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Chapter 1

Task 1: Basic Probabilities and Visualizations (1)

ξ values

- $\xi_1 = 1$
- $\xi_2 = 40$

1.1 problem statement

The number of meteorites falling into an ocean in a given year can be modeled by:

$$P(x) = \frac{e^{-\xi_2} \xi_2^x}{x!} \quad (1.1)$$

As seen in figure 1.1, the expected value of this distribution is ξ_2 and the median is ξ_2 too.

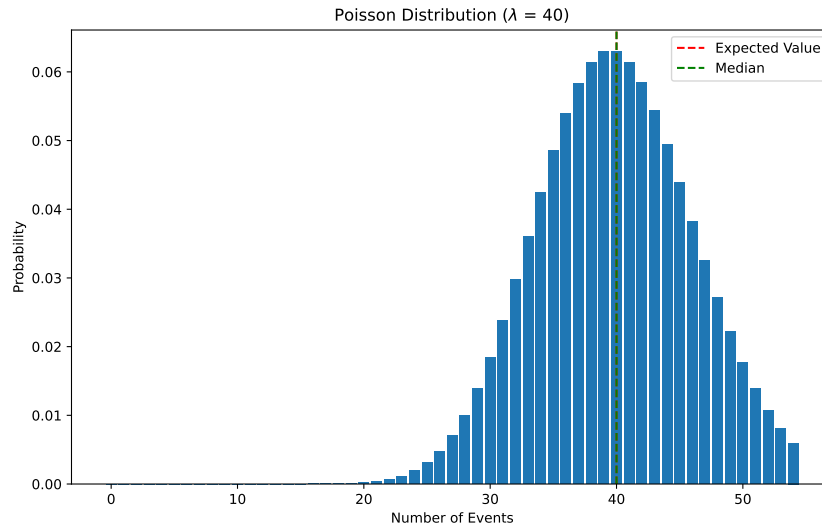


Figure 1.1: event distribution, with expected and median values

Chapter 2

Assignment 2: Basic Probabilities and Visualizations (2)

2.1 ξ values

- $\xi_4 = 1$
- $\xi_5 = \frac{2}{3}$
- $\xi_6 = 8$
- $\xi_7 = \frac{1}{3}$
- $\xi_8 = 3$

2.2 Problem statement

apparition time of an owl

Let Y be the random variable with the time it takes to hear an owl (in hours). The probability density function of Y is given by:

event probability

From $Y(t)$, we can derive the probability of the event 'hearing an owl', and more precisely its probability density function $P(t)$:

$$pdf_{event}(t) = \frac{d(1 - P(t))}{dt} \quad (2.1)$$

2.3 probability to wait 2-4 hours to see the event

this probability is given by subtracting $Y(4)$ from $Y(2)$. The result is 0.0048.

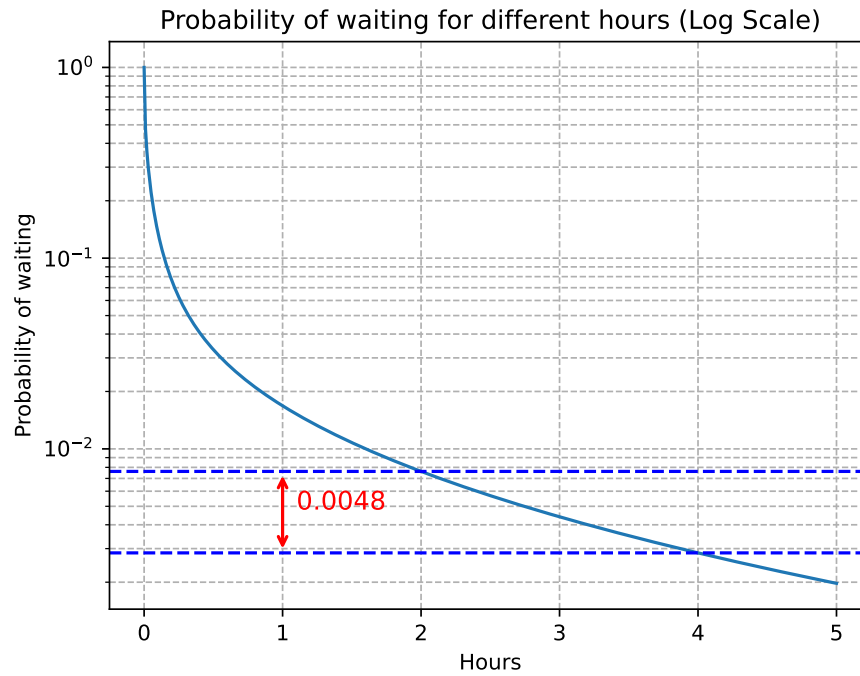


Figure 2.1: the probability to wait between 2 and 4 hours is 0.0048

2.4 event probability density graph

The graph of the probability density function of the event is given in figure 2.2.

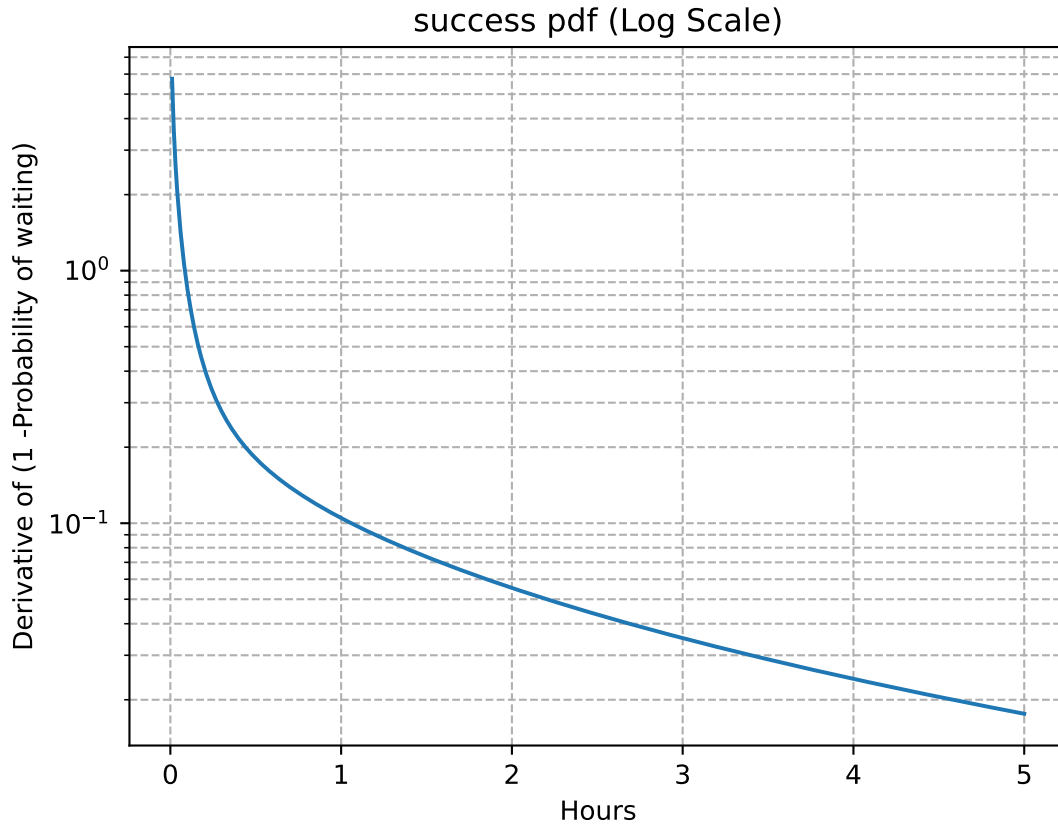


Figure 2.2: the probability density function of the event

2.5 distribution metrics

The metrics of the distribution are given in the table below. There is a large variance, which means that the distribution is not very regular.

metric	value	unit
mean	5.7	hours
variance	1167	hours*hours
q1	4.2	minutes
q2 (median)	30.5	minutes
q3	2.5	hours

Table 2.1: metrics of the distribution

2.6 distribution graph

The graph of the distribution is given in figure 2.3.

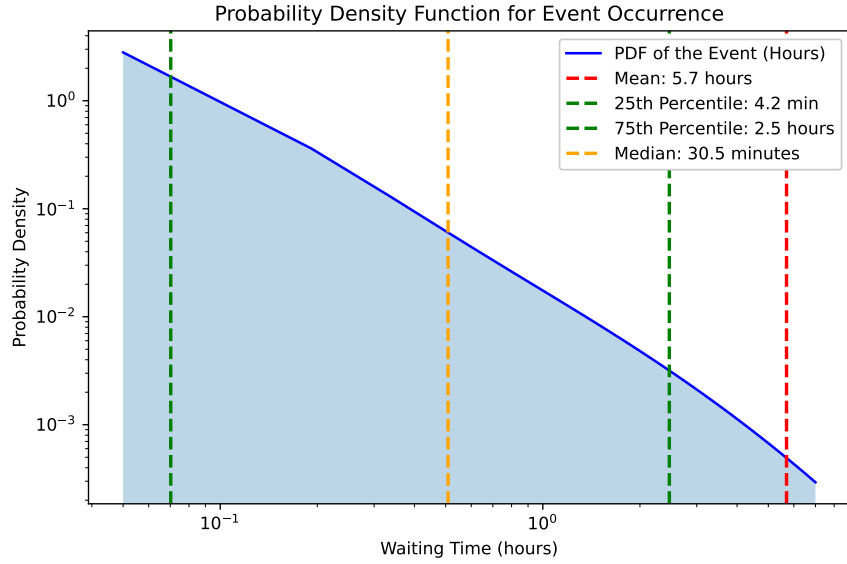


Figure 2.3: the distribution of the event

2.7 histogram of probability of hearing the owl at given minutes (around 3 hours)

The histogram of the probability of hearing the owl at given minutes (around 3 hours) is given in figure 2.4.

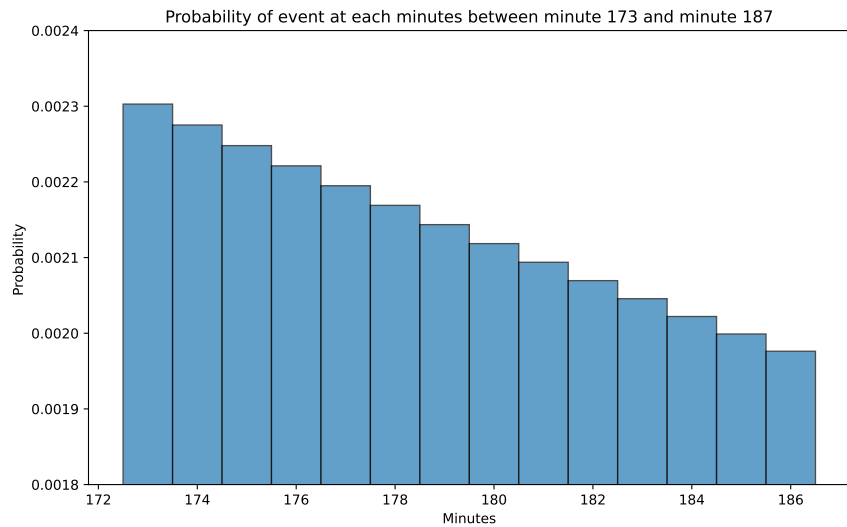


Figure 2.4: the histogram of the probability of hearing the owl at given minutes (around 3 hours)

Chapter 3

Assignment 3 : Transformed Random Variables

ξ values

- $\xi_9 = 0$
- $\xi_{10} = 8, 7, 6, 17, 12$

3.1 Problem statement

The total bandwidth to failure S of a single router follows an exponential distribution with density:

$$f_S(s) = \frac{1}{\theta} \exp\left(-\frac{s}{\theta}\right), \quad s > 0, \theta > 0, \quad (3.1)$$

where θ is the mean failure bandwidth for a single router.

For a dual-router system, the total bandwidth to failure T can be expressed as:

$$T = S_1 + S_2 \quad (3.2)$$

where S_1 and S_2 are independent and identically distributed random variables representing the bandwidth totals to failure of each router.

3.2 Density Function of T

Given S_1 and S_2 both follow an exponential distribution of parameter $\frac{1}{\theta}$, the sum $T = S_1 + S_2$ follows a *Gamma distribution* with shape parameter $k = 2$ and rate $\lambda = \frac{1}{\theta}$. The probability density function of T with $\lambda = \frac{1}{\theta}$ is:

$$f_T(t) = \frac{t\lambda^2 e^{-\lambda t}}{1} = \frac{t}{\theta^2} \exp\left(-\frac{t}{\theta}\right) \quad (3.3)$$

3.3 Likelihood Function

Given an independent sample T_1, T_2, \dots, T_n of T , the likelihood function for the parameter θ is:

$$L(\theta) = \prod_{i=1}^n f_T(T_i) = \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{T_i}{\theta^2} \exp\left(-\frac{T_i}{\theta}\right) \quad (3.4)$$

Simplifying:

$$L(\theta) = \frac{1}{\theta^{2n}} \prod_{i=1}^n T_i \exp\left(-\frac{1}{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^n T_i\right) \quad (3.5)$$

3.4 Simplification of the Likelihood Function

To maximize the likelihood function, we simplify using the log-likelihood:

$$\ell(\theta) = \ln L(\theta) = -2n \ln \theta + \sum_{i=1}^n \ln T_i - \frac{1}{\theta} \sum_{i=1}^n T_i \quad (3.6)$$

The derivative of $\ell(\theta)$ with respect to θ is:

$$\frac{\partial \ell}{\partial \theta} = -\frac{2n}{\theta} + \frac{1}{\theta^2} \sum_{i=1}^n T_i. \quad (3.7)$$

Setting this equal to zero gives:

$$\hat{\theta} = \frac{1}{2n} \sum_{i=1}^n T_i. \quad (3.8)$$

3.5 Estimation and Expectation for the Experiment

Given the sample $[8, 7, 6, 17, 12]$, I compute $\hat{\theta}$ and the expectation of T as:

$$E[T] = 2\hat{\theta} \quad (3.9)$$

from the given sample, the model with the maximum likelihood has $\theta = 5$. The expectation of T is 10.

Chapter 4

Assignment 4: Hypothesis Test

ξ values

- $\xi_{11} = 912$
- $\xi_{12} = 36.6$
- $\xi_{13} = 2$
- $\xi_{14} = [879, 842, 954, 842, 885, 918, 989, 768, 867, 1022]$

4.1 Problem statement

A statistical hypothesis testing is needed to determine if a new production system for hammers yields higher weights than the current system. The weights of hammers produced in the factory are normally distributed with a mean of 912 grams and a standard deviation of 36.6 grams. The analysis steps include setting up the hypotheses, performing the test, and making a decision based on the results.

Proposed Model for the Hammer Weights

The weights of hammers produced in the factory can be modeled using a normal distribution based on the observed long-term data:

$$W \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2) \quad (4.1)$$

where:

- $\mu = \xi_{11}$ is the mean weight of the hammers.
- $\sigma = \xi_{12}$ is the standard deviation of the weights.

Assumptions

The following assumptions are made for this model to hold:

- The weights of the hammers are independent .
- mean and standard deviation are not varying in time.
- The underlying distribution of weights is approximately normal

Model Parameters

The parameters of the model are:

- μ : Mean of the distribution.
- σ^2 : Variance of the distribution (or σ : standard deviation).

4.2 Hypothesis Testing

chosen statistical test and Decision Rule

I perform a one-sample one-tailed t -test

The test statistic is given by:

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}} \quad (4.2)$$

where:

- \bar{x} is the sample mean,
- s is the sample standard deviation,
- n is the sample size,
- $\mu_0 = 912$ is the null hypothesis mean.

The decision rule is to reject H_0 if $t > t_c$, where t_c is determined from the t -distribution table at a chosen significance level α with $n - 1 = 9$ degrees of freedom.

To determine if the new production system yields higher weights, we set up the following hypotheses:

- H_0 and $\mu = 912$: the mean weight remains unchanged
- H_a and $\mu > 912$: the mean weight is higher under the new system

Error Probabilities

- Type I error (α): Rejecting H_0 when H_0 is true. Choose $\alpha = 0.05$.
- Type II error (β): Failing to reject H_0 when H_a is true. Can be estimated if the true mean under H_a is known.

test computation

The sample weights are:

$$[879, 842, 954, 842, 885, 918, 989, 768, 867, 1022] \quad (4.3)$$

Calculate the sample mean:

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum x_i}{n} = \frac{879 + 842 + \dots + 1022}{10} = 896.6 \quad (4.4)$$

Calculate the sample standard deviation:

$$s = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \approx 71.5 \quad (4.5)$$

Compute the test statistic:

$$t = \frac{\bar{x} - \mu_0}{s/\sqrt{n}} = \frac{896.6 - 912}{71.5/\sqrt{10}} \approx -0.69 \quad (4.6)$$

Decision and Conclusion

For $\alpha = 0.05$ and $df = 9$, $t_c \approx 1.8$. Since $t = -0.69 < t_c$, I fail to reject H_0 .

Conclusion: There is insufficient evidence to suggest that the new system produces hammers with higher weights.

Chapter 5

Assignment 5: Regularized Regression

5.1 problem statement

Given data points (x_i, y_i) , $i = 1, \dots, n$, we aim to fit a polynomial model:

$$f(x) = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 x + \alpha_2 x^2 + \dots + \alpha_{10} x^{10} \quad (5.1)$$

where the parameters $\alpha = [\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_{10}]^\top$ are determined using Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) and ridge-regularized OLS.

5.2 Procedure

Step 1: Matrix Formulation

we define

$$\mathbf{y} = \begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ y_2 \\ \vdots \\ y_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & x_1 & x_1^2 & \dots & x_1^{10} \\ 1 & x_2 & x_2^2 & \dots & x_2^{10} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & x_n & x_n^2 & \dots & x_n^{10} \end{bmatrix} \quad (5.2)$$

Then the polynomial model can be written as:

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{X}\alpha + \epsilon \quad (5.3)$$

where ϵ is the error term.

Step 2: OLS Estimate

The OLS estimate minimizes the sum of squared residuals:

$$\hat{\alpha}_{OLS} = \arg \min_{\alpha} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\alpha\|_2^2 \quad (5.4)$$

The solution is given by:

$$\hat{\alpha}_{OLS} = (\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{y} \quad (5.5)$$

Step 3: Ridge-Regularized OLS Estimate

Ridge regularization adds a penalty term to control the magnitude of α :

$$\hat{\alpha}_{Ridge} = \arg \min_{\alpha} \|\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{X}\alpha\|_2^2 + \lambda \|\alpha\|_2^2 \quad (5.6)$$

where $\lambda > 0$ is the regularization weight.

The closed-form solution is:

$$\hat{\alpha}_{Ridge} = (\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{y} \quad (5.7)$$

where \mathbf{I} is the identity matrix.

Step 4: Computation

1. Construct \mathbf{X} from the input data by calculating x_i^k for $k = 0, \dots, 10$.
2. Compute $\hat{\alpha}_{OLS}$ using the formula $(\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{y}$.
3. Select a penalty weight λ . A common practice is to test multiple values ($\lambda = 0.1, 1, 10, \dots$) and evaluate the solutions.
4. Compute $\hat{\alpha}_{Ridge}$ using the formula $(\mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{X} + \lambda \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{y}$.

Weight for the Penalties (λ)

- Ridge regression shrinks the coefficients, reducing the risk of overfitting. The choice of λ is crucial:
- Small λ : Minimal regularization, closer to OLS.
- Large λ : Higher regularization, biasing coefficients toward zero.

Results

OLS Solution

the OLS *beta* estimates are:

the OLS fits are shown in the following figure:

Ridge Solutions

There are few data, therefore the Ridge parameters were derived from a rmse search on all the data, without the train-test split. The Ridge rmse with $\lambda = 0.5356$ is $1.8e + 23$. The fitted plot is shown below:

Qualities of Solutions

- OLS provides the best fit to the training data, but it may overfit if the model is too complex or if multicollinearity is present.
- Ridge regression balances the fit and model complexity, improving generalization by controlling the magnitude of α .

Conclusion

- Use OLS for cases with low multicollinearity and sufficient training data.
- Use Ridge regression when multicollinearity exists or to reduce overfitting for high-degree polynomial models.

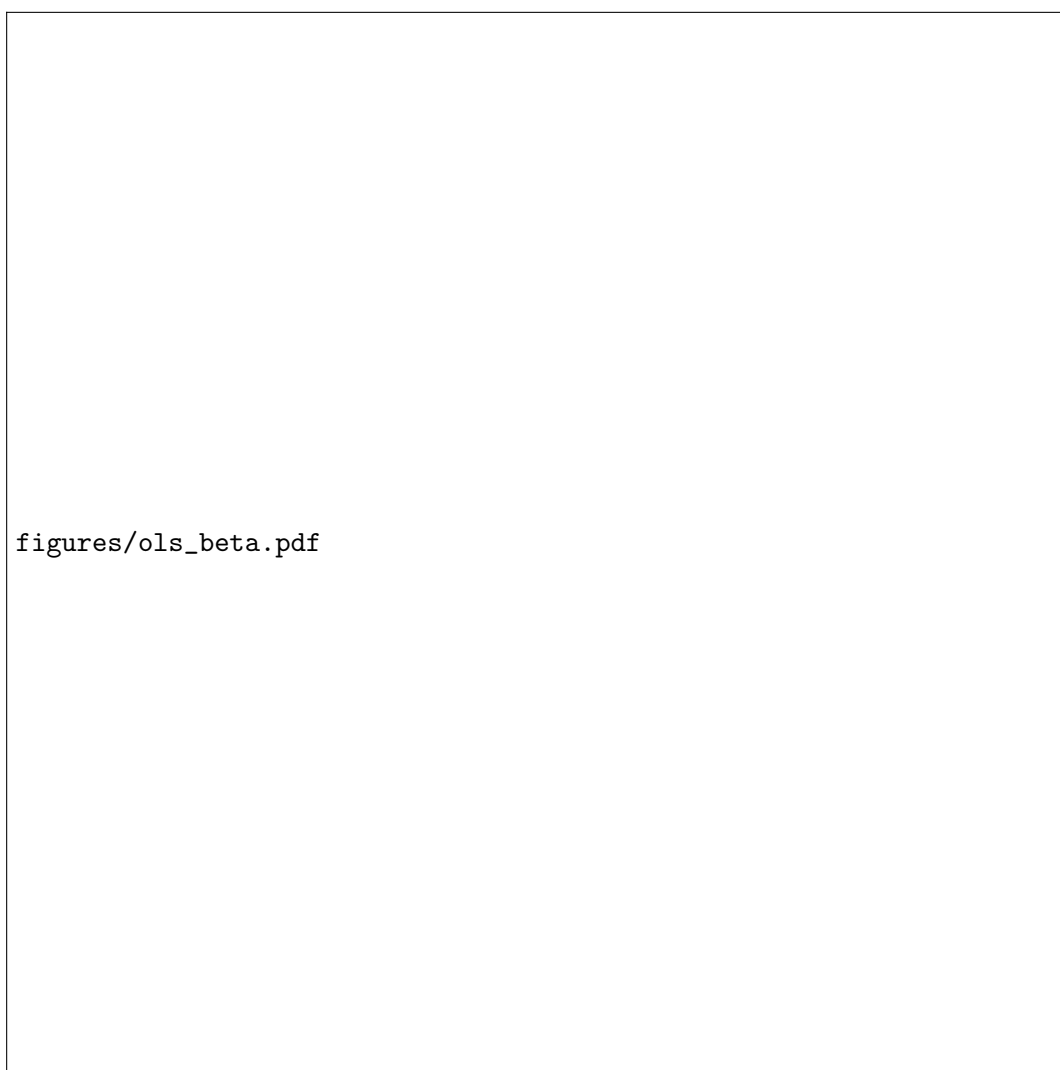
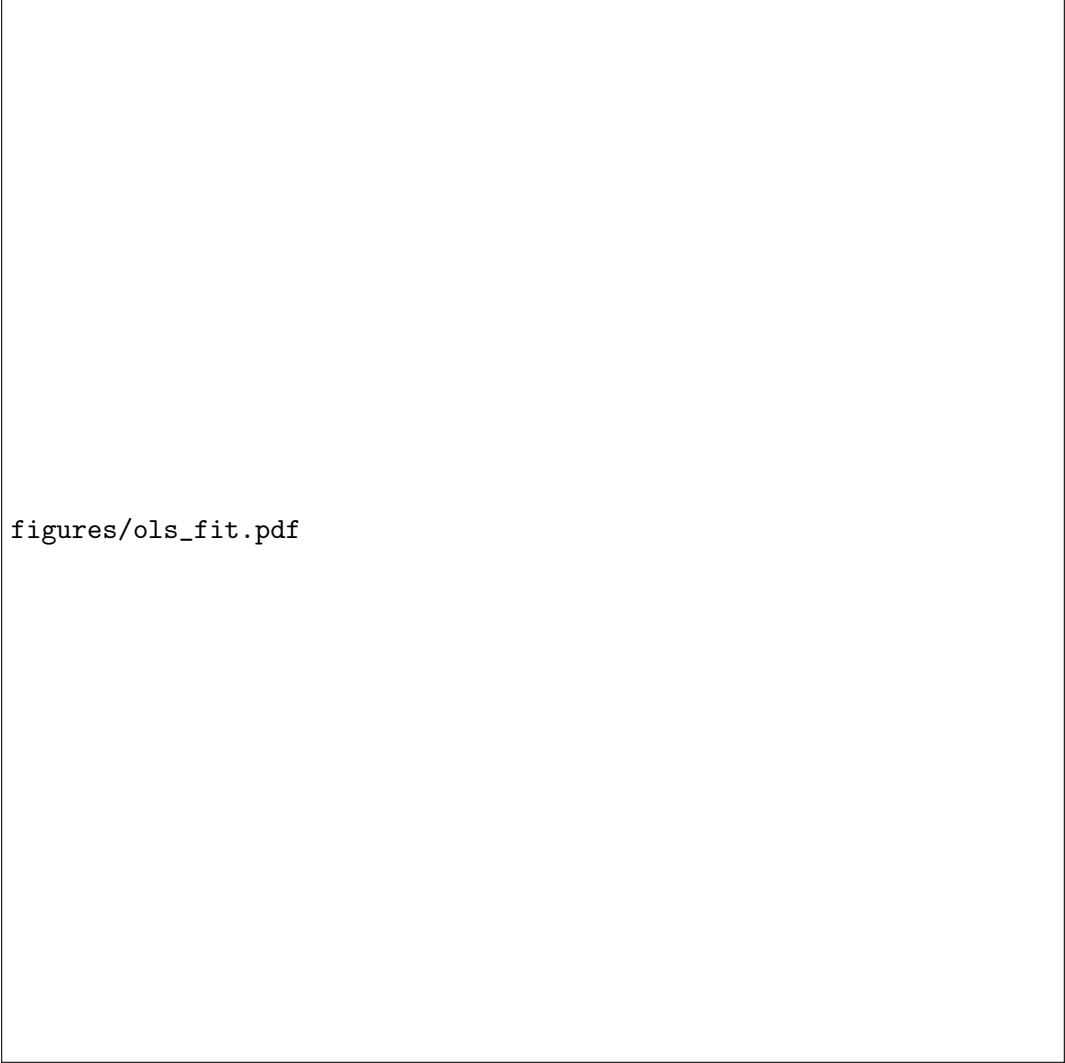
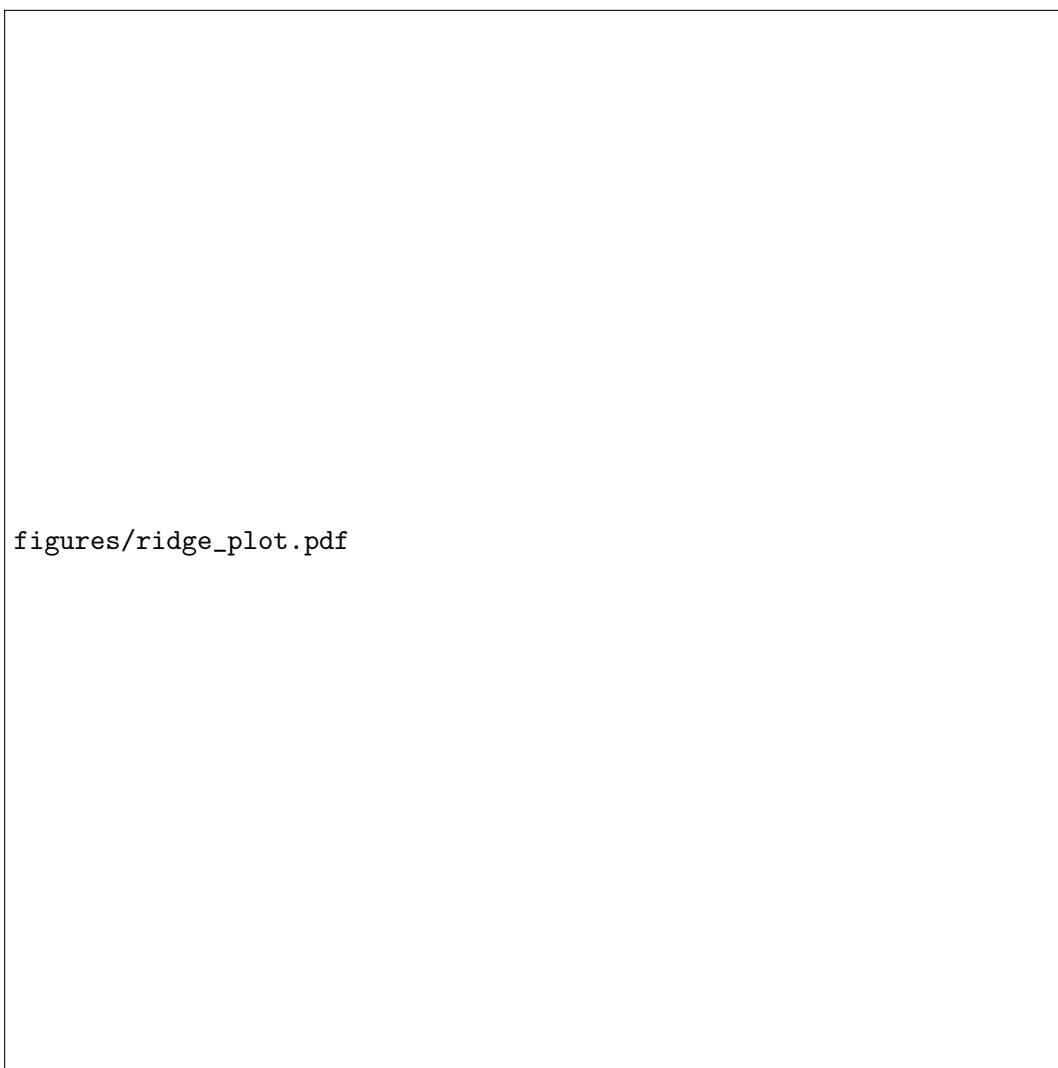


Figure 5.1: OLS β Estimates



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Figure 5.2: OLS fits



figures/ridge_plot.pdf

Figure 5.3: Ridge fit

Chapter 6

Assignment 6: Bayesian estimate

ξ values

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6.1 Problem statement

We want to make a bayesian modelling of a gamma distribution whose scale parameter is itself a random variable following a gamma distribution.

Part 1: Posterior Distribution of θ

The likelihood function for X given θ is:

$$f(x | \theta) = \frac{\beta^\alpha \cdot x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta x}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \quad (6.1)$$

where $\beta = \frac{1}{\theta}$ Substituting $\beta = \frac{1}{\theta}$, we get:

$$f(x | \theta) = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{\theta}\right)^3 \cdot x^2 \cdot e^{-\frac{x}{\theta}}}{\Gamma(3)}. \quad (6.2)$$

The prior distribution for θ is:

$$\pi(\theta) = \frac{\xi_{18}^{\xi_{17}} \cdot \theta^{\xi_{17}-1} \cdot e^{-\xi_{18}\theta}}{\Gamma(\xi_{17})}. \quad (6.3)$$

The posterior distribution $\pi(\theta | x)$ is proportional to the product of the likelihood and the prior:

$$\pi(\theta | x) \propto f(x | \theta) \cdot \pi(\theta). \quad (6.4)$$

Substituting the expressions for the likelihood and prior:

$$\pi(\theta | x) \propto \left(\frac{1}{\theta}\right)^3 \cdot x^2 \cdot e^{-\frac{x}{\theta}} \cdot \theta^{\xi_{17}-1} \cdot e^{-\xi_{18}\theta}. \quad (6.5)$$

Simplifying:

$$\pi(\theta | x) \propto \theta^{\xi_{17}-4} \cdot e^{-\xi_{18}\theta - \frac{x}{\theta}}. \quad (6.6)$$

The posterior distribution has the form of a Gamma distribution. For a Gamma distribution, the shape and rate parameters are updated as:

$$\tilde{\alpha} = \xi_{17} + \alpha = \xi_{17} + 3, \quad \tilde{\beta} = \xi_{18} + x = \xi_{18} + \xi_{19}. \quad (6.7)$$

Thus, the posterior distribution is:

$$\theta | x \sim \Gamma(\tilde{\alpha} = \xi_{17} + 3, \tilde{\beta} = \xi_{18} + \xi_{19}). \quad (6.8)$$

Part 2: Bayes Estimate with Square-Error Loss

The Bayes estimate under the square-error loss function is the **mean** of the posterior distribution.

For a Gamma distribution $\Gamma(\alpha, \beta)$, the mean is given by:

$$Mean = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}. \quad (6.9)$$

From Part (a), the posterior parameters are:

$$\tilde{\alpha} = \xi_{17} + 3, \quad \tilde{\beta} = \xi_{18} + \xi_{19}. \quad (6.10)$$

Thus, the Bayes estimate is:

$$\hat{\theta}_{mean} = \frac{\tilde{\alpha}}{\tilde{\beta}} = \frac{\xi_{17} + 3}{\xi_{18} + \xi_{19}}. \quad (6.11)$$

6.1.1 Part 3: Bayes Estimate Using the Mode

The Bayes estimate under the mode of the posterior distribution is the **mode** of the posterior Gamma distribution.

For a Gamma distribution $\Gamma(\alpha, \beta)$, the mode is given by:

$$Mode = \frac{\alpha - 1}{\beta} \quad (6.12)$$

Using the posterior parameters from Part (a):

$$\tilde{\alpha} = \xi_{17} + 3, \quad \tilde{\beta} = \xi_{18} + \xi_{19}. \quad (6.13)$$

The mode is:

$$\hat{\theta}_{mode} = \frac{\tilde{\alpha} - 1}{\tilde{\beta}} = \frac{\xi_{17} + 2}{\xi_{18} + \xi_{19}}. \quad (6.14)$$