

1 Normal distribution

2 Chi-square distribution

$\chi^2(r)$ degree of freedom,

Chi-square distribution

- Gamma distribution.
- how table for percentiles of χ^2

z^2

$$z \sim N(0, 1) .$$

white noise

$$\text{Var}(z) = \mathbb{E}[z^2] - (\mathbb{E}[z])^2$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[z^2] .$$

Distribution of z^2

$$z^2 = \chi^2(r=1) .$$

Chi-square distribution

The preceding example is a **chi-square distribution** with 1 **degree of freedom**, denoted by $\chi^2(1)$. In general, we have the following:

Theorem 8 (Chi-square distribution)

Suppose $X_i = Z^2$ where $Z \sim N(0, 1)$, for $i = 1, \dots, r$, are independently and identically distributed (i.i.d.).

Then $X = \sum_{i=1}^r X_i$ has a **chi-square distribution with r degree of freedom**, denoted by $X \sim \chi^2(r)$. ✓

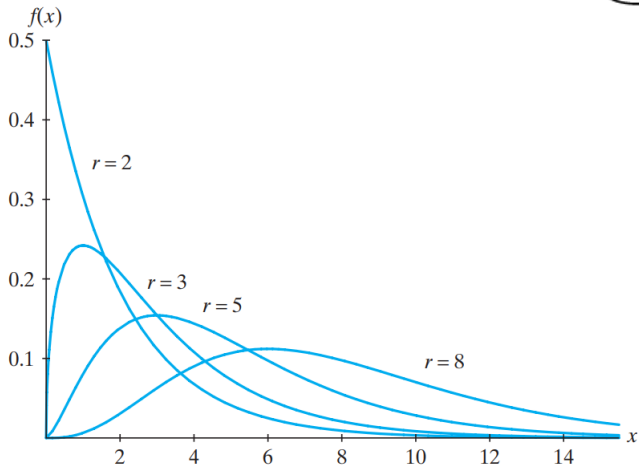
In fact,

$$\chi^2(r) = \text{Gamma}\left(\alpha = \frac{r}{2}, \theta = 2\right).$$

Gamma($\alpha=9$, $\theta=2$) = waiting time
until α th (9th)
arrival of
Poisson($\lambda=\frac{1}{\theta}=\frac{1}{2}$)

→ $\chi^2(r=2\alpha)$
 $= \chi^2(r=18)$. ✓

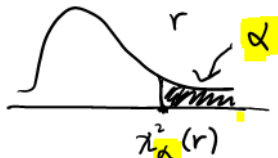
Chi-square distribution $\chi^2(r)$ for different degrees of freedom $r = 2, 3, 5, 8$.



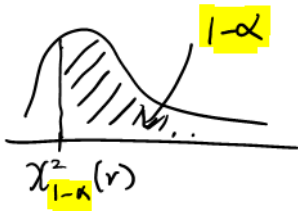
Let $X \sim \chi^2(r)$. Similar to standard normal, we define

- the $100(1 - \alpha)$ **th percentile** (or **upper 100α th percentage point**) $\chi^2_\alpha(r)$ to be the number such that

$$\mathbb{P}(X \geq \chi^2_\alpha(r)) = \alpha.$$



- the 100α **th percentile** to be the number $\chi^2_{1-\alpha}(r)$.

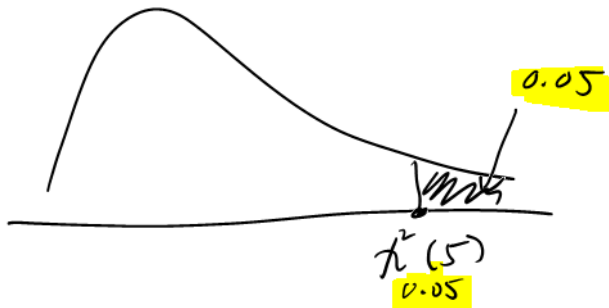


$$\chi^2(5)$$

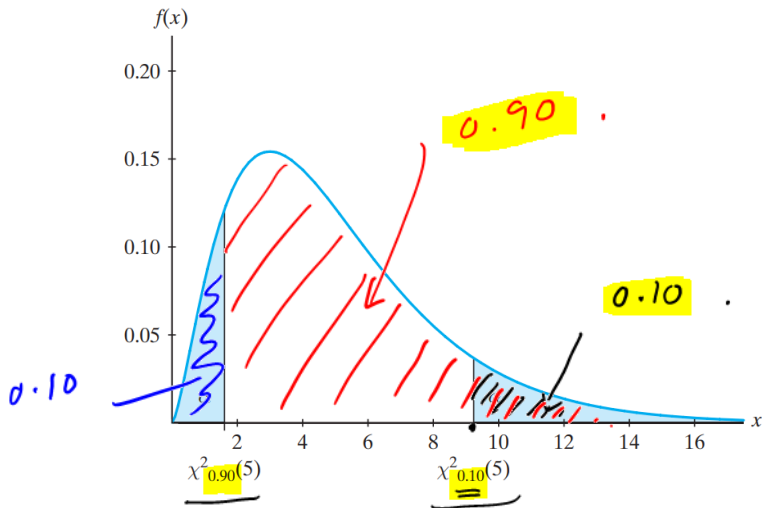
$r=5$

0.05

$$\chi^2(5)$$



Chi-square tails, $r = 5$, $\alpha = 0.10$:



For a table of $\chi^2_{\alpha}(r)$, see NTULearn – > Content – > TABLES.pdf

Example 9

Let X have a chi-square distribution with $r = 5$ degree of freedom. Find the probability that X is between 1.145 and 12.83.

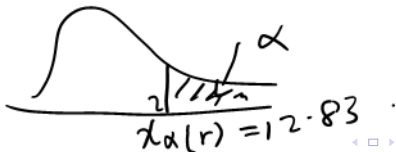
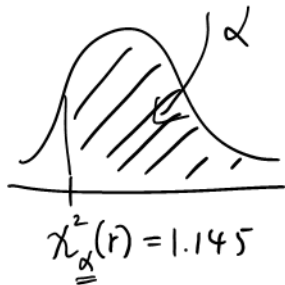
Solution. Use the table for $\chi^2_{\alpha}(5)$.

$$P(1.145 \leq X \leq 12.83)$$

$$= P(X \geq 1.145) - P(X \geq 12.83)$$

$$= P(X \geq \chi^2_{0.95}(5)) - P(X \geq \chi^2_{0.025}(5)).$$

$$= 0.95 - 0.025 = 0.925 \#.$$



Example 10

If customers arrive at a shop on the average of 30 per hour in accordance with a Poisson process, what is the probability that the shopkeeper will have to wait longer than 9.390 minutes for the first nine customers to arrive?

X = waiting time until 9th arrival. (minutes)

$$X \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha=9, \theta=\frac{1}{\lambda}=\frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}=2)$$

average of 30 customers per 60 minutes.

$$\text{" " } \frac{30}{60} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ " " } \underline{\underline{\text{minute.}}}$$

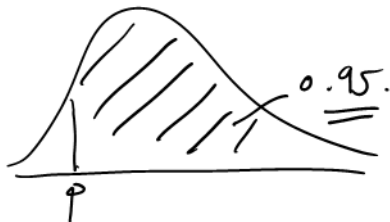
$$\text{Poisson}(\lambda = \frac{1}{2})$$

$$X \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha=9, \theta=2) = \chi^2(r=2\alpha=18)$$

$$P(X \geq 9.390) = P(X \geq \chi^2_{0.95}(18))$$

$$= \underline{\underline{0.95}}$$

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$$\chi^2_{0.95}(18) = 9.390$$