

# Mathematical Statistics HW 1

The following solution is provided by Xiao Luo.

- 0.(a) Note first that  $S_X^2 \sim \sigma_X^2 \chi_{n-1}^2 / (n-1)$ ,  $S_Y^2 \sim \sigma_Y^2 \chi_{m-1}^2 / (m-1)$ . So we can apply Satterthwaite's method to approximate  $(\frac{S_X^2}{n} + \frac{S_Y^2}{m}) / (\frac{\sigma_X^2}{n} + \frac{\sigma_Y^2}{m})$  by  $c \frac{\chi_\nu^2}{\nu}$  for some constants  $c$  and  $\nu$ . Apply the method of moments by equating the mean and variance of the above two expressions, we can easily find that  $c = 1$ . And for equating the variance, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}\left[\frac{\frac{S_X^2}{n} + \frac{S_Y^2}{m}}{\frac{\sigma_X^2}{n} + \frac{\sigma_Y^2}{m}}\right] &= \frac{\frac{\text{Var}[S_X^2]}{n^2} + \frac{\text{Var}[S_Y^2]}{m^2}}{\left(\frac{\sigma_X^2}{n} + \frac{\sigma_Y^2}{m}\right)^2} \\ &= \frac{\frac{2(n-1)\sigma_X^4}{n^2(n-1)^2} + \frac{2(m-1)\sigma_Y^4}{m^2(m-1)^2}}{\left(\frac{\sigma_X^2}{n} + \frac{\sigma_Y^2}{m}\right)^2} \\ &= 2 \frac{\frac{\sigma_X^4}{n^2(n-1)} + \frac{\sigma_Y^4}{m^2(m-1)}}{\left(\frac{\sigma_X^2}{n} + \frac{\sigma_Y^2}{m}\right)^2}, \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\text{Var}\left[\frac{\chi_\nu^2}{\nu}\right] = \frac{2}{\nu}.$$

Thus,

$$\nu = \frac{\left(\frac{\sigma_X^2}{n} + \frac{\sigma_Y^2}{m}\right)^2}{\frac{\sigma_X^4}{n^2(n-1)} + \frac{\sigma_Y^4}{m^2(m-1)}}.$$

Because  $S_X^2, S_Y^2$  are unbiased estimators of  $\sigma_X^2, \sigma_Y^2$ ,  $\nu$  can be estimated with

$$\hat{\nu} = \frac{\left(\frac{S_X^2}{n} + \frac{S_Y^2}{m}\right)^2}{\frac{S_X^4}{n^2(n-1)} + \frac{S_Y^4}{m^2(m-1)}}.$$

0.(b)

$$\begin{aligned} T' &= \frac{\bar{X} - \bar{Y}}{\sqrt{\frac{S_X^2}{n} + \frac{S_Y^2}{m}}} \\ &= \frac{(\bar{X} - \bar{Y})/\sqrt{\frac{\sigma_X^2}{n} + \frac{\sigma_Y^2}{m}}}{\sqrt{\frac{S_X^2}{n} + \frac{S_Y^2}{m}}/\sqrt{\frac{\sigma_X^2}{n} + \frac{\sigma_Y^2}{m}}}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\sqrt{\frac{S_X^2}{n} + \frac{S_Y^2}{m}}/\sqrt{\frac{\sigma_X^2}{n} + \frac{\sigma_Y^2}{m}} \sim \sqrt{\chi_{\nu}^2/\nu}$  and under the null hypothesis, by the central limit theorem, the distribution of  $(\bar{X} - \bar{Y})/\sqrt{\frac{\sigma_X^2}{n} + \frac{\sigma_Y^2}{m}}$  can be approximated by a standard normal distribution. Therefore,  $T'$  can be approximated by a  $t$  distribution with  $\hat{\nu}$  degrees of freedom.

1. Because  $\underline{h}$  is one to one, its inverse is well defined. Then, the likelihood function of  $\underline{\eta}$  is given by

$$L^*(\underline{\eta}|\underline{x}) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i|\underline{h}^{-1}(\underline{\eta})) = L(\underline{h}^{-1}(\underline{\eta})|\underline{x}).$$

It follows that

$$\sup_{\underline{\eta}} L^*(\underline{\eta}|\underline{x}) = \sup_{\underline{\eta}} L(\underline{h}^{-1}(\underline{\eta})|\underline{x}) = \sup_{\underline{\theta}} L(\underline{\theta}|\underline{x}).$$

Thus, the maximum of  $L^*(\underline{\eta}|\underline{x})$  is attained at  $\underline{\eta} = \underline{h}(\hat{\underline{\theta}})$ , which implies that the m.l.e. of  $\underline{\eta}$  is  $\underline{h}(\hat{\underline{\theta}})$ .

2. (a) The likelihood function of  $\underline{\theta}$  is given by

$$L(\underline{\theta}|\underline{x}) = \frac{1}{\sigma^n} \exp\left[-\frac{1}{\sigma} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - u)\right] \quad \text{for } \min_i \{X_i\} \geq u,$$

and otherwise  $L(\underline{\theta}|\underline{x}) = 0$ . So we just need to consider the case  $u \geq \min_i \{X_i\}$ . For any fixed  $\sigma > 0$ ,  $L$  is a decreasing function of  $u$  on  $[\min_i \{X_i\}, +\infty)$  and is thus maximized at  $\hat{u} = \min_i \{X_i\}$ . Let  $l = \log L$  and by substituting  $u$  by  $\hat{u}$  and differentiating  $l$  with respect to  $l$ , we can find  $l$  is maximized at  $\hat{\sigma} = \bar{X} - \min_i \{X_i\}$  where  $\bar{X}$  is the mean of  $\{X_i, i = 1, \dots, n\}$ . Therefore, the m.l.e. of  $(u, \sigma)$  is  $(\min_i \{X_i\}, \bar{X} - \min_i \{X_i\})$ .

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}
P_{\underline{\theta}}[X_1 \geq t] &= \int_t^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sigma} \exp[-(x-u)/\sigma] dx \\
&= \int_t^{\infty} \exp[-(x-u)/\sigma] d\left(\frac{x-u}{\sigma}\right) \\
&= \int_{\frac{t-u}{\sigma}}^{\infty} \exp[-y] dy \\
&= \exp[(u-t)/\sigma].
\end{aligned}$$

So  $P_{\underline{\theta}}[X_1 \geq t]$  is a function of  $\underline{\theta}$  and by the invariance property of m.l.e., the m.l.e. of  $P_{\underline{\theta}}[X_1 \geq t]$  is  $\exp[(\min_i \{X_i\} - t)/(\bar{X} - \min_i \{X_i\})]$ .

3. The likelihood function of  $\theta$  is given by

$$L(\theta|\underline{x}) = 1, \quad \text{if } X_{(n)} - \frac{1}{2} \leq \theta \leq X_{(1)} + \frac{1}{2},$$

and otherwise  $L(\theta|\underline{x}) = 0$ . So  $\sup_{\theta} L(\theta|\underline{x}) = 1$  and can thus be attained at any  $\theta$  satisfying  $X_{(n)} - \frac{1}{2} \leq \theta \leq X_{(1)} + \frac{1}{2}$ . In other words, any  $T$  such that  $X_{(n)} - \frac{1}{2} \leq T \leq X_{(1)} + \frac{1}{2}$  is a m.l.e. of  $\theta$ .

4. The likelihood function of  $\underline{\theta} = (\mu, \sigma^2)$  is given by

$$f(\underline{x}, \mu, \sigma^2) = \prod_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{9}{10\sigma} \varphi\left(\frac{x_i - \mu}{\sigma}\right) + \frac{1}{10} \varphi(x_i - \mu) \right].$$

Note that for any  $j = 1, \dots, n$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
f(\underline{x}, x_j, \sigma^2) &= \prod_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{9}{10\sigma} \varphi\left(\frac{x_i - x_j}{\sigma}\right) + \frac{1}{10} \varphi(x_i - x_j) \right] \\
&\geq \frac{9}{10\sigma} \varphi(0) \times \prod_{1 \leq i \leq n, i \neq j} \frac{1}{10} \varphi(x_i - x_j),
\end{aligned}$$

hence by letting  $\sigma \rightarrow \infty$ , we have  $\sup_{\mu, \sigma^2} f(\underline{x}, \mu, \sigma^2) = \infty$  and hence no m.l.e. estimator exists for  $\underline{\theta}$ . By the above arguments, we know  $\sup_{\mu, \sigma} f(\underline{x}, \mu, \sigma^2) = \infty$ , and  $\sup_{\sigma} f(\underline{x}, \hat{\mu}, \sigma^2) = \infty$  if  $\hat{\mu}$  equals one of the numbers  $x_1, \dots, x_n$ , so we just need to show  $\sup_{\mu, \sigma} f(\underline{x}, \mu, \sigma^2)$  is finite if  $\mu$  is not equal to any  $x_i$ . And it is equivalent to showing for any  $i$ ,  $\frac{9}{10\sigma} \varphi\left(\frac{x_i - \mu}{\sigma}\right) + \frac{1}{10} \varphi(x_i - \mu)$  is finite. Since  $\varphi$  is the standard normal density function, we know  $\frac{1}{10} \varphi(x_i - \mu)$  is bounded and also by analytical method  $\frac{9}{10\sigma} \varphi\left(\frac{x_i - \mu}{\sigma}\right)$  is also bounded for  $\mu \neq x_i$ .