

Each question is worth 10 points. Explain your answers clearly.

1. You are given one sample that is either $\text{Uniform}(-1, 1)$ if $\Theta = 0$ or $\text{Uniform}(0, 4)$ if $\Theta = 1$. Your prior on Θ is equally likely ($P(\Theta = 0) = P(\Theta = 1) = 1/2$).
 - (a) What is the MAP estimator for Θ from this sample?
 - (b) What is the error probability of the MAP estimator in part (a)?
2. You observe the following samples of a normal random variable with unknown mean and variance: $-1.5, -0.8, 1.9$.
 - (a) What is the adjusted sample standard deviation S^2 ?
 - (b) Give a 95% confidence interval for the actual standard deviation. Justify the use of your formula for confidence intervals.
3. A fair n -sided die with equally likely face values $1, 2, \dots, n$ is tossed five times.
 - (a) You observe the outcomes $1, 2, 1, 1, 5$. What is the maximum likelihood estimate for n ?
 - (b) Let MAX be the largest of the five outcomes. Is $[MAX, 2MAX]$ a 95% confidence interval for n ? Justify your answer.
4. A random variable has PMF $f(-1) = f(1) = \theta$, $f(0) = 1 - 2\theta$, where θ is unknown ($0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{1}{2}$).
 - (a) What is the actual standard deviation σ of the random variable?
 - (b) What is the PMF of the adjusted sample standard deviation S^2 for two samples?

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1. X is a $\text{Normal}(0, \Theta)$ random variable, where the prior PMF of the parameter Θ is $P(\Theta = 1/2) = 1/2$, $P(\Theta = 1) = 1/2$. You observe the following three independent samples of X : 1.0, 1.0, -1.0.
 - (a) What is the posterior PMF of Θ ?
 - (b) What is the MAP estimate of Θ ?
2. The true fraction of employees in some company that support longer lunch breaks is 80%. Ten employees are polled about their support for longer lunch breaks (randomly with repetition). What is the probability that at least 70% of the polled employees support longer lunch breaks?
3. In a random 50 participant survey about favorite colors, 20 choose "blue", 15 choose "red", 10 choose "green", and 5 choose "yellow".
 - (a) Give 95% confidence intervals for the popularity of blue and green among the general population using the "simplified" formula for confidence intervals.
 - (b) Based on your calculation in part (a), what is your confidence level for the claim "blue is more popular than green"? Justify your answer.
4. A random variable X is $\text{Normal}(1, 1)$ with probability p and $\text{Normal}(-1, 1)$ with probability $1 - p$, where the parameter p is unknown.
 - (a) What is the maximum likelihood estimator of p from a single sample X ?
 - (b) Is the estimator in part (a) unbiased? Justify your answer.