

Homework Set 6: Extra Problem (Total 10 points)

a (1 point). Use the data in the files "Question1.txt" to fit an exponential distribution using the method of moments.

$$\theta = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}{n}, \quad \lambda = \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i}$$
$$\text{lambda} = 1 / \text{sample mean}$$
$$= 1 / 29.72$$
$$= 0.0336$$

b. (2 points) Use the data in the files "Question1.txt" to fit an exponential distribution using the maximum likelihood method.

Since the MLE function: $L(\theta | (x_1, \dots, x_n)) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i | \theta)$

$$L(\lambda; x_1, \dots, x_n) = \lambda^n \exp\left(-\lambda \sum_{j=1}^n x_j\right)$$

$$\ln L(\lambda; x_1, \dots, x_n) = n \ln(\lambda) - \lambda \sum_{j=1}^n x_j$$

Since we get: $f(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & x < 0 \end{cases}$

and we know $f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$, $\lambda = 0.0336$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0.0336 e^{-0.0336x} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

c. (1 point) Estimate a 90% credibility interval using your fitted exponential distribution.

Since $P = 1 - e^{-\lambda x}$
 $e^{-\lambda x} = 1 - P$
 $x = -\frac{\ln(1-P)}{\lambda}$

90% interval: $\left[\frac{-\ln(1-0.05)}{0.0336}, \frac{-\ln(1-0.95)}{0.0336} \right]$
 $= [1.5244, 89.0332]$

d. (4 points) Perform a χ^2 -goodness of fit test, using the equal bin-width method and the equal bin-probability method.

Completed on the excel sheet.

e. (2 points) Use MINITAB to draw a probability plot of the data. Estimate a 90% credibility interval using MINITAB by drawing it in the probability plot.

Attached the graph on the excel sheet.