STAT 700

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Second Problem Set in STAT 700, F24

These 6 problems are due on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, 11:59pm, as a pdf-format upload to the course ELMS page. They include:

(I) Two problems on **identifiability**: # 1.1.3, 1.1.10 in Bickel and Doksum.

(II) One problem on expressing a statistic as a function(al) of the empirical distribution function:

3. Suppose that X_i , i = 1, ..., n are *iid* real-value observations with unknown distribution function F with density f which is positive on the whole real line and such that $E(X_1^2) < \infty$. We want to estimate the quantity

$$\theta \equiv E\left((X_1 - E(X_1))^2 \,\middle|\, X_1 \ge 1 \right)$$

Show that this parameter θ can be expressed in the form

$$h(E(g_1(X_1), E(g_2(X_1), \ldots, E(g_k(X_1)))))$$

where *h* is a smooth real-valued function, and g_1, \ldots, g_k are real-valued functions that need not be continuous, for a finite *k*. Use this representation to suggest a natural consistent estimator of θ based on the data-sample $\underline{X}_n = (X_1, X_2, \ldots, X_n)$.

(III) Three problems on sufficiency: problems # 1.5.5 and 1.5.16 in Bickel and Doksum, plus the following additional problem:

6. If $Z_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, 3\mu^2)$ are *iid* observations for $i = 1, \ldots, m$, then find a minimal sufficient statistic (T_1, T_2) for $\theta = \mu$, and prove that it is minimal. Prove also that it is **not** complete.