# Final exam, Statistical Inference I: Date 1/11 (2015 Fall): [+40points] Name: Jia-Han, Shih Q1 [+18] Let $X_{1,...,}X_{n} \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\xi,\sigma^{2})$ , where $\theta = (\xi,\sigma^{2})$ . Let $\overline{X} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_{i}/n$ , and $S^{2} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_{i} - \overline{X})^{2}$ .

a) [+2] Derive the UMVUE of  $\xi^2$  (with proof)

## Ans:

Since  $\left(\overline{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i, S^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (X_i - \overline{X})^2\right)$  is a complete sufficient statistic for  $\theta = (\xi, \sigma^2)$ .

Their distribution are

$$\overline{X} \sim N\left(\xi, \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right)$$
 and  $\frac{S^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2_{df=n-1}$ .

Then we have

$$E(\overline{X}^2) = E(\overline{X})^2 + \operatorname{var}(\overline{X}) = \xi^2 + \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$$

and

$$E\left(\frac{S^2}{\sigma^2}\right) = n - 1 \Longrightarrow E\left(\frac{S^2}{n(n-1)}\right) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$$

Therefore,

$$E\left(\overline{X}^2 - \frac{S^2}{n(n-1)}\right) = E(\overline{X}^2) - E\left(\frac{S^2}{n(n-1)}\right) = \xi^2 + \frac{\sigma^2}{n} - \frac{\sigma^2}{n} = \xi^2$$

Since  $\overline{X}^2 - \frac{S^2}{n(n-1)}$  is a function of complete sufficient statistic. Therefore,

$$\overline{X}^2 - \frac{S^2}{n(n-1)}$$
 is the UMVUE of  $\xi^2$ .

b) [+4] For the above estimator, derive the risk  $R(\theta, \delta)$  under the squared error loss (include calculation details).

#### Ans:

Since  $\overline{X}$  is complete sufficient statistic for  $\xi$  and  $S^2$  is ancillary for  $\xi$ . By Basu's Theorem,  $\overline{X}$  and  $S^2$  are independent.

$$R(\theta, \delta) = E\{L(\theta, \delta)\} = E\left\{\left(\overline{X}^2 - \frac{S^2}{n(n-1)}\right) - \xi^2\right\}^2 = \operatorname{var}\left(\overline{X}^2 - \frac{S^2}{n(n-1)}\right)$$
$$= \operatorname{var}(\overline{X}^2) + \operatorname{var}\left(\frac{S^2}{n(n-1)}\right).$$

For the following computation, I directly use the formula of  $E(\overline{X}^k)$ . This formula will be proved latter.

$$\operatorname{var}(\overline{X}^{2}) = E(\overline{X}^{4}) - \{E(\overline{X}^{2})\}^{2} = \xi^{4} + \frac{6\xi^{2}\sigma^{2}}{n} + \frac{3\sigma^{4}}{n^{2}} - \left\{\xi^{2} + \frac{\sigma^{2}}{n}\right\}^{2}$$
$$= \xi^{4} + \frac{6\xi^{2}\sigma^{2}}{n} + \frac{3\sigma^{4}}{n^{2}} - \xi^{4} - \frac{\sigma^{4}}{n^{2}} - \frac{2\xi^{2}\sigma^{2}}{n}$$
$$= \frac{4\xi^{2}\sigma^{2}}{n} + \frac{2\sigma^{4}}{n^{2}}.$$

Thus, we have

$$\operatorname{var}\left(\overline{X}^{2} - \frac{S^{2}}{n(n-1)}\right) = \operatorname{var}\left(\overline{X}^{2}\right) + \operatorname{var}\left(\frac{S^{2}}{n(n-1)}\right)$$
$$= \frac{4\xi^{2}\sigma^{2}}{n} + \frac{2\sigma^{4}}{n^{2}} + \frac{\sigma^{4}}{n^{2}(n-1)^{2}}\operatorname{var}\left(\frac{S^{2}}{\sigma^{2}}\right)$$
$$= \frac{4\xi^{2}\sigma^{2}}{n} + \frac{2\sigma^{4}}{n^{2}} + \frac{2\sigma^{4}}{n^{2}(n-1)}.$$

Therefore, we obtain

$$R(\theta, \delta) = \frac{4\xi^2 \sigma^2}{n} + \frac{2\sigma^4}{n^2} + \frac{2\sigma^4}{n^2(n-1)}.$$

c) [+4] Derive the UMVUE of  $\xi^4$  if  $\sigma$  is known (with proof)

## Ans:

If  $\sigma$  is known, we have

$$E(\overline{X}^4) = \xi^4 + \frac{6\xi^2\sigma^2}{n} + \frac{3\sigma^4}{n^2}$$

and

$$E(\overline{X}^2) = \xi^2 + \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \Longrightarrow E\left(\frac{6\sigma^2}{n}\overline{X}^2\right) = \frac{6\sigma^2\xi^2}{n} + \frac{6\sigma^4}{n^2}.$$

Thus,

$$E\left(\overline{X}^{4} - \frac{6\sigma^{2}}{n}\overline{X}^{2} + \frac{3\sigma^{4}}{n^{2}}\right) = E(\overline{X}^{4}) - \frac{6\sigma^{2}}{n}E(\overline{X}^{2}) + \frac{3\sigma^{4}}{n^{2}}$$
$$= \xi^{4} + \frac{6\xi^{2}\sigma^{2}}{n} + \frac{3\sigma^{4}}{n^{2}} - \frac{6\sigma^{2}}{n}\xi^{2} - \frac{6\sigma^{4}}{n^{2}} + \frac{3\sigma^{4}}{n^{2}}$$
$$= \xi^{4}.$$

Since  $\overline{X}^4 - \frac{6\sigma^2}{n}\overline{X}^2 + \frac{3\sigma^4}{n^2}$  is a function of complete sufficient statistic.

Therefore,  $\overline{X}^4 - \frac{6\sigma^2}{n}\overline{X}^2 + \frac{3\sigma^4}{n^2}$  is the UMVUE of  $\xi^4$ .

## Ans:

Since  $\overline{X}$  and  $S^2$  are independent, we have

$$E\left(\frac{S^2}{\sigma^2}\overline{X}^2\right) = E\left(\frac{S^2}{\sigma^2}\right)E(\overline{X}^2) = (n-1)\left(\xi^2 + \frac{\sigma^2}{n}\right)$$
$$\Rightarrow E\left(\frac{6S^2}{n(n-1)}\overline{X}^2\right) = \frac{6\sigma^2\xi^2}{n} + \frac{6\sigma^4}{n^2}$$

and

$$E\left(\frac{S^4}{\sigma^4}\right) = \operatorname{var}\left(\frac{S^2}{\sigma^2}\right) + \left\{E\left(\frac{S^2}{\sigma^2}\right)\right\}^2 = 2(n-1) + (n-1)^2 = (n-1)(n+1) = n^2 - 1$$
$$\Rightarrow E\left(\frac{3S^4}{n^2(n^2-1)}\right) = \frac{3\sigma^4}{n^2}.$$

Therefore,

$$E\left(\overline{X}^{4} - \frac{6S^{2}}{n(n-1)}\overline{X}^{2} + \frac{3S^{4}}{n^{2}(n^{2}-1)}\right) = E(\overline{X}^{4}) - E\left(\frac{6S^{2}}{n(n-1)}\overline{X}^{2}\right) + E\left(\frac{3S^{4}}{n^{2}(n^{2}-1)}\right)$$
$$= \xi^{4} + \frac{6\xi^{2}\sigma^{2}}{n} + \frac{3\sigma^{4}}{n^{2}} - \frac{6\sigma^{2}\xi^{2}}{n} - \frac{6\sigma^{4}}{n^{2}} + \frac{3\sigma^{4}}{n^{2}}$$
$$= \xi^{4}.$$

Since  $\overline{X}^4 - \frac{6S^2}{n(n-1)}\overline{X}^2 + \frac{3S^4}{n^2(n^2-1)}$  is a function of complete sufficient

statistic. Therefore,  $\overline{X}^4 - \frac{6S^2}{n(n-1)}\overline{X}^2 + \frac{3S^4}{n^2(n^2-1)}$  is the UMVUE of  $\xi^4$ .

e) [+6] Under the constraint  $\xi = \sigma$ , derive the best estimator in a class of linear unbiased combinations of two unbiased estimators. Use the notation  $c_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\Gamma((n-1)/2)}{\Gamma(n/2)}$ to simplify the results.

#### Ans:

If  $\xi = \sigma$ , we have  $X_1, ..., X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\xi, \xi^2)$ . It is clear  $E(\overline{X}) = \xi$ . Now, let

$$Y = \frac{S^2}{\xi^2} \sim \chi^2_{df=n-1} \Longrightarrow S = \xi Y^{1/2}.$$

Then we have

$$E(S) = E(\xi Y^{1/2}) = \xi E(Y^{1/2}) = \xi_0^{\infty} y^{1/2} \frac{1}{2^{(n-1)/2} \Gamma((n-1)/2)} y^{\frac{n-1}{2}-1} e^{\frac{-y}{2}} dy$$
$$= \frac{\xi 2^{n/2} \Gamma(n/2)}{2^{(n-1)/2} \Gamma((n-1)/2)} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^{n/2} \Gamma(n/2)} y^{\frac{n}{2}-1} e^{\frac{-y}{2}} dy = \frac{\xi 2^{1/2} \Gamma(n/2)}{\Gamma((n-1)/2)}$$
$$= c_n^{-1} \xi.$$

Therefore,

$$E(c_n S) = \xi.$$

Hence we obtain  $\overline{X}$  and  $c_n S$  are both unbiased estimator for  $\xi$ . Let  $\delta = \alpha \overline{X} + (1-\alpha)c_n S$  is unbiased for  $\xi$ .

Then the risk

$$R(\theta, \delta) = E(\delta - \xi)^{2} = \operatorname{var}(\delta) = \alpha^{2} \operatorname{var}(\overline{X}) + (1 - \alpha)^{2} \operatorname{var}(c_{n}S)$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} R(\theta, \delta) = 2\alpha \operatorname{var}(\overline{X}) - 2(1 - \alpha) \operatorname{var}(c_{n}S) \equiv 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^{*} = \frac{\operatorname{var}(c_{n}S)}{\operatorname{var}(\overline{X}) + \operatorname{var}(c_{n}S)}.$$

Since

$$\operatorname{var}(\overline{X}) = \frac{\xi^2}{n}$$

and

$$\operatorname{var}(c_n S) = E(c_n^2 S^2) - E(c_n S)^2 = c_n^2 \xi^2 (n-1) - \xi^2$$
$$= \{ c_n^2 (n-1) - 1 \} \xi^2.$$

Hence

$$\alpha^* = \frac{\{c_n^2(n-1)-1\}\xi^2}{\xi^2/n + \{c_n^2(n-1)-1\}\xi^2} = \frac{n\{c_n^2(n-1)-1\}}{1 + n\{c_n^2(n-1)-1\}}$$

Thus, the best estimator in the class of linear unbiased combination is

$$\alpha^*\overline{X} + (1-\alpha^*)c_nS,$$

where

$$\alpha^* = \frac{n\{c_n^2(n-1)-1\}}{1+n\{c_n^2(n-1)-1\}}.$$

## <u>Formula</u>

If  $X_1, \dots, X_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\xi, \sigma^2)$  with  $\sigma^2$  is known. The formula of  $E(\overline{X}^k)$  is  $E(\overline{X}^k) = \sum_{r=0}^k \binom{k}{r} \xi^{k-r} E(Y^r),$ 

where

$$Y \sim N(0, \sigma^2/n)$$

and

$$E(Y^{r}) = \begin{cases} (r-1)(r-3)\cdots 3 \cdot 1 \cdot (\sigma^{2}/n)^{r/2} & \text{where } r \ge 2 \text{ is even} \\ 0 & \text{where } r \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

## **Proof:**

One can write  $\overline{X} = Y + \xi$ . By the binomial theorem, we have

$$E(\overline{X}^{k}) = E\{(Y + \xi)^{k}\}$$
$$= E\left\{\sum_{r=0}^{k} \binom{k}{r} \xi^{k-r} Y^{r}\right\}$$
$$= \sum_{r=0}^{k} \binom{k}{r} \xi^{k-r} E(Y^{r}).$$

Then

$$E(Y^r) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y^r \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2/n}} \exp\left\{\frac{-y^2}{2\sigma^2/n}\right\} dy.$$

Using the change of variable  $y = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}u$ , then we can obtain

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y^r \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2/n}} \exp\left\{\frac{-y^2}{2\sigma^2/n}\right\} dy$$
$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}u\right)^r \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2/n}} \exp\left\{\frac{-1}{2\sigma^2/n}\frac{\sigma^2}{n}u^2\right\} \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} du$$
$$= \left(\frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}}\right)^r \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u^r \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left\{\frac{-u^2}{2}\right\} du.$$

Then consider the integral

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u^r \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left\{\frac{-u^2}{2}\right\} du \, .$$

If *r* is odd, it is an integral of an odd function over a real line. Hence it is zero. If *r* is even, consider the change of variable  $u = \sqrt{w}$ , then we have

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u^{r} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left\{\frac{-u^{2}}{2}\right\} du = 2 \int_{0}^{\infty} u^{r} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left\{\frac{-u^{2}}{2}\right\} du$$
$$= 2 \int_{0}^{\infty} (\sqrt{2w})^{r} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left\{\frac{-(\sqrt{2w})^{2}}{2}\right\} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2w}} dw$$
$$= \frac{2^{\frac{r}{2}}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} w^{\frac{r-1}{2}} e^{-w} dw = \frac{2^{\frac{r}{2}}}{\sqrt{\pi}} \Gamma\left(\frac{r}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}} 2^{\frac{r}{2}} \left(\frac{r-1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{r-3}{2}\right) \cdots \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \sqrt{\pi}$$
$$= (r-1)(r-3) \cdots 3 \cdot 1.$$

Therefore, we obtain

$$E(Y^{r}) = \begin{cases} (r-1)(r-3)\cdots 3 \cdot 1 \cdot (\sigma^{2}/n)^{r/2} & \text{where } r \ge 2 \text{ is even} \\ 0 & \text{where } r \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$

Hence we have shown the formula of  $E(\overline{X}^k)$ .

**Q2** [+22] We obtain independent observations  $X_1, ..., X_m \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\xi, \sigma^2)$  and  $Y_1, ..., Y_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\eta, \tau^2)$ , where  $\theta = (\xi, \sigma^2, \eta, \tau^2)$ . Let  $\overline{X} = \sum_{i=1}^m X_i / m, \overline{Y} = \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i / n,$  $S_X^2 = \sum_{i=1}^m (X_i - \overline{X})^2$ , and  $S_Y^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n (Y_i - \overline{Y})^2$ .

a) [+3] Derive the UMVUE of  $\sigma^r$  (with proof)

#### Ans:

 $(\overline{X}, \overline{Y}, S_X^2, S_Y^2)$  is complete sufficient statistic for  $\theta = (\xi, \sigma^2, \eta, \tau^2)$ . Now, let

$$W = \frac{S_X^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2_{df=m-1} \Longrightarrow S = \sigma W^{1/2}.$$

Then we have

$$\begin{split} E(S_X^r) &= E(\sigma^r W^{r/2}) = \sigma^r E(W^{1/2}) = \sigma^r \int_0^\infty w^{1/2} \frac{1}{2^{(m-1)/2} \Gamma((m-1)/2)} w^{\frac{m-1}{2} - l} e^{\frac{-w}{2}} dw \\ &= \frac{\sigma^r 2^{(m+r-1)/2} \Gamma((m+r-1)/2)}{2^{(m-1)/2} \Gamma((m-1)/2)} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{2^{(m+r-1)/2} \Gamma((m+r-1)/2)} w^{\frac{m+r-1}{2} - l} e^{\frac{-w}{2}} dw \\ &= \frac{\sigma^r 2^{r/2} \Gamma((m+r-1)/2)}{\Gamma((m-1)/2)}. \end{split}$$

Here we define

$$K_{m-1,r} = \frac{\Gamma((m-1)/2)}{2^{r/2}\Gamma((m+r-1)/2)}.$$

Therefore,

$$E(K_{m-1,r}S_X^r) = \sigma^r.$$

Since  $K_{m-1,r}S_X^r$  is a function of complete sufficient statistic hence  $K_{m-1,r}S_X^r$  is the UMVUE of  $\sigma^r$ .

b) [+4] Derive the UMVUE of  $\tau^r / \sigma^r$  (with proof)

Ans:

Since  $\tau^r / \sigma^r = \tau^r \sigma^{-r}$ . Similarly, we have

$$E(K_{n-1,r}S_Y^r) = \tau^r.$$

This formula is also correct for negative in the constraint

$$m > -r + 1.$$

This is because the gamma function  $\Gamma(\alpha)$ , where  $\alpha > 0$ . Therefore,

$$E(K_{m-1,-r}S_X^{-r}) = \sigma^{-r}.$$

Also X and Y are independent. Thus,

$$E(K_{n-1,r}S_Y^rK_{m-1,-r}S_X^{-r}) = \tau^r \sigma^{-r}.$$

Since  $K_{n-1,r}S_Y^r K_{m-1,-r}S_X^{-r}$  is a function of complete sufficient statistic hence  $K_{n-1,r}S_Y^r K_{m-1,-r}S_X^{-r}$  is the UMVUE of  $\tau^r/\sigma^r$ .

c) [+2] Derive the UMVUE of  $\xi/\sigma$  (with proof)

#### Ans:

We have

$$E(X) = \xi$$

and

$$E(K_{m-1,-1}S_X^{-1}) = \sigma^{-1}.$$

Since  $\overline{X}$  and  $S^2$  are independent, we have

$$E(\overline{X}K_{m-1,-1}S_X^{-1}) = E(\overline{X})E(K_{m-1,-1}S_X^{-1}) = \xi/\sigma.$$

Since  $\overline{X}K_{m-1,-1}S_X^{-1}$  is a function of complete sufficient statistic hence  $\overline{X}K_{m-1,-1}S_X^{-1}$  is the UMVUE of  $\xi/\sigma$ .

d) [+4] Derive the UMVUE of  $\sigma^r$  when  $\tau^2 = \sigma^2$  (with proof)

### Ans:

If  $\tau^2 = \sigma^2$ , then we have

$$X_1,...,X_m \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\xi,\sigma^2)$$
 and  $Y_1,...,Y_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\eta,\sigma^2)$ .

Then

$$p_{\theta}(x, y) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^{2})^{m/2}(2\pi\sigma^{2})^{n/2}} \exp\left\{\frac{-1}{2\sigma^{2}}\sum_{i=1}^{m}(X_{i}-\xi)^{2}\frac{-1}{2\sigma^{2}}\sum_{i=1}^{n}(Y_{i}-\eta)^{2}\right\}$$
$$= \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^{2})^{(m+n)/2}} \exp\left\{\frac{-1}{2\sigma^{2}}\left(\sum_{i=1}^{m}X_{i}^{2}+\sum_{i=1}^{n}y_{i}^{2}\right)+\frac{\xi}{\sigma^{2}}\sum_{i=1}^{m}X_{i}+\frac{\eta}{\sigma^{2}}\sum_{i=1}^{n}Y_{i}-\frac{\xi^{2}+\eta^{2}}{2\sigma^{2}}\right\}.$$

Since  $\Theta = \left\{ \left( \frac{-1}{2\sigma^2}, \frac{\xi}{\sigma^2}, \frac{\eta}{\sigma^2} \right); \xi \in \mathbb{R}, \eta \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } \sigma^2 > 0 \right\}$  contains a 3-dimensional

open rectangle hence it is full rank. Therefore,

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^{m} X_{i}^{2} + \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_{i}^{2}, \sum_{i=1}^{m} X_{i}, \sum_{i=1}^{n} Y_{i}\right)$$

is a complete sufficient statistic for  $\theta = (\xi, \eta, \sigma^2)$ .

$$(\overline{X},\overline{Y},S^2=S_X^2+S_Y^2)$$

is also a complete sufficient statistic for  $\theta = (\xi, \eta, \sigma^2)$ . Now, let

$$W = \frac{S^2}{\sigma^2} \sim \chi^2_{df=m+n-2} \Longrightarrow S = \sigma W^{1/2}.$$

Then we have

Therefore,

$$E(K_{m+n-2,r}S^r) = \sigma^r.$$

Since  $K_{m+n-2,r}S^r$  is a function of complete statistic hence  $K_{m+n-2,r}S^r$  is the UMVUE of  $\sigma^r$ .

e) [+5] Derive the UMVUE of  $\xi$  when  $\xi = \eta$  and  $\sigma^2 / \tau^2 = \gamma$  is known (with proof).

#### Ans:

If  $\xi = \eta$  and  $\sigma^2 = \gamma \tau^2$ , then we have

$$X_1,...,X_m \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\xi,\gamma\tau^2)$$
 and  $Y_1,...,Y_n \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N(\xi,\tau^2)$ .

Then

Since  $\Theta = \left\{ \left( \frac{-1}{2\gamma\tau^2}, \frac{\xi}{\gamma\tau^2} \right); \xi \in R \text{ and } \tau^2 > 0 \right\}$  contains a 2-dimensional open

rectangle hence it is full rank. Therefore,

$$\left(T_{1} = \sum_{i=1}^{m} X_{i}^{2} + \gamma \sum_{i=1}^{n} y_{i}^{2}, T_{2} = \sum_{i=1}^{m} X_{i} + \gamma \sum_{i=1}^{n} Y_{i}\right)$$

is a complete sufficient statistic for  $\theta = (\xi, \tau^2)$ .

Thus,

$$E(m\overline{X} + \gamma n\overline{Y}) = (m + \gamma n)\xi \Longrightarrow E\left(\frac{T_2}{m + \gamma n}\right) = \xi.$$

Since  $\frac{T_2}{m+\gamma n}$  is a function of complete sufficient statistic hence  $\frac{T_2}{m+\gamma n}$  is the UMVUE of  $\xi$ .

f) [+4] Find an unbiased estimator of  $\xi$  when  $\xi = \eta$  (with proof).

### Ans:

Since  $\gamma$  is unknown, we can estimate  $\gamma$  by

$$\hat{\gamma} = \frac{\hat{\sigma}^2}{\hat{\tau}^2},$$

where  $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{S_X^2}{m-1}$  and  $\hat{\tau}^2 = \frac{S_Y^2}{n-1}$  are unbiased.

Then

$$E\left(\frac{m\overline{X}+\hat{m}\overline{Y}}{m+\hat{m}}\right) = E\left(\frac{m\overline{X}}{m+\hat{m}}\right) + E\left(\frac{\hat{m}\overline{Y}}{m+\hat{m}}\right).$$

Let

$$\hat{\alpha} = \frac{m}{m + \hat{\gamma}n}$$
 and  $1 - \hat{\alpha} = \frac{\hat{\gamma}n}{m + \hat{\gamma}n}$ 

Therefore,

$$E\left(\frac{m\overline{X} + \hat{\gamma}n\overline{Y}}{m + \hat{\gamma}n}\right) = E(\hat{\alpha}\overline{X}) + E((1-\hat{\alpha})\overline{Y})$$
$$= E(\hat{\alpha})\xi + \{1-E(\hat{\alpha})\}\xi$$
$$= \xi.$$

Hence  $\frac{m\overline{X} + \hat{p}n\overline{Y}}{m + \hat{p}n}$  is an unbiased estimator of  $\xi$ .