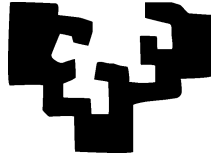


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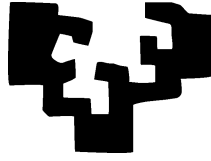
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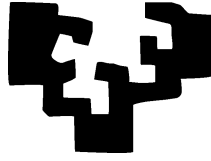
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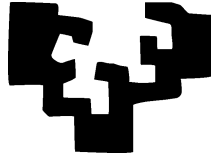
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Answers for the exam of type 2

Section 1. Multiple choice questions

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 - (b) Both produce point estimates, and may give the same result**
 - (c) Both produce point estimates, which are always different
 - (d) Both produce interval estimates, which are always different
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 - (c) $Z > \chi^2_{k+1, \alpha}$.
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3. It is thought that the monthly number of units of a certain product consumed by a family follows the distribution specified in the table next:
- | | | | | |
|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| x_i | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| $P(x_i)$ | θ | 2θ | 3θ | $1-6\theta$ |
- A sample is taken providing 100 independent observations from such distribution. The sample mean and variance are 1.38 and 0.85. Using this information, the moment estimate of θ is:
- (a) 1.38
 - (b) 0.15
 - (c) 0.162**
 - (d) 0.85
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4. Let X be a random variable whose distributions depends on a unique parameter θ . We obtain the maximum likelihood estimation equating to zero:
- (a) The likelihood function
 - (b) The log of the likelihood function
 - (c) The derivative of the log of the likelihood function with respect to θ**
 - (d) The derivative of the log of the likelihood function with respect to X

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 - Tolerate a decrease of α .
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 - Fix $\alpha + \beta = 0.85$
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 - 0.5
 - 0.1
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- $\frac{n_2}{n_1+n_2}$
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 - Pekín.
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 - The estimator is efficient (and only in this case).
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