

SECOND SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL 2025
(Regular/Improvement/Supplementary)

STATISTICS
FMST2C06- ESTIMATION THEORY

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Weightage: 30

Part A: Answer any four questions. Each carries 2 weightage.

1. Define one parameter exponential family. Show that beta distribution of first kind with parameters p and q belongs to the two parameter exponential family. Also find joint sufficient statistic for p and q .
2. State and prove factorization theorem.
3. State the invariance property of consistent estimators. Let $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ be a random sample from the Poisson distribution with mean λ , obtain a consistent estimator for $e^{-\lambda}$.
4. Describe the method of percentiles for finding consistent estimator.
5. Let $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ be a random sample from an exponential distribution with location parameter μ and scale parameter σ . Determine moment estimators for μ and σ .
6. Define one parameter Cramer family. Give an example of a family which is not an exponential family but is a member of Cramer family of distributions.
7. Explain the construction of shortest length confidence interval.

(4 × 2 = 8 weightage)

Part B: Answer any four questions. Each carries 3 weightage.

8. Let $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ is a random sample from $U(\theta - \frac{1}{2}, \theta + \frac{1}{2})$ population. Find a sufficient statistic for θ . Is it complete?
9. a) State and prove Basu's theorem.
b) X_i 's are i.i.d. $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ where σ^2 is known. Show that $(\bar{X}, S^2)$ is independent.
10. a) State and prove Cramer Rao inequality.
b) Let $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ is a random sample from a population with p.d.f
$$f(x, \theta) = \frac{1}{\pi \{1 + (x - \theta)^2\}}, -\infty < x < \infty.$$
Find CRLB for the variance of the unbiased estimate of θ .
11. Define Consistent Asymptotically Normal (CAN) Estimators. Let $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ be a random sample from $U(0, \theta)$, $\theta > 0$. Show that: (i) $X_{(n)}$ is the MLE of θ (ii) $X_{(n)}$ is not CAN (iii) $X_{(n)}$ is consistent.
12. Show that under certain regularity conditions, MLE is consistent.

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13. a) State and prove invariant property of MLE.

b) Give an example to prove that MLE's are not always unbiased.

14. A random sample of size n is taken from exponential distribution with mean λ . Find a two sided confidence interval for λ based on the pivot $2 \sum_{i=1}^n X_i / \theta$.

(4 × 3 = 12 weightage)

Part C: Answer any two questions. Each carries 5 weightage.

15. a) Show that uniformly minimum variance unbiased estimator (UMVUE) if it exists, is unique.

b) Let $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ be a random sample from Poisson (λ).

Find the UMVUE of: (i) λ (ii) $e^{-\lambda}$ (iii) λ^2 (iv) $\lambda^2 + 2\lambda$ (v) $\lambda e^{-\lambda}$.

16. a) Find a minimal sufficient statistic for (α, β) with p. d. f.

$$f(x; \alpha, \beta) = \frac{\alpha^\beta}{\Gamma \alpha} e^{-\alpha x} x^{\beta-1}, x, \alpha, \beta > 0$$

b) Let $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ are i.i.d. $U(0, \theta)$. $\theta > 1$.

Define $Y_i = 1$, if $X_i > 1$
0, elsewhere.

Find the estimate of θ by the method of moments.

17. a) Show that the Bayes estimator of θ under the squared error loss function is the mean of the posterior distribution.

b) Let $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ be a random sample from an exponential distribution with parameter θ . For estimating θ using the squared error loss function, a prior density of θ is given,

$$\pi(\theta) = e^{-\theta}, \theta > 0$$

18. a) Explain Bayesian and Fiducial interval.

b) Let $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ be a random sample of size drawn from a Poisson distribution with parameter λ . Assuming that the prior distribution of λ is Gamma (α, β). Find 100 $(1 - \alpha)$ % Bayesian confidence interval for λ . Compare it with classical shortest length confidence interval.

(2 × 5 = 10 weightage)