

7/05/16 ALSM 2 EXAM NOTES: EXPONENTIAL DISTRIBUTION

- time between events in a poisson proc
- Time until failure
- Times y are non-negative $y \in \mathbb{R}^+$
- Some subject may survive beyond the study and their failure is not observed - in this case data is "censored"

$$P(y|t) = \lambda e^{-\lambda y} \quad y \in \mathbb{R}^+ \quad t \in \mathbb{R}^{++}$$

Distribution?

Always positive (+)(+)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Integral to 1?} \quad & \int_0^\infty \lambda e^{-\lambda y} dy \\ &= \lambda \left[-\frac{e^{-\lambda y}}{\lambda} \right]_0^\infty \\ &= \left[-e^{-\lambda y} \right]_0^\infty \quad [0 - (-1)] \\ &= 0 + 1 = 1 \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Expectation?

$$\begin{aligned} E[x] &= \int_0^\infty y \lambda \exp(-\lambda y) dy \quad \text{choosing } y = \lambda x \\ &= \left[-x \exp(-\lambda x) \right]_0^\infty + \int_0^\infty \exp(-\lambda x) dx \quad (\text{integrating by parts}) \\ &= (0 - 0) + \left[-\frac{1}{\lambda} \exp(-\lambda x) \right]_0^\infty \\ &= 0 + (0 + \frac{1}{\lambda}) \\ &= 1/\lambda \end{aligned}$$

Value that maximises

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dP(y|t)}{d(t)} &= \frac{d(\lambda \exp[-\lambda y])}{d(t)} = \exp[-\lambda y] + \lambda (-y \exp(-\lambda y)) \\ &= \exp(-\lambda y) - \lambda y \exp(-\lambda y) \\ \exp(-\lambda y) [1 - \lambda y] &= 0 \\ \lambda &= 1/y \end{aligned}$$

where y is the mean time of failure

Members of exponential family?

$$\exp[\log(\lambda) e^{-\lambda y}]$$

$$= \exp[\log(\lambda) - \lambda y]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \exp[\log(\lambda) - \lambda y] &= \exp(\log(\lambda)) \exp(-\lambda y) \\ &= \lambda \exp(-\lambda y) \end{aligned}$$

Survival Function

$$\text{Probability of failure } P(0 \leq t \leq y) = \int_0^y p(t) dt = \int_0^y \lambda \exp(-\lambda t) dt$$

$$= \left[-\frac{1}{\lambda} \exp(-\lambda t) \right]_0^y$$

$$= 1 - \exp(-\lambda y) = F(y)$$

$$S(y) = 1 - F(y) = 1 - (1 - \exp(-\lambda y))$$

$$= \exp(-\lambda y)$$

At 0.5 same probability of failure as survival

- When $F(y) = S(y) = 0.5$ called the median point of survival

Hazard Function

$$\text{Proposed } h(y) = \frac{P(y \leq t \leq y + \delta y)}{P(y \leq t)} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{chance of failure between time } y \text{ and } y + \delta y \\ \text{chance surviving beyond time } (y) \ S(y) \end{array}$$

$$h(y) = \text{density / survival} = \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda t}}{e^{-\lambda t}} = \lambda$$

- Chance of surviving during in the next minute, given a survival rate and given you have not died already

- Hazard function is a constant with respect to time - memoryless property

- When y_i is censored, use $S(y_i)$ instead of pdf ($p(y_i | \theta; i)$)

δ_i is an indicator variable, 0 if y_i is censored, 1 if it is not

$$L(p) = \prod_{i=1}^n p(y_i | \theta; i)^{\delta_i} S(y_i)^{1-\delta_i}$$

$$\text{exponential} = \prod_{i=1}^n [-\lambda \exp(-\lambda y_i)]^{\delta_i} [\exp(-\lambda y_i)]^{1-\delta_i}$$