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Consider  $X_1, \dots, X_n, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , independently and identically distributed random variables with probability density and cumulative distribution function, respectively, given by

$$f(x; \alpha, \gamma) = \begin{cases} \alpha \gamma^\alpha x^{-(\alpha+1)}, & \gamma \leq x, \\ 0, & \text{else,} \end{cases}, \quad F(x; \alpha, \gamma) = \begin{cases} 1 - \gamma^\alpha x^{-\alpha}, & \gamma \leq x \\ 0, & \text{else} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

with real parameters  $\alpha > 1, \gamma > 0$ ; that is, the (full) likelihood of the parameters for a sample  $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is given by

$$L(\alpha, \gamma; \mathbf{x}) = \begin{cases} \alpha^n \gamma^{n\alpha} \prod_{i=1}^n x_i^{-(\alpha+1)}, & \gamma \leq x_{(1)}, \\ 0, & \text{else,} \end{cases}$$

where  $x_{(1)} = \min\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$  denotes the minimum of the observed sample values.

Consider the profile likelihood approach, where  $\gamma$  is the nuisance parameter, while  $\alpha$  is the parameter of interest. Denote by  $\hat{\gamma}(\alpha)$  the nuisance parameter estimate of  $\gamma$  for fixed  $\alpha$ .

Suppose we have observed the sample

$$x_1 = 6, x_2 = 4, x_3 = 3$$

of size  $n = 3$ .

Find the missing numerical values with a precision of two decimals.

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(a) Calculate  $\hat{\gamma}(\alpha)$  and give the value of  $\hat{\gamma}(\alpha)$  for  $\alpha = 2$ .

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(b) Calculate the profile maximum likelihood estimate for the parameter  $\alpha$  based on the observed sample given above (with a precision of two decimals).

$\hat{\alpha}^{profile} =$

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