

Problem Set 1.1

Problem 1.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{4}e^{-x/4}, \quad x \geq 0$$

a) $E(x)$

$$E(x) = \int_0^{\infty} x * f(x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} x * \frac{1}{4}e^{-x/4} dx = \frac{1}{4} \int_0^{\infty} x * e^{-x/4} dx$$

Substitution: $u=-x/4 \mid x=-4u \mid du/dx=-1/4 \mid dx=-4du$

$$\frac{1}{4} \int_0^{\infty} -4u * e^u * (-4du) = 4 \int_0^{\infty} u * e^u du = (Intg. By parts) = 4 \left(ue^u - \int_0^{\infty} e^u du \right)$$

$$4ue^u - 4 \int_0^{\infty} e^u du = [4ue^u - 4e^u]_0^{\infty} = (Undo subs.) = \left[4 \frac{-x}{4} e^{-x/4} - 4e^{-x/4} \right]_0^{\infty}$$

$$\left[-xe^{-x/4} - 4e^{-x/4} \right]_0^{\infty} = -\infty e^{-\infty/4} - 4e^{-\infty/4} - (-0e^{-0/4} - 4e^{-0/4})$$

$$-\infty e^{-\infty/4} - 4e^{-\infty/4} - (-0e^{-0/4} - 4e^{-0/4}) = -\infty e^{-\infty} - 4e^{-\infty} + 0e^0 + 4e^0$$

$$0 - 4 * 0 + 0 * 1 + 4 * 1 = 4$$

$$E(x) = 4$$

b) $\sigma^2(x)$

$$\sigma^2(x) = E(x^2) - (E(x))^2$$

$$E(x) = 4 \Rightarrow (E(x))^2 = 16$$

$$E(x^2) = \int_0^{\infty} x^2 * \frac{1}{4}e^{-x/4} dx$$

We apply the same substitution. $u=-x/4 \mid x=-4u \mid x^2=16u^2 \mid du/dx=-1/4 \mid dx=-4du$

$$\frac{1}{4} \int_0^{\infty} 16u^2 * e^u * (-4du) = -16 \int_0^{\infty} u^2 * e^u * du = (Intg. By parts) =$$

$$-16 \left(u^2 * e^u - \int_0^{\infty} 2u * e^u * du \right) = (Intg. By parts) =$$

$$-16 \left(u^2 * e^u - 2 \left(u * e^u - \int_0^{\infty} e^u * du \right) \right) = -16 [u^2 * e^u - 2(u * e^u - e^u)]_0^{\infty}$$

$$-16 [u^2 * e^u - 2(u * e^u - e^u)]_0^{\infty} = (Undo subs.) =$$

$$-16 \left[\left(\frac{-x}{4} \right)^2 * e^{-\frac{x}{4}} - 2 \frac{-x}{4} e^{-\frac{x}{4}} + 2e^{-\frac{x}{4}} \right]_0^{\infty}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \left[-16 \left(\frac{-x}{4} \right)^2 * e^{-\frac{x}{4}} - (-16) 2 \frac{-x}{4} e^{-\frac{x}{4}} + (-16) 2 e^{-\frac{x}{4}} \right]_0^{\infty} \\
& \left[16 \frac{x^2}{16} * e^{-\frac{x}{4}} - 32 \frac{x}{4} e^{-\frac{x}{4}} - 32 e^{-\frac{x}{4}} \right]_0^{\infty} = \left[(x)^2 * e^{-\frac{x}{4}} - 8x e^{-\frac{x}{4}} - 32 e^{-\frac{x}{4}} \right]_0^{\infty} \\
& (\infty)^2 * e^{-\frac{\infty}{4}} - 8\infty e^{-\frac{\infty}{4}} - 32 e^{-\frac{\infty}{4}} - \left((0)^2 * e^{-\frac{0}{4}} - 8 * 0 e^{-\frac{0}{4}} - 32 e^{-\frac{0}{4}} \right) \\
& 0 - 0 - 0 - (0 - 0 - 32) = 32 \\
& E(x^2) = 32 \\
& \sigma^2(x) = E(x^2) - (E(x))^2 \\
& \sigma^2(x) = 32 - 16 \\
& \sigma^2(x) = 16
\end{aligned}$$

c) 5th & 95th percentiles

According to (NIST/SEMATECH e-Handbook of Statistical Methods chapter 1.3.6.6.7. Exponential Distribution, <http://www.itl.nist.gov/div898/handbook/>, 2022.) If the PDF of an exponential distribution is:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\beta} e^{-(x-\mu)/\beta}, \quad x \geq \mu; \beta > 0$$

then the CDF of the exponential distribution is:

$$f(x) = 1 - e^{-x/\beta}, \quad x \geq 0; \beta > 0$$

Then in our case the CDF is:

$$f(x) = 1 - e^{-x/4}$$

5th percentile is:

$$1 - e^{-\frac{x}{4}} = 0.05 \Rightarrow e^{-\frac{x}{4}} = 0.95 \Rightarrow \ln 0.95 = -\frac{x}{4}$$

$$x = (-4) * \ln 0.95$$

$$x = 0.205$$

95th percentile is:

$$1 - e^{-\frac{x}{4}} = 0.95 \Rightarrow e^{-\frac{x}{4}} = 0.05 \Rightarrow \ln 0.05 = -\frac{x}{4}$$

$$x = (-4) * \ln 0.05$$

$$x = 11.982$$

d) Median

$$\int_0^m \frac{1}{4} e^{-x/4} dx = \frac{1}{2}$$

We apply substitution. $u = -x/4 \mid x = -4u \mid du/dx = -1/4 \mid dx = -4du$

$$\begin{aligned}
\int_0^m \frac{1}{4} e^{-x/4} dx &= \frac{1}{4} \int_0^m e^u * (-4 du) = -1 \int_0^m e^u * du \\
-1[e^u]_0^m &= (Undo subs.) = -1 \left[e^{-\frac{x}{4}} \right]_0^m \\
&= -1 \left(e^{-\frac{m}{4}} - e^{-\frac{0}{4}} \right) = -e^{-\frac{m}{4}} + 1 \\
1 - e^{-\frac{m}{4}} &= 0.5 \Rightarrow \ln 0.5 = -\frac{m}{4} \Rightarrow -4 * \ln 0.5 = m \\
m &= 2.772
\end{aligned}$$

The median is 2.772 while the mean is 4. There is a difference.

Problem 2.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\lambda} e^{-x/\lambda}, \quad x \geq 0$$

a) Likelihood function

$$\begin{aligned}
L(\lambda|x_1 \dots x_n) &= L(\lambda|x_1)L(\lambda|x_2) \dots L(\lambda|x_n) \\
L(\lambda|x_1 \dots x_n) &= \frac{1}{\lambda} e^{-x_1/\lambda} * \frac{1}{\lambda} e^{-x_2/\lambda} * \dots * \frac{1}{\lambda} e^{-x_n/\lambda} \\
L(\lambda|x_1 \dots x_n) &= \frac{1}{\lambda^n} [e^{-x_1/\lambda} * e^{-x_2/\lambda} * \dots * e^{-x_n/\lambda}] \\
L(\lambda|x_1 \dots x_n) &= \frac{1}{\lambda^n} [e^{-1/\lambda(x_1+x_2+\dots+x_n)}]
\end{aligned}$$

b) Log-Likelihood function

$$\log L(\lambda|x_1 \dots x_n) = \ln \frac{1}{\lambda^n} [e^{-1/\lambda(x_1+x_2+\dots+x_n)}]$$

c) Maximum Likelihood estimator λ

$$\begin{aligned}
&\frac{d}{d\lambda} \ln \left(\frac{1}{\lambda^n} [e^{-1/\lambda(x_1+x_2+\dots+x_n)}] \right) \\
&\frac{d}{d\lambda} \ln \left(\frac{1}{\lambda^n} \right) + \ln(e^{-1/\lambda(x_1+x_2+\dots+x_n)}) \\
&\frac{d}{d\lambda} n * \ln \left(\frac{1}{\lambda} \right) - \frac{1}{\lambda} (x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n) \\
&\frac{d}{d\lambda} n * (\ln(1) - \ln(\lambda)) - \frac{1}{\lambda} (x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n) \\
&\frac{d}{d\lambda} n * (0 - \ln(\lambda)) - \frac{1}{\lambda} (x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n) \\
&\frac{d}{d\lambda} - n * \ln(\lambda) - \frac{1}{\lambda} (x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n) \\
&-\frac{n}{\lambda} + \frac{(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n)}{\lambda^2}
\end{aligned}$$

$$0 = -\frac{n}{\lambda} + \frac{(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n)}{\lambda^2}$$

$$0 = \frac{1}{\lambda} \left[\frac{1}{\lambda} * (x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n) - n \right]$$

$$0 = \frac{1}{\lambda} \rightarrow \text{No real answer}$$

$$0 = \left[\frac{1}{\lambda} * (x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n) - n \right] \Rightarrow n = \frac{1}{\lambda} * (x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n)$$

$$\lambda = \frac{(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n)}{n}$$

d) Maximum likelihood estimate of λ for $x=\{3,3,7,11,12,18,22,34,41\}$

$$\lambda = \frac{(3 + 3 + 7 + 11 + 12 + 18 + 22 + 34 + 41)}{9} = \frac{151}{9} = 16.78$$

$$\lambda = 16.78$$

Problem 3.

$$f(x) = \frac{a}{x^{a+1}}, \quad x \geq 1$$

a) Verify this is PDF by integrating

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{a}{x^{a+1}} dx = a \int_1^{\infty} x^{-a-1} dx = a \left[\frac{x^{-a}}{-a} \right]_1^{\infty}$$

$$a \left(\frac{\infty^{-a}}{-a} - \frac{1^{-a}}{-a} \right) = a \left(0 - \frac{1^{-a}}{-a} \right) = -a \frac{1^{-a}}{-a} = 1^{-a} = \frac{1}{1^a} = 1$$

$$\int_1^{\infty} \frac{a}{x^{a+1}} dx = 1$$

b) Likelihood function assuming sample size of n

$$L(a|x_1 \dots x_n) = L(a|x_1)L(a|x_2) \dots L(a|x_n)$$

$$L(a|x_1 \dots x_n) = \frac{a}{x_1^{a+1}} * \frac{a}{x_2^{a+1}} * \dots * \frac{a}{x_n^{a+1}}$$

$$L(a|x_1 \dots x_n) = a^n \left(\frac{1}{x_1^{a+1}} * \frac{1}{x_2^{a+1}} * \dots * \frac{1}{x_n^{a+1}} \right)$$

c) Log- Likelihood function assuming sample size of n

$$\log L(a|x_1 \dots x_n) = \ln a^n \left(\frac{1}{x_1^{a+1}} * \frac{1}{x_2^{a+1}} * \dots * \frac{1}{x_n^{a+1}} \right)$$

d) Find maximum likelihood estimator a

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{d}{da} \ln a^n \left(\frac{1}{x_1^{a+1}} * \frac{1}{x_2^{a+1}} * \dots * \frac{1}{x_n^{a+1}} \right) \\
 & \frac{d}{da} \left[\ln a^n + \ln \left(\frac{1}{x_1^{a+1}} * \frac{1}{x_2^{a+1}} * \dots * \frac{1}{x_n^{a+1}} \right) \right] \\
 & \frac{d}{da} [n * \ln a + \ln(x_1^{-a-1} * x_2^{-a-1} * \dots * x_n^{-a-1})] \\
 & \frac{d}{da} [n * \ln a + \ln x_1^{-a-1} + \ln x_2^{-a-1} + \dots + \ln x_n^{-a-1}] \\
 & \frac{d}{da} [n * \ln a - (a+1) \ln x_1 - (a+1) \ln x_2 - \dots - (a+1) \ln x_n] \\
 & \frac{d}{da} [n * \ln a - a \ln x_1 - \ln x_1 - a \ln x_2 - \ln x_2 - \dots - a \ln x_n - \ln x_n] \\
 & \frac{d}{da} [n * \ln a - a(\ln x_1 + \ln x_2 + \dots + \ln x_n) - (\ln x_1 + \ln x_2 + \dots + \ln x_n)] \\
 & \frac{d}{da} [n * \ln a] + \frac{d}{da} \left[-a \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \ln x_i \right) \right] + \frac{d}{da} \left[- \sum_{i=1}^n \ln x_i \right] \\
 & \frac{n}{a} - \sum_{i=1}^n \ln x_i + 0 \\
 & 0 = \frac{n}{a} - \sum_{i=1}^n \ln x_i + 0 \\
 & \sum_{i=1}^n \ln x_i = \frac{n}{a} \\
 & a = \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n \ln x_i}
 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 4.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\theta}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq \theta$$

a) Verify this is a PDF by integrating

$$\int_0^\theta \frac{1}{\theta} dx = \left[\frac{x}{\theta} \right]_0^\theta = \left(\frac{\theta}{\theta} - \frac{0}{\theta} \right) = 1 - 0 = 1$$

$$\int_0^\theta \frac{1}{\theta} dx = 1$$

b) Likelihood function assuming sample size of N

$$L(\theta|x_1 \dots x_n) = L(\theta|x_1)L(\theta|x_2) \dots L(\theta|x_n)$$

$$L(\theta|x_1 \dots x_n) = \frac{1}{\theta} * \frac{1}{\theta} * \dots * \frac{1}{\theta} = \frac{1}{\theta^n}$$

$$L(\theta|x_1 \dots x_n) = \frac{1}{\theta^n}$$

c) Maximum likelihood estimate of θ for $x=\{2,7,19,24\}$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{d\theta} \ln(L(\theta|x_1 \dots x_n)) &= \frac{d}{d\theta} \ln\left(\frac{1}{\theta^n}\right) \\ \frac{d}{d\theta} \left[\ln\left(\frac{1}{\theta^n}\right) \right] &= \frac{d}{d\theta} [\ln(1) - \ln(\theta^n)] = \frac{d}{d\theta} [\ln(1) - n \ln(\theta)] \\ \frac{d}{d\theta} [\ln(1) - n \ln(\theta)] &= 0 - \frac{n}{\theta} \\ 0 &= 0 - \frac{n}{\theta} \\ 0 &= -\frac{n}{\theta}\end{aligned}$$

Max Likelihood for θ is 25. Because the next value is 24 and that is one of the 'X'

