

**The Chi-Square Distribution**

$$\chi^2(r)$$

$$f(y) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(r/2) 2^{r/2}} y^{r/2-1} e^{-y/2}, \quad 0 \leq y < \infty$$

$$E(Y) = r \quad \text{Var}(Y) = 2r$$

- 2.5.** a) Let  $X$  be a random variable with a chi-square distribution with  $r$  degrees of freedom. Show that  $X$  has a Gamma distribution. What are  $\alpha$  and  $\theta$ ?

$$M_X(t) = M_{\chi^2(r)}(t) = \frac{1}{(1-2t)^{r/2}}, \quad t < \frac{1}{2}.$$

$$M_{\text{Gamma}(\alpha, \theta)}(t) = \frac{1}{(1-\theta t)^\alpha}, \quad t < \frac{1}{\theta}.$$

If  $X$  has a chi-square distribution with  $r$  degrees of freedom, then  $X$  has a Gamma distribution with  $\alpha = r/2$  and  $\theta = 2$ .

- b) Let  $Y$  be a random variable with a Gamma distribution with parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\theta = 1/\lambda$ . Assume  $\alpha$  is an integer. Show that  $2Y/\theta$  has a chi-square distribution. What is the number of degrees of freedom?

$$M_Y(t) = M_{\text{Gamma}(\alpha, \theta)}(t) = \frac{1}{(1-\theta t)^\alpha}, \quad t < \frac{1}{\theta}.$$

If  $W = aY + b$ , then  $M_W(t) = e^{bt} M_Y(at)$ .

$$M_{2Y/\theta}(t) = M_Y(2t/\theta) = \frac{1}{(1-2t)^\alpha}, \quad t < \frac{1}{2}.$$

$2Y/\theta$  has a chi-square distribution with  $r = 2\alpha$  degrees of freedom.

3. Let  $Y$  be a random variable with a Gamma distribution with  $\alpha = 5$  and  $\theta = 3$ .

a) Find the probability  $P(Y > 18)$  ...

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> 1-pgamma(18,5,1/3)           =1-GAMMA.DIST(18,5,3,1)
[1] 0.2850565                    0.285057
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i) ... by integrating the p.d.f. of the Gamma distribution;

$$P(Y > 18) = \int_{18}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\Gamma(5) \cdot 3^5} \cdot x^{5-1} \cdot e^{-x/3} dx = \int_{18}^{\infty} \frac{1}{5,832} \cdot x^4 \cdot e^{-x/3} dx = \dots$$

ii) ... by using the relationship between Gamma and Poisson distributions;

$$P(Y > 18) = P(X_{18} \leq 4) = \mathbf{0.285} \quad \text{where } X_{18} \text{ is Poisson}(18/\theta = 6).$$

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> ppois(4,6)
[1] 0.2850565
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=POISSON.DIST(4,6,1)
0.285057
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iii) ... by using the relationship between Gamma and Chi-square distribution.

$$P(Y > 18) = P\left(\frac{2}{3}Y > \frac{2}{3} \cdot 18\right) = P(X > 12) \quad \text{where } X \text{ is } \chi^2(5 \cdot 2 = 10).$$

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> 1-pchisq(12,10)
[1] 0.2850565
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=1-CHISQ.DIST(12,10,1)           =CHISQ.DIST.RT(12,10)
0.285057                        0.285057
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b) Find  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $P(a < Y < b) = 0.90$ .

$$\frac{2}{3} \cdot Y \text{ is } \chi^2(5 \cdot 2 = 10 \text{ degrees of freedom}). \quad Y \text{ is } \frac{3}{2} \cdot \chi^2(10).$$

$$P(3.940 < \chi^2(10) < 18.31) = 0.95 - 0.05 = 0.90.$$

$$\Rightarrow P\left(3.940 \cdot \frac{3}{2} < Y < 18.31 \cdot \frac{3}{2}\right) = P(\mathbf{5.91} < Y < \mathbf{27.465}) = 0.90.$$

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> qgamma(0.05,5,1/3)
[1] 5.910449
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> qgamma(0.95,5,1/3)
[1] 27.46056
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=GAMMA.INV(0.05,5,3)
5.910449
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=GAMMA.INV(0.95,5,3)
27.46056
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$$P(0 < \chi^2(10) < 15.99) = 0.90 - 0.00 = 0.90.$$

$$\Rightarrow P\left(0 \cdot \frac{3}{2} < Y < 15.99 \cdot \frac{3}{2}\right) = P(\mathbf{0} < Y < \mathbf{23.985}) = 0.90.$$

$$P(4.865 < \chi^2(10) < \infty) = 1.00 - 0.10 = 0.90.$$

$$\Rightarrow P\left(4.865 \cdot \frac{3}{2} < Y < \infty \cdot \frac{3}{2}\right) = P(\mathbf{7.2975} < Y < \infty) = 0.90.$$

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$$\Gamma(x) = \int_0^{\infty} u^{x-1} e^{-u} du, \quad x > 0$$

$$\Gamma\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\pi}$$

$$\Gamma(x) = (x-1) \Gamma(x-1)$$

$$\Gamma(n) = (n-1)! \quad \text{if } n \text{ is an integer}$$

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4. Let  $T_7$  be a random variable with a Gamma distribution with  $\alpha = 7$  and  $\theta = 5$ .

Find the probability  $P(20 < T_7 < 30)$ .

[ Text messages arrive according to Poisson process, on average once every 5 minutes. Find the probability that we would have to wait more than 20 minutes but less than 30 minutes for the 7th text message. ]

$$P(20 < T_7 < 30) = \int_{20}^{30} \frac{1}{\Gamma(7) \cdot 5^7} \cdot t^{7-1} \cdot e^{-t/5} dt = \int_{20}^{30} \frac{1}{6! \cdot 5^7} \cdot t^6 \cdot e^{-t/5} dt = \dots$$

OR

$$\begin{aligned} P(20 < T_7 < 30) &= P(T_7 > 20) - P(T_7 > 30) = P(X_{20} \leq 6) - P(X_{30} \leq 6) \\ &= P(\text{Poisson}(4) \leq 6) - P(\text{Poisson}(6) \leq 6) = 0.889 - 0.606 = \mathbf{0.283}. \end{aligned}$$

[ If the 7th text message arrives after 20 minutes, then we could have received at most 6 text messages during the first 20 minutes. If the average time between the text messages is 5 minutes, then the expected number of text messages in 20 minutes is 4.

If the 7th text message arrives after 30 minutes, then we could have received at most 6 text messages during the first 30 minutes. If the average time between the text messages is 5 minutes, then the expected number of text messages in 30 minutes is 6. ]

	A	B
1	=POISSON.DIST(6,4,1)	
2	=POISSON.DIST(6,6,1)	
3	=A1-A2	
4		

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	A	B
1	0.889326	
2	0.606303	
3	0.283023	
4		

OR

$$P(20 < T_7 < 30) = \left( \frac{2}{5} \cdot 20 < \frac{2}{5} \cdot T_7 < \frac{2}{5} \cdot 30 \right) = P(8 < \chi^2(2 \cdot 7 = 14) < 12)$$

	A	B
1	=CHISQ.DIST.RT(8,14)	
2	=CHISQ.DIST.RT(12,14)	
3	=A1-A2	
4		

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	A	B
1	0.889326	
2	0.606303	
3	0.283023	
4		

5. Let  $X$  be a random variable with a Gamma distribution with  $\alpha = 3$  and  $\theta = 5$  (i.e.,  $\lambda = 0.2$ ). Find the probability  $P(X > 31.48)$  ...

a) ... by integrating the p.d.f. of the Gamma distribution;

$$\begin{aligned} P(X > 31.48) &= \int_{31.48}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2 \cdot 5^3} \cdot x^2 \cdot e^{-x/5} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2 \cdot 5^3} \cdot \left( -5 \cdot x^2 \cdot e^{-x/5} - 2 \cdot 5^2 \cdot x \cdot e^{-x/5} - 2 \cdot 5^3 \cdot e^{-x/5} \right) \Bigg|_{31.48}^{\infty} \\ &= \mathbf{0.04999}. \end{aligned}$$

b) ... by using the relationship between Gamma and Poisson distributions;

Hint: If  $X$  has a  $\text{Gamma}(\alpha, \theta = 1/\lambda)$  distribution, where  $\alpha$  is an integer, then  $F_X(t) = P(X \leq t) = P(Y \geq \alpha)$  and  $P(X > t) = P(Y \leq \alpha - 1)$ , where  $Y$  has a  $\text{Poisson}(\lambda t)$  distribution.

$$P(X > 31.48) = 1 - P(X \leq 31.48) = 1 - P(Y \geq 3) = P(Y \leq 2)$$

where  $Y$  has a  $\text{Poisson}(31.48/5 = 6.296)$  distribution.

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{6.296^0 \cdot e^{-6.296}}{0!} + \frac{6.296^1 \cdot e^{-6.296}}{1!} + \frac{6.296^2 \cdot e^{-6.296}}{2!} \\ &= 0.00184 + 0.01161 + 0.03654 = \mathbf{0.04999}. \end{aligned}$$

c) ... by using the relationship between Gamma and Chi-square distribution.

Hint: If  $X$  has a  $\text{Gamma}(\alpha, \theta = 1/\lambda)$  distribution, where  $\alpha$  is an integer, then  $2X/\theta$  has a chi-square distribution with  $2\alpha$  degrees of freedom.

$$P(X > 31.48) = P(2X/5 > 12.592) = P(\chi^2(6) > 12.592) \approx \mathbf{0.05}.$$