COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY
Statistical Inference and Modeling
Quiz 1

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You have 20 minutes to answer the following questions. Good luck!

Question 1 (3 points)

Let $X_1, \ldots, X_n$ be random sample of i.i.d. exponential random variables with density function $f(x;\theta) = \theta e^{-\theta x}$ for $x > 0$. Compute the Fisher information for θ and deduce the asymptotic distribution of $\hat{\theta}_{MLE}$.

$$\log f(x;\theta) = \log(\theta) - \theta x$$

$$\frac{\partial^2}{\partial\theta^2}\left(\log f(x;\theta)\right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial\theta}\left(\frac{1}{\theta} - x\right) = -\frac{1}{\theta^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{I(\theta) = \frac{1}{\theta^2}}_{2\text{ pts}} \Rightarrow \underbrace{\sqrt{n}\left(\hat{\theta} - \theta\right) \xrightarrow[n\to\infty]{D} N(0, \theta^2)}_{1\text{ point}}$$

Question 2 (3 points)

Suppose that $X_1, \cdots, X_n$ form a random sample from the normal distribution with unknown mean μ and unknown standard deviation σ, and let $\hat{\mu}$ and $\hat{\sigma}$ denote their respective MLE. For the sample size $n = 17$, find a value of k such that $\mathbb{P}(\hat{\mu} > \mu + k\hat{\sigma}) = 0.975$.

1 pt $\hat{\mu} = \bar{X}$, $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_i - \bar{X})^2$, $n = 17$

$$\sqrt{n}\frac{\bar{X} - \mu}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{n-1}\sum_{i=1}^{n}(X_i - \bar{X})^2}} = \sqrt{n}\frac{(\hat{\mu} - \mu)}{\frac{\sqrt{n}}{\sqrt{n-1}}\hat{\sigma}} = \sqrt{n-1}\,\frac{\hat{\mu} - \mu}{\hat{\sigma}} \sim t_{n-1}$$

Hence

$$\mathbb{P}(\hat{\mu} > \mu + k\hat{\sigma}) = \mathbb{P}\left(\sqrt{n-1}\,\frac{\hat{\mu} - \mu}{\hat{\sigma}} > \underbrace{\sqrt{n-1}\,k}_{=-2{,}12 \text{ (in the table)}}\right) = 0{,}975$$

$$\Rightarrow k = -\frac{1}{4} \cdot 2{,}12$$

Question 3 (4 points)

Let $X_1, \ldots, X_n \overset{iid}{\sim} Poisson(\lambda)$.

2 pts 1. Show that $\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i$ is the MLE of λ.

2 pts 2. Give the MLE of $\mathbb{P}(X = 0)$ and give its asymptotic distribution.

1) $\prod_{i=1}^{n} \mathbb{P}(X_i = x_i) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} \frac{e^{-\lambda}\lambda^{x_i}}{x_i!} = \frac{e^{-n\lambda}\lambda^{\sum_i x_i}}{\prod_{i=1}^{n} x_i!} = L_n(\lambda)$

$\frac{\partial \log L_n(\lambda)}{\partial \lambda} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \lambda}\left(-n\lambda + \sum_i x_i \log \lambda\right) = -n + \frac{1}{\lambda}\sum_i x_i = 0$

$\Rightarrow \hat{\lambda} = \bar{X}$

2) $\mathbb{P}(X=0) = e^{-\lambda} = p(\lambda)$

$\Rightarrow \widehat{p(\lambda)} = p(\hat{\lambda}) = e^{-\bar{X}}$

CLT:

$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\lambda} - \lambda) \xrightarrow[n\to\infty]{D} \mathcal{N}(0, \lambda)$

Delta method

$\sqrt{n}(e^{-\hat{\lambda}} - e^{-\lambda}) \xrightarrow[n\to\infty]{D} \mathcal{N}(0, \lambda \cdot e^{-2\lambda})$

Table of the *t* Distribution

If X has a t distribution with m degrees of freedom, the table gives the value of x such that $\Pr(X \le x) = p$.

m	$p = .55$	.60	.65	.70	.75	.80	.85	.90	.95	.975	.99	.995
1	.158	.325	.510	.727	1.000	1.376	1.963	3.078	6.314	12.706	31.821	63.657
2	.142	.289	.445	.617	.816	1.061	1.386	1.886	2.920	4.303	6.965	9.925
3	.137	.277	.424	.584	.765	.978	1.250	1.638	2.353	3.182	4.541	5.841
4	.134	.271	.414	.569	.741	.941	1.190	1.533	2.132	2.776	3.747	4.604
5	.132	.267	.408	.559	.727	.920	1.156	1.476	2.015	2.571	3.365	4.032
6	.131	.265	.404	.553	.718	.906	1.134	1.440	1.943	2.447	3.143	3.707
7	.130	.263	.402	.549	.711	.896	1.119	1.415	1.895	2.365	2.998	3.499
8	.130	.262	.399	.546	.706	.889	1.108	1.397	1.860	2.306	2.896	3.355
9	.129	.261	.398	.543	.703	.883	1.100	1.383	1.833	2.262	2.821	3.250
10	.129	.260	.397	.542	.700	.879	1.093	1.372	1.812	2.228	2.764	3.169
11	.129	.260	.396	.540	.697	.876	1.088	1.363	1.796	2.201	2.718	3.106
12	.128	.259	.395	.539	.695	.873	1.083	1.356	1.782	2.179	2.681	3.055
13	.128	.259	.394	.538	.694	.870	1.079	1.350	1.771	2.160	2.650	3.012
14	.128	.258	.393	.537	.692	.868	1.076	1.345	1.761	2.145	2.624	2.977
15	.128	.258	.393	.536	.691	.866	1.074	1.341	1.753	2.131	2.602	2.947
16	.128	.258	.392	.535	.690	.865	1.071	1.337	1.746	2.120	2.583	2.921
17	.128	.257	.392	.534	.689	.863	1.069	1.333	1.740	2.110	2.567	2.898
18	.127	.257	.392	.534	.688	.862	1.067	1.330	1.734	2.101	2.552	2.878
19	.127	.257	.391	.533	.688	.861	1.066	1.328	1.729	2.093	2.539	2.861
20	.127	.257	.391	.533	.687	.860	1.064	1.325	1.725	2.086	2.528	2.845
21	.127	.257	.391	.532	.686	.859	1.063	1.323	1.721	2.080	2.518	2.831
22	.127	.256	.390	.532	.686	.858	1.061	1.321	1.717	2.074	2.508	2.819
23	.127	.256	.390	.532	.685	.858	1.060	1.319	1.714	2.069	2.500	2.807
24	.127	.256	.390	.531	.685	.857	1.059	1.318	1.711	2.064	2.492	2.797
25	.127	.256	.390	.531	.684	.856	1.058	1.316	1.708	2.060	2.485	2.787
26	.127	.256	.390	.531	.684	.856	1.058	1.315	1.706	2.056	2.479	2.779
27	.127	.256	.389	.531	.684	.855	1.057	1.314	1.703	2.052	2.473	2.771
28	.127	.256	.389	.530	.683	.855	1.056	1.313	1.701	2.048	2.467	2.763
29	.127	.256	.389	.530	.683	.854	1.055	1.311	1.699	2.045	2.462	2.756
30	.127	.256	.389	.530	.683	.854	1.055	1.310	1.697	2.042	2.457	2.750
40	.126	.255	.388	.529	.681	.851	1.050	1.303	1.684	2.021	2.423	2.704
60	.126	.254	.387	.527	.679	.848	1.046	1.296	1.671	2.000	2.390	2.660
120	.126	.254	.386	.526	.677	.845	1.041	1.289	1.658	1.980	2.358	2.617
∞	.126	.253	.385	.524	.674	.842	1.036	1.282	1.645	1.960	2.326	2.576

Table of the Standard Normal Distribution Function

$$\Phi(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{x} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{1/2}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}u^2\right) du$$

x	$\Phi(x)$	x	$\Phi(x)$	x	$\Phi(x)$	x	$\Phi(x)$	x	$\Phi(x)$
0.00	0.5000	0.60	0.7257	1.20	0.8849	1.80	0.9641	2.40	0.9918
0.01	0.5040	0.61	0.7291	1.21	0.8869	1.81	0.9649	2.41	0.9920
0.02	0.5080	0.62	0.7324	1.22	0.8888	1.82	0.9656	2.42	0.9922
0.03	0.5120	0.63	0.7357	1.23	0.8907	1.83	0.9664	2.43	0.9925
0.04	0.5160	0.64	0.7389	1.24	0.8925	1.84	0.9671	2.44	0.9927
0.05	0.5199	0.65	0.7422	1.25	0.8944	1.85	0.9678	2.45	0.9929
0.06	0.5239	0.66	0.7454	1.26	0.8962	1.86	0.9686	2.46	0.9931
0.07	0.5279	0.67	0.7486	1.27	0.8980	1.87	0.9693	2.47	0.9932
0.08	0.5319	0.68	0.7517	1.28	0.8997	1.88	0.9699	2.48	0.9934
0.09	0.5359	0.69	0.7549	1.29	0.9015	1.89	0.9706	2.49	0.9936
0.10	0.5398	0.70	0.7580	1.30	0.9032	1.90	0.9713	2.50	0.9938
0.11	0.5438	0.71	0.7611	1.31	0.9049	1.91	0.9719	2.52	0.9941
0.12	0.5478	0.72	0.7642	1.32	0.9066	1.92	0.9726	2.54	0.9945
0.13	0.5517	0.73	0.7673	1.33	0.9082	1.93	0.9732	2.56	0.9948
0.14	0.5557	0.74	0.7704	1.34	0.9099	1.94	0.9738	2.58	0.9951
0.15	0.5596	0.75	0.7734	1.35	0.9115	1.95	0.9744	2.60	0.9953
0.16	0.5636	0.76	0.7764	1.36	0.9131	1.96	0.9750	2.62	0.9956
0.17	0.5675	0.77	0.7794	1.37	0.9147	1.97	0.9756	2.64	0.9959
0.18	0.5714	0.78	0.7823	1.38	0.9162	1.98	0.9761	2.66	0.9961
0.19	0.5753	0.79	0.7852	1.39	0.9177	1.99	0.9767	2.68	0.9963
0.20	0.5793	0.80	0.7881	1.40	0.9192	2.00	0.9773	2.70	0.9965
0.21	0.5832	0.81	0.7910	1.41	0.9207	2.01	0.9778	2.72	0.9967
0.22	0.5871	0.82	0.7939	1.42	0.9222	2.02	0.9783	2.74	0.9969
0.23	0.5910	0.83	0.7967	1.43	0.9236	2.03	0.9788	2.76	0.9971
0.24	0.5948	0.84	0.7995	1.44	0.9251	2.04	0.9793	2.78	0.9973
0.25	0.5987	0.85	0.8023	1.45	0.9265	2.05	0.9798	2.80	0.9974
0.26	0.6026	0.86	0.8051	1.46	0.9279	2.06	0.9803	2.82	0.9976
0.27	0.6064	0.87	0.8079	1.47	0.9292	2.07	0.9808	2.84	0.9977
0.28	0.6103	0.88	0.8106	1.48	0.9306	2.08	0.9812	2.86	0.9979
0.29	0.6141	0.89	0.8133	1.49	0.9319	2.09	0.9817	2.88	0.9980
0.30	0.6179	0.90	0.8159	1.50	0.9332	2.10	0.9821	2.90	0.9981
0.31	0.6217	0.91	0.8186	1.51	0.9345	2.11	0.9826	2.92	0.9983
0.32	0.6255	0.92	0.8212	1.52	0.9357	2.12	0.9830	2.94	0.9984
0.33	0.6293	0.93	0.8238	1.53	0.9370	2.13	0.9834	2.96	0.9985
0.34	0.6331	0.94	0.8264	1.54	0.9382	2.14	0.9838	2.98	0.9986
0.35	0.6368	0.95	0.8289	1.55	0.9394	2.15	0.9842	3.00	0.9987
0.36	0.6406	0.96	0.8315	1.56	0.9406	2.16	0.9846	3.05	0.9989
0.37	0.6443	0.97	0.8340	1.57	0.9418	2.17	0.9850	3.10	0.9990
0.38	0.6480	0.98	0.8365	1.58	0.9429	2.18	0.9854	3.15	0.9992
0.39	0.6517	0.99	0.8389	1.59	0.9441	2.19	0.9857	3.20	0.9993
0.40	0.6554	1.00	0.8413	1.60	0.9452	2.20	0.9861	3.25	0.9994
0.41	0.6591	1.01	0.8437	1.61	0.9463	2.21	0.9864	3.30	0.9995
0.42	0.6628	1.02	0.8461	1.62	0.9474	2.22	0.9868	3.35	0.9996
0.43	0.6664	1.03	0.8485	1.63	0.9485	2.23	0.9871	3.40	0.9997
0.44	0.6700	1.04	0.8508	1.64	0.9495	2.24	0.9875	3.45	0.9997
0.45	0.6736	1.05	0.8531	1.65	0.9505	2.25	0.9878	3.50	0.9998
0.46	0.6772	1.06	0.8554	1.66	0.9515	2.26	0.9881	3.55	0.9998
0.47	0.6808	1.07	0.8577	1.67	0.9525	2.27	0.9884	3.60	0.9998
0.48	0.6844	1.08	0.8599	1.68	0.9535	2.28	0.9887	3.65	0.9999
0.49	0.6879	1.09	0.8621	1.69	0.9545	2.29	0.9890	3.70	0.9999
0.50	0.6915	1.10	0.8643	1.70	0.9554	2.30	0.9893	3.75	0.9999
0.51	0.6950	1.11	0.8665	1.71	0.9564	2.31	0.9896	3.80	0.9999
0.52	0.6985	1.12	0.8686	1.72	0.9573	2.32	0.9898	3.85	0.9999
0.53	0.7019	1.13	0.8708	1.73	0.9582	2.33	0.9901	3.90	1.0000
0.54	0.7054	1.14	0.8729	1.74	0.9591	2.34	0.9904	3.95	1.0000
0.55	0.7088	1.15	0.8749	1.75	0.9599	2.35	0.9906	4.00	1.0000
0.56	0.7123	1.16	0.8770	1.76	0.9608	2.36	0.9909		
0.57	0.7157	1.17	0.8790	1.77	0.9616	2.37	0.9911		
0.58	0.7190	1.18	0.8810	1.78	0.9625	2.38	0.9913		
0.59	0.7224	1.19	0.8830	1.79	0.9633	2.39	0.9916		