

Problem 1**Part A**

Let $U_1 \dots U_n$ be *i.i.d* and Uniformly distributed on $(0, b)$ where $b > 0$.

Set $Z_i = -\log(U_i)$; where the probability density function $p(z) = \frac{e^{-z}}{b}$

This is found using the change of density formula.

If $Y = \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i$, find $p(y; b)$.

It is helpful to think of the series $S_1 = Z_1, S_2 = S_1 + Z_2, \dots, S_n = S_{n-1} + Z_n$

We can then compute S_n starting from S_2

$$p(s_2) = P[s_1 * z_2](s) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} P_{s_1}(s-y)P_{z_2}(y)dy$$

The normal bounds for $p(z)$ is $\epsilon(-\log(b), \infty)$, because we change our function to be $P(s-y)$ we get a new upper bound: $-\log(b) < s-y < \infty$ and therefore $y < s + \log(b)$

$$p(s_2) = \int_{-\log(b)}^{s+\log(b)} P_{s_1}(s-y)P_{z_2}(y)dy = \int_{-\log(b)}^{s+\log(b)} \frac{e^{-s+y}}{b} * \frac{e^{-y}}{b} dy = \frac{e^{-s}}{b^2} [2\log(b) + s] \quad (1)$$

Continuing on to S_3 we get

$$\begin{aligned} p(s_3) &= \int_{-\log(b)}^{s+2\log(b)} P_{s_2}(s-y)P_{z_3}(y)dy = \int_{-\log(b)}^{s+2\log(b)} \frac{e^{-s+y}}{b} [2\log(b) + s + y] * \frac{e^{-y}}{b} dy \\ &= \frac{e^{-s}}{b^3} [\frac{1}{2}(3\log(b) + s)^2] \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Continuing like this we see a pattern.

$$p(y; b) = \frac{e^{-y}}{b^n} \left[\frac{1}{(n-1)!} (n\log(b) + y)^{n-1} \right] \epsilon(-\log(b), y + n\log(b)) \quad (3)$$

Part B

From the pdf computed in part A, find the third moment of Y .

To do this we look at the third moment equation.

$$E[X^3] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} X^3 F_x dx$$

Plugging in for our function we get:

$$\int_{-\log(b)}^{y+n\log(b)} y^3 \frac{e^{-y}}{b^n} \left[\frac{1}{(n-1)!} (n\log(b) + y)^{n-1} \right] \quad (4)$$

Here I left the bounds according to the pdf of Y . I believe this integral solved would give the correct answer however I have not been able to successfully complete this step.

Part C

To determine the maximum likelihood estimation of b based on the two independent observations we need to take the derivative of L such that

$$L = \operatorname{argmax}_b p(y_1, y_2 | b) = \operatorname{argmax}_b p(y_1, | b) p(y_2, | b)$$

Since $P(y; b) = p(b)p(y|b)$ and $p(b) = 1$ we can plug in our equation from part A to solve this equation.

Problem 2

Part A

The parameters that must be estimated are as follows:

1.) DK 2.) 3DK 3.) 2DK 4.) DK

Part B

Problem 3