

STA 2001 Final Exam

Full marks: 100 points

13:30-16:00, July 25, 2023

1. (8 points) Let Y have a uniform distribution $U(0, 1)$, and let

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

- (a) (4 point) Find the cdf of W .
 - (b) (4 point) How is W distributed?
2. (12 points) Let X equal the weight in grams of a miniature candy bar. Assume that $\mu = E(X) = 24.43$ and $\sigma^2 = \text{Var}(X) = 2.20$. Let \bar{X} be the sample mean of a random sample of $n = 30$ candy bars. Find
- (a) (4 point) $E(\bar{X})$.
 - (b) (4 point) $\text{Var}(\bar{X})$.
 - (c) (4 point) $P(24.17 \leq \bar{X} \leq 24.82)$, approximately.
3. (10 points) A car dealer sells X cars each day and always tries to sell an extended warranty on each of these cars. (In our opinion, most of these warranties are not good deals.) Let Y be the number of extended warranties sold; then $Y \leq X$. The joint pmf of X and Y is given by

$$f(x, y) = c(x + 1)(4 - x)(y + 1)(3 - y),$$

where $x = 0, 1, 2, 3$, $y = 0, 1, 2$, with $y \leq x$.

- (a) (2 point) Find the value of c .
 - (b) (2 point) Compute μ_X and σ_X^2 .
 - (c) (2 point) Compute μ_Y and σ_Y^2 .
 - (d) (2 point) Compute $\text{Cov}(X, Y)$.
 - (e) (2 point) Determine ρ , the correlation coefficient.
4. (10 points) If the distribution of X is $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$, then $M(t) = E(e^{tX}) = \exp(\mu t + \sigma^2 t^2 / 2)$. We then say that $Y = e^X$ has a lognormal distribution because $X = \ln Y$.

- (a) (4 point) Show that the pdf of Y is

$$g(y) = \frac{1}{y\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \exp\left[-(\ln y - \mu)^2/2\sigma^2\right], \quad 0 < y < \infty$$

- (b) (6 point) Find (i) $E(Y)$, (ii) $E(Y^2)$, and (iii) $\text{Var}(Y)$.
5. (10 points) Let Y be $\chi^2(n)$. Use the central limit theorem to demonstrate that $W = (Y - n)/\sqrt{2n}$ has a limiting cdf that is $N(0, 1)$. Hint: Think of Y as being the sum of a random sample from a certain distribution.
6. (10 points) Let $X_i, i = 1, \dots, n$ be independent binary random variables with uniform distribution over $\{0, 1\}$, where $n > 0$ is an integer. (You may consider X_1, \dots, X_n as a sequence of Bernoulli trials with success probability one half.) We also call $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$ a random binary sequence.
- (a) (2 point) What is the probability that \mathbf{X} is the all “1” sequence (i.e., $X_i = 1, i = 1, \dots, n$)?
- (b) (2 point) What is the probability that \mathbf{X} has only “1”s on its odd positions and “0”s on its even positions (i.e., $X_i = 1$ if i is odd and $X_i = 0$ if i is even)?
- (c) (6 points) The number of “1”s in \mathbf{X} is $Y = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$. Show that for any $\epsilon > 0$, the probability that $Y \in (n(0.5 - \epsilon), n(0.5 + \epsilon))$ is at least $1 - \epsilon$ when n is sufficiently large.
7. (10 points) Let X_1, X_2 , and X_3 be independent random variables with pdf $f(x) = e^{-x}, 0 < x < \infty$, zero elsewhere. Let $Y = \min(X_1, X_2, X_3)$, the minimum of X_1, X_2 and X_3 .
- (a) (6 points) Find the pdf of Y .
- (b) (4 points) Find the value of $E(Y)$.
8. (8 points) A fair six-sided die is rolled 42 independent times. Let X be the number of threes and Y the number of fives.
- (a) (4 points) What is the conditional pmf of X , given $Y = y$?
- (b) (4 points) What is the joint pmf of X and Y ?
9. (12 points) Let X_1 and X_2 be independent Poisson random variables with mean λ_1 and λ_2 respectively, and let $Y = X_1 + X_2$.
- (a) (4 point) Prove that the distribution of Y is also Poisson.
- (b) (4 points) Find the correlation coefficient of X_1 and Y .

- (c) (4 points) Find the joint distribution of X_1 and X_2 conditioned on $Y = m$, where $m > 0$ is an integer. (Hint: consider $P(X_1 = k_1, X_2 = k_2 | Y = m)$, where $k_1, k_2 \geq 0$ are integers.)
10. (10 points) Let Z_1, Z_2 and Z_3 have independent standard normal distribution $N(0, 1)$.
- (a) (2 point) Find the distribution of

$$W = \frac{Z_1}{\sqrt{(Z_2^2 + Z_3^2)/2}}.$$

- (b) (8 points) Show that

$$V = \frac{Z_1}{\sqrt{(Z_1^2 + Z_2^2)/2}}$$

has pdf $f(v) = \frac{1}{\pi\sqrt{2-v^2}}$, $-\sqrt{2} < v < \sqrt{2}$. You may use the fact that $\Gamma(1) = 1$ and $\Gamma(\frac{1}{2}) = \sqrt{\pi}$, where $\Gamma(\cdot)$ is the Gamma function in the given distribution table for t distribution.

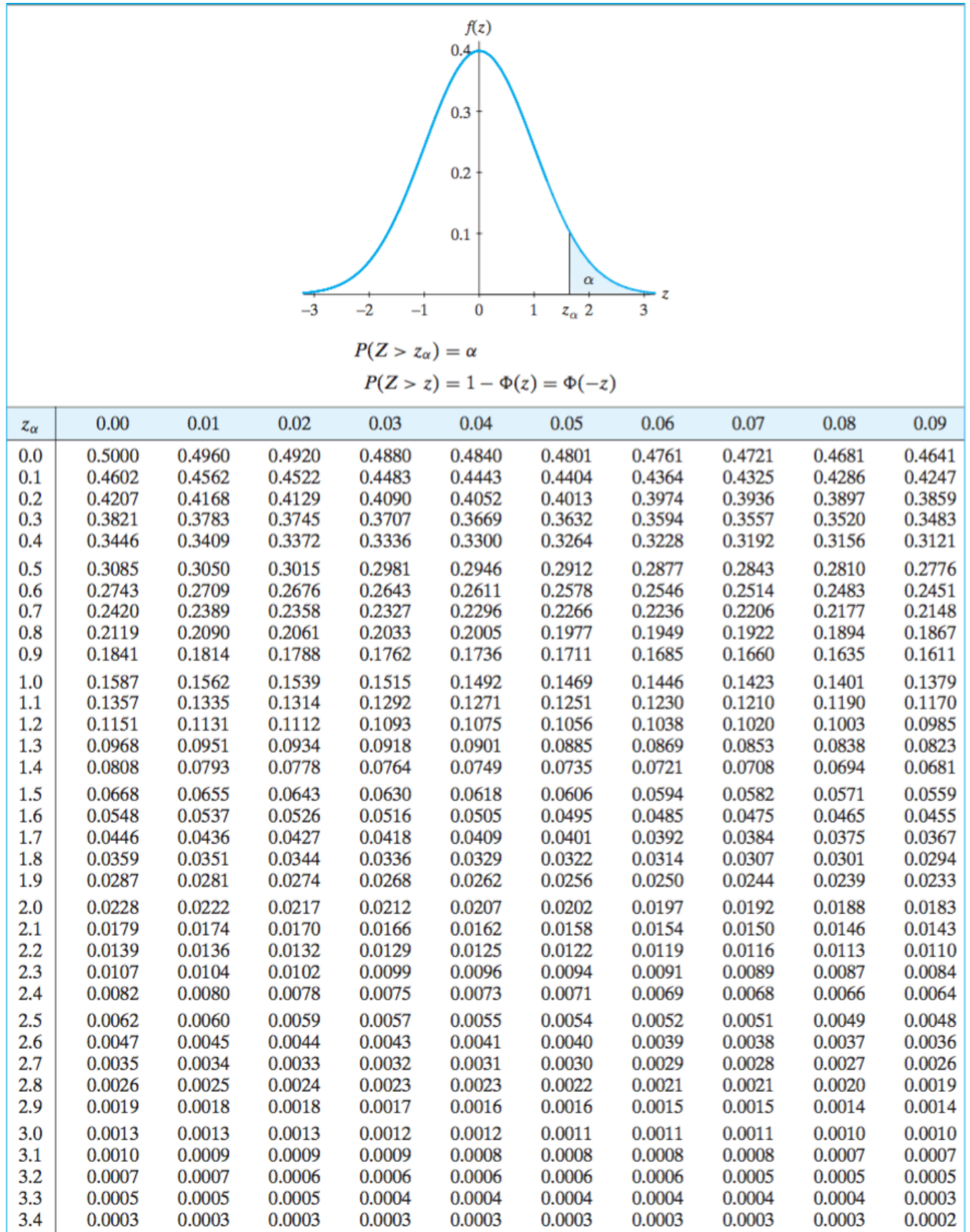


Figure 1: Distribution table for normal distribution

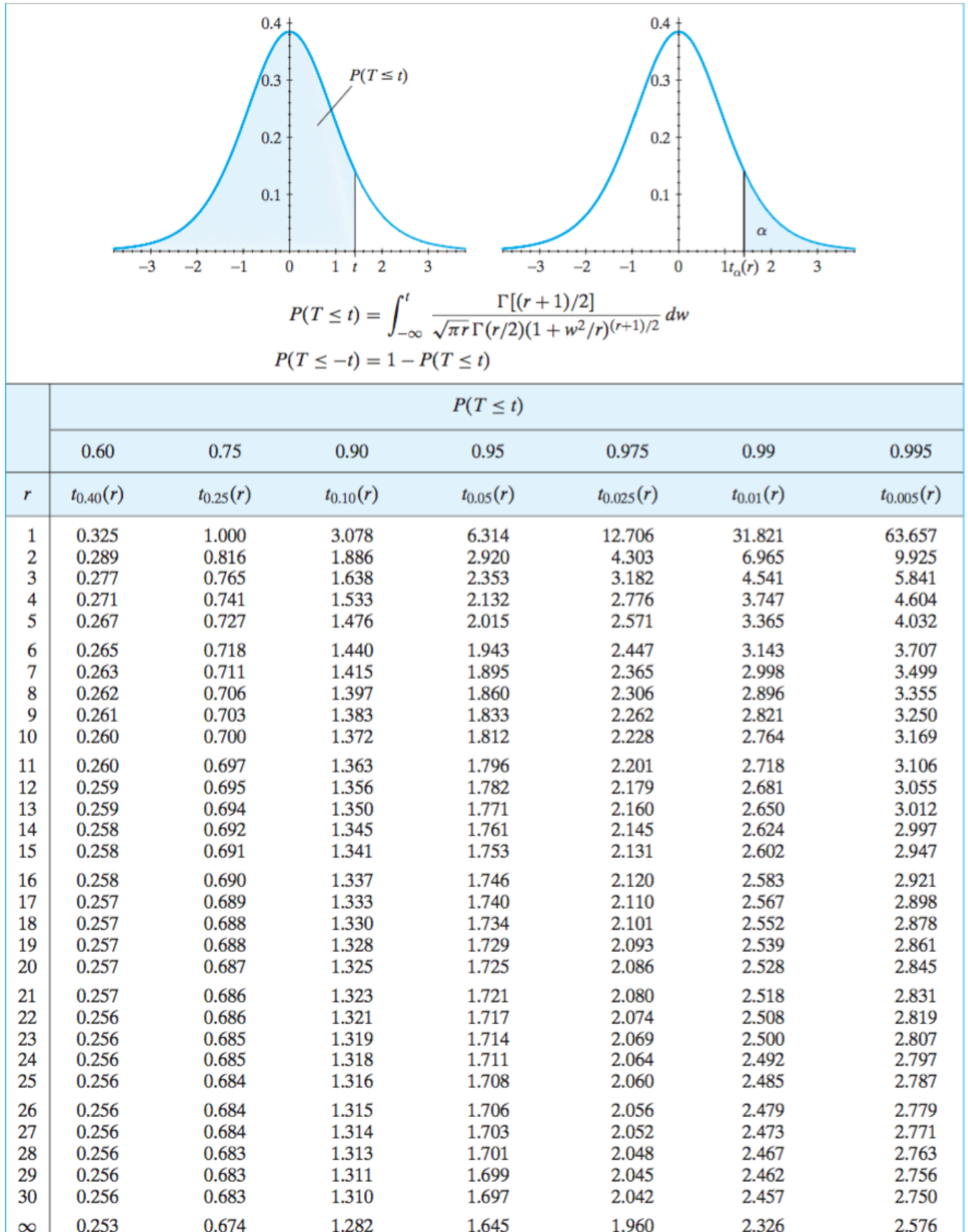


Figure 2: Distribution table for t distribution

Table III The Poisson Distribution

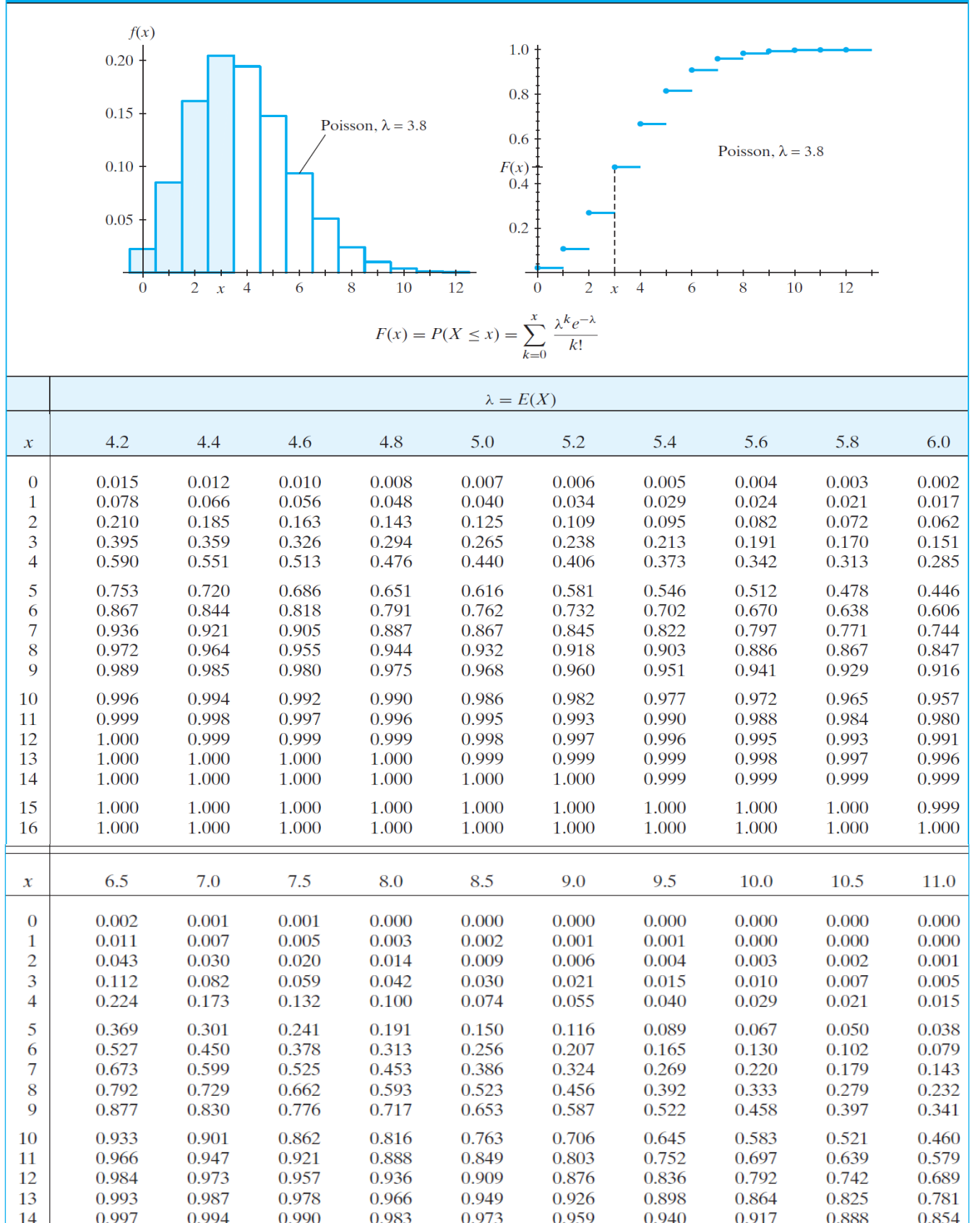


Figure 3: Distribution table for poisson distribution