

EXAM 1: 7:00–8:30 PM (90 pts total)

You are allowed to use *one* sheet of notes (8.5in x 11in, 2-sided). Otherwise the exam is closed book.

1. (35 pts) *Binary Detection with Discrete Observations.* Consider the binary detection problem with $\mathcal{Y} = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ and

$$p_1(y) = \frac{y}{6} \quad \text{and} \quad p_0(y) = \frac{1}{4}, \quad y \in \mathcal{Y}$$

- (a) (2 pts) Find a Bayes rule for equal priors and uniform costs
- (b) (4 pts) Find the Bayes risk for the rule in part (a)
- (c) (5 pts) Assuming uniform costs, plot the Bayes risk lines for the following two tests:

$$\delta^{(1)}(y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } y = 2, 3 \\ 0 & \text{if } y = 0, 1 \end{cases} \quad \delta^{(2)}(y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } y = 3 \\ 0 & \text{if } y = 0, 1, 2 \end{cases}$$

- (d) (10 pts) Find a minimax rule for uniform costs.
- (e) (10 pts) Find a Neyman-Pearson rule for level $\alpha = \frac{1}{3}$.
- (f) (4 pts) Find P_D for the rule in part (e).

2. (25 pts) *Composite Hypothesis Testing.* Consider the hypothesis testing problem:

$$H_0 : \theta = 0$$

$$H_1 : \theta > 0$$

where

$$p_{\theta}(\mathbf{y}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \exp \left[-\frac{(y_1 - \theta)^2 + (y_2 - \theta^2)^2}{2} \right]$$

- (a) (10 pts) Is there a UMP test between H_0 and H_1 ? If so, find it (for a level of $\alpha \in (0, 1)$). If not, explain clearly why not.
- (b) (10 pts) Find an α -level locally optimum test for this problem, for $\alpha \in (0, 1)$.
- (c) (5 pts) Find P_D as a function of α and θ for the locally optimum test.

3. (30 pts) *Shorts*

- (a) (10 pts) Consider a binary hypothesis testing problem with uniform costs. You are only partially specified the Bayes risk curve for the problem:

$$V(\pi_0) = \min\{\pi_0, 0.3 - (\pi_0 - 0.5)^2\} \quad \text{for } 0 \leq \pi_0 \leq 0.6.$$

Use this information to find a minimax rule for this problem and the corresponding minimax risk.

(b) (10 pts) Consider the composite hypothesis testing problem:

$$\begin{aligned}H_0 : \theta &= 0 \\ H_1 : \theta &\in \{+1, -1\}\end{aligned}$$

where

$$p_\theta(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp \left[-\frac{(y - \theta)^2}{2} \right]$$

Find the structure of the GLRT solution. Simplify as much as possible.

(c) (10 pts) Consider the Bayesian binary hypothesis testing problem

$$\begin{aligned}H_0 : Y &\sim p_0 \\ H_1 : Y &\sim p_1\end{aligned}$$

with prior π_0 and uniform costs. The decision maker does not have access to Y , but observes the random variable,

$$U = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } L(Y) \geq \frac{\pi_0}{1-\pi_0} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where $L(Y) = \frac{p_1(Y)}{p_0(Y)}$.

Show that a Bayes rule based on U is equivalent to a Bayes rule based on Y .