

## Statistics 582, Final Exam Solutions

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1. (30 points) **Define** any three of the following terms. In each case, provide an appropriate context for your definition.

- (a) An *unbiased test* of  $H : \theta \in \Theta_0$  versus  $K : \theta \in \Theta_1$ .
- (b) A *similar on the boundary test* of  $H : \theta \in \Theta_0$  versus  $K : \theta \in \Theta_1$ .
- (c) A *uniformly most powerful unbiased level  $\alpha$  test*.
- (d) A family of distributions  $\mathcal{P} = \{P_\theta : \theta \in \Theta \subset \mathbb{R}\}$  (with densities  $p_\theta = dP_\theta/d\mu$  with respect to a dominating measure  $\mu$ ) with *monotone likelihood ratio*.
- (e) A *test with Neyman structure* with respect to a statistic  $T$  sufficient for  $\mathcal{P}_B \equiv \{P_\theta : \theta \in \Theta_B\}$ .

**Solution:** See class notes, Chapter 6.

2. (30 points) **State** any three of the following results:

- (a) A theorem about admissibility properties of the sample mean  $\bar{X}$  when sampling from a normal distribution on  $\mathbb{R}$  and a contrasting theorem for sampling from a normal distribution on  $\mathbb{R}^d$  with  $d \geq 3$ .
- (b) Stein's identity for  $Eg'(X)$  where  $X \sim N_1(0, \sigma^2)$  and  $E|g'(X)| < \infty$ .
- (c) A theorem relating Bayes rules to minimax rules and least favorable prior distributions.
- (d) The Wald-Wolfowitz-Noether-Hájek finite sampling central limit theorem.
- (e) The generalized Neyman - Pearson lemma (in the "short form" stated in the notes).

**Solution:** See class notes, Chapters 5 and 6.

**Do one of problems 3, 4, and 5.**

3. (40 points) Suppose that  $X$  has distribution function  $F$  on  $[0, \infty)$ .

- (a) Define the cumulative hazard function  $\Lambda$  in terms of  $F$ .
- (b) Give a general expression for  $1 - F$  in terms of the cumulative hazard function  $\Lambda$ , and show that it holds in the two cases (i)  $F$  is continuous; (ii)  $F$  is discrete with jumps  $\Delta F_j \equiv F(x_j) - F(x_j -)$  at  $x_1, \dots, x_J$ .

**Solution:** See class notes, Chapter 4.

4. (40 points) **State** and **prove** the short form of the generalized Neyman - Pearson lemma.

**Solution:** See class notes, Chapter 6.

5. (40 points) (a) Suppose that  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$  and  $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a differentiable function with  $E|h'(Z)| < \infty$ . Give a heuristic proof of the identity  $E(Zh(Z)) = Eh'(Z)$  using integration by parts.  
 (b) Suppose that  $X \sim N(\theta, \sigma^2)$  and  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a differentiable function satisfying  $E|g'(X)| < \infty$ . Use the result of (a) to prove Stein's identity.

**Solution:** See class notes, Chapter 5.

Do **either** problem 6 **or** problem 7.

6. (40 points) Consider the Beta( $a, b$ ) family of densities given by

$$p(x; a, b) = \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} x^{a-1} (1-x)^{b-1} 1_{(0,1)}(x), \quad a, b > 0. \quad (1)$$

Suppose that  $X \sim p(\cdot; a, b)$ . Consider testing:

$$H_1 : a = b = 1 \text{ versus } K_1 : a = b = 2;$$

$$H_2 : a = b \text{ (unspecified) versus } K_2 : b > a.$$

- (a) Is the family of densities (1) an exponential family? Why or why not?  
 (b) For  $n = 1$  (or just one  $X$  with the distribution given in (1)), what is the most powerful test of  $H_1$  versus  $K_1$  of size  $\alpha = .1$ ?  
 (c) For  $n = 1$  (or just one  $X$  with the distribution given in (1)), what theory do we have to yield tests of  $H_2$  versus  $K_2$  which are unbiased? Construct a uniformly most powerful test of  $H_2$  versus  $K_2$  of size  $\alpha = .2$ .  
 (d) Now suppose that  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  i.i.d. with density given by (1). Give a reasonable test of  $H_2$  versus  $K_2$  based on  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ .

**Solution:**

- (a) Yes, since

$$p(x; a, b) = c(a, b) \exp(a \log x + b \log(1-x)) \cdot [x(1-x)]^{-1}$$

with  $c(a, b) \equiv \Gamma(a+b)/(\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b))$ .

- (c) By the Neyman - Pearson lemma the most powerful test of size  $\alpha = .1$  is given by

$$\phi(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \frac{p(x;2,2)}{p(x;1,1)} > c_\alpha \\ \gamma, & \text{if } \frac{p(x;2,2)}{p(x;1,1)} = c_\alpha \\ 0, & \text{if } \frac{p(x;2,2)}{p(x;1,1)} < c_\alpha \end{cases}$$

where  $c$  and  $\gamma$  are chosen so that  $E_{(1,1)}\phi(X) = .1$ . Now

$$\frac{p(x; 2, 2)}{p(x; 1, 1)} = \frac{\Gamma(4)}{\Gamma(2)^3}x(1-x) > c_\alpha$$

if and only if  $x(1-x) > c'_\alpha$ , and this occurs if and only if  $x \in [1/2 - d, 1/2 + d]$  for some  $d = d_\alpha$ . Since

$$P_{(1,1)}(X \in [1/2 - d, 1/2 + d]) = 2d = \alpha = .1$$

if  $d = .05$ , the most powerful test of  $H_1$  versus  $K_1$  (based on one observation  $X$ ) rejects  $H_1$  if  $.45 \leq X \leq .55$ .

(c) Now

$$\begin{aligned} p(x; a, b) &= c(a, b) \exp((b-a) \log(1-x) + a \log(1-x) + a \log x) \\ &= c(a, b) \exp(\theta U(x) + \xi T(x)) \end{aligned}$$

with respect to the dominating measure  $\nu$  determined by  $\nu(A) = \int_A x^{-1}(1-x)^{-1}dx$ ; here  $\theta \equiv b-a$ ,  $U(x) \equiv \log(1-x)$ ,  $\xi \equiv a$ , and  $T(x) \equiv \log[x(1-x)]$ . Hence from the theory of unbiased tests, the UMP unbiased test of  $H_2$  versus  $K_2$  rejects when

$$\phi(X) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } U(X) > c(T), \\ \gamma(T), & \text{if } U(X) = c(T), \\ 0, & \text{if } U(X) < c(T), \end{cases}$$

where  $\gamma(T)$  and  $c(T)$  are determined so that  $E_{\theta=0}(\phi(X)|T) = \alpha$ . To implement this test we need the conditional distribution of  $U(X) = \log(1-X)$  conditional on  $T(X) = \log[X(1-X)]$  under the null hypothesis. Now

$$\begin{aligned} T(X) = \log[X(1-X)] = t & \quad \text{if and only if } X(1-X) = e^t \leq 1/4, \\ \text{if and only if } X^2 - X + e^t = 0, & \quad \text{if and only if } X = 1/2 \pm \sqrt{1/4 - e^t}, \end{aligned}$$

and under  $a = b$  it is clear by symmetry that

$$P_{(a,a)}(X = 1/2 \pm \sqrt{1/4 - e^t} | T = t) = 1/2.$$

Since  $U(X) > c(T)$  is equivalent to  $X < 1 - e^{c(T)}$ , the UMP unbiased test of  $H_2$  versus  $K_2$  of size  $\alpha = .2$  becomes

$$\phi(X) = \begin{cases} .4, & \text{if } X = 1/2 - \sqrt{1/4 - e^T}, \\ 0, & \text{if } X = 1/2 + \sqrt{1/4 - e^T}. \end{cases}$$

Since  $E_{(a,b)}X = a/(a+b) = 1/(1+b/a)$ , this makes good sense intuitively.

(d) Two reasonable tests of  $H_3 : a = b$  versus  $K_3 : a \neq b$  could be based on the likelihood ratio and Rao statistics  $2 \log \lambda_n$  and  $R_n$ : “reject  $H_3$  if

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{c} 2 \log \lambda_n \\ R_n \end{array} \right\} > \chi_{1,\alpha}^2$$

where

$$\lambda_n \equiv \frac{\sup_{a>0, b>0} L_n(a, b)}{\sup_{a>0} L_n(a, a)} = \frac{L_n(\hat{a}, \hat{b})}{L_n(\hat{a}_n^0, \hat{a}_n^0)}$$

where the likelihood  $L_n(a, b)$  is given by

$$L_n(a, b) = c(a, b)^n \exp\left(a \sum_1^n \log X_i + b \sum_1^n \log(1 - X_i)\right) \prod_1^n \{X_i(1 - X_i)\}^{-1},$$

and where

$$R_n = Z_n^T I(\hat{a}_n^0, \hat{a}_n^0)^{-1} Z_n$$

with

$$Z_n \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \mathbf{i}_n(\hat{\theta}_n^0).$$

7. (40 points) Suppose that  $X$  is a random variable with density  $p(\cdot; \theta)$  given by

$$p(x; \theta) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x(1-x)}} \cdot \frac{\theta}{1 - (1 - \theta^2)x} 1_{(0,1)}(x), \quad \theta \in (0, \infty). \quad (2)$$

This is the distribution of the total time spent in  $(0, \infty)$  up to time  $t = 1$  by a skew Brownian motion process with skewing parameter  $\theta = \sigma_+/\sigma_-$  where  $\sigma_+^2$  is the variance parameter for the positive space axis and  $\sigma_-^2$  is the variance parameter for the negative space axis. Note that for  $\theta = 1$ ,

$$p(x, 1) = \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x(1-x)}} 1_{(0,1)}(x)$$

is the Beta(1/2, 1/2) density corresponding to the arcsin distribution

$$F_1(x) = P_1(X \leq x) = \frac{2}{\pi} \arcsin(\sqrt{x}).$$

The mean and variance of  $X$  with density  $p(\cdot; \theta)$  are  $E_\theta X = 1/(1 + \theta)$  and  $Var_\theta(X) = 2^{-1} \frac{1}{1+\theta} \cdot \frac{\theta}{1+\theta}$ .

(a) Show that the family  $\mathcal{P} = \{p(\cdot; \theta) : \theta \in (0, \infty)\}$  has monotone likelihood ratio in  $T(x) = 1/x$ . [Hint: rewrite the last factor in (2) in terms of  $1/x$ .]

(b) Find the UMP size .05 test of  $H : \theta \leq 1 \equiv \theta_0$  versus  $K : \theta > 1$ ? Specify

your test completely, including the constant(s).

(c) Compute the power function of the UMP test in (b) as explicitly as possible.

(d) Now suppose that  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are i.i.d. with density  $p(\cdot; \theta)$ . Find the form of the locally most powerful test of  $H : \theta \leq 1$  versus  $K : \theta > 1$  based on  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ , and use the central limit theorem to find appropriate constants so that your test has approximate size  $\alpha = .05$ .

**Solution:** (a) Suppose that  $0 < \theta < \theta' < \infty$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{p(x; \theta')}{p(x; \theta)} &= \frac{\theta'}{1 - (1 - \theta'^2)x} \cdot \frac{1 - (1 - \theta^2)x}{\theta} = \frac{\theta'}{\theta} \cdot \frac{(1/x) - (1 - \theta^2)}{(1/x) - (1 - \theta'^2)} \\ &\equiv \frac{\theta'}{\theta} \cdot \frac{t - (1 - \theta^2)}{t - (1 - \theta'^2)}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt} \log \left( \frac{p(1/t; \theta')}{p(1/t; \theta)} \right) &= \frac{1}{t - (1 - \theta'^2)} - \frac{1}{t - (1 - \theta^2)} \\ &= \frac{\theta'^2 - \theta^2}{(t - (1 - \theta'^2))(t - (1 - \theta^2))} \\ &> 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the family  $\mathcal{P} = \{p(\cdot; \theta) : \theta > 0\}$  has MLE in  $T(x) = 1/x$ .

(b) It follows from the Karlin-Rubin theorem that the UMP size  $\alpha$  test of  $H : \theta \leq 1$  versus  $K : \theta > 1$  is of the form  $\phi(X) = 1\{1/X > c\} + \gamma 1\{1/X = c\} = 1\{X < 1/c\} + \gamma 1\{X = 1/c\}$  where  $c$  and  $\gamma$  are determined by  $\alpha = E_{\theta_0=1} \phi(X) = P_1(X < 1/c) + \gamma P_1(X = 1/c)$ . Since the distribution of  $X$  is continuous we can take  $\gamma = 0$  and choose  $1/c \equiv \tilde{c}$  to satisfy  $P_1(X < \tilde{c}) = \alpha = .05$ . But since we know that  $P_1(X \leq x) = (2/\pi) \arcsin(\sqrt{x})$ , this yields  $\tilde{c} = \tilde{c}_\alpha = (\sin(\pi\alpha/2))^2 = (\sin(\pi/40))^2$ .

(c) The power function of the test in (b) is just

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_\phi(\theta) &= E_\theta \phi(X) = P_\theta(X < \tilde{c}_\alpha) = \int_0^{\tilde{c}_\alpha} p(x; \theta) dx \\ &= \int_0^{\tilde{c}_\alpha} \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x(1-x)}} \cdot \frac{\theta}{1 - (1 - \theta^2)x} dx \\ &= 1 - \frac{2}{\pi} \arctan \left( \frac{\cot(\alpha\pi/2)}{\theta} \right) \end{aligned}$$

after three changes of variables:  $x = t^2$ ; followed by  $t = 1/y$ ; followed by  $v = \sqrt{y^2 - 1}$ . This last formula is due to Anna Klimova, who computed it during the exam. See Figure 1 for a plot of this power function.

Here is a detailed derivation of the power formula: by letting  $x = t^2$  we find that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^{\tilde{c}_\alpha} \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x(1-x)}} \cdot \frac{\theta}{1-(1-\theta^2)x} dx \\
&= \int_0^{\sin(\alpha\pi/2)} \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\theta 2t}{\sqrt{t^2-t^4} \cdot (1-(1-\theta^2)t^2)} dt \\
&= \int_0^{\sin(\alpha\pi/2)} \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{\theta}{\sqrt{1-t^2} \cdot (1-(1-\theta^2)t^2)} dt \\
&= \frac{2\theta}{\pi} \int_0^{\sin(\alpha\pi/2)} \frac{1}{t^2 \sqrt{1-t^2} \cdot (1/t^2 - (1-\theta^2))} dt \\
&= \frac{2\theta}{\pi} \int_0^{1/\sin(\alpha\pi/2)} \frac{-1/y^2}{(1/y^2) \sqrt{1-1/y^2} \cdot (y^2 - (1-\theta^2))} dy, \quad t = 1/y, \\
&= \frac{2\theta}{\pi} \int_{1/\sin(\alpha\pi/2)}^\infty \frac{y}{\sqrt{y^2-1} \cdot (y^2-1+\theta^2)} dy \\
&= \frac{2\theta}{\pi} \int_{\cot(\alpha\pi/2)}^\infty \frac{1}{v^2+\theta^2} dv, \quad v = \sqrt{y^2-1} \\
&= \frac{2\theta}{\pi} \frac{1}{\theta} \arctan(v/\theta) \Big|_{\cot(\alpha\pi/2)}^\infty \\
&= \frac{2}{\pi} \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \arctan\left(\frac{\cot(\alpha\pi/2)}{\theta}\right) \right) \\
&= 1 - \frac{2}{\pi} \arctan\left(\frac{\cot(\alpha\pi/2)}{\theta}\right).
\end{aligned}$$

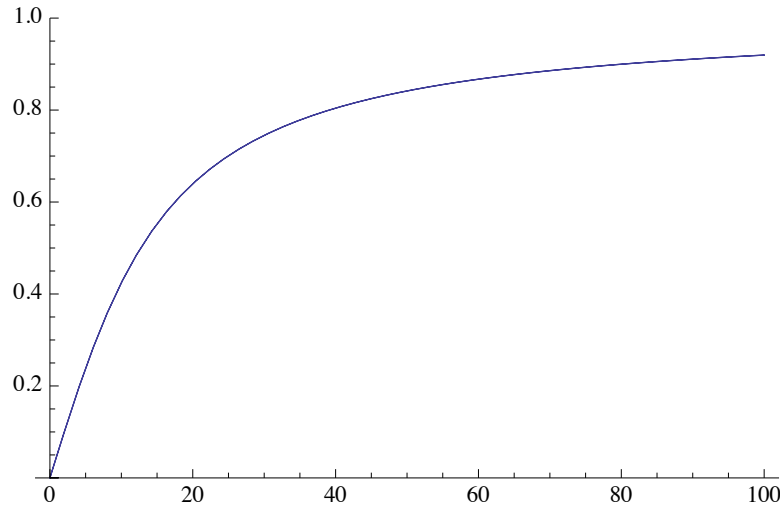


Figure 1: Plot of power, UMP test for  $n = 1$ .

(d) As we have seen in the context of the Cauchy location family, the locally most powerful test of  $H : \theta = \theta_0 = 1$  versus  $K : \theta > 1$  is of the form “reject  $H$  if  $\dot{\mathbf{I}}_{n\theta}(\underline{X}; \theta_0) > k$ ” where  $\dot{\mathbf{I}}_{n\theta}$  is the score function based on all the data and  $k$  is a constant to be determined so that the test has (at least approximately) size  $\alpha$ . In this present case, the score for one observation is

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{\mathbf{I}}_{\theta}(x; \theta) &= \frac{1}{\theta} - \frac{2\theta x}{1 - (1 - \theta^2)x} = \frac{1 - (1 + 2\theta - \theta^2)x}{\theta(1 - (1 - \theta^2)x)} \\ &= 1 - 2x \quad \text{when } \theta = \theta_0 = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus the locally most powerful test of  $H : \theta = 1$  versus  $K : \theta > 1$  is of the form “reject  $H : \theta = 1$  if  $\sum_1^n (1 - 2X_i) > k$ ; or, equivalently when  $\bar{X}_n - (1/2) < k'$ ; or, equivalently, when  $Z_n \equiv \sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - 1/2)/\sqrt{1/8} < k''$ . Under  $\theta_0 = 1$  the  $X_i$ 's have  $E_1(X_1) = 1/2$  and  $Var_1(X_1) = 1/8$ , and therefore the CLT implies that the test

$$\phi(\underline{X}) = 1\{Z_n < -z_{\alpha}\}, \quad \text{where } z_{\alpha} \equiv \Phi^{-1}(1 - \alpha)$$

has  $E_1\phi(\underline{X}) \rightarrow \alpha$ .

Do **either** problem 8 **or** problem 9.

8. (40 points). Suppose that conditional on  $\boldsymbol{\theta} = \theta$ ,  $X \sim \text{Uniform}(0, \theta)$  and that  $\boldsymbol{\theta} \sim \text{Gamma}(2, \mu)$ ;  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  has density  $\lambda(\theta) = \mu^2 \theta \exp(-\mu\theta) 1_{(0, \infty)}(\theta)$  for  $\theta > 0$ .

- (a) Find the marginal density of  $X$  and the conditional density of  $\theta$  given  $X = x$ .  
 (b) What is the Bayes estimator of  $\theta$  (for squared error loss),  $d_\mu(X) \equiv d_{\Lambda_\mu}(X)$ ?  
 (c) Find the maximum likelihood estimator of  $\mu$  based on the marginal distribution of  $X$ , and use this to find the empirical Bayes estimator  $d_{EB}(X) \equiv d_{\hat{\mu}}(X)$  of  $\theta$ .  
 (d) Compute and compare the risks of the maximum likelihood estimator  $d_{ML}$ , the Bayes estimator  $d_B$ , and the empirical Bayes estimator  $d_{EB}$ .

**Solution:** (a) The marginal density  $q \equiv q_\mu$  of  $X$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} q(x) &= \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\theta} 1_{(0,\theta)}(x) \mu^2 \theta \exp(-\mu\theta) d\theta \\ &= \mu \int_x^\infty \mu \exp(-\mu\theta) d\theta = \mu \exp(-\mu x); \end{aligned}$$

i.e. the marginal density of  $X$  is Exponential( $\mu$ ). The conditional density of  $\theta$  given  $X = x$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(\theta|x) &= \frac{\theta^{-1} 1_{(0,\theta)}(x) \mu^2 \theta \exp(-\mu\theta)}{\mu \exp(-\mu x)} \\ &= \mu \exp(-(\theta - x)) 1_{(x,\infty)}(\theta), \end{aligned}$$

i.e. the Exponential ( $\mu$ ) distribution shifted to the right by  $x$ .

(b) It follows immediately from (a) that the Bayes estimator with respect to squared error loss is given by  $E(\theta|X) = X + 1/\mu \equiv d_{\Lambda_\mu}(X) \equiv d_\mu(X)$ .

(c) Now from (a) we find that the maximum likelihood estimator of  $\mu$  based on the marginal density of  $X$  is  $\hat{\mu} = 1/X$ . Plugging this into the Bayes estimator we found in (b) yields the empirical Bayes estimator

$$d_{EB}(X) = d_{\hat{\mu}}(X) = X + 1/\hat{\mu} = 2X.$$

(d) The MLE of  $\theta$  based on  $X$  is  $d_{ML}(X) = X$ . This estimator has risk

$$\begin{aligned} R(\theta, d_{ML}) &= \text{Var}_\theta(X) + (E_\theta(X) - \theta)^2 \\ &= \frac{\theta^2}{12} + \left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{\theta^2}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

The Bayes estimator has risk  $R(\theta, d_B)$  given by

$$\begin{aligned} R(\theta, d_B) &= \text{Var}_\theta(X + \mu^{-1}) + (E_\theta(X + \mu^{-1}) - \theta)^2 \\ &= \frac{\theta^2}{12} + (\mu^{-1} - \theta/2)^2 \geq \frac{\theta^2}{12} \end{aligned}$$

with equality if and only if  $\mu^{-1} = \theta/2$ . Finally the empirical Bayes estimator  $d_{EB}$  has risk  $R(\theta, d_{EB})$  given by

$$R(\theta, d_{EB}) = \text{Var}_{\theta}(2X) + (E_{\theta}(2X) - \theta)^2 = 4\frac{\theta^2}{12} = \frac{\theta^2}{3}.$$

Thus the risk of the empirical Bayes estimator is the same as that of the ML estimator: although the EB estimator has zero bias, it has larger variance. Although the risk of the Bayes estimator is smaller than either the ML or EB estimator if  $\mu^{-1}$  is close to  $\theta/2$ , it has worse risk if  $\mu^{-1} > \theta$ .

**Note:** This problem generalizes nicely to  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  i.i.d.  $\text{Uniform}(0, \theta)$  and  $\theta \sim \text{Gamma}(n+1, \mu)$ . Then the empirical Bayes estimator turns out to be the unbiased version of the MLE, namely  $\hat{\theta}_{EB} = ((n+1)/n)X_{(n)}$  and  $\hat{\theta}_{EB}$  has smaller risk than the MLE for  $n > 1$  with a limiting risk ratio of  $1/2$ .

9. (40 points). Suppose that  $X_1, \dots, X_m$  are i.i.d.  $\text{Poisson}(\mu)$  and  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  are i.i.d.  $\text{Poisson}(\nu)$  random variables independent of the  $X_i$ 's. Consider testing  $H : \mu \geq \nu$  versus  $K : \nu > \mu$ .
- (a) Find the joint distribution of  $(\underline{X}, \underline{Y})$  and put it in exponential family form. What are the marginal distributions of  $R \equiv \sum_1^m X_i$ ,  $S \equiv \sum_1^n Y_j$ , and  $T = R+S = \sum_i X_i + \sum_j Y_j$ ? (b) Find the conditional distribution of  $S = \sum_1^n Y_j$  given  $T = t$  and specialize this to the case when  $\mu = \nu$ .
- (c) Find the UMP unbiased test of  $H$  versus  $K$  of size  $\alpha$  and describe how you would find the constants involved as explicitly as possible.
- (d) Show that you can rewrite the test you derived in (c) as  $\phi(\underline{X}, \underline{Y}) = 1\{V(\underline{X}, \underline{Y}) > c(T)\} + \gamma(T)1\{V(\underline{X}, \underline{Y}) = c(T)\}$  where

$$V(\underline{X}, \underline{Y}) \equiv \frac{\sum_{j=1}^n Y_j - T \frac{n}{N}}{\sqrt{T \frac{n}{N} \frac{m}{N}}} = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{mn}{N}}(\bar{Y}_n - \bar{X}_m)}{\sqrt{T/N}}. \quad (3)$$

- (e) Use (d), the CLT, and the WLLN to show that if the constant in (d) is taken to be  $z_{\alpha} \equiv \Phi^{-1}(1 - \alpha)$ , then the test in (d) has approximate size  $\alpha$ .

**Solution:** (a) The joint mass function (or density with respect to counting

measure on  $\mathbb{N}^{m+n}$  of  $(\underline{X}, \underline{Y})$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
p_{\mu, \nu}(\underline{x}, \underline{y}) &= \prod_{i=1}^m e^{-\mu} \frac{\mu^{x_i}}{x_i!} \cdot \prod_{j=1}^n e^{-\nu} \frac{\nu^{y_j}}{y_j!} \\
&= \exp(-m\mu - n\nu) \mu^{\sum x_i} \nu^{\sum y_j} \frac{1}{\prod x_i! \prod y_j!} \\
&= c_{m,n}(\mu, \nu) \exp\left(\sum_1^m x_i \log \mu + \sum_1^n y_j \log \nu\right) \frac{1}{\prod x_i! \prod y_j!} \\
&= c_{m,n}(\mu, \nu) \exp\left(\sum_1^n y_j \log(\nu/\mu) + \left(\sum_1^m x_i + \sum_1^n y_j\right) \log \mu\right) \frac{1}{\prod x_i! \prod y_j!} \\
&= \tilde{c}_{m,n}(\theta, \xi) \exp(\theta U(\underline{x}, \underline{y}) + \xi T(\underline{x}, \underline{y})) \frac{1}{\prod x_i! \prod y_j!}
\end{aligned}$$

where  $U \equiv \sum_1^n Y_j$ ,  $\theta \equiv \log(\nu/\mu)$ ,  $T \equiv \sum_1^m X_i + \sum_1^n Y_j \equiv R + S$ ,  $\xi \equiv \log \mu$ . The marginal distributions of  $R = \sum_1^m X_i$  and  $S = \sum_1^n Y_j$  are just Poisson( $m\mu$ ) and Poisson( $n\nu$ ) respectively, while the sum  $T = R + S$  is marginally Poisson( $m\mu + n\nu$ ).

(b) The conditional distribution of  $U$  given  $T$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
P_{\mu, \nu}(S = s | T = t) &= \frac{P_{\mu, \nu}(S = s, R = t - s)}{P_{\mu, \nu}(T = t)} \\
&= \frac{e^{-n\nu} \frac{(n\nu)^s}{s!} \cdot e^{-m\mu} \frac{(m\mu)^{t-s}}{(t-s)!}}{\exp(-(m\mu + n\nu)) \frac{(m\mu + n\nu)^t}{t!}} \\
&= \binom{t}{s} \left(\frac{n\nu}{m\mu + n\nu}\right)^s \left(\frac{m\mu}{m\mu + n\nu}\right)^{t-s}.
\end{aligned}$$

Thus on the boundary  $\Theta_B = \{(\mu, \nu) : \mu > 0\}$ ,  $(S | T = t) \sim \text{Binomial}(t, \frac{n\nu}{m\mu + n\nu})$ .

(c) The UMP unbiased set of size  $\alpha$  is of the form

$$\phi(\underline{X}, \underline{Y}) = 1\{U > c(T)\} + \gamma(T)1\{U = c(T)\}$$

where  $c(t)$  and  $\gamma(t)$  are determined by

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha &= E_{\mu, \nu}\{\phi(\underline{X}, \underline{Y}) | T\} \\
&= P(\text{Bin}(T, n/(m+n)) > c(T)) + \gamma(T)P(\text{Bin}(T, n/(m+n)) = c(T)).
\end{aligned}$$

(d) Now the test we derived in (b) and (c) is, up to randomization on the boundary

$c(t)$ ,

“reject if  $\sum_{j=1}^m Y_j > c(T)$ ”, or equivalently

“reject if  $\sum_{j=1}^m Y_j - \frac{n}{N}T > c_1(T) \equiv c(T) - (n/N)T$ ”, or equivalently

“reject if  $\sum_{j=1}^m Y_j - \frac{n}{N} \sum_{j=1}^m Y_j - \frac{n}{N} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i > c_1(T)$ ”, or equivalently

“reject if  $\frac{m}{N} \sum_{j=1}^m Y_j - \frac{n}{N} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i > c_1(T)$ ”, or equivalently

“reject if  $\frac{mn}{N}(\bar{Y} - \bar{X}) > c_1(T)$ ”, or equivalently

“reject if  $\frac{\frac{mn}{N}(\bar{Y} - \bar{X})}{\sqrt{T \frac{n}{N} \frac{m}{N}}} > c_2(T) \equiv \frac{c_1(T)}{\sqrt{T \frac{n}{N} \frac{m}{N}}}$ ”, or equivalently

“reject if  $\frac{\sqrt{\frac{mn}{N}}(\bar{Y} - \bar{X})}{\sqrt{\frac{T}{N}}} > c_2(T)$ ”.

in other words, the conditional test rejects  $H$  when  $V(\underline{X}, \underline{Y}) > \tilde{c}(T)$  where  $V(\underline{X}, \underline{Y})$  is as given in (3).

(e) Now when  $\mu = \nu$  is true, if we assume that  $m/N \equiv \lambda_N \rightarrow \lambda$ , then by the CLT

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{mn}N(\bar{Y} - \bar{X}) &= \sqrt{n/N}\sqrt{m}(\bar{Y} - \nu) - \sqrt{m/N}\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \nu) \\ &\rightarrow_d \sqrt{1 - \lambda}N(0, \nu) - \sqrt{\lambda}N(0, \nu) \stackrel{d}{=} N(0, \nu), \end{aligned}$$

and  $T/N = \lambda_N \bar{X} + (1 - \lambda_N)\bar{Y} \rightarrow_p \lambda\nu + (1 - \lambda)\nu = \nu$ . Thus it follows by Slutsky's theorem that  $V(\underline{X}, \underline{Y}) \rightarrow_d Z \sim N(0, 1)$ . Hence if we choose  $\tilde{c}(T) = z_\alpha \equiv \Phi^{-1}(1 - \alpha)$ , the resulting test “reject  $H$  if  $V(\underline{X}, \underline{Y}) > z_\alpha$ ” has approximate size  $\alpha$  for large  $m, n$ . (In fact this remains true even if  $\lambda_N$  does not converge, since the limits remain the same along any convergent subsequence, and convergent subsequences can be selected since  $\lambda_N$  takes values in the compact set  $[0, 1]$ .)