

Homework n.5

1) Simulation of an experiment:

Extract $N=20$ random numbers distributed as an exponential function with lifetime $\tau=2$ (in some units)

Starting from $N=20$ random numbers uniformly distributed in $[0, 1]$:

0.405059710 0.028044254 0.758571449 0.382914253 0.231949128 0.457176317
0.736658152 0.038088207 0.104203774 0.513283288 0.742335360 0.368812945
0.898926650 0.884993284 0.029905424 0.510855547 0.976764989 0.163296696
0.312905139 0.172199152

2) Suppose that the $N=20$ values generated at point 1) come from corresponding N measurements of the lifetime of a decaying particle recorded in a fixed interval of time Δt .

a) Write the likelihood $L(t | \tau, N_0)$ for the N measurements in the unbinned case in order to apply the maximum likelihood fit to determine τ and rate of the decay.

b) Fill a histogram with 4 bins in $[0, 4]$

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