

F-test (Section 7.7)

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In this example we plot the f-distribution $\Psi_{n,m}(f)$, defined in Equation 7.42, for the distribution of the test-statistics f , which is defined in Equation 7.38 and quantifies by how much the χ^2 of a least-squares fit increases, if n fit-parameters are excluded from the fit. The parameter m is given by the number of data points N minus the number of fit-parameters of the original fit with many fit-parameters.

The two sliders are used to select n and m , where the first one n the number of fit-parameters we want to omit from our fit and m is roughly given by the number of data points N , if that is very large. Then we define the range of f we wish to plot and use MATLAB's built-in function `pdf()` to produce the data, which we subsequently plot

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n=8; % Slider to select n = q-p
m=95; % Slider to select m = N-q
f=0:0.01:3;
psi=pdf('F',f,n,m);
plot(f,psi,'k','LineWidth',2)
ylim([0 1.19])
xlabel('f')
ylabel('\Psi_{n,m}(f)')
legend(['n=',num2str(n),', m=',num2str(m)])
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