) The *Hellinger distance* between two probability measures  $P$  and  $Q$  on a measurable space  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{A})$ .
  - (c) The vector of score functions for a sample of size one in a regular parametric model  $\mathcal{P} = \{P_\theta : \theta \in \Theta\}$  with  $\Theta \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ .
  - (d) The *information matrix* for a sample of size one in a regular parametric model  $\mathcal{P} = \{P_\theta : \theta \in \Theta\}$  with  $\Theta \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ .
  - (e) An *asymptotically linear estimator* with influence function  $\psi$ .
  - (f) The efficient influence function  $\tilde{\mathbf{l}}_\nu$  for a differentiable parameter  $q(\theta) = \nu(P_\theta)$  in a regular parametric model  $\mathcal{P}$ .

**Solution:** See chapters 1-4 of the course notes.

2. (24 points) **State** the following results:
  - (a) The multiparameter Cramér - Rao inequality (for an unbiased estimator)  $T = T(\underline{X})$  of a real-valued parameter  $q(\theta)$ .
  - (b) LAN (Local Asymptotic Normality) of the local - log likelihood ratios for a regular parametric model satisfying the Cramér hypotheses (continuous third derivatives with integrable bounds).
  - (c) The asymptotic behavior of the likelihood ratio statistic  $2 \log \lambda_n$  for testing a simple null hypothesis  $\theta = \theta_0$  versus  $\theta \neq \theta_0$  under a fixed alternative  $P_\theta$  with  $\theta \neq \theta_0$ .
  - (d) A limiting distribution result for  $\sqrt{n}(\mathbb{F}_n^{-1}(t_1) - F^{-1}(t_1), \dots, \mathbb{F}_n^{-1}(t_k) - F^{-1}(t_k))$  for fixed numbers  $0 < t_1 < \dots < t_k < 1$ .

**Solution:** See chapters 1-4 of the course notes.

3. (40 points) Suppose that  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are i.i.d.  $P_{\theta_0} \in \mathcal{P}$  where  $\mathcal{P} = \{P_\theta : \theta = (\alpha, \beta) \in (0, \infty) \times (0, \infty)\}$  is the Weibull family: thus

$$p_\theta(x) = (\beta/\alpha)(x/\alpha)^{\beta-1} \exp(-(x/\alpha)^\beta) 1_{(0, \infty)}(x)$$

for  $\alpha > 0, \beta > 0$ . Suppose that we are interested in estimating  $\nu(P_\theta) = \theta_1 = \alpha$ , and that  $T_n$  is an asymptotically linear estimator of  $\nu(P_\theta)$  with influence function  $\psi$  (that is,  $T_n$  could be a method of moments or quantile based estimator of

$\theta_1 = \alpha$ .

A. What is the efficient influence function  $\tilde{\mathbf{I}}_1$  for estimation of  $\theta_1$  (in terms of the scores and information quantities)? What is the efficient score  $\mathbf{I}_1^*$  function for estimation of  $\theta_1$ ?

B. Draw a picture showing the relationship of the influence function  $\psi$  of  $T_n$  to  $\tilde{\mathbf{I}}_1$  and the tangent space  $\dot{\mathcal{P}} = [\dot{\mathbf{I}}]$  of  $\mathcal{P}$  (at  $\theta_0$ ).

C. The picture you drew in B shows that

$$(1) \quad \psi - \tilde{\mathbf{I}}_1 \perp \dot{\mathcal{P}} \quad \text{in } L_2(P_{\theta_0}).$$

Show that (1) is equivalent to the pair of equations

$$(2) \quad E_0(\psi \dot{\mathbf{I}}_1) = 1, \quad E_0(\psi \dot{\mathbf{I}}_2) = 0.$$

(That is, (1) implies both of the equalities in (2), while (2) implies (1).)

D. Draw a picture relating the score function  $\dot{\mathbf{I}}_1 = \dot{\mathbf{I}}_\alpha$  to the efficient score function  $\mathbf{I}_1^*$  and the “nuisance parameter” score function  $\dot{\mathbf{I}}_2 = \dot{\mathbf{I}}_\beta$ .

E. Relate the information bound  $I_{11.2}^{-1}$  to the efficient influence function  $\tilde{\mathbf{I}}_1$  and the efficient score function  $\mathbf{I}_1^*$  in parts B and D.

**Solution:**

A. The efficient influence function for  $\theta_1$  is  $\tilde{\mathbf{I}}_1 = I_{11.2}^{-1} \mathbf{I}_1^*$  where  $\mathbf{I}_1^*$  is the efficient score function given by

$$\mathbf{I}_1^* = \dot{\mathbf{I}}_1 - I_{12} I_{22}^{-1} \dot{\mathbf{I}}_2$$

and  $I_{11.2} = I_{11} - I_{12} I_{22}^{-1} I_{21}$ .

B. For  $T_n$  with an influence function  $\psi$  not in the tangent space  $\dot{\mathcal{P}} = [\dot{\mathbf{I}}_\theta]$  of the model (which is the usual case for an ad-hoc estimator),  $\psi - \tilde{\mathbf{I}}_1$  is orthogonal to  $[\dot{\mathbf{I}}_\theta] = \dot{\mathcal{P}}$ ; in our present case with  $d = 2$  and scores  $\dot{\mathbf{I}}_1$  and  $\dot{\mathbf{I}}_2$ , this means that

$$(3) \quad E\{(\psi - \tilde{\mathbf{I}}_1) \dot{\mathbf{I}}_j\} = 0 \quad \text{for } j = 1, 2.$$

C. Suppose that  $\psi - \tilde{\mathbf{I}}_1 \perp [\dot{\mathbf{I}}_\theta]$  so that the two equalities in (3) hold. Thus, with  $j = 1$  it follows that

$$0 = E\{(\psi - \tilde{\mathbf{I}}_1) \dot{\mathbf{I}}_1\} = E\{\psi \dot{\mathbf{I}}_1 - I_{11.2}^{-1} E\{\mathbf{I}_1^* \dot{\mathbf{I}}_1\}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= E\{\psi \dot{\mathbf{I}}_1\} - I_{11.2}^{-1} E\{\mathbf{I}_1^*(\dot{\mathbf{I}}_1 - I_{12} I_{22}^{-1} \dot{\mathbf{I}}_2)\} \quad \text{since } \mathbf{I}_1^* \perp \dot{\mathbf{I}}_2 \\
&= E\{\psi \dot{\mathbf{I}}_1\} - I_{11.2}^{-1} E\{\mathbf{I}_1^{*2}\} \\
&= E\{\psi \dot{\mathbf{I}}_1\} - I_{11.2}^{-1} I_{11.2} = E\{\psi \dot{\mathbf{I}}_1\} - 1.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $E\{\psi \dot{\mathbf{I}}_1\} = 1$ . Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= E\{(\psi - \tilde{\mathbf{I}}_1) \dot{\mathbf{I}}_2\} = E\{\psi \dot{\mathbf{I}}_2 - I_{11.2}^{-1} E\{\mathbf{I}_1^* \dot{\mathbf{I}}_2\}\} \\
&= E\{\psi \dot{\mathbf{I}}_2\} - I_{11.2}^{-1} \cdot 0 \quad \text{since } \mathbf{I}_1^* \perp \dot{\mathbf{I}}_2 \\
&= E\{\psi \dot{\mathbf{I}}_2\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus the two claimed relations hold. Reversing the argument gives the orthogonality relationships (3).

D. The efficient score function  $\mathbf{I}_1^*$  is the projection of  $\dot{\mathbf{I}}_1$  onto the orthogonal complement of the nuisance parameter tangent space  $[\dot{\mathbf{I}}_2]$ : that is,  $\mathbf{I}_1^* = \Pi(\dot{\mathbf{I}}_1 | [\dot{\mathbf{I}}_2]^\perp) = \dot{\mathbf{I}}_1 - I_{12} I_{22}^{-1} \dot{\mathbf{I}}_2$  where  $I_{12} I_{22}^{-1} \dot{\mathbf{I}}_2 = \Pi(\dot{\mathbf{I}}_1 | [\dot{\mathbf{I}}_2])$ .

E. The information bound  $I_{11.2}^{-1} = E\{\tilde{\mathbf{I}}_1^2\}$  where (as in A),  $\tilde{\mathbf{I}}_1 = I_{11.2}^{-1} \mathbf{I}_1^*$  and  $\mathbf{I}_1^* = \dot{\mathbf{I}}_1 - I_{12} I_{22}^{-1} \dot{\mathbf{I}}_2$  is the efficient score function for  $\theta_1 = \alpha$ .

4. (40 points). This is a continuation of problem 3 above; all the questions below concern the Weibull model with  $\theta = (\alpha, \beta)$  as in problem 3.
  - A. Consider testing  $H : \theta = \theta_0$  versus  $K : \theta \neq \theta_0$ . Describe the test statistics we have available for testing  $H$  versus  $K$  and give their asymptotic distributions under the null hypothesis  $H$ .
  - B. Describe the limiting distributions of the test statistics in A under local alternatives of the form  $\theta_0 + tn^{-1/2}$ .
  - C. Describe the limiting behavior of the test statistics in A under a fixed alternative  $\theta \neq \theta_0$ .
  - D. Now consider testing  $H : \beta = 1$  versus  $K : \beta \neq 1$ . Discuss the test statistics we have available for testing  $H$  versus  $K$  and give their asymptotic distributions under the null hypothesis  $H$ .
  - E. What is the limiting behavior of the test statistics in D under local alternatives of the form  $\theta_n = \theta_0 + tn^{-1/2}$  with  $\theta_0 = (\alpha, \beta_0) = (\alpha, 1) \in H$ ?
  - F. Write out the test statistics in part D as explicitly as possible for the given

Weibull model. Recall that the information matrix for the Weibull model is given by

$$I(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} \beta^2/\alpha^2 & a/\alpha \\ a/\alpha & b^2/\beta^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $a = -(1 - \gamma)$  and  $b^2 = \pi^2/6 + (1 - \gamma)^2$  where

$$\gamma = .577216\dots = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \sum_{k=1}^m \frac{1}{k} - \log m \right\}$$

is Euler's constant.

**Solution:**

A. For testing the simple null hypothesis  $H$  versus the alternative  $K$  we can use the likelihood ratio, Wald, or Rao (score) statistics given by

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \log \lambda &= 2\{l_n(\hat{\theta}_n) - l_n(\theta_0)\} = 2 \log \frac{L_n(\hat{\theta}_n)}{L_n(\theta_0)}, \\ W_n &= \sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta_0) \hat{I}(\hat{\theta}_n) \sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta}_n - \theta_0), \\ R_n &= Z_n(\theta_0)^T I(\theta_0)^{-1} Z_n(\theta_0) \end{aligned}$$

where  $Z_n(\theta_0) = n^{-1/2} \sum_{i=1}^n \dot{\mathbf{l}}(\theta_0|X_i)$ . All three statistics converge in distribution under the null hypothesis  $H$  to  $D^T I(\theta_0) D \sim \chi_2^2$ .

B. Under local alternatives of the form  $\theta_n = \theta_0 + t n^{-1/2}$  all three of the test statistics in A converge in distribution to  $(D + t)^T I(\theta_0) (D + t) \sim \chi_2^2(\delta)$  (non-central chi-square with 2 degrees of freedom) and noncentrality parameter  $\delta = t^T I(\theta_0) t$ .

C. Under a fixed alternative  $\theta \neq \theta_0$  (and assuming  $E_\theta |\dot{\mathbf{l}}(\theta_0|X_1)| < \infty$  for the Rao statistic) we have (under the regularity hypotheses A0 - A4 of section 4.2),

$$\begin{aligned} n^{-1} 2 \log \lambda_n &\rightarrow_p 2K(P_\theta, P_{\theta_0}), \\ n^{-1} W_n &= (\hat{\theta}_n - \theta_0)^T \hat{I}(\hat{\theta}_n) (\hat{\theta}_n - \theta_0) \rightarrow_p (\theta - \theta_0)^T I(\theta) (\theta - \theta_0), \\ n^{-1} R_n &\rightarrow \{E_\theta \dot{\mathbf{l}}(\theta_0|X_1)\}^T I(\theta_0)^{-1} \{E_\theta \dot{\mathbf{l}}(\theta_0|X_1)\}. \end{aligned}$$

D. For testing  $H : \beta = 1$  versus  $K : \beta \neq 1$  we can use the likelihood ratio, Wald, or Rao (score) statistics given by

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \log \lambda &= 2\{l_n(\hat{\theta}_n) - l_n(\hat{\theta}_n^0)\} = 2 \log \frac{L_n(\hat{\theta}_n)}{L_n(\hat{\theta}_n^0)}, \\ W_n &= \sqrt{n}(\hat{\beta}_n - 1) \hat{I}_{22.1}(\hat{\theta}_n) \sqrt{n}(\hat{\beta}_n - 1), \\ R_n &= Z_n(\hat{\theta}_n^0)^T I(\hat{\theta}_n^0)^{-1} Z_n(\hat{\theta}_n^0). \end{aligned}$$

where now  $\hat{\theta}_n^0$  is the MLE of  $\theta$  under  $H$ . All three of these statistics converge in distribution to  $\chi_1^2$  under the null hypothesis.

E. Under local alternatives of the form  $\theta_n = \theta_0 + tn^{-1/2}$ , the three statistics in D converge in distribution to  $(D_2 + t_2)I_{22.1}(\theta_0)(D_2 + t_2) \sim \chi_1^2(\delta)$  where  $\delta = t_2^2 I_{22.1}(\theta_0) = t_2^2 \pi^2/6$ .

F. The log-likelihood for all the data is given by

$$l_n(\theta) = n \log(\beta/\alpha) + \sum_{i=1}^n \{(\beta - 1) \log(X_i/\alpha) - (X_i/\alpha)^\beta\}.$$

and the scores for  $\theta_1 = \alpha$  and  $\theta_2 = \beta$  (for one observation at  $x$ ) are

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{i}_\alpha(x) &= (\beta/\alpha) \left\{ \left( \frac{x}{\alpha} \right)^\beta - 1 \right\}, \\ \mathbf{i}_\beta(x) &= \frac{1}{\beta} \{1 - \log(x/\alpha)^\beta ((x/\alpha)^\beta - 1)\}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, using  $I_{22.1}(\theta) = \pi^2/(6\beta^2)$  and  $\hat{\alpha}_n^0 = \bar{X}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \log \lambda_n &= 2\{l_n(\hat{\theta}_n) - l_n(\hat{\theta}_n^0)\} \\ &= 2 \left\{ n \log \frac{\hat{\beta}_n \hat{\alpha}_n^0}{1 \hat{\alpha}_n} + \sum_{i=1}^n \{(\hat{\beta}_n - 1) \log(X_i/\hat{\alpha}_n) - (X_i/\hat{\alpha}_n)^{\hat{\beta}_n}\} + \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i/\hat{\alpha}_n^0) \right\}, \\ W_n &= n(\hat{\beta}_n - 1)^2 \frac{\pi^2/6}{\hat{\beta}_n^2}, \\ R_n &= Z_{n2}(\hat{\theta}_n^0)^2 \frac{6}{\pi^2} \end{aligned}$$

where

$$Z_{n2}(\hat{\theta}_n^0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbf{i}_\beta((\hat{\alpha}_n^0, 1)|X_i) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \{1 - \log(X_i/\bar{X}) ((X_i/\bar{X}) - 1)\}.$$

5. (40 points) Suppose that  $\mathcal{P} = \{P_\theta : \theta \in \Theta \subset \mathbb{R}^d\}$  is a regular parametric model with densities  $p_\theta$  with respect to a dominating measure  $\mu$ . Suppose that  $\theta_0 \in \Theta$  is fixed.

A. Express  $H^2(P_\theta, P_{\theta_0})$  in terms of the densities  $p_{\theta_0}$  and  $p_\theta$ .

B. If  $g(\theta) = H^2(P_\theta, P_{\theta_0})$ , compute

$$\dot{g}(\theta) = \nabla g(\theta) = \left( \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_1} g(\theta), \dots, \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_d} g(\theta) \right)^T$$

and the  $d \times d$  matrix

$$\ddot{g}(\theta) = \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_i \partial \theta_j} g(\theta) \right),$$

and  $\dot{g}(\theta_0)$  and  $\ddot{g}(\theta_0)$  (express the latter in terms of scores and information if possible). You may assume that the necessary interchanges of integration and differentiation are permissible.

C. Suppose that  $\tilde{\theta}_n$  is an estimator satisfying  $\sqrt{n}(\tilde{\theta}_n - \theta_0) \rightarrow_d \underline{D} \sim N_d(0, I^{-1}(\theta_0))$  under  $P_{\theta_0}$ , and define  $\tilde{h}_n^2 \equiv 4ng(\tilde{\theta}_n)$ . Find the limiting distribution of  $\tilde{h}_n^2$  under  $P_{\theta_0}$ .

D. Carry out the computations in A, B, and C explicitly when  $d = 1$  and  $p_\theta(x) = \theta \exp(-\theta x) 1_{(0, \infty)}(x)$  with  $\theta > 0$ .

**Solution:** A. The square of the Hellinger distance is given by

$$H^2(P_\theta, P_{\theta_0}) = (1/2) \int \{\sqrt{p_\theta} - \sqrt{p_{\theta_0}}\}^2 d\mu(x) = 1 - \int \sqrt{p_\theta p_{\theta_0}} d\mu \equiv g(\theta).$$

B. Differentiation with respect to  $\theta_j$  yields

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} g(\theta) &= - \int \sqrt{p_{\theta_0}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} \sqrt{p_\theta} d\mu \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \int \sqrt{p_{\theta_0}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{p_\theta}} \frac{\partial p_\theta}{\partial \theta_j} d\mu \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \int \sqrt{p_\theta p_{\theta_0}} \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta_j} \log p_\theta d\mu \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \int \sqrt{p_\theta p_{\theta_0}} \dot{\mathbf{i}}_j d\mu \end{aligned}$$

so

$$\dot{g}(\theta) = -\frac{1}{2} \int \sqrt{p_\theta p_{\theta_0}} \dot{\mathbf{i}}_\theta(\theta|x) d\mu,$$

and  $\dot{g}(\theta_0) = -(1/2) E_{\theta_0} \dot{\mathbf{i}}_\theta(\theta_0|X) = 0$ . Furthermore, differentiating with respect to  $\theta_i$  as well yields

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial \theta_i \partial \theta_j} g(\theta) &= -\frac{1}{2} \int \sqrt{p_{\theta_0}} \left\{ \frac{\partial \sqrt{p_\theta}}{\partial \theta_i} \dot{\mathbf{i}}_j(\theta|x) + \sqrt{p_\theta} \ddot{\mathbf{i}}_{ij}(\theta|x) \right\} d\mu \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} \int \sqrt{p_\theta p_{\theta_0}} \dot{\mathbf{i}}_i \dot{\mathbf{i}}_j d\mu - \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{p_\theta p_{\theta_0}} \ddot{\mathbf{i}}_{ij}(\theta|x) d\mu, \end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\begin{aligned}\ddot{g}(\theta_0) &= -\frac{1}{4} \int \dot{\mathbf{i}}_{\theta}(\theta_0|x) \dot{\mathbf{i}}_{\theta}^T(\theta_0|x) p_{\theta_0}(x) d\mu(x) - \frac{1}{2} \int \ddot{\mathbf{i}}_{\theta,\theta}(\theta_0|x) p_{\theta_0}(x) d\mu(x) \\ &= -\frac{1}{4} I(\theta_0) + \frac{1}{2} I(\theta_0) = \frac{1}{4} I(\theta_0).\end{aligned}$$

From B it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}g(\theta) &= g(\theta_0) + \dot{g}^T(\theta_0)(\theta - \theta_0) + \frac{1}{2}(\theta - \theta_0)^T \ddot{g}(\theta^*)(\theta - \theta_0) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(\theta - \theta_0)^T \ddot{g}(\theta^*)(\theta - \theta_0) \\ &= \frac{1}{8}(\theta - \theta_0)^T I(\theta^*)(\theta - \theta_0)\end{aligned}$$

for some  $\theta^*$  satisfying  $|\theta^* - \theta_0| \leq |\theta - \theta_0|$ . Thus, with  $\tilde{\theta}_n^*$  satisfying  $|\tilde{\theta}_n - \theta_0| \leq |\tilde{\theta}_n - \theta_0| \rightarrow_p 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}8nH^2(P_{\theta_0}, P_{\tilde{\theta}_n}) &= 8ng(\tilde{\theta}_n) \\ &= n(\tilde{\theta}_n - \theta_0)^T I(\tilde{\theta}_n^*)(\tilde{\theta}_n - \theta_0) \\ &\rightarrow_d D^T I(\theta_0) D \sim \chi_d^2.\end{aligned}$$

D. When  $p_{\theta}(x) = \theta e^{-\theta x} 1_{[0,\infty)}(x)$  for  $\theta > 0$  with  $\mu$  Lebesgue measure on  $\mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\rho(P_{\theta}, P_{\theta_0}) = \int_0^{\infty} \sqrt{\theta\theta_0} \exp(-(\theta + \theta_0)x/2) dx = \frac{\sqrt{\theta\theta_0}}{(\theta + \theta_0)/2},$$

so

$$H^2(P_{\theta}, P_{\theta_0}) = 1 - \rho(P_{\theta}, P_{\theta_0}) = 1 - \frac{\sqrt{\theta\theta_0}}{(\theta + \theta_0)/2} \equiv g(\theta).$$

Thus we calculate

$$\dot{g}(\theta) = -\frac{(1/2)\theta^{-1/2}\theta_0^{1/2}}{(\theta + \theta_0)/2} + \frac{2\sqrt{\theta\theta_0}}{(\theta + \theta_0)^2},$$

and

$$\dot{g}(\theta_0) = -\frac{1}{2\theta_0} + \frac{2\theta_0}{(2\theta_0)^2} = 0$$

Before calculating the second derivative, we rewrite the first derivative as

$$\begin{aligned}\dot{g}(\theta) &= \frac{\sqrt{\theta\theta_0}}{(\theta + \theta_0)/2} \left\{ \frac{1}{\theta + \theta_0} - \frac{1}{2\theta} \right\} \\ &= \frac{2\sqrt{\theta\theta_0}}{\theta + \theta_0} \left\{ \frac{2\theta - (\theta + \theta_0)}{2\theta(\theta + \theta_0)} \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{\theta_0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\theta/\theta_0}} \frac{(\theta/\theta_0 - 1)}{(\theta/\theta_0 + 1)^2}.\end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\ddot{g}(\theta) = \frac{1}{\theta_0^2} \left\{ -\frac{1}{2}(\theta/\theta_0)^{-1/2} \frac{(\theta/\theta_0 - 1)}{(\theta/\theta_0 + 1)^2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\theta/\theta_0}} \frac{1}{(\theta/\theta_0 + 1)^2} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{\theta/\theta_0}} \frac{(\theta/\theta_0 - 1)}{(\theta/\theta_0 + 1)^3} \right\},$$

so that

$$\ddot{g}(\theta_0) = \frac{1}{\theta_0^2} \left\{ 0 + \frac{1}{(1+1)^2} + 0 \right\} = \frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{\theta_0^2} = \frac{1}{4} I(\theta_0).$$

6. (40 points) A. Compute  $H^2(P_1, P_\theta)$ ,  $d_{TV}(P_1, P_\theta)$ ,  $K(P_1, P_\theta)$ , and  $K(P_\theta, P_1)$  when  $P_\theta = \text{Uniform}[0, \theta]$  with  $\theta > 0$ . [Hint: consider computing  $H^2(P, Q)$  and  $d_{TV}(P, Q)$  by way of the corresponding affinities

$$\rho(P, Q) = \int \sqrt{pq} d\mu, \quad \text{and} \quad \eta(P, Q) = \int p \wedge q d\mu.]$$

B. If  $P_\theta^n$  denotes the probability measure (distribution) corresponding to  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  i.i.d. as  $P_\theta = \text{Uniform}[0, \theta]$  show that for  $\theta_n = 1 + t/n$  with  $t \in \mathbb{R}$  fixed, it follows that  $H^2(P_{\theta_n}^n, P_1^n) \rightarrow \text{something}$  and find “something”.

C. In Chapter 3, section 5, we established a “basic lower bound inequality” as follows: for any estimator  $T_n$  of  $\nu(P)$

$$\begin{aligned}\max \{ E_{n,1} l(|T_n - \nu(P_1)|), E_{n,2} l(|T_n - \nu(P_2)|) \} \\ \geq l\left(\frac{1}{4} |\nu(P_1) - \nu(P_2)|\right) \{1 - H^2(P_1, P_2)\}^{2n}.\end{aligned}$$

Apply this basic lower bound in the context of B above with  $P_1 = \text{Uniform}[0, 1]$ ,  $P_2 = \text{Uniform}[0, \theta_n]$  with  $\theta_n = 1 + t/n$ ,  $l(x) \equiv x$ , and  $\nu(P_\theta) = \theta$ . Conclude that for any estimators  $T_n$  of  $\theta$  for  $\theta_0 = 1$  we have

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max \{ nE_1 |T_n - 1|, nE_{\theta_n} |T_n - \theta_n| \} \geq LB(t) > 0$$

and find  $LB(t)$  as a function of  $t$ .

**Solution:** A.  $H^2(P_1, P_\theta) = 1 - \rho(P_1, P_\theta)$  where

$$\rho(P_1, P_\theta) = \int \sqrt{1_{[0,1]}(x)(1/\theta)1_{[0,\theta]}(x)}dx = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\theta}} \int_0^{\theta \wedge 1} dx = \frac{\theta \wedge 1}{\sqrt{\theta}} = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\theta}, & \theta < 1 \\ 1/\sqrt{\theta}, & \theta \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

Similarly,  $d_{TV}(P_1, P_\theta) = 1 - \eta(P_1, P_\theta)$  where

$$\begin{aligned} \eta(P_1, P_\theta) &= \int 1_{[0,1]}(x) \wedge (1/\theta)1_{[0,\theta]}(x)dx = \int_0^{\theta \wedge 1} \frac{1}{\theta \vee 1} dx \\ &= \begin{cases} \theta, & \theta < 1 \\ 1/\theta, & \theta \geq 1. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

The Kullback-Leibler divergence  $K(P_1, P_\theta)$  is given by

$$K(P_1, P_\theta) = \begin{cases} \int_0^\theta \log \theta dx + \int_\theta^1 \log \infty dx = \infty, & \theta < 1 \\ \int_0^1 \log \theta dx = \log \theta, & \theta \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

and, on the other hand,

$$K(P_\theta, P_1) = \begin{cases} \int_0^\theta \frac{1}{\theta} \log(1/\theta) dx = \log(1/\theta), & \theta < 1 \\ \int_0^1 \frac{1}{\theta} \log \theta dx + \int_1^\infty \frac{1}{\theta} \log(\infty) = \infty, & \theta \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

B. When  $\theta = \theta_n = 1 + n^{-1}t$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} H^2(P_{\theta_n}^n, P_1^n) &= 1 - \rho(P_{\theta_n}^n, P_1^n) = 1 - \rho(P_{\theta_n}, P_1)^n \\ &= \begin{cases} 1 - (1 + t/n)^{n/2}, & t < 0 \\ 1 - (1 + t/n)^{-n/2}, & t > 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow \begin{cases} 1 - e^{t/2}, & t < 0 \\ 1 - e^{-t/2}, & t > 0 \end{cases} \\ &= 1 - \exp(-|t|). \end{aligned}$$

C. The ‘‘basic lower bound proposition’’ gives

$$\begin{aligned} \max\{E_1|T_n - 1|, E_{\theta_n}|T_n - \theta_n|\} &\geq \frac{1}{4} \frac{|t|}{n} \{1 - H^2(P_1, P_{\theta_n})\}^{2n} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \frac{|t|}{n} \rho(P_1, P_{\theta_n})^{2n} = \frac{1}{4} \frac{|t|}{n} \begin{cases} (1 + t/n)^n, & t < 0 \\ (1 + t/n)^{-n}, & t \geq 0. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, multiplying across by  $n$  and taking the lim inf across the inequality yields

$$\begin{aligned} &\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max\{nE_1|T_n - 1|, nE_{\theta_n}|T_n - \theta_n|\} \\ &\geq \frac{1}{4} |t| \{1 - H^2(P_1, P_{\theta_n})\}^{2n} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} |t| \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \rho(P_1, P_{\theta_n})^{2n} = \frac{1}{4} |t| \liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \begin{cases} (1 + t/n)^n, & t < 0 \\ (1 + t/n)^{-n}, & t \geq 0. \end{cases} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} |t| \exp(-|t|) \equiv LB(t). \end{aligned}$$

Note that this is maximized by the choice  $|t| = 1$ , so we can conclude that for  $C \geq 1$  we have

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{|t| \leq C} nE_{\theta_n} |T_n - \theta_n| \geq \frac{1}{4}.$$

Similarly, repeating these calculations with 1 replaced by  $\theta_0$  and  $\theta_n = \theta_0 + t/n$  yields

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \max\{nE_{\theta_0} |T_n - \theta_0|, nE_{\theta_n} |T_n - \theta_n|\} = \frac{1}{4}|t| \exp(-|t|/\theta_0)$$

which is maximized by  $|t| = \theta_0$ , so we can conclude that for  $C \geq \theta_0$  we have

$$\liminf_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sup_{|t| \leq C} nE_{\theta_n} |T_n - \theta_n| \geq \frac{e^{-1}}{4}\theta_0.$$

(Recall that for  $T_n = \max_{1 \leq i \leq n} X_i = X_{(n)}$  we have  $n(\theta_0 - T_n) \rightarrow_d Y \sim \text{Exponential}(1/\theta_0)$  under  $P_{\theta_0}$ , and furthermore  $E_{\theta_0} |n(\theta_0 - T_n)| \rightarrow EY = \theta_0$ .)