

1. Let  $F$  be a given strictly increasing cumulative distribution function with corresponding density  $f$  on the real line. Assume that  $n$  i.i.d. random variables are generated from  $F$ , but we are told only  $X := \max(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ . In particular, the positive integer  $n$  itself is unknown.
  - (a) Find the probability density function  $f_n(\cdot)$  of  $X$ .
  - (b) Show that the family  $\{f_n(\cdot), n \geq 1\}$  has monotone likelihood ratio with respect to some statistic, and make sure to identify the statistic involved.
  - (c) Find the uniformly most powerful test for testing  $H_0 : n \leq 5$  against  $H_a : n > 5$ .
2. Suppose that  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are i.i.d. random variables with mean  $\mu$ , variance  $\sigma^2$  and finite moments of all orders. We are interested in estimating  $g(\mu)$  where  $g : \mathbb{R} \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  is some smooth function with bounded third derivative.
  - (a) The “plug-in” estimator of  $g(\mu)$  is  $g(\bar{X}_n)$  where  $\bar{X}_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n X_j$  is the sample mean. Using Taylor’s expansion and assuming that  $n$  is large, find the leading term in the expression for the bias  $b := Eg(\bar{X}_n) - g(\mu)$  of  $g(\bar{X}_n)$  for estimating  $g(\mu)$ .
  - (b) Since  $\mu$  is unknown, the bias is also unknown. Explain how one can use the non-parametric bootstrap to estimate the bias  $b$ . Specifically, write down the expression for the bootstrap estimator of the bias.
  - (c) Let  $g(x) = x^2$  and  $n = 2$ . Suppose that the observed values are  $X_1 = 1$  and  $X_2 = 3$ . Find the exact value of the bootstrap estimator of the bias in this case. Which value would you use to estimate  $g(\mu)$ ?