

3) a) The survival function $S(t_i)$ gives the probability that the event (failure) has not occurred by time t_i . We can derive it from the Weibull density function $f(t_i)$ as follows:

$$S(t_i) = P(T > t_i) = \int_{t_i}^{\infty} f(t) dt$$

Substituting the Weibull density function, we get:

$$S(t_i) = \int_{t_i}^{\infty} [p/\lambda (t/\lambda)^{p-1} \cdot \exp[-(t/\lambda)^p]] dt$$

Using integration by substitution, we can simplify the integral as follows:

$$\text{Let } u = (t/\lambda)^p$$

$$du/dt = p/\lambda (t/\lambda)^{p-1}$$

$$dt = (\lambda/p) u^{(1/p-1)} du$$

Substituting u and dt in the integral, we get:

$$S(t_i) = \int_{(t_i/\lambda)^p}^{\infty} e^{-u} du$$

Using the relationship between the gamma and incomplete gamma functions, we can express $S(t_i)$ in terms of the incomplete gamma function as follows:

$$S(t_i) = \Gamma(1/p, (t_i/\lambda)^p)$$

where $\Gamma(a, x) = \int_x^{\infty} t^{a-1} e^{-t} dt$ is the incomplete gamma function.

3) b)

The hazard function is defined as the rate of failure at time t , given that the individual has survived up to time t . It can be derived from the survival function as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} h(t_i) &= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} P(t_i \leq T < t_i + \Delta t \mid T \geq t_i) / \Delta t \\ &= -d/dt \log(S(t_i)) \end{aligned}$$

Starting from the survival function $S(t_i)$:

$$S(t_i) = P(T > t_i) = \int_{t_i}^{\infty} f(t) dt$$

Taking the derivative of both sides with respect to t_i :

$$d/dt_i S(t_i) = -f(t_i)$$

Substituting $f(t_i)$ from the Weibull density function:

$$d/dt_i S(t_i) = -p/\lambda (t_i/\lambda)^{(p-1)} \exp(-(t_i/\lambda)^p)$$

Dividing both sides by $S(t_i)$ and simplifying:

$$\begin{aligned} d/dt_i S(t_i) / S(t_i) &= -p/\lambda (t_i/\lambda)^{(p-1)} \exp(-(t_i/\lambda)^p) / (1 - \int_0^{t_i} f(u) du) \\ &= -p/\lambda (t_i/\lambda)^{(p-1)} \exp(-(t_i/\lambda)^p) / S(t_i) \end{aligned}$$

Taking the negative logarithmic derivative of both sides:

$$\begin{aligned} -h(t_i) &= d/dt_i \log(S(t_i)) \\ &= p/\lambda (t_i/\lambda)^{(p-1)} \exp(-(t_i/\lambda)^p) / S(t_i) \\ &= p/\lambda (t_i/\lambda)^{(p-1)} \exp(-(t_i/\lambda)^p) (1 / S(t_i)) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the hazard function for the Weibull distribution is:

$$h(t_i) = p/\lambda (t_i/\lambda)^{(p-1)} \exp(-(t_i/\lambda)^p) / S(t_i)$$