

1. A single observation  $X$  is distributed uniformly on the interval  $[0, \theta]$ ,  $\theta > 0$ . Calculate the risk function for the decision function  $d(X) = cX^2$  when the loss function is quadratic,  $L(\theta, a) = (\theta - a)^2$ . (15%)

2.  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  is a random sample and  $X_1$  has a density of the form  $g(X_1 | \theta) = \theta^2 X_1 e^{-\theta X_1}$ ,  $X_1 \geq 0$  ( $= 0$  elsewhere),  $\theta > 0$ .

- a) Find the maximum likelihood estimator for  $\theta$ . (15%)
- b) Find the Cramer-Rao bound for the variance of unbiased estimator of  $\lambda(\theta) = \theta^2$ . (15%)
- c) Find the method of moment estimator of  $\theta$ . (15%)

3. Consider the following two-variable model:

Model I :  $Y_i = \beta_1 + \beta_2 X_i + \mu_i$

Model II :  $Y_i = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 (X_i - \bar{X}) + \mu_i$

- a). Find the estimators of  $\beta_1$  and  $\alpha_1$ . Are they identical? Are their variances identical? (10%)
- b). Find the estimators of  $\beta_2$  and  $\alpha_2$ . Are they identical? Are their variances identical? (10%)

4. Consider the following models:

$$\ln Y_i^* = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \ln X_i^* + \mu_i^*$$

$$\ln Y_i = \beta_1 + \beta_2 \ln X_i + \mu_i$$

Where  $Y_i^* = w_1 Y_i$  and  $X_i^* = w_2 X_i$ , the  $w$ 's being constants.

- a). Establish the relationships between the two sets of regression coefficients and their standard errors. (10%)
- b). Is the  $r^2$  different between the two models? (10%)