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Homework - 3

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Question 1: 3.3 - 67 suppose  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma)$ .

- (a) Show via integration that  $E(X) = \mu$ . [Hint: Make the substitution  $u = (x - \mu)/\sigma$ , which will create two integrals. For one, use the symmetry of the pdf; for the other, use the fact that the standard normal pdf integrates to 1.]
- (b) Show via integration that  $\text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2$ . [Hint: Evaluate the integral for  $E[(X - \mu)^2]$  rather than using the variance shortcut formula. Use the same substitution as in part (a).]

Answer

pdf:  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2}$

Standard normal random variable:

$U \sim N(0, 1)$

$f(u) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}u^2}$

(a)  $E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx$

$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x \cdot \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2} dx$

$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (\sigma u + \mu) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}u^2} du$

substitution:

$u = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$

$u = \frac{1}{\sigma}x - \frac{\mu}{\sigma}$

$\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sigma}$

$du = \frac{1}{\sigma} dx$

$\sigma u + \mu = x$

$E(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx = \underbrace{\sigma \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}u^2} du}_{E(u)=0} + \underbrace{\mu \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}u^2} du}_1$

$E(X) = \sigma \cdot 0 + \mu \cdot 1 = \mu$

$E(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} u f(u) \cdot du$

Question 1 (3.3-67)

(b)  $\text{Var}(x) = E((x-\mu)^2)$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x-\mu)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2} dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sigma^2 u^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}u^2} du$$

$$= \sigma^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \underbrace{u^2}_{g(u)} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}u^2}}_{f(u)} du$$

$\rightarrow \text{pdf of } U \sim N(0,1)$

$E(u^2)$

$$= \sigma^2 \cdot E(u^2)$$

$$= \sigma^2 \cdot 1$$

$$= \sigma^2$$

$$\boxed{\text{Var}(x) = \sigma^2}$$

$$E[g(x)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) \cdot f(x) dx$$

$$u = \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}$$

$$\sigma u = x - \mu$$

$$du = \frac{1}{\sigma} dx$$

$$\text{Var}(u) = E(u^2) - (E(u))^2$$

$$E(u^2) = \text{Var}(u) + (E(u))^2$$

$$= 1 + 0^2$$

$$= 1$$

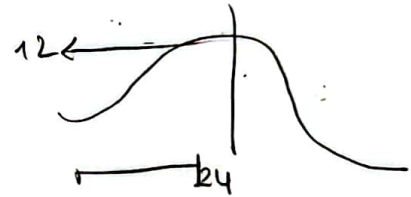
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Question 1 3.4-77

Suppose that when a type of transistor is subjected to an accelerated life test, the lifetime  $X$  (in weeks) has a gamma distribution with mean 24 weeks and standard deviation 12 weeks.

- (a) What is the probability that a transistor will last between 12 and 24 weeks?
- (b) What is the probability that a transistor will last at most 24 weeks? Is the median of the lifetime distribution less than 24? Why or why not?
- (c) What is the 99th percentile of the lifetime distribution?
- (d) Suppose the test will actually terminate after  $t$  weeks. What value of  $t$  is such that only .5% of all transistors would still be operating at termination?

Answer: (a)  $\mu = 24$  weeks  
 $\sigma = 12$



$$\mu = \alpha\beta$$

$$\sigma = \beta\sqrt{\alpha}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\mu^2}{\sigma^2} = \frac{24^2}{12^2} = 4$$

$$\beta = \frac{\sigma^2}{\mu} = \frac{12^2}{24} = 6$$

$$P(12 < X < 24) = F(24; 4, 6) - F(12; 4, 6)$$

$$= F\left(\frac{24}{6}; 4\right) - F\left(\frac{12}{6}; 4\right)$$

$$= F(4; 4) - F(2; 4)$$

$$= 0.567 - 0.143 = 0.424$$

$$P(12 < X < 24) = 0.424$$

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Question 1 (3.4-77) (b)  $P(X \leq 24)$  is the chance that a transistor will last at most 24 weeks

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \leq 24) &= F(24; 4, 6) \\ &= F\left(\frac{24}{6}; 4\right) \\ &= F(4; 4) \end{aligned}$$

$$P(X \leq 24) = 0.567$$

(c)  $n_{0.99}$  = 99<sup>th</sup> percentile of the lifetime distribution

$P(X \leq n_{0.99}) = 0.99$  because the lifespan distribution is a gamma distribution with  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  equal to 4 and 6, it is a gamma distribution

$$P(X \leq n_{0.99}) = F(n_{0.99}; 4, 6) = F\left(\frac{n_{0.99}}{6}; 4\right)$$

$$\frac{n_{0.99}}{6} = 10 \implies \boxed{n_{0.99} = 60} \text{ } ] \text{ The percentile of the lifetime distribution}$$

(d) Only 0.5% of all transistors are expected to be operational after  $t$  weeks. This suggests that 99.5% of them have a lifetime of less than that. As a result,  $t$  is the 99.5<sup>th</sup> percentile.

$$P(X \leq t) = 0.995$$

Also,

$$P(X \leq t) = F(t; 4, 6) = F\left(\frac{t}{6}; 4\right)$$

since  $\underbrace{\alpha = 4}_{\text{column}}$  and value is 0.995, row = 11

$$\frac{t}{6} = 11 \implies \boxed{t = 66}$$

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Question 2 | 3.7 - 115 Let  $X$  have an exponential distribution with mean 2, so  $f_X(x) = \frac{1}{2} e^{-x/2}$ ,  $x > 0$ . Find the pdf of  $Y = \sqrt{X}$ . (Note: Suppose you choose a point in two dimensions randomly, with the horizontal and vertical coordinates chosen independently from the standard normal distribution. Then  $X$  has the distribution of the squared distance from the origin and  $Y$  has the distribution of the distance from the origin.  $Y$  has the Rayleigh distribution.)

Answer

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{2} e^{-x/2}$$

$$f_Y(y) = f_X(h(y)) \cdot |h'(y)|$$

$$Y = \sqrt{X} \quad \Rightarrow \text{monotonic strictly increasing}$$

$$Y = \sqrt{X}$$

$$Y^2 = X$$

$$h(y) = y^2$$

$$f_X(h(y)) = \frac{1}{2} e^{-y^2/2}$$

$$h'(y) = 2y$$

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{2} e^{-y^2/2} \cdot 2y$$



Question 2 (3.7-126) If a measurement error  $X$  is distributed as  $N(0, 1)$ , find the pdf of  $|X|$ , which is magnitude of the measurement error.

Answer

normally distributed random variable  $= x$   
mean  $= 0$ ,  $\sigma = 1$

pdf:

$$f_x(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty$$

$$Y = |X|$$

① normal distribution is symmetric with respect to inversion. Taking the absolute value of standard normal variable maps 2 interval  $[-\infty, 0)$  and  $(0, \infty)$  onto the same interval  $[0, \infty]$

② each random variable will be repeated twice

The function is monotonically increasing  $x > 0$ .

$$f_y(y) = f_x(h(y)) \cdot (h'(y))$$

$$\text{for } x > 0, h(y) = y \Rightarrow h'(y) = 1$$

pdf of  $y$  for  $x > 0$

$$f_y(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-y^2/2} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} e^{-y^2/2} \quad y > 0$$

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Question 3 (3.9-142) A 12-in. bar clamped at both ends is subjected to an increasing amount of stress until it snaps. Let  $Y$  = the distance from the left end at which the break occurs. Suppose  $Y$  has pdf

$$f(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{y}{24} \left(1 - \frac{y}{12}\right) & 0 \leq y \leq 12 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

compute the following:

- The cdf of  $Y$ , and graph it.
- $P(Y \leq 4)$ ,  $P(Y > 6)$ , and  $P(4 \leq Y \leq 6)$ .
- $E(Y)$ ,  $E(Y^2)$ , and  $SD(Y)$ .
- The probability that the break point occurs more than 2 in from the expected break point.
- The expected length of the shorter segment when the break occurs.

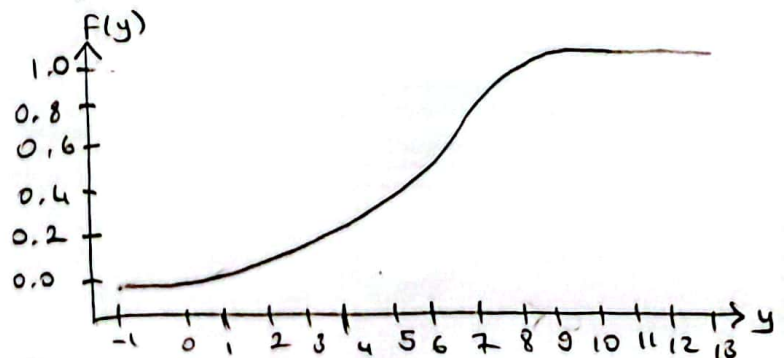
Answer (a)  $f(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{24} \left(\frac{y-y^2}{12}\right) & ; 0 \leq y \leq 12 \\ 0 & ; \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

$$F(y) = \int_0^y f(y) dy = \frac{1}{24} \int_0^y \left(\frac{y-y^2}{12}\right) dy = \frac{1}{24} \left[ \frac{y^2}{2} - \frac{y^3}{36} \right]_0^y$$

$$F(y) = \frac{1}{48} \left( y^2 - \frac{y^3}{18} \right) \quad \left. \vphantom{F(y)} \right\} \text{cdf of } Y$$

$$y \Rightarrow x\text{-axis} \quad -1 \leq y \leq 13$$

$$F(y) \Rightarrow y\text{-axis} \quad 0 \leq F(y) \leq 1$$



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Question 3 / 3.9 - 142 / 6

$$P(Y \leq 4) = F(4) = \frac{1}{48} \left[ 16 - \frac{64}{18} \right] = \underline{\underline{0.259}}$$

$$P(Y > 6) = 1 - P(Y \leq 6) = 1 - F(6) = 1 - \frac{1}{48} \left[ 36 - \frac{216}{18} \right] \\ = 1 - 0.5 = \underline{\underline{0.5}}$$

$$P(4 \leq Y \leq 6) = F(6) - F(4) = 0.5 - 0.259 = \underline{\underline{0.241}}$$

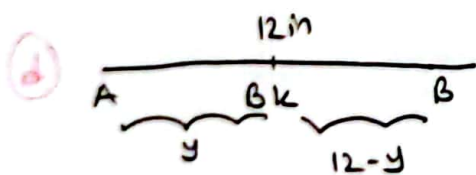
$$\textcircled{c} E(Y) = \int_0^{12} y f(y) dy = \frac{1}{24} \int_0^{12} \left( y^2 - \frac{y^3}{12} \right) dy = \frac{1}{24} \left[ \frac{y^3}{3} - \frac{y^4}{48} \right]_0^{12} \\ = \frac{1}{24} \left[ \frac{(12)^3}{3} - \frac{(12)^4}{48} \right] = \underline{\underline{6}} \quad E(Y) = \underline{\underline{6}}$$

$$E(Y^2) = \int_0^{12} y^2 f(y) dy = \frac{1}{12} \int_0^{12} \left( y^3 - \frac{y^4}{12} \right) dy = \frac{1}{24} \left[ \frac{y^4}{4} - \frac{y^5}{60} \right]_0^{12}$$

$$= \frac{1}{24} \left[ \frac{(12)^4}{4} - \frac{(12)^5}{60} \right] \Rightarrow E(Y^2) = 43.2 \quad V(Y) = \sigma^2 = E(Y^2) - [E(Y)]^2$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{43.2 - 36}$$

$$\sigma = SD(Y) = \underline{\underline{2.683}}$$



$$E(Y) = 6$$

$$P(Y > 8) = \int_8^{12} f(y) dy = \frac{1}{24} \int_8^{12} \left( y - \frac{y^2}{12} \right) dy$$

$$= \frac{1}{24} \left[ \frac{y^2}{2} - \frac{y^3}{36} \right]_8^{12} = \frac{1}{24} \left[ \frac{(12)^2}{2} - \frac{(12)^3}{36} - \frac{(8)^2}{2} + \frac{(8)^3}{36} \right]$$

$$P(Y > 8) = \underline{\underline{0.259}}$$

Question 3 (3.9-142) (e)

Let  $x = \min(y, 12-y)$   $0 \leq y \leq 12$  when  $y \leq 6$ ,  $x = y$  and when  $y > 6$ ,  $x = 12-y$

$$x = \begin{cases} y & ; y \leq 6 \\ 12-y & ; y > 6 \end{cases} \quad E(x) = \int_0^6 y f(y) dy + \int_6^{12} y f(y) dy$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(x) &= \frac{1}{24} \int_0^6 \left( y^2 - \frac{y^3}{24} \right) dy + \int_6^{12} (12-y) \cdot \frac{y}{24} \left( 1 - \frac{y}{12} \right) dy \\ &= \frac{1}{24} \left[ \frac{y^3}{3} - \frac{y^4}{48} \right]_0^6 + \frac{1}{24 \cdot 12} \int_6^{12} (12-y)^2 y dy \\ &= \frac{1}{24} \left[ \frac{6^3}{3} - \frac{6^4}{48} \right] + \frac{1}{288} \int_6^{12} y (144 - 24y + y^2) dy \\ &= \frac{15}{8} + \frac{1}{288} \left[ 144 \frac{y^2}{2} - 24 \frac{y^3}{3} + \frac{y^4}{4} \right]_6^{12} \\ &= \frac{15}{8} + \frac{1}{288} \left[ 12 (12)^2 - 8 (12)^3 + \frac{(12)^4}{4} - 12 (6)^2 + 8 (6)^3 - \frac{(6)^4}{4} \right] \\ &= \frac{15}{8} + \frac{15}{8} = \frac{30}{8} = \underline{\underline{3.75}} \end{aligned}$$

$E(x) = 3.75$

Question 3 (3.9-158) The article "Statistical Behavior Modeling for Driver-Adaptive Pre-crash Systems" (IEEE Trans. on Intelligent Transp. Systems, 2013 : 1-9) proposed the following distribution for modeling the behavior of what the author called "the criticality level of a situation"  $x$ .

$$f(x; \lambda_1, \lambda_2, p) = \begin{cases} p \lambda_1 e^{-\lambda_1 x} + (1-p) \lambda_2 e^{-\lambda_2 x} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

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Question 3 [3.9-158] This is often called the hyper-exponential or mixed exponential distribution.

- What is the cdf  $F(x; \lambda_1, \lambda_2, p)$ ?
- If  $p = 0.5$ ,  $\lambda_1 = 40$ ,  $\lambda_2 = 200$  (values of the  $\lambda$ s suggested in the cited article), calculate  $P(X > 0.01)$ .
- If  $X$  has  $f(x; \lambda_1, \lambda_2, p)$  as its pdf, what is  $E(X)$ ?
- Using the fact that  $E(X^2) = 2/\lambda^2$  when  $X$  has an exponential distribution with parameter  $\lambda$ , compute  $E(X^2)$  when  $X$  has pdf  $f(x; \lambda_1, \lambda_2, p)$ . Then compute  $\text{Var}(X)$ .
- The coefficient of variation of a random variable (or distribution) is  $CV = \sigma/\mu$ . What is the CV for an exponential rv? What can you say about the value of CV when  $X$  has an hyper-exponential distribution?
- What is the CV for an Erlang distribution with parameters  $\lambda$  and  $n$  as defined in Section 3-4? [Note: In applied work, the sample CV is used to decide which of the three distributions might be appropriate.]
- For the parameter values given in (b), calculate the probability that  $X$  is within one standard deviation of its mean value. Does this probability depend upon the values of the  $\lambda$ s (it does not depend on  $\lambda$  when  $X$  has an exponential distribution)?

Answer (a)  $F(x; \lambda_1, \lambda_2, p) = \int_0^x f(y; \lambda_1, \lambda_2, p) dy$

$$= \int_0^x [p\lambda_1 e^{-\lambda_1 y} + (1-p)\lambda_2 e^{-\lambda_2 y}] dy = p\lambda_1 \left( \frac{e^{-\lambda_1 y}}{-\lambda_1} \right) \Big|_0^x + (1-p)\lambda_2 \left( \frac{e^{-\lambda_2 y}}{-\lambda_2} \right) \Big|_0^x$$

$$= -p(e^{-\lambda_1 x} - 1) + (1-p) \left[ \frac{e^{-\lambda_2 x} - 1}{-1} \right] = p(1 - e^{-\lambda_1 x}) + (1-p)(1 - e^{-\lambda_2 x})$$

$$F(x; \lambda_1, \lambda_2, p) = \begin{cases} 0 & ; x < 0 \\ p(1 - e^{-\lambda_1 x}) + (1-p)(1 - e^{-\lambda_2 x}) & ; x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

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## Question 3 [3.9-158]

(b)  $p = 0.5, \lambda_1 = 40, \lambda_2 = 200$

$$P(X > 0.01) = (1-p)(X \leq 0.01) = 1 - F(0.01) = 1 - \left[ 0.5(1 - e^{-40(0.01)}) + 0.5(1 - e^{-200(0.01)}) \right]$$

$$P(X > 0.01) = \underline{\underline{0.4028}}$$

(c) let  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  be expo rv with parameters  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$

$$X = pX_1 + (1-p)X_2$$

$$E(X) = pE(X_1) + (1-p)E(X_2)$$

$$E(X_1) = \frac{1}{\lambda_1} \quad \text{and} \quad E(X_2) = \frac{1}{\lambda_2}$$

$$E(X) = \frac{p}{\lambda_1} + \frac{1-p}{\lambda_2}$$

(d)  $E(X^2) = \frac{2}{\lambda_2}$

by definition,  $E(X^2) = \int_0^{\infty} x^2 f(x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} x^2 [p\lambda_1 e^{-\lambda_1 x} + (1-p)\lambda_2 e^{-\lambda_2 x}] dx$

$$= p\lambda_1 \int_0^{\infty} x^2 e^{-\lambda_1 x} dx + (1-p)\lambda_2 \int_0^{\infty} x^2 e^{-\lambda_2 x} dx$$

$$E(X^2) = pE(X_1^2) + (1-p)E(X_2^2)$$

$$E(X^2) = \frac{p^2}{\lambda_1^2} + \frac{(1-p)^2}{\lambda_2^2} = \frac{2p}{\lambda_1^2} + \frac{2(1-p)}{\lambda_2^2}$$

$$V(X) = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = \frac{2p}{\lambda_1^2} + \frac{2(1-p)}{\lambda_2^2} - \left( \frac{p}{\lambda_1} + \frac{1-p}{\lambda_2} \right)^2$$



Question 3 (3.9-15)

e)  $c.v = \frac{\sigma}{\mu} = \frac{1/\lambda}{1/\lambda} = 1$   $c.v$  for exp. dist. = 1

use (c) and (d) to find  $c.v$  of hyper exponential dist

$$\frac{\sigma}{\mu} = \frac{\sqrt{\frac{2p}{\lambda_1^2} + \frac{2(1-p)}{\lambda_2^2} - \left(\frac{p}{\lambda_1} + \frac{1-p}{\lambda_2}\right)^2}}{\frac{p}{\lambda_1} + \frac{1-p}{\lambda_2}} = \sqrt{\frac{\frac{2p}{\lambda_1^2} + \frac{2(1-p)}{\lambda_2^2} - \left(\frac{p\lambda_2 + \lambda_1(1-p)}{\lambda_1\lambda_2}\right)^2}{\left(\frac{p\lambda_2 + \lambda_1(1-p)}{\lambda_1\lambda_2}\right)^2}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{\frac{2p\lambda_2^2 + 2(1-p)\lambda_1^2}{\lambda_1^2\lambda_2^2} - 1}{\frac{p\lambda_2 + \lambda_1(1-p)}{\lambda_1\lambda_2}}^2} = \sqrt{2 \frac{p\lambda_2^2 + (1-p)\lambda_1^2}{(p\lambda_2 + \lambda_1(1-p))^2} - 1}$$

$$\frac{\sigma}{\mu} \geq \sqrt{2(1)-1} \Rightarrow \frac{\sigma}{\mu} \geq 1$$

f) for Erlang dist  $c.v = \frac{\sigma}{\mu} = \frac{\sqrt{n}/\lambda}{n/\lambda} \quad (c.v = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}})$

g) no solution.

Question 4 (3.9 - 168) Let  $x$  have the pdf  $f(x) = 1/[\pi(1+x^2)]$  for  $-\infty < x < \infty$  (a Cauchy distribution), and show that  $y = 1/x$  has the same distribution. [Hint: consider  $P(|Y| \leq y)$ , the cdf of  $|Y|$ , then obtain its pdf and show it is identical to the pdf of  $|X|$ .]

Answer  $x = 0 \quad (-\infty, 0), (0, \infty)$   
 $y = 1 \quad (0, -\infty)$

$$f_y(y) = f_x[h(y)] |h'(y)|$$

$$f[h(x)] = \frac{1}{\pi} \left( \frac{y^2}{1+y^2} \right) \quad -\infty < y < \infty$$

$$h'(y) = \frac{-1}{y^2}$$

$$f_y(y) = \left( \frac{1}{\pi} \right) \left( \frac{y^2}{1+y^2} \right) \left( \frac{1}{y^2} \right) = \left( \frac{1}{\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{y^2+1} \right)$$

Question 4 (3.9 - 169) Let  $x$  have a Weibull distribution with shape parameter  $\alpha$  and scale parameter  $\beta$ . Show that the transformed variable  $y = \ln(x)$  has an extreme value distribution as defined in Section 3-6, with  $\theta_1 = \ln(\beta)$  and  $\theta_2 = 1/\alpha$ .

Answer Weibull CDF

$$F(x) = 1 - e^{-(x/\beta)^\alpha} \quad x \geq 0$$

Extreme value CDF

$$F(z) = 1 - e^{-(z-\theta_1)/\theta_2} \quad -\infty < z < \infty$$

Show  $y = \ln(x) \sim \text{Extreme Value } (\theta_1 = \ln(\beta), \theta_2 = 1/\alpha)$

$$F(y) = P(Y \leq y) = P(\ln(x) \leq y) = P(x \leq e^y) = 1 - e^{-(e^y/\beta)^\alpha}$$

$$= 1 - e^{-y^\alpha/\beta^\alpha}$$

$$F(z) = 1 - e^{-[(z-\ln(\beta))/1/\alpha]^\alpha} = 1 - e^{-e^{\alpha z} - \alpha \ln(\beta)} = 1 - e^{-e^{\alpha z}/e^{\alpha \ln(\beta)}} = 1 - e^{-e^{\alpha z}/\beta^\alpha}$$

$$= 1 - e^{-e^{\alpha z}/\beta^\alpha} = 1 - e^{-\alpha z/\beta^\alpha}$$

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$y \sim \text{Ext. val. Dist. with}$   
 $\theta_1 = \ln(\beta), \theta_2 = 1/\alpha$



Question 5 Summary of 3.8- Simulation of Continuous Random Variables from the textbook

The Inverse CDF Method :

Theorem : Consider any continuous distribution with pdf  $f$  and cdf  $F$ . Let  $U \sim \text{Unif}[0,1)$ , and define a random variable  $X$  by

$$X = F^{-1}(U) \quad \text{Then the pdf of } X \text{ is } f.$$

It is desired to simulate  $n$  values from a distribution with pdf  $f(x)$ . Let  $F(x)$  be the corresponding cdf. Repeat  $n$  times:

1. Use a random-number generator (RNG) to produce a value,  $u$ , from  $[0,1)$ .
2. Assign  $x = F^{-1}(u)$ .

Then resulting values  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  form a simulation of a random variable with the original pdf,  $f(x)$ .

Accept-Reject Method :

It is desired to simulate  $n$  values from a distribution with pdf  $f(x)$ . Let  $g(x)$  be some other pdf such that the ratio  $f/g$  is bounded, i.e., there exists a constant  $c$  such that  $f(x)/g(x) \leq c$  for all  $x$ . (The constant  $c$  is sometimes called the majorization constant.) proceed as follows:

1. Generate a variate,  $y$ , from the distribution  $g$ . This value  $y$  is called a candidate.
2. Generate a standard uniform variate,  $u$ .
3. If  $u \cdot c \cdot g(y) \leq f(y)$ , then assign  $x = y$  (i.e., "accept" the candidate). Otherwise, discard ("reject")  $y$  and return to step 1.

These steps are repeated until  $n$  candidate values have been accepted. The resulting accepted values  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  form a simulation of a random variable with the original pdf,  $f(x)$ .

Question 5 (3.8-137) The half-normal distribution has the following pdf:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} \cdot e^{-x^2/2} & x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

This is distribution of  $|Z|$ , where  $Z \sim N(0,1)$ ; equivalently, it's the pdf that arises by "folding" the standard normal distribution in half along its line of symmetry. Consider simulating values from this distribution using the accept-reject method with a candidate distribution  $g(x) = e^{-x}$  for  $x \geq 0$  (i.e., an exponential pdf with  $\lambda = 1$ ).

a) Find the inverse cdf corresponding to  $g(x)$ . (This will allow us to simulate values from the candidate distribution.)

b) Find the smallest majorization constant  $c$  so that  $f(x)/g(x) \leq c$  for all  $x \geq 0$ . [Hint: Use calculus to determine where the ratio  $f(x)/g(x)$  is maximized.]

c) On the average, how many candidate values will be required to generate 10,000 "accepted" values?

d) Write a program to construct 10,000 values from a half-normal distribution.

Answer

a)  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{\pi} e^{-x^2/2} & ; x \geq 0 \\ 0 & ; \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad g(x) = e^{-x}, x \geq 0$

$$G(x) = 1 - e^{-x}, \quad x \geq 0$$

$$u = G(x) \Rightarrow u = 1 - e^{-x} \Rightarrow x = -\ln(1-u) = G^{-1}(x)$$

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$$\textcircled{b} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} + x \quad \frac{d}{dx} - \frac{x^2}{2} + x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -x + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 1$$

$$c = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} e^{\frac{1}{2}} = 1.3165$$

$$\textcircled{c} n \cdot c = (10000) (1.3165) = 13165$$

$$\textcircled{d} u - c - g(y) \leq f(y) \Rightarrow u \leq \frac{f(y)}{g(y)} \cdot \frac{1}{c} \Rightarrow u \leq e^{-(y-1)^2/2} \textcircled{*}$$

1. draw from  $g(x) = y$
2. draw from  $u$
3. accept  $x=y$  if  $\textcircled{*}$  holds

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x ← NULL
i ← 0
while (i < 10000) {
    y ← -1 * log(1 - randf(1))
    u ← randf(1)
    if (u <= (1/4) * y^2 * (3-y)) {
        i ← i + 1
        x[i] ← y
    }
}

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