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1. (a) Let γ be an unknown parameter belonging to a parameter space $\Gamma \subset \mathbb{R}$. Let $(S_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of estimators for γ . Provide the definition of consistency for the sequence of estimators $(S_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ with respect to the parameter $\gamma \in \Gamma$. (4 marks)
- (b) Let θ be an unknown parameter belonging to a parameter space $\Theta \subset \mathbb{R}$. Let $(T_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of estimators for γ . Show that asymptotic normality of $(T_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ for θ implies consistency of $(T_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ for θ . (5 marks)
- (c) Let X_1, \dots, X_n , where $n \in \mathbb{N}$, be iid random variables where X_1 follows an exponential distribution with unknown parameter $\lambda > 0$, that is $X_1 \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$. Recall that the pdf of X_1 is $f_{X_1}(x; \lambda) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$ where $x > 0$. Denote by F_{X_1} the cdf of X_1 and let $p \in (0, 1)$. Let $\mu_p > 0$ be the quantile of order p , that is $F_{X_1}(\mu_p; \lambda) = p$. Compute the maximum likelihood estimator $\hat{\mu}_p$. (5 marks)
- (d) State and prove the Delta method. (6 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

2. (a) Let T be an unbiased estimator of θ with parameter space \mathbb{R} . Let $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a linear function. Show that $h(T)$ is an unbiased estimator of $h(\theta)$. (4 marks)
- (b) What does it mean for a statistical model to be identifiable? Further, for which values of $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}$ is the statistical model $N(\theta^\alpha, 1)$, with $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$, identifiable? Motivate your answer. (4 marks)
- (c) State and prove Markov's inequality. (4 marks)
- (d) Let $(Y_1, X_1), \dots, (Y_n, X_n)$, where $n \in \mathbb{N}$, be iid bivariate random variables. Assume that Y_1 follows a Poisson distribution with parameter λ and that $X_1|Y_1 = y_1$ follows a Binomial distribution with parameters $y_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ and $p \in (0, 1)$. That is the pdf of (Y_1, X_1) is

$$f_{X_1, Y_1}(y_1, x_1; \lambda, p) = \frac{\lambda^{y_1}}{y_1!} e^{-\lambda} \binom{y_1}{x_1} p^{x_1} (1-p)^{y_1-x_1}.$$

- (i) Compute the maximum likelihood estimator for $\theta = (\lambda, p)$. (3 marks)
- (ii) Assume that mild regularity conditions hold. Consider the region

$$S_c = \left\{ (\lambda, p) : \frac{n(\bar{Y} - \lambda)^2}{\lambda} + \frac{n\lambda(\frac{\bar{X}}{\bar{Y}} - p)^2}{p(1-p)} < c \right\}$$

where $\bar{Y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n Y_i$ and $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$. For which values of c the region S_c is an approximate confidence region for θ of level 0.95? (Hint: you might want to use that $E[X_1] = E[pY_1]$). (5 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

3. (a) Suppose $X \sim N\left(\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}\right)$.
- (i) What is the distribution of $Z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} X + \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$? (3 marks)
- (ii) Are any of the components of Z independent? If yes, which are them? Motivate your answer. (3 marks)
- (b) Consider a linear regression model $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}\beta + \varepsilon$ with $E[\varepsilon] = 0$. Define the full rank (FR) assumption, the second order assumption (SOA), and the Normal theory assumption (NTA). (5 marks)
- (c) Consider the linear regression model $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}\beta + \varepsilon$ with $E[\varepsilon] = 0$. Assume the Second Order Assumption (SOA) and the Full Rank (FR) assumption hold. State and prove the Gauss-Markov Theorem for full-rank linear models [If in the proof you use other results seen in class please state them clearly, you do not need to prove them]. (4 marks)
- (d) Let X be a Bernoulli random variable with unknown parameter $\theta \in (0, 1)$, that is $P_\theta(X = 1) = \theta$ and $P_\theta(X = 0) = 1 - \theta$. Consider the random interval:

$$[L, U] = \begin{cases} [0, 1 - \alpha], & \text{for } X = 0 \\ [\alpha, 1], & \text{for } X = 1. \end{cases}$$

For every $\theta_0 \in (0, 1)$, construct a test of level α (with $\alpha < 1/2$) for the hypothesis $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$ vs $H_1 : \theta \neq \theta_0$ based on $[L, U]$ and draw the power function of such a test.

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4. Consider the linear regression model

$$Y_i = \beta_1 + w_i\beta_2 + \varepsilon_i,$$

where ε_i is an unobserved error term and $i = 1, \dots, n$ where $n = 83$. Assume the normal theory assumption (NTA) and the full rank (FR) assumption.

- (a) The model can be written in the matrix form notation $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$. Define the terms \mathbf{Y} , $\boldsymbol{\beta}$, \mathbf{X} , and $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$. (4 marks)
- (b) Assume that we have

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i = 2, \quad \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n w_i = 2, \quad \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n w_i^2 = 5, \quad \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n w_i y_i = 5, \quad \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 = 30.$$

Show that the least squares estimates are $\hat{\beta}_1 = 0$ and $\hat{\beta}_2 = 1$. (5 marks)

- (c) Consider the estimator $\hat{\sigma}^2$ for σ^2 given by $\hat{\sigma}^2 := \frac{RSS}{n-2}$, where RSS is the residual sum of squares. Show that

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{83}{81} 25. \quad \text{(4 marks)}$$

- (d) Compute the coefficient of determination R^2 . (3 marks)
- (e) Test the null hypothesis $H_0 : \beta_2 \leq 0$ vs $H_1 : \beta_2 > 0$ using a one-sided t-test. Can you reject H_0 at 97.5% confidence level? (Hint: $P(|Z| \geq 1.96) = 0.05$ where $Z \sim N(0, 1)$.) (4 marks)

(Total: 20 marks)

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1. (a) It means that $S_n \xrightarrow{p} \gamma$, as $n \rightarrow \infty$, for every $\gamma \in \Gamma$.
 (b) In the notes we have defined asymptotically normality as follows. A sequence T_n of estimators for $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$ is called *asymptotically normal* if

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$$\sqrt{n}(T_n - \theta) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \sigma^2(\theta))$$

for some $\sigma^2(\theta)$. It is possible to observe that $T_n - \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}\sqrt{n}(T_n - \theta)$. Since $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \rightarrow 0$ and $\sqrt{n}(T_n - \theta) \rightarrow N(0, \sigma^2(\theta))$, by Slutsky's lemma we have that $T_n - \theta \xrightarrow{d} 0 \cdot N(0, \sigma^2(\theta)) = 0$. Since convergence in distributions to a constant is equivalent to convergence in probability to that constant, we have $T_n - \theta \xrightarrow{p} 0$. Thus, we have that $T_n \xrightarrow{d} \theta$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, for every $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$.

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- (c) First, observe that $F_{X_1}(\mu_p; \lambda) = 1 - e^{-\lambda\mu_p}$. Then using $F_{X_1}(\mu_p; \lambda) = p$ we obtain that $1 - e^{-\lambda\mu_p} = p$ which implies that $\mu_p = -\frac{1}{\lambda} \log(1-p)$. It is possible to see that the function $g(x) = -\frac{1}{x} \log(1-p)$ is a bijective function from $(0, \infty)$ to $(0, \infty)$. Further, by results from lectures we know that the MLE for λ is $\hat{\lambda} = \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}$. Then, by the functional invariance property of the MLE we obtain that the MLE $\hat{\mu}_p$ is given by $\hat{\mu}_p = -\frac{1}{\hat{\lambda}} \log(1-p)$, that is

$$\hat{\mu}_p = -\frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n} \log(1-p)$$

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- (d) The statement is the following. Suppose that T_n is an asymptotically normal estimator of θ with

$$\sqrt{n}(T_n - \theta) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, \sigma^2(\theta)). \quad (1)$$

Let $g : \Theta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a differentiable function with $g'(\theta) \neq 0$. Then,

$$\sqrt{n}(g(T_n) - g(\theta)) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, g'(\theta)^2 \sigma^2(\theta)). \quad (2)$$

Let us now prove it. By the mean value theorem we have that

$$g(T_n) = g(\theta) + g'(\tilde{\theta})(T_n - \theta) \quad (3)$$

where $\tilde{\theta}$ lies in between T_n and θ . Since $T_n \xrightarrow{p} \theta$ (because asymptotic normality implies consistency), we have that $|\tilde{\theta} - \theta| \leq |T_n - \theta| \xrightarrow{p} 0$, which implies that $\tilde{\theta} \xrightarrow{p} \theta$, as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Since g is continuous, by the continuous mapping theorem we have

$$g(\tilde{\theta}) \xrightarrow{p} g(\theta). \quad (4)$$

By rearranging (3) and multiplying both sides by \sqrt{n} we obtain

$$\sqrt{n}g(T_n) - g(\theta) = g'(\tilde{\theta})\sqrt{n}(T_n - \theta).$$

Then using (1) and (4), by Slutsky's theorem we conclude that

$$\sqrt{n}(g(T_n) - g(\theta)) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, g'(\theta)^2 \sigma^2(\theta)). \quad (5)$$

Note: the students have seen the statement of the Delta method, but not its proof.

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2. (a) The answer is true. Since the function h is linear we can write it as $h(x) = ax + b$ for some $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$. Then, using the linearity of the expectation and the unbiasedness of T we have

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$$E[h(T)] = E[aT + b] = aE[T] + b = a\theta + b = h(\theta)$$

Since this holds for every $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$, we conclude that $h(T)$ is an unbiased estimator for $h(\theta)$.

- (b) Let $\mathcal{P} = \{P_\theta : \theta \in \Theta\}$ be a statistical model with parameter space Θ . We say that \mathcal{P} is identifiable if the mapping $\theta \mapsto P_\theta$ is one-to-one, that is $P_{\theta_1} = P_{\theta_2}$ implies that $\theta_1 = \theta_2$ for all $\theta_1, \theta_2 \in \Theta$.

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We have that $N(\theta^\alpha, 1)$ is identifiable for every α odd. Indeed, for α even we have that $N(\theta_1^\alpha, 1) = N(\theta_2^\alpha, 1)$ for every $\theta_2 = -\theta_1$.

- (c) Statement: Let X be a random variable, then $P(|X| \geq a) \leq \frac{E[|X|]}{a}$ for $a > 0$.

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Proof: Since $a\mathbf{1}_{|X| \geq a} \leq |X|$, we have that $P(|X| \geq a) = E[\mathbf{1}_{|X| \geq a}] \leq \frac{1}{a}E[|X|]$

- (d) (i) Since the sample is iid the likelihood function for θ is

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$$L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{\lambda^{y_i}}{y_i!} e^{-\lambda} \binom{y_i}{x_i} p^{x_i} (1-p)^{y_i - x_i}.$$

Hence, the log likelihood is

$$l(\theta) = n\bar{y} \log \lambda - n\lambda + n\bar{x} \log p + (n\bar{y} - n\bar{x}) \log(1-p).$$

where $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$ and $\bar{y} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i$. By taking the first derivative wrt λ and setting it equal to zero we obtain

$$\frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial \lambda} = \frac{n\bar{y}}{\lambda} - n = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{\lambda} = \bar{y}.$$

While by taking the first derivative wrt p and setting it equal to zero we obtain

$$\frac{\partial l(\theta)}{\partial p} = \frac{n\bar{x}}{p} - \frac{(n\bar{y} - n\bar{x})}{1-p} = n \frac{\bar{x} - p\bar{y}}{p(1-p)} = 0 \Rightarrow \hat{p} = \frac{\bar{x}}{\bar{y}}.$$

Hence, $\hat{\theta} = (\hat{\lambda}, \hat{p}) = (\bar{y}, \frac{\bar{x}}{\bar{y}})$ is a candidate for the MLE. To check whether this is indeed the MLE we need to check that the Hessian matrix is negative-definite. In particular, the cross derivatives are zero and

$$\frac{\partial^2 l(\theta)}{\partial \lambda^2} = -\frac{n\bar{y}}{\lambda^2} < 0$$

and

$$\frac{\partial^2 l(\theta)}{\partial p^2} = -\frac{n\bar{x}}{p^2} - \frac{(n\bar{y} - n\bar{x})}{(1-p)^2} < 0$$

So, $\hat{\theta}$ is indeed a MLE.

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- (ii) From the previous point and using the fact that $E[Y_1] = \lambda$ (because Y_1 is Poisson with parameter λ) and that $E[X_1] = \lambda p$ using the hint, we have that

$$E\left[\frac{\partial^2 l(\theta)}{\partial \lambda \partial p}\right] = E\left[\frac{\partial^2 l(\theta)}{\partial p \partial \lambda}\right] = E[0] = 0$$

$$E\left[\frac{\partial^2 l(\theta)}{\partial \lambda^2}\right] = E\left[-\frac{n\bar{y}}{\lambda^2}\right] = -\frac{n}{\lambda^2}E[\bar{Y}] = -\frac{n}{\lambda}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} E\left[\frac{\partial^2 l(\theta)}{\partial p^2}\right] &= E\left[-\frac{n\bar{x}}{p^2} - \frac{(n\bar{y} - n\bar{x})}{(1-p)^2}\right] = -\frac{n\lambda}{p} - \frac{n\lambda - n\lambda p}{(1-p)^2} \\ &= -\frac{n\lambda}{p} - \frac{n\lambda}{1-p} = -\frac{n\lambda}{p(1-p)} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the Fisher information of (Y_1, X_1) is given by

$$I(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda^{-1} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{\lambda}{p(1-p)} \end{pmatrix}$$

and so $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta} - \theta) = \sqrt{n} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{Y} - \lambda \\ \frac{\bar{X}}{\bar{Y}} - p \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{d} N(0, I^{-1}(\theta))$. This implies that

$$\frac{\sqrt{n}(\bar{Y} - \lambda)}{\sqrt{\lambda}} \xrightarrow{d} Z$$

and

$$\frac{\sqrt{n}\left(\frac{\bar{X}}{\bar{Y}} - p\right)}{\sqrt{\frac{p(1-p)}{\lambda}}} \xrightarrow{d} W$$

where Z and W are independent standard Normal. Here we are using the fact that Z and W are jointly normal and uncorrelated, and so they are independent. Therefore,

$$\frac{n(\bar{Y} - \lambda)^2}{\lambda} + \frac{n\lambda\left(\frac{\bar{X}}{\bar{Y}} - p\right)^2}{p(1-p)} \xrightarrow{d} \chi_2^2.$$

Thus, c is such that $P(Q > c) = 0.95$ where $Q \sim \chi_2^2$.

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$$E(Z) = \begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ -3 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Cov(Z) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus,

$$Z \sim N \left(\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

(ii) Z_2 and Z_3 are independent, because they are uncorrelated and they are jointly normal. Indeed,

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$$\begin{pmatrix} Z_2 \\ Z_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} Z \sim N \left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

(b) In a linear regression model $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}\beta + \epsilon$, the FR assumption consists in assuming that the matrix \mathbf{X} has full rank, that is if \mathbf{X} is a $n \times p$ matrix then $rank(\mathbf{X}) = \min(n, p)$. The SOA consists in assuming that $cov(\epsilon) = (cov(\epsilon_i, \epsilon_j))_{\substack{i=1, \dots, n \\ j=1, \dots, n}} = \sigma^2 I_n$ for some $\sigma^2 > 0$, where I_n is the n -dimensional identity matrix. SOA really consists of two parts: First, that the errors of two different observations, ϵ_i and ϵ_j for $i \neq j$ are uncorrelated. Second, that the variance of all errors is identical (recall: $var(\epsilon_i) = cov(\epsilon_i, \epsilon_i)$). The NTA consists in assuming that $\epsilon \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2 I_n)$ for some $\sigma^2 > 0$. One could equivalently define the NTA as: $\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_n \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$ independently.

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(c) Statement: Assume (FR), (SOA). Let $\mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{R}^p$ and let $\hat{\beta}$ be a least squares estimator of β in a linear model. Then the following holds: The estimator $\mathbf{c}^T \hat{\beta}$ has the smallest variance among all linear unbiased estimators for $\mathbf{c}^T \beta$.

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Proof: $\mathbf{c}^T \hat{\beta}$ is linear and unbiased

Let $\hat{\gamma} = \mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{Y}$ be any other linear unbiased estimator of $\mathbf{c}^T \beta$.

$$\begin{aligned} var(\hat{\gamma}) &= var(\mathbf{L}^T \mathbf{Y}) = var(\mathbf{c}^T \hat{\beta} + \underbrace{(\mathbf{L}^T - \mathbf{c}^T (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T) \mathbf{Y}}_{=: \mathbf{D}^T}) \\ &= cov(\mathbf{c}^T \hat{\beta} + \mathbf{D}^T \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{c}^T \hat{\beta} + \mathbf{D}^T \mathbf{Y}) \\ &= var(\mathbf{c}^T \hat{\beta}) + var(\mathbf{D}^T \mathbf{Y}) + 2 cov(\mathbf{c}^T \hat{\beta}, \mathbf{D}^T \mathbf{Y}) \end{aligned}$$

$$cov(\mathbf{c}^T \hat{\beta}, \mathbf{D}^T \mathbf{Y}) = \mathbf{c}^T (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \underbrace{cov(\mathbf{Y})}_{=\sigma^2 I_n} \mathbf{D} = \mathbf{c}^T (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} (\underbrace{\mathbf{D}^T \mathbf{X}}_{\stackrel{(*)}{=} \mathbf{0}^T})^T \sigma^2 = 0.$$

To see (*): both estimators are unbiased which implies that

$$0 = E(\hat{\gamma}) - E(\mathbf{c}^T \hat{\beta}) = E(\mathbf{D}^T \mathbf{Y}) = \mathbf{D}^T \mathbf{X} \beta$$

for all β . Hence, $\mathbf{D}^T \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{0}^T$. Thus,

$$var(\hat{\gamma}) = var(\mathbf{c}^T \hat{\beta}) + var(\mathbf{D}^T \mathbf{Y}) \geq var(\mathbf{c}^T \hat{\beta}).$$

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- (d) Let $\theta_0 \in (0, 1)$. By lectures we know that $[L, U]$ is confidence interval of level $1 - \alpha$. A test of level α (with $\alpha < 1/2$) for the hypothesis $H_0 : \theta = \theta_0$ vs $H_1 : \theta \neq \theta_0$ based on $[L, U]$ is given by the following: we reject H_0 if $\theta_0 \notin [L(x), U(x)]$, where $[L(x), U(x)]$ is the observed confidence interval.

The power function is given by $P_\theta(\theta_0 \notin [L, U])$ or equivalently by $P_\theta(X \in R)$, where R is the rejection region. It is possible to notice that depending on the value of θ_0 we have different power functions, namely different rejection regions. In particular, if $\theta_0 < \alpha$, then the rejection region is $\{1\}$, indeed the power function is given by

$$\begin{aligned}\beta(\theta) &= P_\theta(\theta_0 \notin [L, U]) \\ &= P_\theta(\theta_0 \notin [L, U] | X = 1)P_\theta(X = 1) + P_\theta(\theta_0 \notin [L, U] | X = 0)P_\theta(X = 0) \\ &= P_\theta(X = 1) = \theta\end{aligned}$$

Thus, for $\theta_0 < \alpha$ we have that $\beta(\theta) = \theta$. Hence, since $\theta \in [0, 1]$, the power function $\beta(\theta)$ is a straight line from $(0, 0)$ to $(1, 1)$.

For $\theta_0 > 1 - \alpha$, by the same arguments we have that $\beta(\theta) = 1 - \theta$ and so the power function $\beta(\theta)$ is a straight line from $(0, 1)$ to $(1, 0)$.

Finally for $\theta_0 \in [\alpha, 1 - \alpha]$, by the same arguments we have that $\beta(\theta) = 0$. Thus, the power function is a straight line from $(0, 0)$ to $(1, 0)$.

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$$\mathbf{Y} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & w_1 \\ \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & w_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_1 \\ \vdots \\ \varepsilon_n \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$$

(b) From the information given in the question we have

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$$\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X} = n \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{Y} = n \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Thus, the least squares estimator is

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\beta}_1 \\ \hat{\beta}_2 \end{pmatrix} = (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{Y} = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

i.e. $\hat{\beta}_1 = 0$ and $\hat{\beta}_2 = 1$.

(c) Using that the residual e_i is given by $e_i = y_i - \hat{\beta}_1 - w_i \hat{\beta}_2$, we have

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$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\sigma}^2 &= \frac{RSS}{n-2} = \frac{1}{n-2} \sum_{i=1}^n e_i^2 = \frac{1}{n-2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \hat{\beta}_1 - w_i \hat{\beta}_2)^2 = \frac{1}{n-2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - w_i)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{n-2} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i^2 + w_i^2 - 2y_i w_i) = \frac{n}{n-2} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i^2 + w_i^2 - 2y_i w_i) = \frac{83}{81} (30 + 5 - 2 \cdot 5) = \frac{83}{81} 25. \end{aligned}$$

(d) First, observe that

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$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 + \bar{y}^2 - 2\bar{y} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=1}^n y_j = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n y_i^2 - \bar{y}^2 = 30 - 4 = 26$$

Further, using that in point (c) we obtain that $RSS/n = 25$. Therefore, the coefficient of determination R^2 is given by

$$R^2 = 1 - \frac{RSS}{\sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2} = 1 - \frac{RSS/n}{\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (y_i - \bar{y})^2} = 1 - \frac{25}{26} = \frac{1}{26}.$$

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$$Cov(\hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}) = \frac{RSS}{n-r} (\mathbf{X}^T \mathbf{X})^{-1} = \frac{83}{81} 25 \frac{1}{83} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{25}{81} \begin{pmatrix} 5 & -2 \\ -2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

that is $std(\hat{\beta}_2) = \sqrt{25/81} = 5/9$. Then, the test statistic is

$$t = \frac{\hat{\beta}_2 - 0}{std(\hat{\beta}_2)} = \frac{1}{5/9} = \frac{9}{5} = 1.8.$$

Since $t \leq 1.96$ and since the student's t-distribution (with 81 degrees of freedom) have fatter tails than the Normal distribution, meaning that $P(|X| > c) \geq P(|Z| > c)$ for any c large enough where $X \sim t_{81}$ and $Z \sim N(0, 1)$, then we cannot reject H_0 at level 97.5%. In particular, we cannot reject in the case of a standard Normal and so we cannot reject for the case of the student's t-distribution.

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Review of mark distribution:

Total A marks: 32 of 32 marks

Total B marks: 20 of 20 marks

Total C marks: 12 of 12 marks

Total D marks: 16 of 16 marks

Total marks: 80 of 80 marks

Total Mastery marks: 0 of 20 marks

MATH50011 Statistical Modelling 1

Question Marker's comment

- 4 Overall this question was answered very well, especially parts (a) - (c). A few errors made at specific parts were:- part (d): either the correct definition of R^2 was not given, or the incorrect value of RSS was used- part (e): a t-test was meant to be applied here, and given the large number of degrees of freedom the null distribution of the test-statistic could be approximated by a Normal $(0,1)$ distribution.