

1. Let  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  be IID  $\text{Poisson}(\theta)$ . Find 95% confidence/probability intervals by the following methods for Ladislaus von Bortkiewicz's data on deaths by horse kick for Prussian Cavalry units (*Das Gesetz der kleinen Zahlen*, 1898). Here is some R code to create the dataset:

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Deaths = c(0,1,2,3,4,5)
N = c(109,65,22,3,1,0)
      # expand the dataset into individual cases
D1 = rep(Deaths,N)
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- (a) An 'exact' confidence interval using the same idea as the Clopper-Pearson interval for the binomial, ie solve the following equations for lower and upper bounds, for

$$Y = \sum X_i \sim \text{Poisson}(n\theta) :$$

$$\theta_L = \inf\{\theta : \mathbb{P}(Y \geq Y_{obs} | \theta) \geq .025\}$$

$$\theta_U = \sup\{\theta : \mathbb{P}(Y \leq Y_{obs} | \theta) \geq .025\}$$

- (b) The asymptotic confidence interval based using the fact that  $\bar{X}$  is approximately  $\text{Normal}(\theta, 1/I_n(\theta))$ .
- (c) The confidence interval based on the asymptotic normality of the score function, that is, solve the following for  $(\theta_L, \theta_U)$ :

$$\left| \frac{U_n(\tilde{X})}{\sqrt{I_n(\theta)}} \right| = 1.96$$

- (d) The confidence interval based on the likelihood ratio test statistic:

$$2(\log(f(\tilde{X}|\hat{\theta})) - \log(f(\tilde{X}|\theta))) \sim \chi_p^2$$

In other words,

$$\{\theta : \log(f(\tilde{X}|\hat{\theta})) - \log(f(\tilde{X}|\theta))\} \leq 3.84/2\}$$

- (e) A Bayesian HPD region of posterior probability .95 using a  $\text{Gamma}(5, \frac{1}{2})$  prior. Hint: the R function `pgamma(x,a,b)` computes the probability that a  $\text{Gamma}(a,b)$  random variable is less than  $x$ , that is the CDF  $F(x|a,b)$ . Hence the probability of the interval  $(X_L, X_U)$  is  $F(X_U | a, b) - F(X_L | a, b)$ .