

STAT 721 Solutions to Assignment #3

7.1

x	MLE at x
0	1
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	3

(since $\max(\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, 0) = \frac{1}{3}$, etc.)

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Another MLE is:

← note $\max\{f(x|0), f(x|2), f(x|3)\}$ is attained at both $x=2$ and $x=3$.

This example shows that a MLE need not be unique.

7.6 (a) $\prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i, \theta) = \theta^n (\prod x_i)^{-2} I_{\{x_{(n)} \geq \theta\}}$, so $X_{(n)} = \min(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ is sufficient.

(b) $\log L(\theta) = n \log \theta - 2 \sum_{i=1}^n \log x_i$ if $x_{(n)} \geq \theta$ (i.e. if $0 < \theta \leq x_{(n)}$)
 $= -\infty$ otherwise

Since $\log L(\theta)$ is increasing on $(0, x_{(n)}]$, max is attained at $\theta = x_{(n)}$.
 Hence MLE $\hat{\theta} = X_{(n)}$.

(c) $EX = \theta \int_{\theta}^{\infty} x \cdot \frac{1}{x^2} dx = \theta \int_{\theta}^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x} = \theta [\log(\infty) - \log(\theta)] = \infty$

Since $EX = \infty$, ~~method~~ method of moments fails,

i.e., there is no method of moments estimator of θ .

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$$(7.9) \quad EX = \int x f(x|\theta) dx = \int_0^{\theta} \frac{x}{\theta} dx = \frac{1}{\theta} \left[\frac{x^2}{2} \right]_0^{\theta} = \frac{1}{\theta} \frac{\theta^2}{2} = \frac{\theta}{2}$$

Method of moments = equate $\bar{X} = m_1 = \frac{\theta}{2}$.

Solution is $\theta = 2\bar{X}$. So method of moments est is $\hat{\theta}_{MM} = 2\bar{X}$

$$\text{MLE: } L(\theta) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\theta^2} & \text{if } X_{(n)} \leq \theta \\ 0 & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

So $L(\theta)$ reaches max at $\hat{\theta} = X_{(n)}$.

So the MLE is $\hat{\theta}_{ML} = X_{(n)}$.

The mean of ~~the~~ $\hat{\theta}_{MM}$ is $E[2\bar{X}] = 2EX_1 = 2 \frac{\theta}{2} = \theta$,

and the variance is $\text{Var}(2\bar{X}) = 4 \frac{\text{Var}(X_1)}{n} = \frac{4}{n} \frac{\theta^2}{12} = \frac{\theta^2}{3n}$.

$$\text{For the MLE, } E(X_{(n)}) = \int_0^{\theta} x \frac{n x^{n-1}}{\theta^n} dx = \frac{n}{\theta^n} \frac{\theta^{n+1}}{n+1} = \frac{n}{n+1} \theta,$$

$$\text{Also } E(X_{(n)}^2) = \int_0^{\theta} x^2 \frac{n x^{n-1}}{\theta^n} dx = \frac{n}{\theta^n} \frac{\theta^{n+2}}{n+2} = \frac{n}{n+2} \theta^2, \text{ so}$$

$$\text{Var}(X_{(n)}) = \frac{n}{n+2} \theta^2 - \left(\frac{n}{n+1} \theta \right)^2 = \frac{n}{(n+2)(n+1)^2} \theta^2.$$

Comparison. $\hat{\theta}_{MM}$ is unbiased $\hat{\theta}_{MLE}$ is not, so the method of moments estimator wins in terms of bias. In all other respects the MME loses to the MLE: the MME is not a function of the sufficient stat $X_{(n)}$ and so could be improved. The MME has much higher variance than the MLE — even when $n=1$, the variances are $\theta^3/3$ vs $\theta^2/12$. On balance, I prefer the MLE

$$(7.11) \text{ (a)} \quad \log L(\theta) = \log [\theta^n (\prod x_i)^{\theta-1}] = n \log \theta - (\theta-1) \sum \log x_i$$

$$\frac{d}{d\theta} \log L(\theta) = \frac{n}{\theta} - \sum \log x_i. \quad \text{Equate this to 0 and}$$

solve to obtain $\hat{\theta} = \frac{n}{-\sum \log x_i}$. To see that this yields

a global maximum, note that $\frac{d^2}{d\theta^2} \log L(\theta) = -\frac{n}{\theta^2} < 0$.

$$\text{So the MLE is } \hat{\theta} = \frac{n}{-\sum_{i=1}^n \log X_i}.$$

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To compute the variance of the MLE, we first need to figure out its distribution.

Let $Y_i = -\log X_i$. Then the pdf of Y_i is

$$g(y) = f(e^{-y}) |e^{-y}| = \theta e^{-y(\theta-1)} e^{-y} = \theta e^{-y\theta}, \quad 0 < y < \infty \\ = 0 \quad \text{elsewhere}$$

So Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n are i.i.d., each with exponential

distribution $f(y) = \frac{1}{\beta} e^{-y/\beta}$, $y > 0$, with $\beta = 1/\theta$,

Hence (using, e.g. mgf's), $\sum_{i=1}^n Y_i = -\sum_{i=1}^n \log X_i$

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7.11 (a) (continued)

Write $U = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^n \log X_i}$. Then U has an inverted gamma distribution with parameters n and $\theta = 1/\beta$. Its pdf, worked out at the ~~top~~ top of p.52 of the text, is $\frac{1}{(n-1)! \beta^n} \left(\frac{1}{y}\right)^{n+1} e^{-1/(\beta y)}$, $0 < y < \infty$, where $\beta = 1/\theta$.

Then we can work out the first two moments of

$\hat{\theta} = nU$ from the first two moments of U , which

we can evaluate using the trick that the pdf of the

inverted gamma ~~pdf~~ integrates to 1, no matter what the integer n is. So

$$EU = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n-1)! \beta^n} \left(\frac{1}{y}\right)^{n+1} \left(\frac{1}{y}\right)^{-1} e^{-1/(\beta y)} dy$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n-2)! \beta^{n-1+1}} \left(\frac{1}{y}\right)^{(n-1)+1} e^{-1/(\beta y)} dy$$

$$= \frac{(n-2)!}{(n-1)! \beta} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{[(n-1)-1]! \beta^{n-1}} \left(\frac{1}{y}\right)^{(n-1)+1} e^{-1/(\beta y)} dy$$

$$= \frac{(n-2)!}{(n-1)! \beta} \cdot 1 = \frac{\theta}{n-1}. \quad \text{So } E[nU] = \frac{n\theta}{n-1}$$

A similar calculation shows that $E(U^2) = \frac{(n-3)!}{(n-1)! \beta^2} = \frac{\theta^2}{(n-1)(n-2)}$

$$\text{So } E\{(nU)^2\} = n^2 EU^2 = \frac{n^2 \theta^2}{(n-1)(n-2)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } \text{Var}(\hat{\theta}) &= E[(nU)^2] - [E(nU)]^2 = \frac{n^2 \theta^2}{(n-1)(n-2)} - \frac{n^2 \theta^2}{(n-1)^2} \\ &= \frac{n^2}{(n-1)^2(n-2)} \theta^2, \text{ which is easily seen to } \rightarrow 0 \\ &\quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty. \end{aligned}$$

$$(b) \quad EX_1 = \int_0^1 \theta x^{\theta-1} \cdot x \, dx = \int_0^1 \theta x^\theta \, dx = \theta \left[\frac{x^{\theta+1}}{\theta+1} \right]_0^1 = \frac{\theta}{\theta+1}$$

So equate $\bar{X} = \frac{\theta}{\theta+1}$ and solve for θ .

$$\bar{X} \theta + \bar{X} = \theta, \quad \theta(1-\bar{X}) = \bar{X}, \quad \theta = \frac{\bar{X}}{1-\bar{X}}$$

So ~~MME~~ method of moments estimator is $\frac{\bar{X}}{1-\bar{X}}$

(Makes sense, because $\bar{X} \in (0, 1)$ with prob 1
and so $\frac{\bar{X}}{1-\bar{X}}$ stays in $(0, \infty)$ with prob 1).

(7.37) Let $Y_i = |X_i|$, $i=1, \dots, n$. The model is equivalent to the model that Y_1, \dots, Y_n are iid $\text{Unif}[0, \theta]$.

We know $\max(Y_1, \dots, Y_n)$ is complete suff stat for θ and that $E[\max(Y_1, \dots, Y_n)] = \frac{n}{n+1} \theta$. Thus $\frac{n+1}{n} \max Y_i$ is an unbiased est of θ which is a function of a complete sufficient statistic, hence is a best unbiased est. In terms of the original X_i 's,
 $\frac{n+1}{n} \max\{|X_1|, \dots, |X_n|\}$ is best UE of θ .

7.44 $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\theta, 1)$.

We have seen before that \bar{X} is a complete sufficient statistic for θ . If we can show that $E_\theta(\bar{X}^2 - \frac{1}{n}) = \theta^2$, then (by Lehmann-Scheffe Thm) it follows that $\bar{X}^2 - \frac{1}{n}$ is the best UE of θ^2 .

$$\begin{aligned}
E(\bar{X}^2) &= \frac{1}{n^2} E\left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i\right)^2\right] = \frac{1}{n^2} \left[n EX_1^2 + n(n-1) E(X_1 X_2) \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{n^2} \left[n [\text{Var } X_1 + (EX_1)^2] + n(n-1) (EX_1)^2 \right] \\
&= \frac{1}{n^2} \left[n(1 + \theta^2) + n(n-1)\theta^2 \right] = \frac{1}{n} [1 + \theta^2 + (n-1)\theta^2] = \frac{1}{n} [n\theta^2 + 1] \\
&= \theta^2 + \frac{1}{n}, \text{ so } E\left[\bar{X}^2 - \frac{1}{n}\right] = \theta^2. \quad \checkmark
\end{aligned}$$

There are many ways to compute $\text{var}(\bar{X}^2)$, ranging from crude to elegant (e.g. Stein's identity). I will give a crude derivation relying on algebra and the fact that if $Z \sim N(0, 1)$, then $EZ = 0, EZ^2 = 1, EZ^3 = 0$ and $EZ^4 = 3$ (if you haven't seen $EZ^4 = 3$, show it using mgf or by integration by parts $\int x^4 \phi(x) dx = -\int x^3 d\phi(x) = \dots$)

$\bar{X} - \theta \sim N(0, \frac{1}{n})$, so $\sqrt{n}(\bar{X} - \theta) \sim N(0, 1)$.

We have already that $E\bar{X} = \theta$ and $E\bar{X}^2 = \theta^2 + \frac{1}{n}$.

Since $E[n^{3/2}(\bar{X} - \theta)^3] = 0$, we have $E[\bar{X}^3 - 3\theta\bar{X}^2 + 3\theta^2\bar{X} - \theta^3] = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{so } E(\bar{X}^3) &= 3\theta E(\bar{X}^2) - 3\theta^2 E\bar{X} + \theta^3 = 3\theta \left(\theta^2 + \frac{1}{n}\right) - 3\theta^3 + \theta^3 \\
&= \theta^3 + \frac{3\theta}{n}
\end{aligned}$$

(continued)

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$$\text{also } E[n^2(\bar{X} - \theta)^4] = 3, \text{ so}$$

$$E[\bar{X}^4 - 4\theta\bar{X}^3 + 6\theta^2\bar{X}^2 - 4\theta^3\bar{X} + \theta^4] = \frac{3}{n^2}$$

$$\text{so } E(\bar{X}^4) = \frac{3}{n^2} + 4\theta E(\bar{X}^3) - 6\theta^2 E(\bar{X}^2) + 4\theta^3 E\bar{X} - \theta^4$$

$$= \frac{3}{n^2} + 4\theta\left[\theta^3 + \frac{3\theta}{n}\right] - 6\theta^2\left(\theta^2 + \frac{1}{n}\right) + 4\theta^4 - \theta^4$$

$$= \theta^4 + \frac{3}{n^2} + \frac{12\theta^2}{n} - \frac{6\theta^2}{n} = \theta^4 + \frac{6\theta^2}{n} + \frac{3}{n^2}$$

$$\text{Thus } \text{Var}\left(\bar{X}^2 - \frac{1}{n}\right) = \text{Var}(\bar{X}^2) = E(\bar{X}^4) - [E(\bar{X}^2)]^2$$

$$= \theta^4 + \frac{6\theta^2}{n} + \frac{3}{n^2} - \left(\theta^2 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^2$$

$$= \theta^4 + \frac{6\theta^2}{n} + \frac{3}{n^2} - \theta^4 - \frac{2\theta^2}{n} - \frac{1}{n^2} = \frac{4\theta^2}{n} + \frac{2}{n^2}$$

$$\text{Cramer-Rao Lower bound is } \frac{\left[\frac{d}{d\theta} \theta^2\right]^2}{n E_{\theta} \left[\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(X, \theta)\right)^2\right]}$$

$$\text{Numerator is } (2\theta)^2 = 4\theta^2,$$

$$\log f(x|\theta) = \log \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} - \frac{1}{2}(x-\theta)^2, \quad \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \log f(x|\theta) = -\frac{1}{2} 2(x-\theta)(-1) = x-\theta$$

$$\text{So denominator is } n E_{\theta} [(X-\theta)^2] = n \text{Var}(X_1) = n.$$

$$\text{So C-R lower bound on variance of UE of } \theta^2 \text{ is } \frac{4\theta^2}{n} \left(< \frac{4\theta^2}{n} + \frac{2}{n^2} \right)$$

Actual achieved min

7.46 $X_1, X_2, X_3 \stackrel{iid}{\sim} U[\theta, 2\theta]$

(a) $E X_1 = \frac{\theta + 2\theta}{2} = \frac{3}{2} \theta$. Equate $\bar{X} = \frac{3}{2} \hat{\theta}_{MM}$

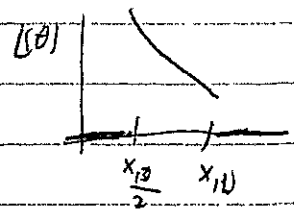
and solve to get $\hat{\theta}_{M.M.} = \frac{2}{3} \bar{X}$.

(b) First note that $0 < \theta < a < b < 2\theta \Rightarrow \frac{b}{a} < 2 \Rightarrow \frac{b}{2} < a$, hence $P_\theta[\frac{X_{(3)}}{2} > X_{(1)}] = 0$ for all $\theta > 0$. So we will assume that $\frac{X_{(3)}}{2} \leq X_{(1)}$ (and define the MLE to be any estimator $\hat{\theta}(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ that we want when $\frac{X_{(3)}}{2} > X_{(1)}$).

Given $\frac{X_{(3)}}{2} \leq X_{(1)}$, $L(\theta | X_1, \dots, X_n) = \frac{1}{\theta^3}$ if $\theta \leq x_i \leq 2\theta, i=1,2,3$,
= 0 elsewhere

The condition $\{\theta \leq x_i \leq 2\theta, i=1,2,3\}$ is equivalent to $\{x_{(1)} \geq \theta \text{ and } x_{(3)} \leq 2\theta\}$ which is equivalent to $\frac{x_{(3)}}{2} \leq \theta \leq x_{(1)}$ (when $\frac{x_{(3)}}{2} \leq x_{(1)}$).

So $L(\theta | X_1, X_2, X_3) = \frac{1}{\theta^3}$ when $\frac{x_{(3)}}{2} \leq \theta \leq x_{(1)}$
= 0 elsewhere



so MLE is $\hat{\theta} = \frac{x_{(3)}}{2}$.

So $\hat{\theta} = \frac{X_{(3)}}{2}$ is a MLE of θ .

$E(X_{(3)}) = \theta + \frac{3}{4} \theta = \frac{7}{4} \theta$ so $E \hat{\theta} = E[\frac{X_{(3)}}{2}] = \frac{7}{8} \theta$

Take $k = \frac{8}{7}$ then $\frac{8}{7} \hat{\theta} = \frac{4}{7} X_{(3)}$ is an unb. est of θ .

(continued)

7.46 (a) The sufficient statistic is $(X_{(1)}, X_{(3)})$. Since $\frac{4}{7} X_{(3)}$ is an unbiased est. of θ which is already a function of the sufficient statistic, it cannot be improved by Rao-Blackwoodization; that is, $E\left[\frac{4}{7} X_{(3)} \mid (X_{(1)}, X_{(3)})\right] = \frac{4}{7} X_{(3)}$ (the same estimator).

The moment estimator $\frac{2}{3} \bar{X} = \frac{2}{9} (X_1 + X_2 + X_3) = \frac{2}{9} (X_{(1)} + X_{(2)} + X_{(3)})$

~~is~~ is an UE of θ which is not a function of the sufficient statistic $(X_{(1)}, X_{(3)})$. So it can be improved. Let

$x_{(1)}, x_{(3)}$ be two possible values of $X_{(1)}$ and $X_{(3)}$ (i.e., $\frac{x_{(3)}}{2} \leq x_{(1)}$)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } E\left[\frac{2}{9} (X_{(1)} + X_{(2)} + X_{(3)}) \mid X_{(1)} = x_{(1)}, X_{(3)} = x_{(3)}\right] &= \\ \frac{2}{9} (x_{(1)} + x_{(3)} + E[X_{(2)} \mid X_{(1)} = x_{(1)}, X_{(3)} = x_{(3)}]) & \\ = \frac{2}{9} \left[x_{(1)} + x_{(3)} + \frac{1}{2} (x_{(1)} + x_{(3)})\right] &= \frac{2}{9} \cdot \frac{3}{2} (x_{(1)} + x_{(3)}) = \frac{1}{3} (x_{(1)} + x_{(3)}). \end{aligned}$$

Here we have used the fact that the conditional distn of $X_{(2)}$ given $X_{(1)} = x_{(1)}$ and $X_{(3)} = x_{(3)}$ is uniform on $[x_{(1)}, x_{(3)}]$, and so the conditional expectation is $(x_{(1)} + x_{(3)})/2$.

So, by the Rao-Blackwell Theorem, $\frac{1}{3} (X_{(1)} + X_{(3)})$ is an unbiased estimator of θ with strictly smaller variance than that of $\frac{2}{3} \bar{X}$.

7.46 (d) $X_1 = 1.29, X_2 = 0.86, X_3 = 1.33$

$\hat{\theta}_{MM} = \frac{2}{9} (1.29 + 0.86 + 1.33) = 0.7733$ ← In this case, the estimate is reasonable because all 3 X_i 's lie between $\hat{\theta} = 0.7733$ and $2\hat{\theta} = 1.5467$

$X_{(1)} = 0.86, X_{(2)} = 1.29, X_{(3)} = 1.33$, Note that $\frac{X_{(3)}}{2} = 0.665 < X_{(1)} = 0.86$ so the ~~ML~~ ML est $\hat{\theta} = \frac{X_{(3)}}{2} = 0.665$ makes sense in this case. Note that all 3 observations lie between $\hat{\theta} = 0.665$ and $2\hat{\theta} = 1.33$.

7.98 (a) C-R lower bound on variance of an unbiased estimator of p is

$$\frac{1}{n E_p \left\{ \left[\frac{\partial}{\partial p} \log f(X_1 | p) \right]^2 \right\}}$$

$\log f(x|p) = \log [p^x (1-p)^{1-x}]$ $x=0,1$
 $= x \log p + (1-x) \log (1-p)$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial p} \log f(x|p) = \frac{x}{p} + \frac{1-x}{1-p} (-1) = \frac{x}{p} - \frac{1-x}{1-p} = \frac{(1-p)x - p(1-x)}{p(1-p)}$$

$$= \frac{x-p}{p(1-p)}$$

$$E_p \left[\left(\frac{x-p}{p(1-p)} \right)^2 \right] = \frac{E_p [x-p]^2}{p^2(1-p)^2} = \frac{\text{Var } X_1}{p^2(1-p)^2} = \frac{p(1-p)}{p^2(1-p)^2} = \frac{1}{p(1-p)}$$

So C-R lower bound is $\frac{1}{n \frac{1}{p(1-p)}} = \frac{p(1-p)}{n}$ (continued)

7.48(a) (continued)

The MLE of p : $L(p | x_1, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{i=1}^n [p^{x_i} (1-p)^{1-x_i}]$
 $= p^{\sum x_i} (1-p)^{n-\sum x_i}$ So $\log L(p | x_1, \dots, x_n) = (\sum x_i) \log p + (n - \sum x_i) \log(1-p)$

$\frac{d}{dp} [(\sum x_i) \log p + (n - \sum x_i) \log(1-p)] = \frac{\sum x_i}{p} - \frac{n - \sum x_i}{1-p}$

$\frac{d}{dp} [] = 0$ when $\frac{\sum x_i}{p} = \frac{n - \sum x_i}{1-p}$ or $\sum x_i - p \sum x_i = np - (\sum x_i)p$
 or $p = \frac{\sum x_i}{n}$. One can easily check that this ~~is~~ 0 .

corresponds to a unique global max of $\log L(p)$, So $\hat{p} = \frac{\sum x_i}{n}$

is the MLE.

Since $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i \sim \text{Binom}(n, p)$, $\text{var}(\sum x_i) = np(1-p)$

$\Rightarrow \text{var}(\hat{p}) = \frac{\text{var}(\sum x_i)}{n^2} = \frac{np(1-p)}{n^2} = \frac{p(1-p)}{n}$

\uparrow agrees with the $e-R$ lower bound

(b) $X_1 X_2 X_3 X_4 = 1 \Leftrightarrow X_1 = 1, X_2 = 1, X_3 = 1, X_4 = 1$
 (since each $X_i = 0$ or 1),

$\Rightarrow E_p(X_1 X_2 X_3 X_4) = 1 \cdot P_p[X_1 = 1, X_2 = 1, X_3 = 1, X_4 = 1]$

$= \prod_{i=1}^4 P_p[X_i = 1] = p \cdot p \cdot p \cdot p = p^4$

\uparrow
 indep of X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4

$T = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ is a complete sufficient statistic for θ . (continued)

Hence $E\{X_1 X_2 X_3 X_4 \mid \sum_{i=1}^n X_i\}$ is UMVU est of p^4 , by the Lehmann-Scheffe Theorem.

$$E\{X_1 X_2 X_3 X_4 \mid \sum_{i=1}^n X_i = k\} = P\{X_1=1, X_2=1, X_3=1, X_4=1 \mid \sum_{i=1}^n X_i = k\}$$

$$= P\{X_1=1, X_2=1, X_3=1, X_4=1, \sum_{i=1}^n X_i = k-4\}$$

$$P\{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i = k\}$$

$$= \frac{p^4 \binom{n-4}{k-4} p^{k-4} (1-p)^{(n-4)-(k-4)}}{\binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}} = \frac{\binom{n-4}{k-4}}{\binom{n}{k}}$$

$$= \frac{(n-4)!}{(k-4)! (n-k)!}$$

$$= \frac{k(k-1)(k-2)(k-3)}{n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)}, \text{ when } k=4, 5, \dots, n$$

Clearly, when $k=0, 1, 2$ or 3 , $E\{X_1 X_2 X_3 X_4 \mid \sum_{i=1}^n X_i = k\} = 0$.

Hence, with $T = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$, the best unbiased est.

$$\text{of } p^4 \text{ is } \frac{T(T-1)(T-2)(T-3)}{n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)}$$

7.52 (a) $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$

$$\prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i; \lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^n \left[e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^{x_i}}{x_i!} \right] = e^{-n\lambda} \frac{\lambda^{\sum x_i}}{\prod x_i!}$$

By factorization, $\sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ is sufficient for λ . We also need to show that the family of distributions of $T = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ is complete. We can do that either by quoting a theorem about completeness in exponential families — or we can do the following direct verification.

Suppose that $E_\lambda [g(T)] = 0$ for all $\lambda > 0$. To show completeness we need to deduce that $g(t) = 0$ for $t = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$T \sim \text{Poisson}(n\lambda)$, so $E_\lambda [g(T)] = 0$ implies

$$0 = \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} g(t) e^{-n\lambda} \frac{(n\lambda)^t}{t!} = e^{-n\lambda} \sum_{t=0}^{\infty} \frac{n^t g(t)}{t!} \lambda^t \quad \text{for all } \lambda > 0.$$

This is possible only if $\frac{n^t g(t)}{t!} = 0$ for $t = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

that is, if $g(t) = 0$ for $t = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. So T is complete.

Now $E_\lambda(\bar{X}) = E_\lambda \left[\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n X_i}{n} \right] = \frac{n E X_1}{n} = E X_1 = \lambda$. So \bar{X} is a function of the complete sufficient statistic $T = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$, which is an MLE of λ . It follows from the Lehmann-Scheffe Theorem that \bar{X} is the UMVUE of λ .