

**Homework #5 Solution**

1.  $\mu = .40, \sigma = .04$

a.  $P(X > .51) = P(Z > 2.75) = 1 - \Phi(2.75) = 1 - .9970 = .0030.$

b.  $P(X \leq .33) = P(Z \leq -1.75) = \Phi(-1.75) = .0401$

c. We want the 90<sup>th</sup> percentile,  $c$ , of this normal distribution, so that 10% of the values are higher. The 90<sup>th</sup> percentile of the standard normal distribution satisfies  $\Phi(z) = .90$ , which from the normal table yields  $z = 1.282$ .

So,  $c = .40 + (1.282)(.04) = .4513$ .

The largest 10% of all concentration values are above .4513 mg/cm<sup>3</sup>.

2.

a.  $P(X < 140) = P(Z < 2.33) = \Phi(2.33) = .9901$

b.  $P(90 < X < 140) = P(-1.55 < Z < 2.33) = \Phi(2.33) - \Phi(-1) = .9901 - .0606 = .9295$

c. From the table,  $\Phi(z) = .03 \rightarrow z = -1.88 \rightarrow x = 110 - 1.88(12.9) = 85.748 \mu\text{m}$ .  
The smallest 3 % of droplets are those smaller than 85.748  $\mu\text{m}$  in size.

d. Let  $Y$  = the number of droplets, out of 5, that exceed 140  $\mu\text{m}$ . Then  $Y$  is binomial, with  $n=5$  and  $p=.0099$  from **a**.

$$P(Y = 2) = \binom{5}{2} (0.0099)^2 (0.9901)^3 \approx 9.51 \times 10^{-4}$$

3. Notice that  $\mu_X$  and  $\sigma_X$  are the mean and standard deviation of the lognormal variable  $X$  in this example; they are not the parameters  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  which usually refer to the mean and standard deviation of  $\ln(X)$ . We're given  $\mu_X = 12,933$  and  $\sigma_X/\mu_X = .37$ , from which  $\sigma_X = .37\mu_X = 4785.21$ .

- a. To find the mean and standard deviation of  $\ln(X)$ , set the lognormal mean and variance equal to the appropriate quantities:  $12,933 = E(X) = e^{\mu + \sigma^2/2}$  and  $(4785.21)^2 = V(X) = e^{2\mu + \sigma^2}(e^{\sigma^2} - 1)$ .

Square the first equation:  $(12,933)^2 = e^{2\mu + \sigma^2}$ .

Now divide the variance by this amount:

$$\frac{(4785.21)^2}{(12,933)^2} = \frac{e^{2\mu + \sigma^2}(e^{\sigma^2} - 1)}{e^{2\mu + \sigma^2}} = e^{\sigma^2} - 1 = (0.37)^2 = 0.1369$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\ln(1.1369)} = 0.3582$$

That's the standard deviation of  $\ln(X)$ . Use this in the formula for  $E(X)$  to solve for  $\mu$ :

$$12,933 = e^{\mu + \frac{(0.3582)^2}{2}} = e^{\mu + 0.06415}$$

$$\mu = 9.4034. \text{ That's } E(\ln(X)).$$

- b.  $P(X \leq 12,500) = P\left(Z \leq \frac{\ln(12,500) - 9.4034}{0.3582}\right) = P(Z \leq 0.08) = \Phi(0.08) = 0.5319$

- c.  $P(X \geq \mu_X) = P(X \geq 12,933) = P\left(Z \geq \frac{\ln(12,933) - 9.4034}{0.3582}\right) = P(Z \geq 0.18)$   
 $= 1 - \Phi(0.18) = 0.4286$ .

Even though the normal distribution is symmetric, the lognormal distribution is not a symmetric distribution (See the lognormal graphs in the textbook.) So, the mean and the median of  $X$  aren't the same and, in particular, the probability  $X$  exceeds its own mean doesn't equal 0.5.

- d. One way to check is to determine whether  $P(X < 17,000) = .95$ ; this would mean 17,000 is indeed the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile.

However, we find that  $P(X < 17,000) = \Phi\left(\frac{\ln(17,000) - 9.4034}{0.3582}\right) = \Phi(0.94) = 0.8264$ , so 17,000 is not the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile of this distribution (it's the 82.64 %ile).

4.

- a.  $P(X \leq 100) = 1 - e^{-(100)(0.02368)} = 1 - e^{-2.368} = 0.9063$   
 $P(X \leq 200) = 1 - e^{-(200)(0.02368)} = 1 - e^{-4.736} = 0.9912$   
 $P(100 \leq X \leq 200) = P(X \leq 200) - P(X \leq 100) = 0.9912 - 0.9063 = 0.0849$
- b. First, since X is exponential,  $\mu = \frac{1}{\lambda} = \frac{1}{0.02368} = 42.23$ ,  $\sigma = 42.23$ . Then  
 $P(X > \mu + \sigma) = P(X > 42.23 + 42.23) = P(X > 84.46) = 1 - (1 - e^{-0.02368(84.46)})$   
 $= e^{-1} = 0.1353$
- c. The median is the solution to  $F(x) = 0.5$ . Use the formula for the exponential cdf and solve for x:  
 $F(X) = 1 - e^{-0.02368x} = 0.5$   
 $e^{-0.02368x} = 0.5$   
 $-0.02368x = \ln(0.5)$   
 $x = -\frac{\ln(0.5)}{0.02368} = 29.27 \text{ m.}$

5. Notice that  $\mu = 24$  and  $\sigma^2 = 144$ .

$$\text{So } \alpha\beta = 24, \alpha\beta^2 = 144 \Rightarrow \beta = \frac{144}{24} = 6, \alpha = \frac{24}{\beta} = 4$$

- a.  $P(9 \leq X \leq 18) = F(3; 4) - F(1.5; 4) = 0.353 - 0.066 = 0.287$
- b.  $P(X \leq 24) = F(4; 4) = 0.567$ ,  
 so while the mean is 24, the median is less than 24, since  $P(X \leq \mu) = 0.5$ .  
 This is a result of the positive skew of the gamma distribution.
- c. We want a value for x for  $F\left(\frac{x}{\beta}, \alpha\right) = F\left(\frac{x}{6}, 4\right) = 0.99$ .  
 In the gamma distribution table, we see  $F(10; 4) = 0.990$ .  
 So  $x/6 = 10$ , and the 99<sup>th</sup> percentile is  $6(10) = 60$ .
- d. We want a value t for which  $P(X > t) = 0.001$ , i.e.  $P(X \leq t) = 0.999$ .  
 The left-hand side is the cdf of X, so we really want  $F\left(\frac{t}{6}, 4\right) = 0.999$ .  
 In the gamma distribution table,  $F(13; 4) = 0.999$ , so  $t/6 = 13$ , and  $t = 6(13) = 78$ .  
 At 78 months, only 0.1% of all transistors would still be operating.

6.

a.  $\alpha = 3$  tsunami/year

$$p(X \geq 1) = 1 - p(X = 0) = 1 - \frac{e^{-3}(3)^0}{0!} = 0.95$$

b.  $T \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$

$$\lambda = 3 \text{ occurrences per year} \times 1 \text{ year} = 3$$

$$\begin{aligned} p(T \geq 1) &= 1 - p(T < 1) = 1 - F(1) \\ &= 1 - (1 - e^{-3 \times 1}) = e^{-3} = 0.04979 \\ &\approx 0.050 \end{aligned}$$

c. The probability is  $P(T \leq (0.5+1)|T > 1) = 1 - P(T > (0.5+1)|T > 1)$

By the property of memoryless,

$$\begin{aligned} p(T > t + t_0 | T > t_0) &= \frac{p(T > t + t_0 \cap T > t_0)}{p(T > t_0)} = \frac{p(T > t + t_0)}{p(T > t_0)} = \frac{e^{-\lambda(t+t_0)}}{e^{-\lambda t_0}} \\ &= e^{-\lambda t} \end{aligned}$$

$$P(T > (0.5+1)|T > 1) = P(T > 0.5)$$

$$\text{so } P(T \leq (0.5+1)|T > 1) = 1 - P(T > 0.5) = P(T \leq 0.5) = 1 - e^{-3(0.5)} = 0.7769 \approx 0.78$$

d.  $T \sim \Gamma(\alpha, \beta)$

$$\alpha = 5$$

$$\beta = 1/\lambda = 1/3$$

$$P(1 < T < 2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= F\left(\frac{2}{1/3}; 5\right) - F\left(\frac{1}{1/3}; 5\right) \\ &= F(6; 5) - F(3; 5) \\ &= 0.715 - 0.185 \\ &= 0.53 \end{aligned}$$