

MATH10282: INTRODUCTION TO STATISTICS
SEMESTER 2
SOLUTIONS TO QUIZ PROBLEM 10

Suppose $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ is an independent random sample from $\text{Exp}(\theta)$. Consider the test for $H_0 : \theta = \theta_1$ versus $H_1 : \theta = \theta_2$ with

$$\sum_{i=1}^n X_i < c$$

as the rule for rejecting H_0 .

Let $Z = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$. Suppose $n = 1$. Then the type II error probability is

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(\text{Type II Error}) &= \Pr(X_1 \geq c \mid \theta_2) \\ &= 1 - \Pr(X_1 < c \mid \theta_2) \\ &= 1 - \Pr(\text{Exp}(\theta_2) < c \mid \theta_2) \\ &= 1 - [1 - \exp(-\theta_2 c)] \\ &= \exp(-\theta_2 c), \end{aligned}$$

so the statement holds when $n = 1$. Suppose now $n = 2$. Then the type II error probability is

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(\text{Type II Error}) &= \Pr(X_1 + X_2 \geq c \mid \theta_2) \\ &= 1 - \Pr(X_1 + X_2 < c \mid \theta_2) \\ &= 1 - \Pr(\text{Exp}(\theta_2) + \text{Exp}(\theta_2) < c \mid \theta_2) \\ &= 1 - \int_0^c \{1 - \exp[-\theta_2(c-x)]\} \theta_2 \exp(-\theta_2 x) dx \\ &= 1 - \int_0^c \theta_2 \exp(-\theta_2 x) dx - \int_0^c \theta_2 \exp(-\theta_2 c) dx \\ &= 1 - [1 - \exp(-\theta_2 c) - \theta_2 c \exp(-\theta_2 c)] \\ &= (1 + \theta_2 c) \exp(-\theta_2 c), \end{aligned}$$

so the statement holds when $n = 2$. Next, assume that the statement is true for $n = k - 1$, that is

$$\Pr(\text{Type II Error}) = \left[1 + \theta_2 c + \dots + \frac{\theta_2^{k-2} c^{k-2}}{(k-2)!} \right] \exp(-\theta_2 c).$$

The statement also holds for $n = k$ since

$$\begin{aligned} &\Pr(\text{Type II Error}) \\ &= \Pr(X_1 + \dots + X_n \geq c \mid \theta_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 1 - \Pr(X_1 + \dots + X_n < c \mid \theta_2) \\
&= 1 - \int_0^c \left\{ 1 - \left[1 + \theta_2(c-x) + \dots + \frac{\theta_2^{k-2}(c-x)^{k-2}}{(k-2)!} \right] \exp[-\theta_2(c-x)] \right\} \theta_2 \exp(-\theta_2 x) dx \\
&= 1 - \int_0^c \theta_2 \exp(-\theta_2 x) dx + \theta_2 \exp(-\theta_2 c) \int_0^c \left[1 + \theta_2(c-x) + \dots + \frac{\theta_2^{k-2}(c-x)^{k-2}}{(k-2)!} \right] dx \\
&= 1 - \int_0^c \theta_2 \exp(-\theta_2 x) dx + \theta_2 \exp(-\theta_2 c) \left[x - \theta_2 \frac{(c-x)^2}{2} - \dots - \frac{\theta_2^{k-2}(c-x)^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} \right]_0^c \\
&= \exp(-\theta_2 c) + \theta_2 \exp(-\theta_2 c) \left[c + \theta_2 \frac{c^2}{2} + \dots + \frac{\theta_2^{k-2} c^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} \right] \\
&= \exp(-\theta_2 c) + \exp(-\theta_2 c) \left[\theta_2 c + \frac{\theta_2^2 c^2}{2} + \dots + \frac{\theta_2^{k-1} c^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} \right] \\
&= \left[1 + \theta_2 c + \frac{\theta_2^2 c^2}{2} + \dots + \frac{\theta_2^{k-1} c^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} \right] \exp(-\theta_2 c).
\end{aligned}$$

Hence, the result follows.