

Entrance exam: STATISTICS AND LINEAR MODELS

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1. (6 pts)

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be i.i.d. random variables from the distribution with the density $f(x; \alpha) = (\alpha + 1)x^\alpha$, for $x \in (0, 1)$, $\alpha > 0$. Find the estimating equation for the maximum likelihood estimator $\hat{\alpha}_n$ of the parameter α .

2. (7 pts)

Let X_1, \dots, X_n be i.i.d. random variables from the exponential distribution with the density $f(x; \theta) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$, for $x > 0$, $\lambda > 0$. Find the uniformly most powerful test at the level $\alpha = 0.05$ for testing the hypothesis $H_0 : \lambda = 3$ against $H_1 : \lambda = 5$. What is the power of the test under the alternative?

3. (7 pts)

Consider the data set with $n = 20$ observations and two variables: Y, X . Assume that the relation between values of the response variable Y and the explanatory variable X is provided by the following model

$$\text{for } i \in \{1, \dots, n\} \quad Y_i = \beta X_i + \epsilon_i, \quad (1)$$

where $\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_n$ are iid random variables from the standard normal distribution $N(0, \sigma^2)$.

- Derive (5pt) (or provide, 2pt) the formulas for the maximum likelihood estimators $\hat{\beta}$ and $\hat{\sigma}^2$ of β and σ .
- Derive (2pt) (or provide, 1pt) the formula for the distribution of $\hat{\beta}$.