

1. (a) Let $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ be an i.i.d. sample. Find the method of moments estimate $\hat{\lambda}_{MOM}$ and the maximum likelihood estimate $\hat{\lambda}_{MLE}$ of λ .
(b) Is $\hat{\lambda}_{MLE}$ unbiased? Is it efficient?
(c) Give an example of a distribution where the MOM estimate and the MLE are different.
2. (a) Prove that, for any (possibly correlated) collection of random variables X_1, \dots, X_k ,

$$\text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^k X_i\right) \leq k \sum_{i=1}^k \text{Var}(X_i). \quad (1)$$

- (b) Construct an example with $k \geq 2$ where equality holds in (1).