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Chapter 1: INTRODUCTORY MATERIAL

1.1 Introduction

Normally, you would introduce notation, give the reader a guide to what you will be presenting, and motivate the reader (i.e., say why you did what you did and why it might be interesting to the reader). However, the next section presents a totally unrelated example of typesetting.

1.2 Reliability in a two-parameter exponential stress-strain model

In this chapter¹, we want to develop inferential procedures about the reliability parameter $R = P(X > Y)$, where X and Y are independent two-parameter exponential random variables. A two-parameter exponential distribution has probability density function (pdf) given by

$$f(x; \mu, \theta) = \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-(x-\mu)/\theta}, \quad x > \mu, \quad \mu \geq 0, \quad \theta > 0, \quad (1.1)$$

where μ is the location parameter and θ is the scale parameter. In lifetime data analysis, μ is referred to as a threshold or “guarantee time” parameter, and θ is the mean time to failure. The case of the two-parameter exponential distributions is of importance because it allows us to derive confidence limits for the reliability parameters involving Pareto distributions or power distributions by means of one-one transformations. In particular, if X follows a Pareto distribution with pdf $\lambda\sigma^\lambda/x^{\lambda+1}$, $x > \sigma$, then $Y = \ln(X)$ has the pdf in (1.1) with $\mu = \ln(\sigma)$ and $\theta = 1/\lambda$. If X follows a power distribution with pdf $\lambda x^{\lambda-1}/\sigma^\lambda$, $0 < x < \sigma$, then $Y = \ln(1/X)$ has the pdf in (1.1) with $\mu = \ln(1/\sigma)$ and $\theta = 1/\lambda$. Therefore, the inferential procedures about the

¹The content of this chapter will appear in *Metrika*.

reliability parameter that we will derive in the following sections are readily applicable to these distributions.

To formulate the present problem, let $X \sim \text{exponential}(\mu_1, \theta_1)$ independently of $Y \sim \text{exponential}(\mu_2, \theta_2)$. That is, the pdf of X is $f(x; \mu_1, \theta_1)$ and the pdf of Y is $f(y; \mu_2, \theta_2)$, where f is given in (1.1).

Chapter 2: EXAMPLES

2.1 Background

Some statements:

$$\begin{aligned} 2 &= 1 + 1 \\ &= \int_0^\infty e^{-\frac{1}{2}x} dx \\ &= \pi - (\pi - 2). \end{aligned}$$

A table follows.

Arabic	Roman	Notes
1	I	
2	II	
3	III	
4	IV	

We now have a theorem.

Theorem 2.1. *Without a doubt,*

$$1 + 1 = 2,$$

and that adds up. (We can put some additional blah-blah-blah here to illustrate how this style file spaces lines in theorems.)

Some might say Theorem 2.1 is obvious, but it took Bertrand Russell about half a book to develop the logical machinery to prove it.

2.1.1 A Corollary.

Corollary 2.2. $2 - 1 = 1$.

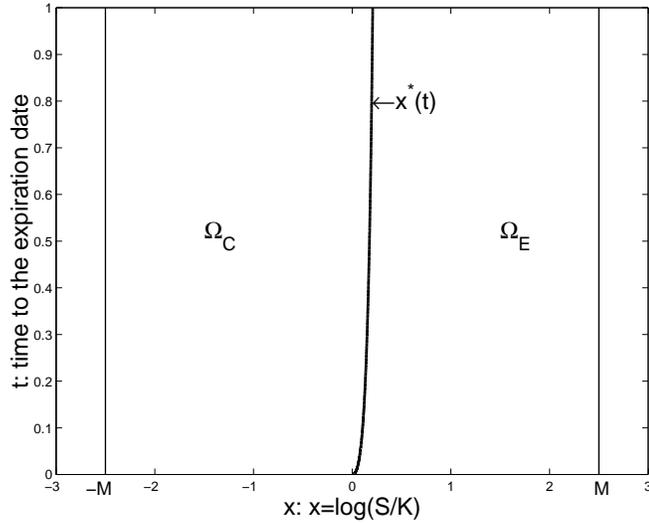
Remark 2.3. The theorem, proposition, lemma, corollary, remark, definition, and example environments have been defined in the style given in the class file `ullthesis.cls`. A numbering scheme acceptable to most has been chosen.

2.1.1.1 A sub-subsection. This is the least significant part of §2.1

Chapter 3: MAIN RESULTS

3.1 How to add figures

Figure 3.1. A graph passing through (0,0).



3.2 How to make tables

Table 3.1. A first finite sequence.

n	1	2	3	4	5	6
a_n	1	2	3	4	5	6

Table 3.2. A second finite sequence.

n	1	2	3	4	5	6
b_n	1	2	3	4	5	6

Figure 3.1 is not the graph of Table 3.2.

How to cite a reference [1].

Here is another one [2].

Chapter 4: CONCLUSIONS

4.1 Summary

In Chapter 2, we summed an array.

4.2 Future work

We certainly hope to have work in the future.

4.3 Writing the Bibliography

You can save yourself a lot of effort, and at the same time make sure your style is consistent with that of other dissertations (and make it more likely that the Graduate School will accept the format) if you use `BIBTEX` and cite your references using the citation keys in the `BIBTEX` database or databases you use (rather than “hard-wire” the reference numbers or names into your text by explicitly typing them). Contact me¹ if you have any questions about this. Along these lines, I recommend you copy `BIBTEX` entries from any databases you use to a single database for your dissertation, and correct any minor inconsistencies. Many `BIBTEX` databases on the web are not perfect. For example, some might have “Newton” in the title field of a record, but most `BIBTEX` styles will typeset all words in the title except the first word as lower case. This can be corrected by enclosing “Newton” in braces, i.e., by replacing “Newton” with “{Newton}”. (`BIBTEX` treats things within braces as a unit that it does not touch.)

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Appendix A: Proof of Theorem A.1

Theorem A.1. *I am.*

Proof. I think. Therefore, I am. ■

Appendix B: An Item That Can Be Removed

Make sure your work is not swollen with unnecessary verbiage.

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Biographical Sketch

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