

PRINCIPLE OF INCLUSION-EXCLUSION: Let $A_1, \dots, A_n \in L$. Then it holds

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i-1} P_i,$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} P_1 &= \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i); \\ P_2 &= \sum_{i_1 < i_2}^n P(A_{i_1} \cap A_{i_2}) \\ P_3 &= \sum_{i_1 < i_2 < i_3}^n P(A_{i_1} \cap A_{i_2} \cap A_{i_3}) \\ &\vdots \\ P_n &= P(A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_n). \square \end{aligned}$$

BONFERRONI'S INEQUALITY: Let $A_1, \dots, A_n \in L$. Then it holds

$$\sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i) - \sum_{i_1 < i_2}^n P(A_{i_1} \cap A_{i_2}) \leq P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i).$$

Proof: (\implies) We need to show

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i). \quad (1.1)$$

The case when $n = 1$ is trivial. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n > 1$, be arbitrary. From the Principle of Inclusion-Exclusion (PIE), it is

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) &= \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{i-1} P_i \\ &= \begin{cases} P_1 - (P_2 - P_3) - \dots - (P_{n-1} - P_n), & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \\ P_1 - (P_2 - P_3) - \dots - (P_{n-2} - P_{n-1}) - P_n, & \text{if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (1.2)$$

But, for $i > 1$, it holds

$$\begin{aligned}
P_i &= \sum_{j_1 < j_2 < \dots < j_i}^n P\left(\bigcap_{k=1}^i A_{j_k}\right) \\
&= \sum_{j_1 < j_2 < \dots < j_i}^n \left(\sum_{m > j_i}^n P\left(\bigcap_{k=1}^i A_{j_k} \cap A_m\right) + \sum_{m > j_i}^n P\left(\bigcap_{k=1}^i A_{j_k} \cap A_m^c\right) \right) \\
&= P_{i+1} + \delta \\
&\geq P_{i+1},
\end{aligned} \tag{1.3}$$

where $\delta \geq 0$. The result of (1.1) immediately follows from (1.2) and (1.3), since

$$-\sum_{i=2}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1} (P_i - P_{i+1}) - 1_{\{n \text{ is even}\}} \cdot P_n \leq 0,$$

where $\lfloor n \rfloor$ is the greatest integer contained in n .

(\Leftarrow) We need to show

$$\sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i) - \sum_{i_1 < i_2}^n P(A_{i_1} \cap A_{i_2}) \leq P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right). \tag{1.4}$$

The result immediately follows for $n = 1$, since $P_2 = \emptyset$, which implies that $P(A_1) \leq P(A_1)$.

Suppose that $n \in \mathbb{N}$ is arbitrary, $n > 1$. From the PIE, it holds

$$\begin{aligned}
P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) &= \sum_{i=1}^n (-1)^{n-1} P_i \\
&= \begin{cases} P_1 - P_2 + (P_3 - P_4) + \dots + (P_{n-1} - P_n), & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ P_1 - P_2 + (P_3 - P_4) + \dots + (P_{n-2} - P_{n-1}) + P_n, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}
\end{aligned} \tag{1.5}$$

The result of (1.4) immediately follows from (1.3) and (1.5), since

$$\sum_{i=3}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor + 1} (P_i - P_{i+1}) + 1_{\{n \text{ is odd}\}} \cdot P_n \geq 0. \square$$

NEYMAN-PEARSON LEMMA: Suppose we wish to test $H_0 : \mathbf{X} \sim f_{\theta_0}(\mathbf{x})$, versus $H_1 : \mathbf{X} \sim f_{\theta_1}(\mathbf{x})$, where f_{θ_i} is the pdf (or pmf) for \mathbf{X} under H_i , $i = 0, 1$, where both H_0 and H_1 are each simple.

(i) Any test of the form

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } f_{\theta_1}(\mathbf{x}) > k \cdot f_{\theta_0}(\mathbf{x}) \\ \gamma(\mathbf{x}), & \text{if } f_{\theta_1}(\mathbf{x}) = k \cdot f_{\theta_0}(\mathbf{x}) \\ 0, & \text{if } f_{\theta_1}(\mathbf{x}) < k \cdot f_{\theta_0}(\mathbf{x}) \end{cases} \quad (1.6)$$

for some $k \geq 0$, and $0 \leq \gamma(\mathbf{x}) \leq 1$, is most powerful of its significance level for testing H_0 versus H_1 . If $k = \infty$, the test

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } f_{\theta_0}(\mathbf{x}) = 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } f_{\theta_0}(\mathbf{x}) > 0 \end{cases} \quad (1.7)$$

is most powerful of size (or significance level) 0 for testing H_0 versus H_1 .

(ii) Given $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$, there exists a test of form (1.6) or (1.7), with $\gamma(\mathbf{x}) = \gamma$ (i.e., a constant) such that

$$E_{\theta_0}(\phi(\mathbf{X})) = \alpha.$$

Chapter 1

KEY THEOREMS: PART 2

BINOMIAL THEOREM: If $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$, then for a arbitrary real number x , it holds

$$(1+x)^n = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} x^i. \quad (1.1)$$

Proof: Here, let x be an arbitrary real number and let $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ be arbitrary. Let $f(x) = (1+x)^n$. Then, the Maclaurin series for f is given by

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(i)}(0)(x-0)^i}{i!}, \quad (1.2)$$

where $f^{(0)}(0) = f(0)$. It is,

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= n(1+x)^{n-1} \\ f''(x) &= n(n-1)(1+x)^{n-2} \\ &\vdots \\ f^{(k)}(x) &= n(n-1)\cdots(n-k+1)(1+x)^{n-k} \cdot 1_{\{k \leq n\}}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, re-writing (1.2), it holds

$$\begin{aligned}
f(x) &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \frac{f^{(i)}(0)(x-0)^i}{i!} \\
&= f(0) + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{n(n-1)\cdots(n-i+1)(1+0)^{n-i}x^i}{i!} \\
&= \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{n!x^i}{(n-i)!i!} \\
&= \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} x^i,
\end{aligned}$$

as desired. Since x and n were chosen arbitrarily, this result holds for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$. Therefore, if $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$, (1.1) holds. \square

MULTIPLICATION RULE: Suppose $A_1, \dots, A_n \in L$ and $P(A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_{n-1}) > 0$. Then, it holds

$$P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i\right) = P(A_1)P(A_2|A_1)P(A_3|A_1 \cap A_2) \cdots P(A_n|A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_{n-1}). \quad (1.3)$$

Proof: By induction *w.r.t.* n . To establish the basis for induction, suppose $n = 2$. It is,

$$P(A_1 \cap A_2) = \frac{P(A_1 \cap A_2)}{P(A_1)} P(A_1) \stackrel{*}{=} P(A_2|A_1)P(A_1),$$

where $(\stackrel{*}{=})$ holds by the definition of conditional probability. This establishes the basis for induction. Next, suppose that the result (expression (1.3)) holds for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n > 2$. We need to show that (1.3) holds for $(n+1) \in \mathbb{N}$. Let $B = \bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i$. It is,

$$P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^{n+1} A_i\right) = P(B \cap A_{n+1}) = \frac{P(A_{n+1} \cap B)}{P(B)} P(B) \stackrel{*}{=} P(A_{n+1}|B)P(B), \quad (1.4)$$

where $(\stackrel{*}{=})$ holds by the definition of conditional probability. Also, by the induction hypothesis, it holds

$$P(B) = P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i\right) = P(A_1)P(A_2|A_1)P(A_3|A_1 \cap A_2) \cdots P(A_n|A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_{n-1}),$$

so that (1.4) becomes

$$P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^{n+1} A_i\right) = P(B)P(A_{n+1}|B) = P(A_1)P(A_2|A_1)P(A_3|A_1 \cap A_2) \cdots P(A_{n+1}|A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_n),$$

which establishes the induction step. Therefore, by mathematical induction, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n \geq 2$, if $A_1, \dots, A_n \in L$ and $P(A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_{n-1}) > 0$, then

$$P\left(\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i\right) = P(A_1)P(A_2|A_1)P(A_3|A_1 \cap A_2) \cdots P(A_n|A_1 \cap \dots \cap A_{n-1}). \square$$

LAW OF TOTAL PROBABILITY: Let $\{H_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$ be a partition of Ω , for which $P(H_i) > 0$ for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$. If $A \in L$, it holds

$$P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A \cap H_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A|H_i)P(H_i). \quad (1.5)$$

Proof: For each $i \in \mathbb{N}$, since $P(H_i) > 0$, it is

$$P(A \cap H_i) = \frac{P(A \cap H_i)}{P(H_i)} P(H_i) \stackrel{*}{=} P(A|H_i)P(H_i),$$

where $(\stackrel{*}{=})$ holds by the definition of conditional probability. Thus, it is clear that the two summands of (1.5) are equal. Hence, it is left to show that

$$P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A \cap H_i).$$

It is,

$$A = (A \cap H_1) \cup (A \cap H_2) \cup \dots \cup (A \cap H_i) \cup \dots = \bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} (A \cap H_i),$$

and by PIE, it holds

$$P(A) = P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} (A \cap H_i)\right) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{j-1} P_j, \quad (1.6)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} P_1 &= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A \cap H_i); \\ P_2 &= \sum_{i_1 < i_2}^{\infty} P(A \cap H_{i_1} \cap A \cap H_{i_2}); \\ &\vdots \\ P_j &= \sum_{i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_j}^{\infty} P(A \cap H_{i_1} \cap A \cap H_{i_2} \cap \dots \cap A \cap H_{i_j}); \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

But, $P_j = 0$, for all $j > 1$, since the H_i are disjoint. The result follows immediately. Therefore, if $\{H_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$ is a partition of Ω , for which $P(H_i) > 0$ for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$ and $A \in L$, it holds

$$P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A \cap H_i) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A|H_i)P(H_i). \square$$

BAYES' RULE: Let $\{H_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$ be a partition of Ω , such that $P(H_i) > 0$ for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$, and let $A \in L$ for which $P(A) > 0$. Then, for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$, it holds

$$P(H_i|A) = \frac{P(A|H_i)P(H_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A|H_i)P(H_i)}.$$

Proof: Since $P(A) > 0$, by the definition of conditional probability, it follows

$$P(H_i|A) = \frac{P(H_i \cap A)}{P(A)} \stackrel{*}{=} \frac{P(A|H_i)P(H_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A|H_i)P(H_i)},$$

where the numerator of ($\stackrel{*}{=}$) holds by the definition of conditional probability and the denominator of ($\stackrel{*}{=}$) holds by the law of total probability. Therefore, if $\{H_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$ is a partition of Ω , such that $P(H_i) > 0$ for all $i \in \mathbb{N}$, and $A \in L$ for which $P(A) > 0$, then

$$P(H_i|A) = \frac{P(A|H_i)P(H_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P(A|H_i)P(H_i)}.$$

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Chapter 1

KEY THEOREMS: PART 3

MARKOV'S INEQUALITY: Let $h(X)$ be a non-negative Borel-measurable function of a random variable X . If $E(h(X))$ exists, then it holds:

$$P(h(X) \geq \epsilon) \leq \frac{E(h(X))}{\epsilon} \quad \forall \epsilon > 0. \quad (1.1)$$

When $h(X) = |X|^r$ and $\epsilon = k^r$, where $r, k > 0$, then (1.1) reduces to

$$P(|X| \geq k) \leq \frac{E(|X|^r)}{k^r},$$

Markov's Inequality.

Proof (continuous case): Let χ be the support of X . Since h is a non-negative function, define the set $A \subseteq \chi$ by

$$A = \{x \in \chi : h(x) \geq \epsilon\}.$$

Also, let $A^c = \chi \setminus A$, the complement of A . Suppose $E(g(X))$ exists. It is,

$$\begin{aligned} E(h(X)) &= \int_A h(x) f_X(x) dx + \int_{A^c} h(x) f_X(x) dx \\ &\stackrel{(A)}{\geq} \int_A h(x) f_X(x) dx \\ &\geq \int_A \epsilon \cdot f_X(x) dx \\ &= \epsilon \cdot P(h(X) \geq \epsilon), \end{aligned} \quad (1.2)$$

where (A) holds since h is non-negative. Dividing both sides of the inequality (1.2) by ϵ , yields (1.1). When $h(X) = |X|^r$ and $\epsilon = k^r$, where $r, k > 0$, we have

$$P(|X| \geq k) = P(|X|^r \geq k^r) \leq \frac{E(|X|^r)}{k^r}, \quad (1.3)$$

as required. Therefore, if h is a non-negative Borel-measurable function, (1.1) holds. Also, when $h(X) = |X|^r$ and $\epsilon = k^r$, where $r, k > 0$, it follows that (1.3) (Markov's Inequality) holds. \square

CHEBYCHEV'S INEQUALITY: Let $h(X) = (X - \mu)^2$ and $\epsilon = k^2\sigma^2$, where $E(X) = \mu$, $\text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2 < \infty$, and $k > 0$. Then it holds

$$P(|X - \mu| \geq k \cdot \sigma) \leq \frac{1}{k^2}. \quad (1.4)$$

Proof: From Markov's Inequality, it is

$$\begin{aligned} P(|X - \mu| \geq k \cdot \sigma) &= P(|X - \mu|^2 \geq k^2\sigma^2) \\ &\leq \frac{E((X - \mu)^2)}{k^2\sigma^2} \\ &= \frac{\text{Var}(X)}{k^2\sigma^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{k^2}, \end{aligned}$$

as required. Therefore, if $\text{Var}(X)$ exists, (1.4) holds. \square

LYAPUNOV'S INEQUALITY: Let $0 < E(|X|^n) < \infty$. For an arbitrary $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $2 \leq k \leq n$, it holds

$$(E(|X|^{k-1}))^{\frac{1}{k-1}} \leq (E(|X|^k))^{\frac{1}{k}}.$$

Proof: SEE STAT 6710 COURSE NOTES.

LEMMA 4.8.1: Let a and b be positive numbers and $p, q > 1$ such that $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$. Then it holds that

$$\frac{1}{p}a^p + \frac{1}{q}b^q \geq a \cdot b,$$

with equality holding iff $a^p = b^q$.

Proof: Fix b , and let $g(a) = p^{-1}a^p + q^{-1}b^q - a \cdot b$. We proceed by minimizing g . Here,

$$g'(a) = a^{p-1} - b = 0 \quad \iff \quad a^{p-1} = b. \quad (1.5)$$

Raising each side of the equation – given by (1.5) – to the q^{th} power, we have

$$a^{p-1} = b \quad \iff \quad a^{q(p-1)} = b^q \quad \iff \quad a^p = b^q, \quad (1.6)$$

since $p \cdot q = p + q$. Differentiating (1.5), it is

$$g''(a) = (p - 1) a^{p-2} > 0,$$

since $a > 0$ and $p, q > 1$. This implies (along with (1.5) and (1.6)) that $a^p = b^q$ is the unique minimum for g . So,

$$\begin{aligned} g(a^{p-1} = b) &= \frac{1}{p} a^p + \frac{1}{q} (a^{p-1})^q - a \cdot a^{p-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{p} a^p + \frac{1}{q} a^p - a^p \\ &= a^p \left(\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} - 1 \right) \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $g(a) \geq 0$. This implies that

$$\frac{1}{p} a^p + \frac{1}{q} b^q - a \cdot b \geq 0 \quad \iff \quad \frac{1}{p} a^p + \frac{1}{q} b^q \geq a \cdot b,$$

as desired. \square

HÖLDER'S INEQUALITY: Let X, Y be two random variables. Let $p, q > 1$ such that $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$. Then, it holds that

$$E(|X \cdot Y|) \leq (E(|X|^p))^{1/p} (E(|Y|^q))^{1/q}.$$

Proof: Define a and b as follows:

$$a = \frac{|X|}{(E(|X|^p))^{1/p}} > 0; \quad b = \frac{|Y|}{(E(|Y|^q))^{1/q}} > 0.$$

From Lemma 4.8.1, it is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{p} \frac{|X|^p}{E(|X|^p)} + \frac{1}{q} \frac{|Y|^q}{E(|Y|^q)} &\geq \frac{|X|}{(E(|X|^p))^{1/p}} \cdot \frac{|Y|}{(E(|Y|^q))^{1/q}} \\ \iff \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} &\geq \frac{E(|X \cdot Y|)}{(E(|X|^p))^{1/p} (E(|Y|^q))^{1/q}} \\ \iff E(|X \cdot Y|) &\leq (E(|X|^p))^{1/p} (E(|Y|^q))^{1/q}, \end{aligned}$$

since $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$. This establishes the desired result. \square

MINKOWSKI'S INEQUALITY: Let X, Y be two random variables. Then, for $1 \leq p < \infty$, it holds

$$(E(|X + Y|^p))^{1/p} \leq (E(|X|^p))^{1/p} + (E(|Y|^p))^{1/p}.$$

Proof: Suppose $p = 1$. From the triangle inequality, it holds

$$|X + Y| \leq |X| + |Y| \quad \Longleftrightarrow \quad E(|X + Y|) \leq E(|X|) + E(|Y|),$$

which establishes the desired result. Next, suppose that $p > 1$, and let $q = \frac{p}{p-1}$. This implies that $\frac{1}{q} + \frac{1}{p} = 1$. From the triangle inequality, it holds

$$|X + Y|^p = |X + Y| \cdot |X + Y|^{p-1} \leq (|X| + |Y|) |X + Y|^{p-1}.$$

Thus, from Hölder's Inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} E(|X + Y|^p) &\leq E(|X| |X + Y|^{p-1}) + E(|Y| |X + Y|^{p-1}) \\ &\leq (E(|X|^p))^{1/p} \left(E(|X + Y|^{q(p-1)}) \right)^{1/q} + (E(|Y|^p))^{1/p} \left(E(|X + Y|^{q(p-1)}) \right)^{1/q} \\ &= (E(|X|^p))^{1/p} (E(|X + Y|^p))^{1/q} + (E(|Y|^p))^{1/p} (E(|X + Y|^p))^{1/q}. \end{aligned}$$

Dividing both sides of this inequality by $(E(|X + Y|^p))^{1/q}$, we have

$$\frac{E(|X + Y|^p)}{E(|X + Y|^p)^{1/q}} \leq (E(|X|^p))^{1/p} + (E(|Y|^p))^{1/p},$$

which – since $1 - \frac{1}{q} = \frac{1}{p}$ – provides that

$$E(|X + Y|^p)^{1/p} \leq (E(|X|^p))^{1/p} + (E(|Y|^p))^{1/p},$$

as required. \square

CAUCHY-SCHWARTZ-INEQUALITY: Let X, Y be two random variables with finite variance. Then it holds:

(i) $\text{Cov}(X, Y)$ exists.

(ii) $(E(X \cdot Y))^2 \leq E(X^2)E(Y^2)$.

(iii) $(E(X \cdot Y))^2 = E(X^2)E(Y^2)$ iff there exists an $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$, such that $P(\alpha X + \beta Y = 0) = 1$.

Proof: (i) Since X and Y each have finite variances, it follows that for $i = 1, 2$, $E(X^i) < \infty$ and $E(Y^i) < \infty$. Thus, from Hölder's Inequality, taking $p = q = 2$, it holds

$$E(|X \cdot Y|) \leq (E(|X|^2))^{1/2} (E(|Y|^2))^{1/2} < \infty, \quad (1.7)$$

so that $E(X \cdot Y)$ exists. Hence,

$$E(X \cdot Y) - E(X)E(Y) < \infty,$$

so that $\text{Cov}(X, Y)$ exists.

(ii) From (1.7), it is,

$$(E(|X \cdot Y|))^2 \leq E(|X|^2)E(|Y|^2) = E(X^2)E(Y^2). \quad (1.8)$$

Since the absolute value function is convex, Jensen's Inequality provides that

$$|E(X \cdot Y)| \leq E(|X \cdot Y|) \iff (E(X \cdot Y))^2 \leq (E(|X \cdot Y|))^2$$

Therefore, from (1.8), it holds

$$(E(X \cdot Y))^2 \leq (E(|X \cdot Y|))^2 \leq E(X^2)E(Y^2),$$

as desired.

(iii) From the course notes for (ii) (note that the proof given above is not that given in class), a necessary and sufficient condition for equality in (ii) is that $E((\alpha \cdot X + \beta \cdot Y)^2) = 0$. Thus, it suffices to show that $E((\alpha \cdot X + \beta \cdot Y)^2) = 0$ is equivalent to $P(\alpha \cdot X + \beta \cdot Y = 0) = 1$. (\implies) Let $Z = \alpha \cdot X + \beta \cdot Y$. Since $0 = E((\alpha \cdot X + \beta \cdot Y)^2) = E(Z^2) = \text{Var}(Z) + (E(Z))^2$, and $\text{Var}(Z), (E(Z))^2 \geq 0$, it follows that $\text{Var}(Z) = E(Z) = 0$. Thus, $Z \sim \text{Dirac}(0)$. Hence,

$$1 = P(Z = 0) = P(\alpha \cdot X + \beta \cdot Y = 0),$$

as desired.

(\impliedby) Suppose that $P(\alpha \cdot X + \beta \cdot Y = 0) = 1$, for $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$. Then, $P(X = -\frac{\beta \cdot Y}{\alpha}) = 1$, which implies

$$\begin{aligned} (E(X \cdot Y))^2 &= \left(E\left(-\frac{\beta \cdot Y}{\alpha} \cdot Y\right) \right)^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha} \right)^2 (E(Y^2))^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha} \right)^2 E(Y^2)E(Y^2) \\ &= E(X^2)E(Y^2), \end{aligned}$$

as desired. Therefore, (iii) holds. \square

SLUTSKY'S THEOREM: Let $\{X_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ and $\{Y_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$ be sequences of random variables, and X be a random variable, all of which are defined on a probability space (Ω, L, P) . Let $c \in \mathbb{R}$ be a constant. Then, it holds:

$$(i) X_n \xrightarrow{d} X, Y_n \xrightarrow{p} c \implies X_n + Y_n \xrightarrow{d} X + c.$$

$$(ii) X_n \xrightarrow{d} X, Y_n \xrightarrow{p} c \implies X_n Y_n \xrightarrow{d} c \cdot X. \text{ If } c = 0, \text{ then also } X_n Y_n \xrightarrow{p} 0.$$

$$(iii) X_n \xrightarrow{d} X, Y_n \xrightarrow{p} c \implies \frac{X_n}{Y_n} \xrightarrow{d} \frac{X}{c}, \text{ provided that } c \neq 0.$$

Proof: (i) Since $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$, it follows (via Theorem result) that $X_n + c \xrightarrow{d} X + c$. Also, $Y_n \xrightarrow{p} c$, implies (via Theorem result) that $Y_n - c \xrightarrow{p} 0$. It holds,

$$Y_n - c = Y_n + X_n - (X_n + c) \xrightarrow{p} 0,$$

so that Theorem 6.1.17 of the course notes provides that $Y_n + X_n \xrightarrow{d} X + c$. This is what we needed to show.

(ii) Suppose $c \neq 0$. By Theorem 6.1.11(x), since $Y_n \xrightarrow{p} c$, it follows that $Y_n X_n \xrightarrow{p} c \cdot X_n$. Moreover, by Theorem 6.1.9(ii), it follows that $c \cdot X_n \xrightarrow{d} c \cdot X$. It is,

$$X_n Y_n - c \cdot X_n = (X_n Y_n - c \cdot X_n) - (c \cdot X_n - c \cdot X) \xrightarrow{p} 0,$$

and since $c \cdot X_n \xrightarrow{d} c \cdot X$, Theorem 6.1.17 provides that $X_n Y_n \xrightarrow{d} c \cdot X$, as desired. Next, suppose that $c = 0$. Let $\epsilon, k > 0$ be arbitrary real numbers. It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} P(|X_n Y_n| > \epsilon) &= P(|X_n Y_n| > \epsilon, Y_n \leq \frac{\epsilon}{k}) + P(|X_n Y_n| > \epsilon, Y_n > \frac{\epsilon}{k}) \\ &\leq P(|X_n \frac{\epsilon}{k}| > \epsilon) + P(|Y_n| > \frac{\epsilon}{k}) \\ &\leq P(|X_n| > k) + P(|Y_n| > \frac{\epsilon}{k}). \end{aligned}$$

Since $Y_n \xrightarrow{p} 0$ and $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$, then for any fixed $k > 0$, it holds

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|X_n Y_n| > \epsilon) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|X_n| > k).$$

But, we can make $P(|X_n| > k)$ as small as we like, by choosing k large. Thus,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|X_n Y_n| > \epsilon) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|X_n| > k) = 0,$$

which provides that $X_n Y_n \xrightarrow{p} 0$.

(iii) Suppose $c \neq 0$. Let $Z_n \xrightarrow{p} 1$. Let $Y_n = c \cdot Z_n$. Then, $\frac{1}{Y_n} = \frac{1}{Z_n} \cdot \frac{1}{c}$. By parts (v) and (viii) of Theorem 6.1.11, it follows that $\frac{1}{Y_n} \xrightarrow{p} \frac{1}{c}$. From part (ii) above, with $X_n \xrightarrow{d} X$ and $\frac{1}{Y_n} \xrightarrow{p} \frac{1}{c}$, implies that $\frac{X_n}{Y_n} \xrightarrow{d} \frac{X}{c}$. \square

WEAK LAW OF LARGE NUMBERS (VERSION 1): Let $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of *i.i.d.* random variables with mean $E(X_i) = \mu$ and variance $\text{Var}(X_i) = \sigma^2 < \infty$. Let $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$. Then, it holds

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|\bar{X}_n - \mu| \geq \epsilon) = 0 \quad \forall \epsilon > 0. \quad (1.9)$$

That is, \bar{X}_n is consistent for μ .

Proof: Note that since the X_i are *i.i.d.*, it holds that $E(\bar{X}_n) = \mu$ and $\text{Var}(\bar{X}_n) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$. Let $\epsilon > 0$ be arbitrary. From Markov's Inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} P(|\bar{X}_n - \mu| \geq \epsilon) &\leq \frac{E((|\bar{X}_n - \mu|)^2)}{\epsilon^2} \\ &= \frac{\text{Var}(\bar{X}_n)}{\epsilon^2} \\ &= \frac{\sigma^2}{n \cdot \epsilon^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|\bar{X}_n - \mu| \geq \epsilon) \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sigma^2}{n \cdot \epsilon^2} = 0,$$

as desired. Since $\epsilon > 0$ was chosen arbitrarily, (1.9) holds. \square

KHINTCHINE'S WLLN: Let $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of *i.i.d.* random variables with finite mean, $E(X_i) = \mu$. Then it holds:

$$\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} T_n \xrightarrow{p} \mu. \square$$

KOLMOGOROV'S STRONG LAW OF LARGE NUMBERS: Let $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of *i.i.d.* random variables. Let $T_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$. Then, it holds

$$\frac{T_n}{n} = \bar{X}_n \xrightarrow{a.s.} \mu < \infty \quad \iff \quad E(|X|) < \infty \quad (\text{and then } \mu = E(X)). \square$$

LINDEBERG-LÉVY CENTRAL LIMIT THEOREM: Let $\{X_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of *i.i.d.* random variables with $E(X_i) = \mu$ and $0 < \text{Var}(X_i) = \sigma^2 < \infty$. Then, it holds for $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ that

$$\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{X}_n - \mu)}{\sigma} \xrightarrow{d} Z,$$

where $Z \sim N(0, 1)$. \square

FACTORIZATION CRITERION: Let X_1, \dots, X_n be random variables with pdf (or pmf) $f(x_1, \dots, x_n | \theta)$, $\theta \in \Theta$. Then, $T(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ is sufficient for θ iff we can write

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n | \theta) = h(x_1, \dots, x_n)g(T(x_1, \dots, x_n) | \theta),$$

where h does not depend on θ and g does not depend on x_1, \dots, x_n , except as a function of T . \square

RAO-BLACKWELL: Let $\{F_\theta : \theta \in \Theta\}$ be a family of cdf's, and let h be any statistic in U , where U is the non-empty class of unbiased estimators of θ with $E_\theta(h^2) < \infty$. Let T be a sufficient statistic for $\{F_\theta : \theta \in \Theta\}$. Then, the conditional expectation, $E_\theta(h|T)$, is independent of θ and it is an unbiased estimate of θ . Additionally,

$$E_\theta((E(h|T) - \theta)^2) \leq E_\theta((h - \theta)^2) \quad \forall \theta \in \Theta,$$

with equality holding iff $h = E(h|T)$. \square

LEHMANN-SCHEFFÉ: If T is a complete sufficient statistic and if there exists an unbiased estimate h of θ , then $E(h|T)$ is the (unique) UMVUE.

Proof: Let U be the non-empty class of unbiased estimators of θ . Let $h_1, h_2 \in U$. Since T is sufficient for θ , it follows by the Rao-Blackwell Theorem that $E(h_1|T), E(h_2|T) \in U$. Moreover,

$$\theta = E(E(h_1|T)) = E(E(h_2|T)) \quad \iff \quad E(E(h_1|T) - E(h_2|T)) = 0.$$

Since T is complete, it follows that $E(h_1|T) = E(h_2|T)$. But, $h_1, h_2 \in U$ are arbitrary, so that $E(h|T)$ is the same for all $h \in U$. Thus, by the Rao-Blackwell Theorem, $E(h|T)$ improves all estimators of U . Therefore, since $E(h|T) \in U$, then $E(h|T)$ is the unique UMVUE for θ . \blacksquare

PRINCIPLE PROPERTIES OF THE INVERSE GAUSSIAN DISTRIBUTION:

Let $X \sim \text{IG}(\mu, \lambda)$. Then, the pdf for X is given by

$$f_X(x; \mu, \lambda) = \left(\frac{\lambda}{2\pi x^3} \right)^{1/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{\lambda(x - \mu)^2}{2\mu^2 x} \right\} \cdot 1_{\{x \in (0, \infty); \lambda, \mu > 0\}}. \quad (1.1)$$

Letting $\frac{1}{2}\alpha^2 = \mu$, Tweedie [1], claims that (1.1) is equivalent to

$$f_1(x; \alpha, \lambda) = \left(\frac{\lambda}{2\pi x^3} \right)^{1/2} \exp \left\{ -\lambda(\alpha \cdot x - (2\alpha)^{1/2} + 1/2x) \right\}. \quad (1.2)$$

By inspection, a necessary and sufficient condition for (1.2) and (1.1) to be equivalent is that $\alpha = (2\mu^2)^{-1}$. Thus, the **substitution of Tweedie**, namely $\frac{1}{2}\alpha^2 = \mu$, is **invalid** for (1.2) and (1.1) to be equivalent.

Moment Generating Function of X : Assume that $\alpha = (2\mu^2)^{-1}$, so that (1.2) and (1.1) are equivalent. To obtain the moment generating function (MGF) of X , Tweedie introduces the notion of the Laplace transform, $L_X(t; \mu, \lambda) = \log(E(e^{-tX}))$. Note that $L_X(-t; \mu, \lambda)$, if it exists, is the cumulant generating function for the random variable X . Subsequently, if it exists, the MGF for the random variable X is given by $\exp\{L_X(-t; \mu, \lambda)\}$. Suppose that $t \in \mathbb{C}$, where \mathbb{C} is the set of complex numbers. Tweedie shows that

$$L_X(t; \alpha, \lambda) = \lambda(2\alpha)^{1/2} - \lambda\sqrt{2} \left(\alpha + \frac{t}{\lambda} \right)^{1/2} + \log \left(\int_0^\infty f_1(x; \alpha + \frac{t}{\lambda}, \lambda) dx \right), \quad (1.3)$$

and provided that: (i) $\text{Re}(t) = 0$; or (ii) $\text{Re}(t) > -\alpha \cdot \lambda$, the integral of (1.3) evaluates to unity. Assume now that $\text{Im}(t) = 0$, so that $t \in \mathbb{R}$. Then, provided that $t > -\alpha \cdot \lambda$, since $\log(1) = 0$, (1.3) reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} L_X(t; \alpha, \lambda) &= \lambda(2\alpha)^{1/2} - \lambda\sqrt{2} \left(\alpha + \frac{t}{\lambda} \right)^{1/2} \\ &= \frac{\lambda}{\mu} - \frac{\lambda\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}\mu} \left(1 + \frac{2\mu^2 t}{\lambda} \right)^{1/2} \\ &= \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \left(1 - \left(1 + \frac{2\mu^2 t}{\lambda} \right)^{1/2} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (1.4)$$

Thus, provided that $-t < \alpha \cdot \lambda$, the MGF for X , is

$$M_X(t) = \exp \{ L_X(-t; \mu, \lambda) \} = \exp \left\{ \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{2\mu^2 t}{\lambda} \right)^{1/2} \right) \right\} \cdot 1_{\{t < \frac{\lambda}{2\mu^2}\}} \cdot \square$$

Characteristic Function of X : The result immediately follows from (1.3) and the note following the expression. This is due to the fact that $\Phi_X(t) = \exp\{L_X(-i \cdot t; \mu, \lambda)\}$, and $\text{Re}(i \cdot t) = 0$. Hence, from (1.3), and (1.4), it is

$$\Phi_X(t) = \exp\{L_X(-i \cdot t; \mu, \lambda)\} = \exp\left\{\frac{\lambda}{\mu} \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{2\mu^2 i \cdot t}{\lambda}\right)^{1/2}\right)\right\}. \square$$

f Defines a Pdf: By inspection, it is clear that (1.1) is positive for all $x, \lambda, \mu \in (0, \infty)$. Shuster [2], shows that the cdf for X is given by

$$F_X(x) = \Phi\left[\sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{x}} \left(\frac{x}{\mu} - 1\right)\right] + \exp\left\{\frac{2\lambda}{\mu}\right\} \Phi\left[-\sqrt{\frac{\lambda}{x}} \left(1 + \frac{x}{\mu}\right)\right], \quad (1.5)$$

where Φ is the cdf for the standard normal distribution. It holds,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} F_X(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \Phi(x) + \exp\left\{\frac{2\lambda}{\mu}\right\} \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \Phi(x) = 0; \text{ and} \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} F_X(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \Phi(x) + \exp\left\{\frac{2\lambda}{\mu}\right\} \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \Phi(x) = 1, \end{aligned}$$

where the later limit can be shown using L'Hospital's Rule. Therefore, f , as defined by (1.1), defines a valid pdf. \square

The Pdf of the Reciprocal of X : Let $Y = \frac{1}{X}$. Since the support of X is $(0, \infty)$, the transformation is one-to-one. Also, note that Y is monotone (decreasing) for $X \in (0, \infty)$. It holds,

$$\begin{aligned} f_Y(y) &= \left|\frac{d}{dy} g^{-1}(y)\right| f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \cdot 1_{\{y \in (0, \infty)\}} \\ &= \left|-\frac{1}{y^2}\right| f_X\left(\frac{1}{y}\right) \cdot 1_{\{y \in (0, \infty)\}} \\ &= \frac{1}{y^2} \left(\frac{y^3 \lambda}{2\pi}\right)^{1/2} \exp\left\{-\frac{\lambda \cdot y(y^{-1} - \mu)^2}{2\mu^2}\right\} \cdot 1_{\{y, \mu, \lambda \in (0, \infty)\}}. \\ &= \left(\frac{\lambda}{2\pi \cdot y}\right)^{1/2} \exp\left\{-\frac{\lambda(1 - \mu \cdot y)^2}{2\mu^2 y}\right\} \cdot 1_{\{y, \mu, \lambda \in (0, \infty)\}}. \square \end{aligned}$$

Expected Value and Variance of X : Let $\kappa(t) = \log(M_X(t))$. It holds

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \frac{d}{dt}\kappa(t)|_{t=0}; \text{ and} \\ \text{Var}(X) &= \frac{d^2}{dt^2}\kappa(t)|_{t=0}. \end{aligned} \tag{1.6}$$

Proof: It is,

$$\frac{d}{dt}\kappa(t) = \frac{d}{dt}\log(M_X(t)) = \frac{1}{M_X(t)} \frac{d}{dt}M_X(t),$$

so that

$$\frac{d}{dt}\kappa(t)|_{t=0} = \frac{1}{M_X(0)} M'_X(0) = E(X).$$

Also, by the product rule for derivatives, it holds

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2}\kappa(t) = \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{1}{M_X(t)} M'_X(t) \right) = -\frac{M'_X(t)}{(M_X(t))^2} \frac{d}{dt}M_X(t) + \frac{1}{M_X(t)} M''_X(t),$$

so that

$$\frac{d^2}{dt^2}\kappa(t)|_{t=0} = -\frac{(M'_X(0))^2}{(M_X(0))^2} + \frac{1}{M_X(0)} M''_X(0) = \text{Var}(X). \square$$

From (1.4), it is

$$\kappa(t) = L_X(-t; \mu, \lambda) = \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{2\mu^2 t}{\lambda} \right)^{1/2} \right) \cdot 1_{\{t < \frac{\lambda}{2\mu^2}\}}.$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}\kappa(t) &= -\frac{\lambda}{2\mu} \left(1 - \frac{2\mu^2 t}{\lambda} \right)^{-1/2} \left(-\frac{2\mu^2}{\lambda} \right) = \mu \left(1 - \frac{2\mu^2 t}{\lambda} \right)^{-1/2}; \text{ and} \\ \frac{d^2}{dt^2}\kappa(t) &= -\frac{\mu}{2} \left(1 - \frac{2\mu^2 t}{\lambda} \right)^{-3/2} \left(-\frac{2\mu^2}{\lambda} \right) = \frac{\mu^3}{\lambda} \left(1 - \frac{2\mu^2 t}{\lambda} \right)^{-3/2}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, from (1.6), it holds that $E(X) = \mu$, and $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{\mu^3}{\lambda}$. \square

Sufficient and Complete Statistic: We re-write (1.2) as

$$\log(f_1(x; \alpha, \lambda)) = D(\lambda, \mu) + S(x) + \sum_{i=1}^2 Q_i(\lambda, \mu) T_i(x), \tag{1.7}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} D(\lambda, \mu) &= \frac{1}{2} [\log(\frac{\lambda}{2\pi}) + 2\lambda\sqrt{2\alpha}]; \quad S(x) = -\frac{3}{2} \log(x); \\ Q_1(\lambda, \mu) &= -\lambda \cdot \alpha; \quad T_1(x) = x; \\ Q_2(\lambda, \mu) &= -\lambda; \quad \text{and } T_2(x) = \frac{1}{x}. \end{aligned}$$

It follows from (1.7),

$$f_1(\mathbf{x}; \alpha, \lambda) = \exp \left\{ D(\lambda, \mu) + S(\mathbf{x}) + \sum_{i=1}^2 Q_i(\lambda, \mu) T_i(\mathbf{x}) \right\},$$

so that f_1 belongs to a 2-dimensional parameter exponential family. Therefore, (via several Theorems), $(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i, \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{X_i})$ are jointly sufficient/complete for (μ, λ) . \square

Maximum Likelihood Estimators of (μ, λ) : Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a random sample from $\text{IG}(\mu, \lambda)$, let $L(\mu, \lambda; \mathbf{x})$ be the likelihood function, and let $\text{LL}(\mu, \lambda; \mathbf{x})$ be the log of the likelihood function. It follows from (1.1), that

$$\begin{aligned} L(\mu, \lambda; \mathbf{x}) &= f(x_1, \dots, x_n; \mu, \lambda) \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{\lambda}{2\pi \cdot x_i^3} \right)^{1/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{\lambda(x_i - \mu)^2}{2\mu^2 x_i} \right\} \cdot 1_{\{x_i \in (0, \infty); \lambda, \mu > 0\}} \\ &= \left(\frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \right)^{n/2} \prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{-3/2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{\lambda}{2\mu^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{x_i} \right\} \cdot 1_{\{x_i \in (0, \infty); \lambda, \mu > 0\}}, \end{aligned}$$

from which,

$$\text{LL}(\mu, \lambda; \mathbf{x}) = \frac{n}{2} (\log(\lambda) - \log(2\pi)) - \frac{3}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \log(x_i) - \frac{\lambda}{2\mu^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{x_i}.$$

Differentiating the log-likelihood function (*w.r.t.* μ), it is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \text{LL}(\mu, \lambda; \mathbf{x}) &= \frac{\lambda}{\mu^3} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{x_i} + \frac{\lambda}{\mu^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(x_i - \mu)}{x_i} \\ &= \frac{\lambda}{\mu^3} \left(n \cdot \bar{x} - 2n \cdot \mu + \mu^2 \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i} \right) + \frac{n \cdot \lambda}{\mu^2} - \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i} \\ &= n \cdot \bar{x} \frac{\lambda}{\mu^3} - \frac{n \cdot \lambda}{\mu^2}. \end{aligned} \tag{1.8}$$

Setting (1.8) equal to zero, we obtain that $\hat{\mu} = \bar{X}$. Next, differentiating the log-likelihood function (*w.r.t.* λ), it is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \text{LL}(\mu, \lambda; \mathbf{x}) &= \frac{n}{2\lambda} - \frac{1}{2\mu^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(x_i - \mu)^2}{x_i} \\ &= \frac{n}{2\lambda} - \frac{1}{2\mu^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(x_i - 2\mu + \frac{\mu^2}{x_i} \right) \\ &= \frac{n}{2\lambda} - \frac{n \cdot \bar{x}}{2\mu^2} + \frac{n}{\mu} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i}. \end{aligned} \tag{1.9}$$

Setting (1.9) equal to zero, and assigning μ to be its MLE, $\hat{\mu} = \bar{X}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
0 &= \frac{n}{2\lambda} - \frac{n \cdot \bar{x}}{2(\bar{x})^2} + \frac{n}{\bar{x}} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i} \\
\iff -\frac{n}{2\lambda} &= \frac{n}{2\bar{x}} - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i} \\
\iff \frac{1}{\lambda} &= -\frac{1}{\bar{x}} + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{x_i} \\
\iff \frac{1}{\lambda} &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{x_i} - \frac{1}{\bar{x}} \right). \tag{1.10}
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the maximum likelihood estimators for (μ, λ) are $\hat{\mu} = \bar{X}$ and $\hat{\lambda} = n \cdot \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{x_i} - \frac{1}{\bar{x}} \right) \right)^{-1}$. Of course, to verify that these estimates truly maximize the likelihood function, we would need to examine the second derivatives (“pure” and “partials” with respect to each of μ and λ), as well as the Jacobian (Wronskian) of the second partial derivatives. In particular, the signs of these derivatives. \square

UMVUE for λ : Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a random sample from $\text{IG}(\mu, \lambda)$. In his paper, Tweedie shows that

$$\frac{1}{\hat{\lambda}} \sim \frac{\chi_{n-1}^2}{n \cdot \lambda}.$$

Recall, the expected value for a chi-square random variable is its respective degrees-of-freedom. Thus,

$$E\left(\frac{1}{\hat{\lambda}}\right) = E\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{x_i} - \frac{1}{\bar{x}}\right)\right) = E\left(\frac{Y}{n \cdot \lambda}\right) = \frac{n-1}{n \cdot \lambda},$$

where $Y \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$. It follows that $\frac{n}{n-1} \cdot \frac{1}{\hat{\lambda}}$ is unbiased for $\frac{1}{\lambda}$. Thus, provided it is unbiased for λ , then $\frac{n-1}{n} \hat{\lambda}$ is UMVUE for λ by the Lehmann-Scheffé Theorem, since this estimator is a function of the joint sufficient/complete statistics, $\left(\sum_{i=1}^n X_i, \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{X_i}\right)$. Hence, it suffices to show that

$$E\left(\frac{n-1}{n} \hat{\lambda}\right) = \lambda. \tag{1.11}$$

To show this, we require the result of the following Lemma:

Lemma: Let $X \sim \Gamma(n, \lambda)$, and let $Y = X^{-1}$. Then, $E(Y) = \lambda \cdot n^{-1}$.

Proof: Let $Y = g(X) = X^{-1}$. Then, $X = g^{-1}(Y) = Y^{-1}$. The transformation is one-to-one, since the support of X is $(0, \infty)$, and Y is monotone (decreasing) on this interval. Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} f_Y(y) &= \left| \frac{d}{dy} g^{-1}(y) \right| f_X(g^{-1}(y)) \cdot 1_{\{y \in (0, \infty)\}} \\ &= \left| -\frac{1}{y^2} \right| f_X\left(\frac{1}{y}\right) \\ &= \frac{\lambda^n}{y^{n+1} \Gamma(n)} \exp\{-\lambda \cdot y^{-1}\} \cdot 1_{\{y \in (0, \infty)\}}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, substituting $u = \lambda \cdot y^{-1}$, it is

$$\begin{aligned} E(Y) &= \int_0^\infty \frac{y \cdot \lambda^n}{y^{n+1} \Gamma(n)} \exp\{-\lambda \cdot y^{-1}\} dy \\ &= \frac{\lambda}{\Gamma(n)} \int_0^\infty u^{n-2} \exp\{-u\} dy \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(n-1)\lambda}{\Gamma(n)} \\ &= \lambda \cdot n^{-1}, \end{aligned}$$

as desired. Therefore, if $X \sim \Gamma(n, \lambda)$, then $E(Y) = E\left(\frac{1}{X}\right) = \lambda \cdot n^{-1}$. \square

Now, let $Y \sim \chi_{n-1}^2$. Then, $Y \sim \Gamma\left(\frac{n-1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$, so that $E\left(\frac{1}{Y}\right) = \frac{1}{n-1}$. Hence, from (1.10), it holds

$$E\left(\frac{n-1}{n} \hat{\lambda}\right) = E\left((n-1) \frac{n \cdot \lambda}{n \cdot Y}\right) = (n-1) \lambda \cdot E\left(\frac{1}{Y}\right) = \lambda.$$

Therefore, by the Lehmann-Sheffée Theorem, $(n-1) \cdot \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \left(\frac{1}{x_i} - \frac{1}{\bar{x}}\right)\right)^{-1}$ is the UMVUE for λ . \square

Cramer-Rao Lower Bound for λ ($\mu = 1$): Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a random sample from $\text{IG}(\mu, \lambda)$. It is desired to determine the CRLB for λ when $\mu = 1$. To determine the CRLB, we consider the derivative of the log of the density function, as given by (1.1) above. Assume that the regularity conditions of the theorem hold. It is,

$$\log(f(x; \mu, \lambda)) = \frac{1}{2} [\log(\lambda) - \log(2\pi \cdot x^3)] - \frac{\lambda(x-1)^2}{2x},$$

which implies that

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \log(f(x; \mu, \lambda)) = \frac{1}{2\lambda} - \frac{(x-1)^2}{2x}. \quad (1.12)$$

Next, we need to determine the expectation (*w.r.t* λ) of the square of (1.12). However, since f is an exponential family, Lemma 7.3.11 of Casella states that

$$E_{\lambda} \left(\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \log(f(x; \mu, \lambda)) \right)^2 \right) = -E_{\lambda} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \lambda^2} \log(f(x; \mu, \lambda)) \right).$$

Thus, we have

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \lambda^2} \log(f(x; \mu, \lambda)) = -\frac{1}{2\lambda} \iff -E_{\lambda} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \lambda^2} \log(f(x; \mu, \lambda)) \right) = (2\lambda)^{-1}.$$

Since $\psi(\lambda) = \lambda$, then $\psi'(\lambda) = 1$. Hence, the CRLB for the variance of any unbiased estimator of λ , $T(\mathbf{X})$, is

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}_{\lambda}(T(\mathbf{X})) &\geq \frac{(\psi'(\lambda))^2}{n \cdot E_{\lambda} \left(\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda} \log(f(x; \mu, \lambda)) \right)^2 \right)} \\ &= \frac{1}{-n \cdot E_{\lambda} \left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial \lambda^2} \log(f(x; \mu, \lambda)) \right)} \\ &= \frac{2\lambda}{n}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the CRLB (provided that the regularity conditions hold) for $\text{Var}_{\lambda}(T(\mathbf{X}))$ is $2\lambda \cdot n^{-1}$. \square

Convolutions of IG Random Variables: Let X_1, \dots, X_n be a random sample from $\text{IG}(\mu, \lambda)$. It holds that \bar{X} and $Y = a \cdot X$ ($a > 0$) also follow IG distributions. Let's determine the parametrization for these random variables. It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} E(\bar{X}) &= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n E(X_i) = \mu; \text{ and} \\ \text{Var}(\bar{X}) &= \frac{1}{n^2} \sum_{i=1}^n \text{Var}(X_i) = \frac{\mu^3}{n \cdot \lambda}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $\bar{X} \sim \text{IG}(\mu, n \cdot \lambda)$. Next, we consider the random variable, $Y = a \cdot X$. Here,

$$\begin{aligned} E(Y) &= a \cdot E(X) = a \cdot \mu; \text{ and} \\ \text{Var}(Y) &= a^2 \text{Var}(X) = \frac{a^2 \mu^3}{\lambda} = \frac{(a \cdot \mu)^3}{a \cdot \lambda}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $Y \sim \text{IG}(a \cdot \mu, a \cdot \lambda)$. Therefore, $\bar{X} \sim \text{IG}(\mu, n \cdot \lambda)$ and $Y \sim \text{IG}(a \cdot \mu, a \cdot \lambda)$. \blacksquare