

**Testing exponentiality via Khmaladze transformation.  
Calculation of Kolmogorov-Smirnov statistics.**

**Background**

Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  is a sample (a sequence of i.i.d. random variables). Suppose we wish to test whether each  $X_i$  follows an exponential distribution function  $P_\lambda(x) = 1 - e^{-\lambda x}$  with some unspecified  $\lambda > 0$ . Moreover, suppose we wish to test this hypothesis of exponentiality using a goodness of fit test, i.e. using a test which should be able to detect “all sorts” of alternatives to exponentiality.

One can do this, for example, by using Kolmogorov-Smirnov statistics from the process

$$w_n(x) = \sqrt{n}[P_n(x) - K(x, P_n)]$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} K(x, P_n) &= \hat{\lambda} \int_0^\infty \left( 2 + \frac{\hat{\lambda}}{2} \min(x, y) - \hat{\lambda} y \right) \min(x, y) P_n(dy) \\ &= \hat{\lambda} \int_0^x \left( 2 - \frac{\hat{\lambda}}{2} y \right) y P_n(dy) + \hat{\lambda} \left( 2 + \frac{\hat{\lambda}}{2} x \right) x \{1 - P_n(x)\} - \hat{\lambda}^2 x \int_x^\infty y P_n(dy) \end{aligned}$$

or

$$K(x, P_n) = \frac{\hat{\lambda}}{n} \sum_{i: X_i \leq x} \left( 2X_i - \frac{\hat{\lambda}}{2} X_i^2 \right) + \hat{\lambda} \left( 2 + \frac{\hat{\lambda}}{2} x \right) x \{1 - P_n(x)\} - x \frac{\hat{\lambda}^2}{n} \sum_{i: X_i > x} X_i.$$

This form of empirical process is based on the so called Khmaladze transformation.

Calculation of the Kolmogorov-Smirnov statistics

$$d_n^+ = \sup_x w_n(x), d_n^- = -\inf_x w_n(x) \text{ and } d_n = \sup_x |w_n(x)| = \max(d_n^+, d_n^-)$$

becomes easy and quick if we note the following: within each interval  $(X_{(j)}, X_{(j+1)})$  formed by adjacent order statistics the compensator  $K(x, P_n)$  is a quadratic function in  $x$  and its minimum is attained at the point

$$x_j^0 = \frac{\sum_{i: X_i > X_{(j)}} X_i}{n - j} - 2\bar{X},$$

while  $P_n(x)$  stays constant. It follows that the maximum or minimum of the difference  $P_n(x) - K(x, P_n)$  on each such interval is attained either at the end-points or in  $x_j^0$ , provided  $x_j^0 \in (X_{(j)}, X_{(j+1)})$ . In other words,

$$d_n^+ = \max(a_n, b_n)$$

where

$$a_n = \max_j \left\{ \frac{j}{n} - K(X_{(j)}, P_n) \right\}, \text{ and } b_n = \max_{j: x_j^0 \in (X_{(j)}, X_{(j+1)})} \left\{ \frac{j}{n} - K(x_j^0, P_n) \right\}$$

while

$$d_n^- = -\min_j \left\{ (j-1)/n - K(X_{(j)}, P_n) \right\}.$$