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Probability and Statistics II

The best 5 exercises will be marked.

1. The random variable  $Y$  is Student-t with  $d$  degrees of freedom,  $Y \sim f_S(y|d)$ .
  - a) Which are the Mean and Variance of  $Y$ ? When do they exist?
  - b) Which is the distribution of  $Y^2$ ?
  - c) Show that:  $\lim_{p \rightarrow \infty} f_S(y|p) \rightarrow \text{Normal}(y|0, 1)$ , at each  $y$  in the real line.
2. The sequence  $y_1, y_2, \dots$  is a vector of random variables that converges in probability to a constant  $a$ . Assume that  $P(Y_i > 0) = 1$ , for all  $i$ .
  - a) Prove that the sequences  $W_i = \sqrt{Y_i}$  and  $T_i = \frac{c}{Y_i}$  converge in probability.
  - b) Does  $\frac{c}{\sqrt{\sum y^2/n}}$  converge in probability to 1?
3. Let  $Y_i \sim \text{Uniform}(0, \theta)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ .
  - a) Estimate  $\theta$  by both the methods of Moments and Maximum Likelihood.
  - b) Calculate the means and variances of both estimators.
  - c) Assume a Uniform prior on the positive line for  $\theta$ . For Quadratic Loss, which is the optimal Bayes Estimator?
4. Assume the Linear Regression through the origin:  $Y_i = \alpha x_i + \varepsilon_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, n$ , where  $\varepsilon_i$  are iid  $N(0, \sigma^2)$  where  $\sigma^2$  is unknown.
  - a) Expose a sufficient statistics of dimension 2, for  $[\alpha, \sigma^2]$ .

- b) Find a Maximum Likelihood estimator for  $\alpha$  and show that it is an unbiased estimator for  $\alpha$ .
  - c) Find the distribution of the Max. Likelihood Estimator of  $\alpha$ .
  - d) Assume that the prior is  $p(\alpha, \sigma) = 1/\sigma$ . Which is the Bayesian optimal estimator for quadratic loss for  $\alpha$ ?
5. We have  $n$  Bernoulli  $\theta$  random variables  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$ .
- a) Does the variance of  $\bar{Y}$  attain the Cramer-Rao Lower Bound? Is  $\bar{Y}$  the best unbiased estimator for  $\alpha$ ?
  - b) Assume an Uniform prior for  $\theta$ . For Quadratic Loss, which is the optimal Bayes estimator for  $\theta$ ?
6. Assume  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  is a random sample from a  $N(\theta, \sigma^2)$ , where  $\theta, \sigma^2$  are unknown. For each of the following hypothesis find the rejection region for an optimal test of Type 1 Error  $\alpha = 0.05$ .
- a)  $H_0 : \theta = 0; H_1 : \theta \neq 0$ ;
  - b)  $H_0 : \theta \leq 0$  vs  $H_1 : \theta > 0$
  - c) In situation a) assume a prior like the following: under  $H_0$ ,  $\pi(\sigma) = 1/\sigma$  and under  $H_1$ , the prior is  $p(\theta, \sigma) = p(\sigma) \times p(\theta|\sigma) = \frac{1}{\sigma} \times N(\theta|0, 2\sigma^2)$ . Write an expression for the Bayes Factor.