

## CHAPTER 6

### Section 6.1

1.

- a. We use the sample mean,  $\bar{x}$  to estimate the population mean  $\mu$ .

$$\hat{\mu} = \bar{x} = \frac{\sum x_i}{n} = \frac{219.80}{27} = 8.1407$$

- b. We use the sample median,  $\tilde{x} = 7.7$  (the middle observation when arranged in ascending order).

c. We use the sample standard deviation,  $s = \sqrt{s^2} = \sqrt{\frac{1860.94 - \frac{(219.8)^2}{27}}{26}} = 1.660$

- d. With “success” = observation greater than 10,  $x = \#$  of successes = 4, and  $\hat{p} = \frac{x}{n} = \frac{4}{27} = .1481$

- e. We use the sample (std dev)/(mean), or  $\frac{s}{\bar{x}} = \frac{1.660}{8.1407} = .2039$

2.

- a. With  $X = \#$  of T's in the sample, the estimator is  $\hat{p} = \frac{x}{n}$ ;  $x = 10$ , so  $\hat{p} = \frac{10}{20} = .50$ .

- b. Here,  $X = \#$  in sample without TI graphing calculator, and  $x = 16$ , so  $\hat{p} = \frac{16}{20} = .80$

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3.

- a. We use the sample mean,  $\bar{x} = 1.3481$
- b. Because we assume normality, the mean = median, so we also use the sample mean  $\bar{x} = 1.3481$ . We could also easily use the sample median.
- c. We use the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile of the sample:  
 $\hat{m} + (1.28)\hat{S} = \bar{x} + 1.28s = 1.3481 + (1.28)(.3385) = 1.7814$ .
- d. Since we can assume normality,  

$$P(X < 1.5) \approx P\left(Z < \frac{1.5 - \bar{x}}{s}\right) = P\left(Z < \frac{1.5 - 1.3481}{.3385}\right) = P(Z < .45) = .6736$$
- e. The estimated standard error of  $\bar{x} = \frac{\hat{S}}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{s}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{.3385}{\sqrt{16}} = .0846$

4.

- a.  $E(\bar{X} - \bar{Y}) = E(\bar{X}) - E(\bar{Y}) = \mu_1 - \mu_2$ ;  $\bar{x} - \bar{y} = 8.141 - 8.575 = -.434$
- b.  $V(\bar{X} - \bar{Y}) = V(\bar{X}) + V(\bar{Y}) = \frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}$   

$$s_{\bar{X} - \bar{Y}} = \sqrt{V(\bar{X} - \bar{Y})} = \sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}}$$
; The estimate would be  

$$s_{\bar{X} - \bar{Y}} = \sqrt{\frac{s_1^2}{n_1} + \frac{s_2^2}{n_2}} = \sqrt{\frac{1.66^2}{27} + \frac{2.104^2}{20}} = .5687$$
- c.  $\frac{s_1}{s_2} = \frac{1.660}{2.104} = .7890$
- d.  $V(X - Y) = V(X) + V(Y) = s_1^2 + s_2^2 = 1.66^2 + 2.104^2 = 7.1824$

5.

$$\begin{aligned} N &= 5,000 & T &= 1,761,300 \\ \bar{y} &= 374.6 & \bar{x} &= 340.6 & \bar{d} &= 34.0 \\ \hat{q}_1 &= N\bar{x} = (5,000)(340.6) = 1,703,000 \\ \hat{q}_2 &= T - N\bar{d} = 1,761,300 - (5,000)(34.0) = 1,591,300 \\ \hat{q}_3 &= T\left(\frac{\bar{x}}{\bar{y}}\right) = 1,761,300\left(\frac{340.6}{374.6}\right) = 1,601,438.281 \end{aligned}$$

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6.

- a. Let  $y_i = \ln(x_i)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, 31$ . It is easily verified that the sample mean and sample sd of the  $y_i$ 's are  $\bar{y} = 5.102$  and  $s_y = .4961$ . Using the sample mean and sample sd to estimate  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$ , respectively, gives  $\hat{\mu} = 5.102$  and  $\hat{\sigma} = .4961$  (whence  $\hat{\sigma}^2 = s_y^2 = .2461$ ).

- b.  $E(X) \equiv \exp\left[\mu + \frac{\sigma^2}{2}\right]$ . It is natural to estimate  $E(X)$  by using  $\hat{\mu}$  and  $\hat{\sigma}^2$  in place of  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$  in this expression:

$$E(\hat{X}) = \exp\left[5.102 + \frac{.2461}{2}\right] = \exp(5.225) = 185.87$$

7.

- a.  $\hat{\mu} = \bar{x} = \frac{\sum x_i}{n} = \frac{1206}{10} = 120.6$
- b.  $f = 10,000$        $\hat{\mu} = 1,206,000$
- c. 8 of 10 houses in the sample used at least 100 therms (the "successes"), so  $\hat{p} = \frac{8}{10} = .80$ .
- d. The ordered sample values are 89, 99, 103, 109, 118, 122, 125, 138, 147, 156, from which the two middle values are 118 and 122, so  $\hat{\mu} = \tilde{x} = \frac{118 + 122}{2} = 120.0$

8.

- a. With  $q$  denoting the true proportion of defective components,  
 $\hat{q} = \frac{(\# \text{ defective in sample})}{\text{sample size}} = \frac{12}{80} = .150$
- b.  $P(\text{system works}) = p^2$ , so an estimate of this probability is  $\hat{p}^2 = \left(\frac{68}{80}\right)^2 = .723$

9.

- a.  $E(\bar{X}) = \mathbf{m} = E(X) = \mathbf{I}$ , so  $\bar{X}$  is an unbiased estimator for the Poisson parameter  $\mathbf{I}$ ;  $\sum x_i = (0)(18) + (1)(37) + \dots + (7)(1) = 317$ , since  $n = 150$ ,  
 $\hat{\mathbf{I}} = \bar{x} = \frac{317}{150} = 2.11$ .

- b.  $\mathbf{s}_{\bar{x}} = \frac{\mathbf{s}}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{\sqrt{\hat{\mathbf{I}}}}{\sqrt{n}}$ , so the estimated standard error is  $\sqrt{\frac{\hat{\mathbf{I}}}{n}} = \frac{\sqrt{2.11}}{\sqrt{150}} = .119$

10.

- a.  $E(\bar{X}^2) = \text{Var}(\bar{X}) + [E(\bar{X})]^2 = \frac{\mathbf{s}^2}{n} + \mathbf{m}^2$ , so the bias of the estimator  $\bar{X}^2$  is  $\frac{\mathbf{s}^2}{n}$ ; thus  $\bar{X}^2$  tends to overestimate  $\mathbf{m}^2$ .
- b.  $E(\bar{X}^2 - kS^2) = E(\bar{X}^2) - kE(S^2) = \mathbf{m}^2 + \frac{\mathbf{s}^2}{n} - k\mathbf{s}^2$ , so with  $k = \frac{1}{n}$ ,  
 $E(\bar{X}^2 - kS^2) = \mathbf{m}^2$ .

11.

- a.  $E\left(\frac{X_1}{n_1} - \frac{X_2}{n_2}\right) = \frac{1}{n_1}E(X_1) - \frac{1}{n_2}E(X_2) = \frac{1}{n_1}(n_1p_1) - \frac{1}{n_2}(n_2p_2) = p_1 - p_2$ .
- b.  $\text{Var}\left(\frac{X_1}{n_1} - \frac{X_2}{n_2}\right) = \text{Var}\left(\frac{X_1}{n_1}\right) + \text{Var}\left(\frac{X_2}{n_2}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{n_1}\right)^2 \text{Var}(X_1) + \left(\frac{1}{n_2}\right)^2 \text{Var}(X_2)$   
 $\frac{1}{n_1^2}(n_1p_1q_1) + \frac{1}{n_2^2}(n_2p_2q_2) = \frac{p_1q_1}{n_1} + \frac{p_2q_2}{n_2}$ , and the standard error is the square root of this quantity.
- c. With  $\hat{p}_1 = \frac{x_1}{n_1}$ ,  $\hat{q}_1 = 1 - \hat{p}_1$ ,  $\hat{p}_2 = \frac{x_2}{n_2}$ ,  $\hat{q}_2 = 1 - \hat{p}_2$ , the estimated standard error is  
 $\sqrt{\frac{\hat{p}_1\hat{q}_1}{n_1} + \frac{\hat{p}_2\hat{q}_2}{n_2}}$ .
- d.  $(\hat{p}_1 - \hat{p}_2) = \frac{127}{200} - \frac{176}{200} = .635 - .880 = -.245$

$$e. \sqrt{\frac{(.635)(.365)}{200} + \frac{(.880)(.120)}{200}} = .041$$

$$12. \quad E\left[\frac{(n_1-1)S_1^2 + (n_2-1)S_2^2}{n_1+n_2-2}\right] = \frac{(n_1-1)}{n_1+n_2-2}E(S_1^2) + \frac{(n_2-1)}{n_1+n_2-2}E(S_2^2) \\ = \frac{(n_1-1)}{n_1+n_2-2}\mathbf{s}^2 + \frac{(n_2-1)}{n_1+n_2-2}\mathbf{s}^2 = \mathbf{s}^2.$$

$$13. \quad E(X) = \int_{-1}^1 x \cdot \frac{1}{2}(1+qx)dx = \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{qx^3}{6} \Big|_{-1}^1 = \frac{1}{3}q \quad E(X) = \frac{1}{3}q \\ E(\bar{X}) = \frac{1}{3}q \quad \hat{q} = 3\bar{X} \Rightarrow E(\hat{q}) = E(3\bar{X}) = 3E(\bar{X}) = 3\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)q = q$$

14.

- a.  $\min(x_i) = 202$  and  $\max(x_i) = 525$ , so the estimate of the number of planes manufactured is  $\max(x_i) - \min(x_i) + 1 = 525 - 202 + 1 = 324$ .
- b. The estimate will equal the true number of planes manufactured iff  $\min(x_i) = \alpha$  and  $\max(x_i) = \beta$ , i.e., iff the smallest serial number in the population and the largest serial number in the population both appear in the sample. The estimator is not unbiased. This is because  $\max(x_i)$  never overestimates  $\beta$  and will usually underestimate it (unless  $\max(x_i) = \beta$ ), so that  $E[\max(x_i)] < \beta$ . Similarly,  $E[\min(x_i)] > \alpha$ , so  $E[\max(x_i) - \min(x_i)] < \beta - \alpha + 1$ . The estimate will usually be smaller than  $\beta - \alpha + 1$ , and can never exceed it.

15.

- a.  $E(X^2) = 2q$  implies that  $E\left(\frac{X^2}{2}\right) = q$ . Consider  $\hat{q} = \frac{\sum X_i^2}{2n}$ . Then
- $$E(\hat{q}) = E\left(\frac{\sum X_i^2}{2n}\right) = \frac{\sum E(X_i^2)}{2n} = \frac{\sum 2q}{2n} = \frac{2nq}{2n} = q, \text{ implying that } \hat{q} \text{ is an unbiased estimator for } q.$$

- b.  $\sum x_i^2 = 1490.1058$ , so  $\hat{q} = \frac{1490.1058}{20} = 74.505$

16.

$$\text{a. } E[\mathbf{d}\bar{X} + (1-\mathbf{d})\bar{Y}] = \mathbf{d}E(\bar{X}) + (1-\mathbf{d})E(\bar{Y}) = \mathbf{d}m + (1-\mathbf{d})m = m$$

$$\text{b. } \text{Var}[\mathbf{d}\bar{X} + (1-\mathbf{d})\bar{Y}] = \mathbf{d}^2 \text{Var}(\bar{X}) + (1-\mathbf{d})^2 \text{Var}(\bar{Y}) = \frac{\mathbf{d}^2 \mathbf{s}^2}{m} + \frac{4(1-\mathbf{d})^2 \mathbf{s}^2}{n}.$$

$$\text{Setting the derivative with respect to } \mathbf{d} \text{ equal to 0 yields } \frac{2\mathbf{d}\mathbf{s}^2}{m} + \frac{8(1-\mathbf{d})\mathbf{s}^2}{n} = 0,$$

$$\text{from which } \mathbf{d} = \frac{4m}{4m+n}.$$

17.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a. } E(\hat{p}) &= \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{r-1}{x+r-1} \cdot \binom{x+r-1}{x} \cdot p^r \cdot (1-p)^x \\ &= p \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{(x+r-2)!}{x!(r-2)!} \cdot p^{r-1} \cdot (1-p)^x = p \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \binom{x+r-2}{x} p^{r-1} (1-p)^x \\ &= p \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} nb(x; r-1, p) = p. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{b. } \text{For the given sequence, } x = 5, \text{ so } \hat{p} = \frac{5-1}{5+5-1} = \frac{4}{9} = .444$$

18.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a. } f(x; \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{s}^2) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\mathbf{p}\mathbf{s}}} e^{-\left(\frac{(x-\mathbf{m})^2}{2\mathbf{s}^2}\right)}, \text{ so } f(\mathbf{m}, \mathbf{m}, \mathbf{s}^2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\mathbf{p}\mathbf{s}}} \text{ and} \\ \frac{1}{4n[f(\mathbf{m})]^2} &= \frac{2\mathbf{p}\mathbf{s}^2}{4n} = \frac{\mathbf{p}}{2} \cdot \frac{\mathbf{s}^2}{n}; \text{ since } \frac{\mathbf{p}}{2} > 1, \text{ Var}(\tilde{X}) > \text{Var}(\bar{X}). \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{b. } f(\mathbf{m}) = \frac{1}{\mathbf{p}}, \text{ so } \text{Var}(\tilde{X}) \approx \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{4n} = \frac{2.467}{n}.$$

19.

a.  $I = .5p + .15 \Rightarrow 2I = p + .3$ , so  $p = 2I - .3$  and  $\hat{p} = 2\hat{I} - .3 = 2\left(\frac{Y}{n}\right) - .3$ ;

the estimate is  $2\left(\frac{20}{80}\right) - .3 = .2$ .

b.  $E(\hat{p}) = E(2\hat{I} - .3) = 2E(\hat{I}) - .3 = 2I - .3 = p$ , as desired.

c. Here  $I = .7p + (.3)(.3)$ , so  $p = \frac{10}{7}I - \frac{9}{70}$  and  $\hat{p} = \frac{10}{7}\left(\frac{Y}{n}\right) - \frac{9}{70}$ .

## Section 6.2

20.

a. We wish to take the derivative of  $\ln\left[\binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}\right]$ , set it equal to zero and solve

for p.  $\frac{d}{dp}\left[\ln\binom{n}{x} + x\ln(p) + (n-x)\ln(1-p)\right] = \frac{x}{p} - \frac{n-x}{1-p}$ ; setting this equal to

zero and solving for p yields  $\hat{p} = \frac{x}{n}$ . For n = 20 and x = 3,  $\hat{p} = \frac{3}{20} = .15$

b.  $E(\hat{p}) = E\left(\frac{X}{n}\right) = \frac{1}{n}E(X) = \frac{1}{n}(np) = p$ ; thus  $\hat{p}$  is an unbiased estimator of p.

c.  $(1 - .15)^5 = .4437$

21.

a.  $E(X) = \mathbf{b} \cdot \Gamma\left(1 + \frac{1}{\mathbf{a}}\right)$  and  $E(X^2) = \text{Var}(X) + [E(X)]^2 = \mathbf{b}^2 \Gamma\left(1 + \frac{2}{\mathbf{a}}\right)$ , so the

moment estimators  $\hat{\mathbf{a}}$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{b}}$  are the solution to  $\bar{X} = \hat{\mathbf{b}} \cdot \Gamma\left(1 + \frac{1}{\hat{\mathbf{a}}}\right)$ ,

$\frac{1}{n} \sum X_i^2 = \hat{\mathbf{b}}^2 \Gamma\left(1 + \frac{2}{\hat{\mathbf{a}}}\right)$ . Thus  $\hat{\mathbf{b}} = \frac{\bar{X}}{\Gamma\left(1 + \frac{1}{\hat{\mathbf{a}}}\right)}$ , so once  $\hat{\mathbf{a}}$  has been determined

$\Gamma\left(1 + \frac{1}{\hat{\mathbf{a}}}\right)$  is evaluated and  $\hat{\mathbf{b}}$  then computed. Since  $\bar{X}^2 = \hat{\mathbf{b}}^2 \cdot \Gamma^2\left(1 + \frac{1}{\hat{\mathbf{a}}}\right)$ ,

$\frac{1}{n} \sum \frac{X_i^2}{\bar{X}^2} = \frac{\Gamma\left(1 + \frac{2}{\hat{\mathbf{a}}}\right)}{\Gamma^2\left(1 + \frac{1}{\hat{\mathbf{a}}}\right)}$ , so this equation must be solved to obtain  $\hat{\mathbf{a}}$ .

b. From a,  $\frac{1}{20} \left( \frac{16,500}{28.0^2} \right) = 1.05 = \frac{\Gamma\left(1 + \frac{2}{\hat{\mathbf{a}}}\right)}{\Gamma^2\left(1 + \frac{1}{\hat{\mathbf{a}}}\right)}$ , so  $\frac{1}{1.05} = .95 = \frac{\Gamma^2\left(1 + \frac{1}{\hat{\mathbf{a}}}\right)}{\Gamma\left(1 + \frac{2}{\hat{\mathbf{a}}}\right)}$ , and

from the hint,  $\frac{1}{\hat{\mathbf{a}}} = .2 \Rightarrow \hat{\mathbf{a}} = 5$ . Then  $\hat{\mathbf{b}} = \frac{\bar{x}}{\Gamma(1.2)} = \frac{28.0}{\Gamma(1.2)}$ .

22.

a.  $E(X) = \int_0^1 x(\mathbf{q} + 1)x^{\mathbf{q}} dx = \frac{\mathbf{q} + 1}{\mathbf{q} + 2} = 1 - \frac{1}{\mathbf{q} + 2}$ , so the moment estimator  $\hat{\mathbf{q}}$  is the solution to  $\bar{X} = 1 - \frac{1}{\hat{\mathbf{q}} + 2}$ , yielding  $\hat{\mathbf{q}} = \frac{1}{1 - \bar{X}} - 2$ . Since  $\bar{x} = .80$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{q}} = 5 - 2 = 3$ .

b.  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n; \mathbf{q}) = (\mathbf{q} + 1)^n (x_1 x_2 \dots x_n)^{\mathbf{q}}$ , so the log likelihood is  $n \ln(\mathbf{q} + 1) + \mathbf{q} \sum \ln(x_i)$ . Taking  $\frac{d}{d\mathbf{q}}$  and equating to 0 yields

$\frac{n}{\mathbf{q} + 1} = -\sum \ln(x_i)$ , so  $\hat{\mathbf{q}} = -\frac{n}{\sum \ln(x_i)} - 1$ . Taking  $\ln(x_i)$  for each given  $x_i$

yields ultimately  $\hat{\mathbf{q}} = 3.12$ .



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23. For a single sample from a Poisson distribution,

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n; \mathbf{I}) = \frac{e^{-\mathbf{I}} \mathbf{I}^{x_1}}{x_1!} \dots \frac{e^{-\mathbf{I}} \mathbf{I}^{x_n}}{x_n!} = \frac{e^{-n\mathbf{I}} \mathbf{I}^{\sum x_i}}{x_1! \dots x_n!}, \text{ so}$$

$$\ln[f(x_1, \dots, x_n; \mathbf{I})] = -n\mathbf{I} + \sum x_i \ln(\mathbf{I}) - \sum \ln(x_i!). \text{ Thus}$$

$$\frac{d}{d\mathbf{I}} [\ln[f(x_1, \dots, x_n; \mathbf{I})]] = -n + \frac{\sum x_i}{\mathbf{I}} = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{\mathbf{I}} = \frac{\sum x_i}{n} = \bar{x}. \text{ For our problem,}$$

$f(x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_n; \mathbf{I}_1, \mathbf{I}_2)$  is a product of the x sample likelihood and the y sample likelihood, implying that  $\hat{\mathbf{I}}_1 = \bar{x}$ ,  $\hat{\mathbf{I}}_2 = \bar{y}$ , and (by the invariance principle)

$$(\mathbf{I}_1 - \mathbf{I}_2)^\wedge = \bar{x} - \bar{y}.$$

24. We wish to take the derivative of  $\ln \left[ \binom{x+r-1}{x} p^r (1-p)^x \right]$  with respect to p, set it equal

$$\text{to zero, and solve for p: } \frac{d}{dp} \left[ \ln \left( \binom{x+r-1}{x} \right) + r \ln(p) + x \ln(1-p) \right] = \frac{r}{p} - \frac{x}{1-p}.$$

Setting this equal to zero and solving for p yields  $\hat{p} = \frac{r}{r+x}$ . This is the number of

successes over the total number of trials, which is the same estimator for the binomial in

exercise 6.20. The unbiased estimator from exercise 6.17 is  $\hat{p} = \frac{r-1}{r+x-1}$ , which is not the same as the maximum likelihood estimator.

- 25.

a.  $\hat{\mathbf{m}} = \bar{x} = 384.4$ ;  $s^2 = 395.16$ , so  $\frac{1}{n} \sum (x_i - \bar{x})^2 = \hat{\mathbf{s}}^2 = \frac{9}{10}(395.16) = 355.64$

and  $\hat{\mathbf{s}} = \sqrt{355.64} = 18.86$  (this is not s).

- b. The 95<sup>th</sup> percentile is  $\mathbf{m} + 1.645\mathbf{s}$ , so the mle of this is (by the invariance principle)  
 $\hat{\mathbf{m}} + 1.645\hat{\mathbf{s}} = 415.42.$

26. The mle of  $P(X \leq 400)$  is (by the invariance principle)

$$\Phi\left(\frac{400 - \hat{\mathbf{m}}}{\hat{\mathbf{s}}}\right) = \Phi\left(\frac{400 - 384.4}{18.86}\right) = \Phi(.80) = .7881$$

27.

- a.  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n; \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = \frac{(x_1 x_2 \dots x_n)^{\mathbf{a}-1} e^{-\sum x_i / \mathbf{b}}}{\mathbf{b}^{na} \Gamma^n(\mathbf{a})}$ , so the log likelihood is
- $$(\mathbf{a}-1) \sum \ln(x_i) - \frac{\sum x_i}{\mathbf{b}} - n\mathbf{a} \ln(\mathbf{b}) - n \ln \Gamma(\mathbf{a}).$$
- Equating both  $\frac{d}{d\mathbf{a}}$  and  $\frac{d}{d\mathbf{b}}$  to 0 yields  $\sum \ln(x_i) - n \ln(\mathbf{b}) - n \frac{d}{d\mathbf{a}} \Gamma(\mathbf{a}) = 0$  and  $\frac{\sum x_i}{\mathbf{b}^2} = \frac{n\mathbf{a}}{\mathbf{b}} = 0$ , a very difficult system of equations to solve.
- b. From the second equation in a,  $\frac{\sum x_i}{\mathbf{b}} = n\mathbf{a} \Rightarrow \bar{x} = \mathbf{a}\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{m}$ , so the mle of  $\mathbf{m}$  is  $\hat{\mathbf{m}} = \bar{X}$ .

28.

- a.  $\left( \frac{x_1}{\mathbf{q}} \exp[-x_1^2 / 2\mathbf{q}] \right) \dots \left( \frac{x_n}{\mathbf{q}} \exp[-x_n^2 / 2\mathbf{q}] \right) = (x_1 \dots x_n) \frac{\exp[-\sum x_i^2 / 2\mathbf{q}]}{\mathbf{q}^n}$ . The natural log of the likelihood function is  $\ln(x_1 \dots x_n) - n \ln(\mathbf{q}) - \frac{\sum x_i^2}{2\mathbf{q}}$ . Taking the derivative wrt  $\mathbf{q}$  and equating to 0 gives  $-\frac{n}{\mathbf{q}} + \frac{\sum x_i^2}{2\mathbf{q}^2} = 0$ , so  $n\mathbf{q} = \frac{\sum x_i^2}{2}$  and  $\mathbf{q} = \frac{\sum x_i^2}{2n}$ . The mle is therefore  $\hat{\mathbf{q}} = \frac{\sum X_i^2}{2n}$ , which is identical to the unbiased estimator suggested in Exercise 15.
- b. For  $x > 0$  the cdf of  $X$  if  $F(x; \mathbf{q}) = P(X \leq x)$  is equal to  $1 - \exp\left[\frac{-x^2}{2\mathbf{q}}\right]$ . Equating this to .5 and solving for  $x$  gives the median in terms of  $\mathbf{q}$ :  $.5 = \exp\left[\frac{-x^2}{2\mathbf{q}}\right]$  implies that  $\ln(.5) = \frac{-x^2}{2\mathbf{q}}$ , so  $x = \tilde{\mathbf{m}} = \sqrt{1.38630}$ . The mle of  $\tilde{\mathbf{m}}$  is therefore  $(1.38630\hat{\mathbf{q}})^{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

29.

a. The joint pdf (likelihood function) is

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n; \mathbf{l}, \mathbf{q}) = \begin{cases} \mathbf{l}^n e^{-\mathbf{l}\Sigma(x_i - \mathbf{q})} & x_1 \geq \mathbf{q}, \dots, x_n \geq \mathbf{q} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

 Notice that  $x_1 \geq \mathbf{q}, \dots, x_n \geq \mathbf{q}$  iff  $\min(x_i) \geq \mathbf{q}$ ,

 and that  $-\mathbf{l}\Sigma(x_i - \mathbf{q}) = -\mathbf{l}\Sigma x_i + n\mathbf{l}\mathbf{q}$ .

$$\text{Thus likelihood} = \begin{cases} \mathbf{l}^n \exp(-\mathbf{l}\Sigma x_i) \exp(n\mathbf{l}\mathbf{q}) & \min(x_i) \geq \mathbf{q} \\ 0 & \min(x_i) < \mathbf{q} \end{cases}$$

Consider maximization wrt  $\mathbf{q}$ . Because the exponent  $n\mathbf{l}\mathbf{q}$  is positive, increasing  $\mathbf{q}$  will increase the likelihood provided that  $\min(x_i) \geq \mathbf{q}$ ; if we make  $\mathbf{q}$  larger than  $\min(x_i)$ , the likelihood drops to 0. This implies that the mle of  $\mathbf{q}$  is  $\hat{\mathbf{q}} = \min(x_i)$ .

The log likelihood is now  $n \ln(\mathbf{l}) - \mathbf{l}\Sigma(x_i - \hat{\mathbf{q}})$ . Equating the derivative wrt  $\mathbf{l}$  to 0

$$\text{and solving yields } \hat{\mathbf{l}} = \frac{n}{\Sigma(x_i - \hat{\mathbf{q}})} = \frac{n}{\Sigma x_i - n\hat{\mathbf{q}}}.$$

$$\text{b. } \hat{\mathbf{q}} = \min(x_i) = .64, \text{ and } \Sigma x_i = 55.80, \text{ so } \hat{\mathbf{l}} = \frac{10}{55.80 - 6.4} = .202$$

 30. The likelihood is  $f(y; n, p) = \binom{n}{y} p^y (1-p)^{n-y}$  where

$$p = P(X \geq 24) = 1 - \int_0^{24} \mathbf{l} e^{-\mathbf{l}x} dx = e^{-24\mathbf{l}}. \text{ We know } \hat{p} = \frac{y}{n}, \text{ so by the invariance}$$

$$\text{principle } e^{-24\mathbf{l}} = \frac{y}{n} \Rightarrow \hat{\mathbf{l}} = -\frac{\left[\ln\left(\frac{y}{n}\right)\right]}{24} = .0120 \text{ for } n = 20, y = 15.$$

## Supplementary Exercises

$$\begin{aligned} 31. \quad P(|\bar{X} - m| > e) &= P(\bar{X} - m > e) + P(\bar{X} - m < -e) = P\left(\frac{\bar{X} - m}{s/\sqrt{n}} > \frac{e}{s/\sqrt{n}}\right) + P\left(\frac{\bar{X} - m}{s/\sqrt{n}} < \frac{-e}{s/\sqrt{n}}\right) \\ &= P\left(Z > \frac{\sqrt{ne}}{s}\right) + P\left(Z < \frac{-\sqrt{ne}}{s}\right) = \int_{\sqrt{ne}/s}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2p}} e^{-z^2/2} dz + \int_{-\infty}^{-\sqrt{ne}/s} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2p}} e^{-z^2/2} dz. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{As } n \rightarrow \infty, \text{ both integrals } \rightarrow 0 \text{ since } \lim_{c \rightarrow \infty} \int_c^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2p}} e^{-z^2/2} dz = 0.$$

32. sp

$$\text{a. } F_Y(y) = P(Y \leq y) = P(X_1 \leq y, \dots, X_n \leq y) = P(X_1 \leq y) \dots P(X_n \leq y) = \left(\frac{y}{q}\right)^n$$

$$\text{for } 0 \leq y \leq q, \text{ so } f_Y(y) = \frac{ny^{n-1}}{q^n}.$$

$$\text{b. } E(Y) = \int_0^q y \cdot \frac{ny^{n-1}}{q^n} dy = \frac{n}{n+1}q. \text{ While } \hat{q} = Y \text{ is not unbiased, } \frac{n+1}{n}Y \text{ is, since}$$

$$E\left[\frac{n+1}{n}Y\right] = \frac{n+1}{n}E(Y) = \frac{n+1}{n} \cdot \frac{n}{n+1}q = q, \text{ so } K = \frac{n+1}{n} \text{ does the trick.}$$

33. Let  $x_1$  = the time until the first birth,  $x_2$  = the elapsed time between the first and second births, and so on. Then  $f(x_1, \dots, x_n; \mathbf{I}) = \mathbf{I}e^{-\mathbf{I}x_1} \cdot (2\mathbf{I})e^{-2\mathbf{I}x_2} \dots (n\mathbf{I})e^{-n\mathbf{I}x_n} = n!\mathbf{I}^n e^{-\mathbf{I}\sum kx_k}$ . Thus

the log likelihood is  $\ln(n!) + n \ln(\mathbf{I}) - \mathbf{I}\sum kx_k$ . Taking  $\frac{d}{d\mathbf{I}}$  and equating to 0 yields

$$\hat{\mathbf{I}} = \frac{n}{\sum_{k=1}^n kx_k}. \text{ For the given sample, } n = 6, x_1 = 25.2, x_2 = 41.7 - 25.2 = 16.5, x_3 = 9.5, x_4 =$$

$$4.3, x_5 = 4.0, x_6 = 2.3; \text{ so } \sum_{k=1}^6 kx_k = (1)(25.2) + (2)(16.5) + \dots + (6)(2.3) = 137.7 \text{ and}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{I}} = \frac{6}{137.7} = .0436.$$

$$34. \text{ } MSE(KS^2) = Var(KS^2) + Bias(KS^2).$$

$$Bias(KS^2) = E(KS^2) - \mathbf{S}^2 = K\mathbf{S}^2 - \mathbf{S}^2 = \mathbf{S}^2(K-1), \text{ and}$$

$$Var(KS^2) = K^2 Var(S^2) = K^2 \left( E[(S^2)^2] - [E(S^2)]^2 \right) = K^2 \left( \frac{(n+1)\mathbf{S}^4}{n-1} - (\mathbf{S}^2)^2 \right)$$

$$= \left[ \frac{2K^2}{n-1} + (K-1)^2 \right] \mathbf{S}^4. \text{ To find the minimizing value of } K, \text{ take } \frac{d}{dK} \text{ and equate to 0;}$$

the result is  $K = \frac{n-1}{n+1}$ ; thus the estimator which minimizes MSE is neither the unbiased

estimator ( $K = 1$ ) nor the mle  $K = \frac{n-1}{n}$ .

35.

$x_i + x_j$	23.5	26.3	28.0	28.2	29.4	29.5	30.6	31.6	33.9	49.3
23.5	23.5	24.9	25.7 5	25.8 5	26.4 5	26.5	27.0 5	27.5 5	28.7	36.4
26.3		26.3	27.1 5	27.2 5	27.8 5	27.9	28.4 5	28.9 5	30.1	37.8
28.0			28.0	28.1	28.7	28.75	29.3	29.8	30.9 5	38.6 5
28.2				28.2	28.8	28.85	29.4	29.9	31.0 5	38.7 5
29.4					29.4	29.45	30.0	30.5	30.6 5	39.3 5
29.5						29.5	30.0 5	30.5 5	31.7	39.4
30.6							30.6	31.1	32.2 5	39.9 5
31.6								31.6	32.7 5	40.4 5
33.9									33.9	41.6
49.3										49.3

There are 55 averages, so the median is the 28<sup>th</sup> in order of increasing magnitude. Therefore,  $\hat{m} = 29.5$

36. With  $\sum x = 555.86$  and  $\sum x^2 = 15,490$ ,  $s = \sqrt{s^2} = \sqrt{2.1570} = 1.4687$ . The  $|x_i - \tilde{x}|s$  are, in increasing order, .02, .02, .08, .22, .32, .42, .53, .54, .65, .81, .91, 1.15, 1.17, 1.30, 1.54, 1.54, 1.71, 2.35, 2.92, 3.50. The median of these values is  $\frac{(.81 + .91)}{2} = .86$ . The estimate based on the resistant estimator is then  $\frac{.86}{.6745} = 1.275$ .

This estimate is in reasonably close agreement with  $s$ .

37. Let  $c = \frac{\Gamma(\frac{n-1}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{n}{2}) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2}{n-1}}}$ . Then  $E(cS) = cE(S)$ , and  $c$  cancels with the two  $\Gamma$  factors and the

square root in  $E(S)$ , leaving just  $S$ . When  $n = 20$ ,  $c = \frac{\Gamma(9.5)}{\Gamma(10) \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2}{19}}}$ .  $\Gamma(10) = 9!$  and

$\Gamma(9.5) = (8.5)(7.5)\dots(1.5)(.5)\Gamma(.5)$ , but  $\Gamma(.5) = \sqrt{\pi}$ . Straightforward calculation gives  $c = 1.0132$ .

38.

a. The likelihood is

$$\prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi s^2}} e^{-\frac{(x_i - \mu_i)^2}{2s^2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi s^2}} e^{-\frac{(y_i - \mu_i)^2}{2s^2}} = \frac{1}{(2\pi s^2)^n} e^{-\frac{(\sum (x_i - \mu_i)^2 + \sum (y_i - \mu_i)^2)}{2s^2}}. \text{ The log}$$

likelihood is thus  $-n \ln(2\pi s^2) - \frac{(\sum (x_i - \mu_i)^2 + \sum (y_i - \mu_i)^2)}{2s^2}$ . Taking  $\frac{d}{d\mu_i}$  and equating to

zero gives  $\hat{\mu}_i = \frac{x_i + y_i}{2}$ . Substituting these estimates of the  $\hat{\mu}_i$ 's into the log

likelihood gives

$$\begin{aligned} & -n \ln(2\pi s^2) - \frac{1}{2s^2} \left( \sum \left( x_i - \frac{x_i + y_i}{2} \right)^2 + \sum \left( y_i - \frac{x_i + y_i}{2} \right)^2 \right) \\ & = -n \ln(2\pi s^2) - \frac{1}{2s^2} \left( \frac{1}{2} \sum (x_i - y_i)^2 \right). \end{aligned}$$

Now taking  $\frac{d}{ds^2}$ , equating to zero, and solving for  $s^2$  gives the desired result.

$$\text{b. } E(\hat{S}) = \frac{1}{4n} E(\sum (X_i - Y_i)^2) = \frac{1}{4n} \cdot \sum E(X_i - Y_i)^2, \text{ but}$$

$$E(X_i - Y_i)^2 = V(X_i - Y_i) + [E(X_i - Y_i)]^2 = 2s^2 + 0 = 2s^2. \text{ Thus}$$

$$E(\hat{S}^2) = \frac{1}{4n} \sum (2s^2) = \frac{1}{4n} 2n s^2 = \frac{s^2}{2}, \text{ so the mle is definitely not unbiased; the}$$

expected value of the estimator is only half the value of what is being estimated!