

1. Let X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n be independent identically distributed random variables with density function

$$h(t; \theta) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } t \notin [1, 3] \\ \theta 2^{-\theta} (t-1)^{\theta-1}, & \text{if } t \in [1, 3] \end{cases}$$

Find a moment estimator for θ .

$$\bar{X} = \int_1^3 \theta 2^{-\theta} (t-1)^{\theta-1} t \, dt$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \frac{u}{t 2^{-\theta}} \\ \frac{dv}{\theta (t-1)^{\theta-1}} \\ \hline 2^{-\theta} \quad + \quad (t-1)^{\theta} \\ \quad \quad \quad - \quad (t-1)^{\theta+1} \\ \hline 0 \quad \quad \quad \theta+1 \end{array}$$

Note that the process of integration is different for $\theta=1$, but the result is the same.

$$\left(t 2^{-\theta} (t-1)^{\theta} - \frac{2^{-\theta} (t-1)^{\theta+1}}{\theta+1} \right) \Big|_1^3$$

$$= 3 2^{-\theta} 2^{\theta} - \frac{2^{-\theta} 2^{\theta+1}}{\theta+1} = 3 - \frac{2}{\theta+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{\theta+1} = 3 - \bar{X} \Rightarrow \theta+1 = \frac{2}{3-\bar{X}} \Rightarrow \hat{\theta} = \frac{2}{3-\bar{X}} - 1$$