

# Econometrics I, quiz 5

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1. This is a 10-minute quiz
2. At **NO** point in the exam can you discuss the questions/answers with any of your colleagues.
3. When a multiple choice is present, circle the number indicating your choice of the answer.
4. Good luck. :-)

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- **Q1 (10 points):** The exponential family of distributions has a pdf,  $f(x)$  as follows:

$$f(x|\alpha) = \begin{cases} \alpha e^{-\alpha x} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

1. What are the parameters to be estimated?
2. Work out neatly the equation for the MLE estimates. (Hint: Includes writing the L,  $\log(L)$ , ...)

3. What is the asymptotic distribution of the MLE estimates? (Hint: It should be written in the form,

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\theta} - \theta) \sim D(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

where you use the correct name of the probability density function “D”,  $\mu$ , and  $\sigma^2$ .)