

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

Suppose X_1, \dots, X_n is a random sample from a distribution specified by the cumulative distribution function $F(x) = (x/K)^a$ for $a > 0$ and $0 \leq x \leq K$, where a is known. Consider testing $H_0 : K = K_0$ versus $H_1 : K > K_0$. Suppose we reject H_0 when $T = \max(X_1, \dots, X_n) < c$ for some constant $c < K$. The probability of type II error is

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr(\text{Type II error}) &= \Pr(T \geq c \mid K > K_0) \\ &= 1 - \Pr(T < c \mid K > K_0) \\ &= 1 - \Pr(\max(X_1, \dots, X_n) < c) \\ &= 1 - \Pr(X_1 < c, \dots, X_n < c) \\ &= 1 - \Pr(X_1 < c) \cdots \Pr(X_n < c) \\ &= 1 - [\Pr(X < c)]^n \\ &= 1 - [1 - F(c)]^n \\ &= 1 - \left(\frac{c}{K}\right)^{na}. \end{aligned}$$

We must have

$$1 - \left(\frac{c}{K}\right)^{na} \leq \beta$$

which is equivalent to

$$\left(\frac{c}{K}\right)^{na} \geq 1 - \beta$$

which is equivalent to

$$na \log\left(\frac{c}{K}\right) \geq \log(1 - \beta)$$

which is equivalent to

$$n \leq \frac{\log(1 - \beta)}{a \log\left(\frac{c}{K}\right)}.$$

So, the correct answer is c).