

(3.1-5). Let  $Y$  have a uniform distribution  $U(0, 1)$ , and let

$$W = a + (b - a)Y, \quad a < b.$$

(a) Find the cdf of  $W$ .

Hint: Find  $P[a + (b - a)Y \leq w]$ .

(b) How is  $W$  distributed?

$$(a) \quad Y \sim \text{Unif}(0, 1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(W \leq w) &= P(a + (b - a)Y \leq w) \\ &= P((b - a)Y \leq w - a) \\ &= P\left(Y \leq \frac{w - a}{b - a}\right) \\ &= \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } w < a \\ \frac{w - a}{b - a}, & \text{if } a \leq w \leq b \\ 1, & \text{if } w > b \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

$$(b) \quad \text{Unif}(a, b)$$

$$f(w) = F'(w) = \frac{1}{b - a}, \quad \text{if } a \leq w \leq b.$$

(3.2-22). Let  $X$  have a logistic distribution with pdf

$$f(x) = \frac{e^{-x}}{(1 + e^{-x})^2}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty.$$

Show that

$$Y = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-X}}$$

has a  $U(0, 1)$  distribution.

Hint: Find  $G(y) = P(Y \leq y) = P\left(\frac{1}{1+e^{-X}} \leq y\right)$ , where  $0 < y < 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} G(y) &= P(Y \leq y) = P\left(\frac{1}{1+e^{-X}} \leq y\right), \quad y \in (0, 1) \\ &= P\left(\frac{1}{y} \leq 1 + e^{-X}\right) \\ &= P\left(e^{-X} \geq \frac{1-y}{y}\right) \\ &= P\left(-X \geq \ln \frac{1-y}{y}\right) \\ &= P\left(X \leq \ln \frac{y}{1-y}\right) \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\ln \frac{y}{1-y}} \frac{e^{-x}}{(1+e^{-x})^2} dx \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\ln \frac{y}{1-y}} \frac{-1}{(1+e^{-x})^2} d(1+e^{-x}) \\ &= \left. \frac{1}{1+e^{-x}} \right|_{x=-\infty}^{x=\ln \frac{y}{1-y}} = y - 0 = y. \end{aligned}$$

$$\cdot \quad y < 0, \quad G(y) = \mathbb{P}\left(\underbrace{\frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}}_{U \sim \text{Unif}(0,1)} \leq y\right) = 0$$

$$\cdot \quad y > 1, \quad G(y) = \mathbb{P}\left(\underbrace{\frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}}_{U \sim \text{Unif}(0,1)} \leq y\right) = 1$$

$$\text{So, } Y \sim \text{Unif}(0, 1)$$

(3.3-10). If  $X$  is  $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$ , show that the distribution of  $Y = aX + b$  is  $N(a\mu + b, a^2\sigma^2)$   $a \neq 0$ .

Hint: Find the cdf  $P(Y \leq y)$  of  $Y$ , and in the resulting integral, let  $w = ax + b$  or, equivalently,  $x = (w - b)/a$ .

• Only consider  $a < 0$  ( $a > 0$  is simpler)

$$P(Y \leq y) = P(ax + b \leq y)$$

$$= P\left(X \geq \frac{y-b}{a}\right)$$

$$\begin{matrix} \uparrow & x = \frac{w-b}{a} & dx = \frac{dw}{a} \\ & \downarrow & \end{matrix}$$

$$= 1 - \int_{-\infty}^{\frac{y-b}{a}} \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(x-\mu)^2}{\sigma^2}\right) dx$$

$$\uparrow \quad x = \frac{y-b}{a} \Rightarrow w = y$$

$$x = -\infty \Rightarrow w = +\infty$$

$$\begin{matrix} \uparrow & w = ax + b \\ & dw = a dx \end{matrix} \quad = 1 - \int_{+\infty}^y \frac{1}{a\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(w-a\mu-b)^2}{a^2\sigma^2}\right) dw$$

$$= 1 - \int_y^{+\infty} \frac{1}{-a\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(w-a\mu-b)^2}{a^2\sigma^2}\right) dw$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^y \frac{1}{-a\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \frac{(w-a\mu-b)^2}{a^2\sigma^2}\right) dw,$$

which is the cdf of  $N(a\mu + b, a^2\sigma^2)$ .  
( $a < 0$ ).

(3.3-14). The strength  $X$  of a certain material is such that its distribution is found by  $X = e^Y$ , where  $Y$  is  $N(10, 1)$ . Find the cdf and pdf of  $X$ , and compute  $P(10,000 < X < 20,000)$ .

Note:  $F(x) = P(X \leq x) = P(e^Y \leq x) = P(Y \leq \ln x)$  so that the random variable  $X$  is said to have a lognormal distribution.

$$X \sim \text{lognormal}(\mu, \sigma)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \log(X) \sim \text{Normal}(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

$$\bullet F(x) = P(\overset{= e^Y}{X} \leq x) = P(Y \leq \ln x)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\ln x} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(y-10)^2\right) dy$$

$$= G(\ln x) = \Phi(\ln x - 10)$$

$\uparrow$   
 cdf of  $Y$ .

$$\bullet f(x) = g(\ln x) \frac{1}{x}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \cdot x} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(\ln x - 10)^2\right)$$

$$\bullet P(10000 < X < 20000) = F(20000) - F(10000)$$

$$= \Phi(\ln(20000) - 10) - \Phi(\ln(10000) - 10)$$

$$= \Phi(-2.097) - \Phi(-0.790)$$

$$= \Phi(0.790) - \underbrace{\Phi(0.097)}_{\approx 0.10}$$

$$= 0.7852 - 0.5598$$

$$= 0.2254$$

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$(w > 0)$ .

$$P(W > w) = P(\text{Poisson}(\lambda w) \leq \alpha - 1)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\alpha-1} \frac{(\lambda w)^k e^{-\lambda w}}{k!}$$

$$F(w) = 1 - \sum_{k=0}^{\alpha-1} \frac{(\lambda w)^k e^{-\lambda w}}{k!}$$

$$f(w) = \frac{d}{dw} F(w) = - \sum_{k=0}^{\alpha-1} \frac{e^{-\lambda w} k (\lambda w)^{k-1} \cdot \lambda + (\lambda w)^k e^{-\lambda w} (-\lambda)}{k!}$$

$$= e^{-\lambda w} \cdot \lambda \sum_{k=0}^{\alpha-1} \frac{(\lambda w)^k}{k!} - \frac{(\lambda w)^{k-1} \cdot k}{k!}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{(k > 0) = \frac{(\lambda w)^{k-1}}{(k-1)!}}$

Telescoping sum

$$= e^{-\lambda w} \cdot \lambda \left[ \frac{(\lambda w)^{\alpha-1}}{(\alpha-1)!} - 0 \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha) \left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right)^\alpha} e^{-\frac{w}{\lambda}} \cdot w^{\alpha-1},$$

which is exactly the cdf of  $P(\alpha, \frac{1}{\lambda})$ .