

Mathematical Statistics - Assignment 7

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Problem 4.56

Find the conditional probability that a customer arrives during the last 5 minutes of the 30-minute period if it is known that no one arrives during the first 10 minutes of the period. We write this probability as $P(Y > 25 | Y > 10) = \frac{P(Y > 25)}{P(Y > 10)}$.

$$P(Y > 10) = \int_0^1 0 \frac{1}{30} dy = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$P(Y > 25) = \int_{25}^{30} \frac{1}{30} dy = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\frac{P(Y > 25)}{P(Y > 10)} = \frac{\frac{1}{6}}{\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

So the probability that a customer arrives in the last 5 minutes given that no one has arrived in the first 10 minutes is .5.

Problem 4.59

If Z is a standard normal random variable, find the value z_0 such that

(a)

$P(Z > z_0) = .5$ Since the normal distribution is symmetric and its mean is 0, we say that $z_0 = 0$.

(b)

$P(Z < z_0) = .8463$. First note that $1 - .8463 = .1537$. Then we consult the table in the appendix for the standard normal distribution and we say $z_0 = 2.16$.

(c)

$P(-z_0 < Z < z_0) = .90$. Using the fact that Z is symmetric, we say that it must be a probability such that $P(Z > z_0) = .05$. Looking at our table of normal distribution values, we say that $z_0 = 1.65$ approximately.

(d)

$P(-z_0 < Z < z_0) = .99$. By the same logic, we want z_0 such that $P(Z > z_0) = .005$. So we can get an approximate value using our table, that is $z_0 = 2.58$.

Problem 4.74

Scores on an examination are assumed to be normally distributed with mean 78 and variance 36.

(a)

What is the probability that a person taking the examination scores higher than 72?

The first order of business will be to convert these values to a normal distribution, which means we take $P(Y > 72) = P(Z > \frac{72-78}{\sqrt{36}}) = P(Z > -1) = P(Z > -1)$. Using the normal distribution table we say that this probability is, $P(Z > -1) = 1 - P(Z > 1) = 1 - .1587 = .8413$.

(b)

Suppose that students scoring in the top 10% of this distribution are to receive a A grade. What is the minimum score a student must achieve to earn an A grade?

We wish to find some integer y such that $P(Y > y) = .1$. So we know that $P(Z > z_0) = .1 \implies z_0 = 1.28$. Then to convert this back to a minimum score, we must undo the relationship $Z = \frac{Y-\mu}{\sigma}$, which means we must multiply by σ then add μ . So $z_0 \cdot \sigma + \mu = 1.28 \cdot 6 + 78 = 85.68$. This means our minimum score will be 86.

(c)

What must be the cutoff point for passing the examination if the examiner wants only the top 28.1% of all scores to be passing?

To answer this we do the same thing. $P(Z > z_0) = .281 \implies z_0 = .58$. Then we convert this back to a test score $z_0 \cdot \sigma + \mu = .58 \cdot 6 + 78 = 81.48$. This means our cutoff for passing will be 82.

(d)

Approximately what proportion of students have scores 5 or more points above the score that cuts off the lowest 25%.

We want to find $-z_0$ such that $P(Z > z_0) = .25 \implies z_0 = .67$. Then we wish to convert $-z_0$ to a test-point score. So $-.67(6) + 78 = 73.98$. This means that we wish to find how many students have scores bigger than or equal 74 + 5. Finally $P(Y > 79) = P(Z > \frac{1}{6}) = .4325$ (normal probability table).

(f)

If it is known that a student's score exceeds 72, what is the probability that his or her score exceeds 84?

We know that $P(Y > 84 | Y > 72) = P(Z > 1 | Z > -\frac{2}{3}) = \frac{P(Z > 1)}{P(Z > -\frac{2}{3})}$. By looking at the table we find that this is equal to $\frac{.1587}{1 - .2514} = .2120$.

Problem 4.88

The magnitude of earthquakes recorded in a region of North America can be modeled as having an exponential distribution with mean 2.4, as measured on the Richter scale. Find the probability that an earthquake striking this region will

(a)

exceed 3.0 on the Richter scale.

To answer this we say that the probability will have a distribution of $f(y) = \frac{1}{2.4}e^{-\frac{y}{2.4}}$ for non-negative y . Then we want to find $P(Y > 3.0)$. To find this we write $P(Y > 3) = e^{-\frac{3}{2.4}} = .2865$.

(b)

fall between 2.0 and 3.0 on the Richter scale.

We want $P(3.0 > Y > 2.0) = P(Y > 2.0) - P(Y > 3.0) = e^{-\frac{2}{2.4}} - .2865 = .1481$.

Problem 4.92

The length of time Y necessary to complete a key operation in the construction of houses has an exponential distribution with mean 10 hours. The formula $C = 100 + 40Y + 3Y^2$ relates the cost C of completing this operation to the square of the time to completion. Find the mean and variance of C .

$$\begin{aligned}
 E(C) &= E(100 + 40Y + 3Y^2) \\
 &= 100 + 40E(Y) + 3E(Y^2) \\
 &= 100 + 40(10) + 3 \left(\int_0^\infty y^2 \frac{1}{10} e^{-\frac{y}{10}} dy \right) \\
 &= 100 + 40(10) + 3 \left(-y^2 e^{-\frac{y}{10}} - \int -2ye^{-\frac{y}{10}} dy \right)_0^\infty && \text{(integration by parts)} \\
 &= 100 + 400 + 3 \left(-20e^{-\frac{y}{10}} y - e^{-\frac{y}{10}} y^2 + \int 20e^{-\frac{y}{10}} dy \right)_0^\infty && \text{(integration by parts)} \\
 &= 500 + 3 \left(-e^{-\frac{y}{10}} y^2 - 20e^{-\frac{y}{10}} y - 200e^{-\frac{y}{10}} \right)_0^\infty \\
 &= 500 + 3 \left(\frac{1}{10} e^{-\frac{y}{10}} (-10y^2 - 200y - 2000) \right)_0^\infty \\
 &= 500 + 3 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{10} e^{-\frac{y}{10}} (-10y^2 - 200y - 2000) \right)_0^n \\
 &= 500 + 3 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\left[\frac{1}{10} e^{-\frac{n}{10}} (-10n^2 - 200n - 2000) \right] - \left[\frac{1}{10} e^0 (-2000) \right] \right) \\
 &= 500 + 3 \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\left[\frac{1}{10} e^{-\frac{n}{10}} (-10n^2 - 200n - 2000) \right] + 200 \right) && = 500 + 3([0] + 200) \\
 &= 500 + 600 \\
 &= 1100
 \end{aligned}$$

And thus we have the expectation of C .

To compute the variance of C we say

$$\begin{aligned}
 V(C) &= V(100 + 40Y + 3Y^2) \\
 &= 0 + V(40Y) + V(3Y^2) \\
 &= 40^2 V(Y) + 3^2 V(Y^2) \\
 &= 40^2 (10^2) + 3^2 [E(Y^4) - E(Y^2)^2] \\
 &=
 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 4.96

(a)

Since we have a y^3 in our density function, we make a guess that this may be a gamma distribution with $\alpha = 4, \beta = 2$. If this is the case then,

$$f(y) = \frac{y^3 e^{-y/2}}{2^3 \Gamma(4)} = \frac{y^3 e^{-y/2}}{8 \cdot 6} = \frac{1}{48} y^3 e^{-y/2}$$

This implies that $k = \frac{1}{48}$ and it appears our guess is correct.

(b)

Yes, Y does have a χ^2 distribution with $v = 8$ degrees of freedom.

(c)

This distribution will have a mean of $\mu = v = 8$, and a standard deviation of $\sigma = \sqrt{2v} = \sqrt{16} = 4$.

Problem 4.126

(a)

$$F(y) = \int_{-\infty}^y f(y)dy.$$

Problem 4.134

Problem 4.142

Problem 4.190