

1. Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from the distribution with probability density function

$$f(x; \theta) = \frac{1}{\theta} \cdot x^{\frac{1}{\theta} - 1}, \quad 0 < x < 1, \quad 0 < \theta < \infty.$$

- a) Recall that $W = -\ln X$ has an Exponential distribution with mean θ .
Suggest a confidence interval for θ with $(1 - \alpha) 100\%$ confidence level.

$$-\sum_{i=1}^n \ln X_i = \sum_{i=1}^n W_i \text{ has Gamma}(\alpha = n, \theta) \text{ distribution.}$$

If Y has a $\text{Gamma}(\alpha, \theta = 1/\lambda)$ distribution, where α is an integer, then
 $2Y/\theta = 2\lambda Y$ has a chi-square distribution with 2α degrees of freedom.

$$\frac{2}{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^n W_i \text{ has a } \chi^2(2\alpha = 2n) \text{ distribution.}$$

$$\Rightarrow P\left(\chi_{1-\alpha/2}^2(2n) < \frac{2}{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^n W_i < \chi_{\alpha/2}^2(2n)\right) = 1 - \alpha.$$

$$\Rightarrow P\left(\frac{\chi_{1-\alpha/2}^2(2n)}{2 \sum_{i=1}^n W_i} < \frac{1}{\theta} < \frac{\chi_{\alpha/2}^2(2n)}{2 \sum_{i=1}^n W_i}\right) = 1 - \alpha.$$

$$\Rightarrow P\left(\frac{2 \sum_{i=1}^n W_i}{\chi_{1-\alpha/2}^2(2n)} > \theta > \frac{2 \sum_{i=1}^n W_i}{\chi_{\alpha/2}^2(2n)}\right) = 1 - \alpha.$$

A $(1 - \alpha) 100\%$ confidence interval for θ

$$\left(\frac{2 \sum_{i=1}^n w_i}{\chi_{1-\alpha/2}^2(2n)}, \frac{2 \sum_{i=1}^n w_i}{\chi_{\alpha/2}^2(2n)} \right).$$

b) Suppose $n = 3$, and $x_1 = 0.2$, $x_2 = 0.3$, $x_3 = 0.5$.

Use part (a) to construct a 90% confidence interval for θ .

$$\chi_{0.95}^2(6) = 1.635, \quad \chi_{0.05}^2(6) = 12.59.$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n w_i = -\ln 0.2 - \ln 0.3 - \ln 0.5 = -\ln 0.03 \approx 3.50656.$$

$$\left(\frac{2 \sum_{i=1}^n w_i}{\chi_{1-\alpha/2}^2(2n)}, \frac{2 \sum_{i=1}^n w_i}{\chi_{\alpha/2}^2(2n)} \right) = \left(\frac{2 \cdot 3.50656}{12.59}, \frac{2 \cdot 3.50656}{1.635} \right) \\ = \mathbf{(0.557, 4.289)}.$$

Recall:
$$\hat{\theta} = -\frac{1}{n} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^n \ln x_i = -\frac{1}{3} \cdot \ln 0.03 \approx 1.16885.$$

2. Let $\lambda > 0$ and let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be a random sample from the distribution with the probability density function

$$f(x; \lambda) = 2\lambda^2 x^3 e^{-\lambda x^2}, \quad x > 0, \quad \text{zero elsewhere.}$$

Recall: $Y = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2$ has Gamma($\alpha = 2n$, "usual $\theta = \frac{1}{\lambda}$ ") distribution.

- a) Suggest a confidence interval for λ with $(1 - \alpha) 100\%$ confidence level.

If Y has a Gamma($\alpha, \theta = 1/\lambda$) distribution, where α is an integer, then $2Y/\theta = 2\lambda Y$ has a chi-square distribution with 2α degrees of freedom.

$2\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2$ has a $\chi^2(2\alpha = 4n)$ distribution.

$$\Rightarrow P(\chi_{1-\alpha/2}^2(4n) < 2\lambda \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 < \chi_{\alpha/2}^2(4n)) = 1 - \alpha.$$

$$\Rightarrow P\left(\frac{\chi_{1-\alpha/2}^2(4n)}{2 \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2} < \lambda < \frac{\chi_{\alpha/2}^2(4n)}{2 \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2}\right) = 1 - \alpha.$$

A $(1 - \alpha) 100\%$ confidence interval for λ

$$\left(\frac{\chi_{1-\alpha/2}^2(4n)}{2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}, \frac{\chi_{\alpha/2}^2(4n)}{2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2} \right).$$

b) Suppose $n = 5$, and $x_1 = 0.6$, $x_2 = 1.1$, $x_3 = 2.7$, $x_4 = 3.3$, $x_5 = 4.5$.

$$x_1 = 0.6, \quad x_2 = 1.1, \quad x_3 = 2.7, \quad x_4 = 3.3, \quad x_5 = 4.5. \quad \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2 = 40.$$

(i) Use part (a) to construct a 90% confidence interval for λ .

$$\chi_{0.95}^2(20) = 10.85, \quad \chi_{0.05}^2(20) = 31.41.$$

$$\left(\frac{\chi_{1-\alpha/2}^2(4n)}{2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}, \frac{\chi_{\alpha/2}^2(4n)}{2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2} \right) = \left(\frac{10.85}{2 \cdot 40}, \frac{31.41}{2 \cdot 40} \right) \approx \mathbf{(0.1356, 0.3926)}.$$

(ii) Use part (a) to construct a 95% confidence interval for λ .

$$\chi_{0.975}^2(20) = 9.591, \quad \chi_{0.025}^2(20) = 34.17.$$

$$\left(\frac{\chi_{1-\alpha/2}^2(4n)}{2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2}, \frac{\chi_{\alpha/2}^2(4n)}{2 \sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2} \right) = \left(\frac{9.591}{2 \cdot 40}, \frac{34.17}{2 \cdot 40} \right) \approx \mathbf{(0.120, 0.427)}.$$

Recall: $\hat{\lambda} = \frac{2n}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i^2} = 0.25.$