

In general, if  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  is a random sample of size  $n$  from a continuous distribution with cumulative distribution function  $F(x)$  and probability density function  $f(x)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} F_{\max X_i}(x) &= P(\max X_i \leq x) = P(X_1 \leq x, X_2 \leq x, \dots, X_n \leq x) \\ &= P(X_1 \leq x) \cdot P(X_2 \leq x) \cdot \dots \cdot P(X_n \leq x) = (F(x))^n. \end{aligned}$$

$$f_{\max X_i}(x) = F'_{\max X_i}(x) = n \cdot (F(x))^{n-1} \cdot f(x).$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - F_{\min X_i}(x) &= P(\min X_i > x) = P(X_1 > x, X_2 > x, \dots, X_n > x) \\ &= P(X_1 > x) \cdot P(X_2 > x) \cdot \dots \cdot P(X_n > x) = (1 - F(x))^n. \end{aligned}$$

$$F_{\min X_i}(x) = 1 - (1 - F(x))^n.$$

$$f_{\min X_i}(x) = F'_{\min X_i}(x) = n \cdot (1 - F(x))^{n-1} \cdot f(x).$$

Let  $Y_k = k^{\text{th}}$  smallest of  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ .

$$\begin{aligned} F_{Y_k}(x) &= P(Y_k \leq x) = P(k^{\text{th}} \text{ smallest observation} \leq x) \\ &= P(\text{at least } k \text{ observations are } \leq x) \\ &= \sum_{i=k}^n \binom{n}{i} \cdot (F(x))^i \cdot (1 - F(x))^{n-i}. \end{aligned}$$

$$f_{Y_k}(x) = F'_{Y_k}(x) = \frac{n!}{(k-1)! \cdot (n-k)!} \cdot (F(x))^{k-1} \cdot (1 - F(x))^{n-k} \cdot f(x).$$

1. Let  $X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4$  be a random sample (i.i.d.) of size  $n = 4$  from a probability distribution with the p.d.f.

$$f(x) = 3/x^4, \quad x > 1.$$

Let  $Y_k = k^{\text{th}}$  smallest of  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ .

For  $x \leq 1$ ,  $F(x) = 0$ .

For  $x > 1$ , 
$$F(x) = \int_1^x \frac{3}{y^4} dy = -\frac{1}{y^3} \Big|_1^x = 1 - \frac{1}{x^3}.$$

- a) Find  $P(Y_4 < 1.75) = P(\max X_i < 1.75)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} P(\max X_i < 1.75) &= P(X_1 < 1.75, X_2 < 1.75, X_3 < 1.75, X_4 < 1.75) \\ &= F(1.75)^4 = \left(1 - 1/1.75^3\right)^4 \approx \mathbf{0.4377643}. \end{aligned}$$

- b) Find  $P(Y_4 > 2) = P(\max X_i > 2)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} P(\max X_i > 2) &= 1 - P(\max X_i \leq 2) = 1 - P(X_1 \leq 2, X_2 \leq 2, X_3 \leq 2, X_4 \leq 2) \\ &= 1 - F(2)^4 = 1 - \left(1 - 1/2^3\right)^4 = 1 - (7/8)^4 \approx \mathbf{0.41381836}. \end{aligned}$$

- b<sup>1/2</sup>) Find  $E(Y_4) = E(\max X_i)$ .

$$E(\max X_i) = \int_1^{\infty} x \cdot 4 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{x^3}\right)^3 \cdot \frac{3}{x^4} dx = \dots$$

- c) Find  $P(Y_1 > 1.25) = P(\min X_i > 1.25)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} P(\min X_i > 1.25) &= P(X_1 > 1.25, X_2 > 1.25, X_3 > 1.25, X_4 > 1.25) \\ &= (1 - F(1.25))^4 = \left(1/1.25^3\right)^4 = (4/5)^{12} \approx \mathbf{0.06872}. \end{aligned}$$

OR

$$f_{\min X_i}(x) = n \cdot (1 - F(x))^{n-1} \cdot f(x) = 4 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{x^3}\right)^3 \cdot \left(\frac{3}{x^4}\right) = \frac{12}{x^{13}}, \quad x > 1.$$

$$P(\min X_i > 1.25) = \int_{1.25}^{\infty} \frac{12}{x^{13}} dx = -\frac{1}{x^{12}} \Big|_{1.25}^{\infty} = \frac{1}{1.25^{12}} = \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^{12} \approx \mathbf{0.06872}.$$

d) Find  $P(1.1 < Y_1 < 1.2) = P(1.1 < \min X_i < 1.2)$ .

$$P(1.1 < \min X_i < 1.2) = \int_{1.1}^{1.2} \frac{12}{x^{13}} dx = -\frac{1}{x^{12}} \Big|_{1.1}^{1.2} = \frac{1}{1.1^{12}} - \frac{1}{1.2^{12}} \approx \mathbf{0.206474}.$$

d<sup>1/2</sup>) Find  $E(Y_1) = E(\min X_i)$ .

$$E(\min X_i) = \int_1^{\infty} x \cdot \frac{12}{x^{13}} dx = \frac{\mathbf{12}}{\mathbf{11}}.$$

e) Find  $P(1.1 < Y_2 < 1.2)$ .

$$Y_k = k^{\text{th}} \text{ smallest of } X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n.$$

$$f_{Y_k}(x) = \frac{n!}{(k-1)! \cdot (n-k)!} \cdot (F(x))^{k-1} \cdot (1 - F(x))^{n-k} \cdot f(x).$$

$$f_{Y_2}(x) = \frac{4!}{1! \cdot 2!} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{x^3}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{x^3}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{3}{x^4} = 36 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{x^{10}} - \frac{1}{x^{13}}\right), \quad x > 1.$$

$$P(1.1 < Y_2 < 1.2) = \int_{1.1}^{1.2} 36 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{x^{10}} - \frac{1}{x^{13}}\right) dx \approx \mathbf{0.301741}.$$

e<sup>1/2</sup>) Find  $E(Y_2)$ .

$$E(Y_2) = \int_1^{\infty} x \cdot 36 \left(\frac{1}{x^{10}} - \frac{1}{x^{13}}\right) dx = \frac{\mathbf{27}}{\mathbf{22}}.$$

- 1 1/2.** Suppose the size of largemouth bass in a particular lake is uniformly distributed over the interval 0 to 8 pounds. A fisherman catches (a random sample of) 5 fish.

$$X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4, X_5 \quad Y_k = k^{\text{th}} \text{ smallest.}$$

$$\text{First find } F_X(x) = P(X \leq x) \quad F_X(x) = \int_0^x \frac{1}{8} dy = \frac{x}{8}, \quad 0 < x < 8.$$

- a) What is the probability that the smallest fish weighs less than 2 pounds?

$$P(Y_1 < 2) = 1 - P(Y_1 > 2).$$

$$P(Y_1 > 2) = P(X_1 > 2, X_2 > 2, X_3 > 2, X_4 > 2, X_5 > 2) = \left(\frac{6}{8}\right)^5 \approx 0.2373.$$

$$P(Y_1 < 2) = 1 - P(Y_1 > 2) = 1 - \left(\frac{6}{8}\right)^5 \approx \mathbf{0.7627}.$$

OR

$$f_{\min X_i}(x) = n \cdot (1 - F(x))^{n-1} \cdot f(x) = 5 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{x}{8}\right)^4 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{8}\right), \quad 0 < x < 8.$$

$$P(Y_1 < 2) = \int_0^2 f_{\min X_i}(x) dx.$$

- b) What is the probability that the largest fish weighs over 7 pounds?

$$P(Y_5 > 7) = 1 - P(Y_5 < 7).$$

$$P(Y_5 < 7) = P(X_1 < 7, X_2 < 7, X_3 < 7, X_4 < 7, X_5 < 7) = \left(\frac{7}{8}\right)^5 \approx 0.5129.$$

$$P(Y_5 > 7) = 1 - P(Y_5 < 7) = 1 - \left(\frac{7}{8}\right)^5 \approx \mathbf{0.4871}.$$

OR

$$f_{\max X_i}(x) = n \cdot (F(x))^{n-1} \cdot f(x) = 5 \cdot \left(\frac{x}{8}\right)^4 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{8}\right) = \frac{5x^4}{8^5}, \quad 0 < x < 8.$$

$$P(Y_5 > 7) = \int_7^8 f_{\max X_i}(x) dx = \int_7^8 \frac{5x^4}{8^5} dx = \frac{x^5}{8^5} \Big|_7^8 = 1 - \left(\frac{7}{8}\right)^5 \approx \mathbf{0.4871}.$$

- c) What is the probability that the largest fish weighs between 6 and 7 pounds?

$$\begin{aligned} P(6 < Y_5 < 7) &= \int_6^7 f_{\max X_i}(x) dx = \int_6^7 \frac{5x^4}{8^5} dx = \frac{x^5}{8^5} \Big|_6^7 \\ &= \left(\frac{7}{8}\right)^5 - \left(\frac{6}{8}\right)^5 \approx \mathbf{0.2756}. \end{aligned}$$

- d) What is the probability that the second largest (fourth smallest) fish weighs between 4 and 6 pounds?

Second largest = Fourth smallest

$$\begin{aligned} P(4 < Y_4 < 6) &= \int_4^6 \frac{5!}{(4-1)! \cdot (5-4)!} \cdot \left(\frac{y}{8}\right)^{4-1} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{y}{8}\right)^{5-4} \cdot \frac{1}{8} dy \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{8}\right)^5 \cdot \int_4^6 20 \cdot y^3 \cdot (8-y) dy = \left(\frac{1}{8}\right)^5 \cdot \int_4^6 (160y^3 - 20y^4) dy \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{8}\right)^5 \cdot \left(40y^4 - 4y^5\right) \Big|_4^6 \approx \mathbf{0.4453}. \end{aligned}$$

OR

Let  $W_6$  = number of fish (out of 5) that weigh less than 6 pounds.

$W_6$  has Binomial distribution,  $n = 5$ ,  $p = 6/8 = 0.75$ .

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y_4 < 6) &= P(W_6 \geq 4) = {}_5C_4 0.75^4 0.25^1 + {}_5C_5 0.75^5 0.25^0 \\ &= 0.3955 + 0.2373 = 0.6328. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $W_4$  = number of fish (out of 5) that weigh less than 4 pounds.

$W_4$  has Binomial distribution,  $n = 5$ ,  $p = 4/8 = 0.50$ .

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y_4 < 4) &= P(W_4 \geq 4) = {}_5C_4 0.50^4 0.50^1 + {}_5C_5 0.50^5 0.50^0 \\ &= 0.15625 + 0.03125 = 0.1875. \end{aligned}$$

$$P(4 < Y_4 < 6) = P(Y_4 < 6) - P(Y_4 < 4) = 0.6328 - 0.1875 = \mathbf{0.4453}.$$