

Homework 6

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1. The *Beta distribution* with parameters $a = 3, b = 2$ has PDF

$$f(x) = 12x^2(1-x), \text{ for } 0 < x < 1.$$

Let X have this distribution.

- (a) Find the CDF of X .
 (b) Find $P(0 < X < 1/2)$.
 (c) Find the mean and variance of X (without quoting results about the Beta distribution).

2. Let U_1, \dots, U_n be i.i.d. $\text{Unif}(0, 1)$, and $X = \max(U_1, \dots, U_n)$.

- (a) What is the PDF of X ?
 (b) What is $E[X]$?

3. the *Laplace distribution* has PDF

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}e^{-|x|}$$

for all real x . The Laplace distribution is also called a *symmetrized Exponential* distribution. Explain this in the following two ways.

- (a) Plot the PDFs and explain how they relate.
 (b) Let $X \sim \text{Expo}(1)$ and S be a random sign (1 or -1 , with equal probabilities), with S and X independent. Find the PDF of SX (by first finding the CDF), and compare the PDF of SX and the Laplace PDF.

4. The *Gumbel distribution* is the distribution of $-\log X$ with $X \sim \text{Expo}(1)$.

- (a) Find the CDF of the Gumbel distribution.
 (b) Let X_1, X_2, \dots be i.i.d. $\text{Expo}(1)$ and let $M_n = \max(X_1, \dots, X_n)$. Show that $M_n - \log n$ converges in distribution to the Gumbel distribution, i.e., as $n \rightarrow \infty$ the CDF of $M_n - \log n$ converges to the Gumbel CDF.

$$\begin{aligned} &P(-\log X \leq x) \\ &= P(X \leq e^x) \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$P(Z \leq c)$$

$$\left(\frac{n-1}{n} \right)^n$$

5. Let $Z \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$, and c be a nonnegative constant. Find $E[\max(Z - c, 0)]$, in terms of the standard Normal CDF Φ and PDF φ .

6. (Optional Challenging Problem) Suppose $X \sim \mathcal{N}(m, \sigma^2)$, where m is an integer and σ is a real number. Let $Y = \lfloor X \rfloor$ be the integer part of X .

(a) Find the PMF of Y

$$X = \sigma Z + m$$

(b) Find $E(Y)$

(c) Find $\text{Var}(Y)$

$$P(Y \leq k) = P(\lfloor \sigma Z + m \rfloor \leq k)$$

$$P(Y \leq k-1)$$

$$P(\sigma Z + m < k+1)$$

$$P\left(Z < \frac{k-m+1}{\sigma}\right)$$