STATISTICS 641 - ASSIGNMENT 2

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- Read Handout 3
- Read Chapter 2 in the Textbook
- Hand in the following Problems:

(1.) (10 points) Assume that the random variable Y has pmf with parameter $p,\ 0 < p < 1$:

$$f(y) = \begin{cases} p(1-p)^y & \text{for } \ y = 0, 1, 2, 3, \ldots \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

(a.) Find the cdf, $F(y)$ for Y

(b.) Find the quantile function, $Q(u)$ for Y

(2.) (20 points) Let Y have a 3-parameter Weibull distribution, that is, Y has pdf and cdf in the following form with $\alpha > 0,\ \gamma > 0,\ \theta > 0$:

$$f(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{\gamma}{\alpha^\gamma}(y-\theta)^{\gamma-1} e^{-\left(\frac{y-\theta}{\alpha}\right)^\gamma} & \text{for} \quad y \geq \theta \\ 0 & \text{for} \quad y < \theta \end{cases} \qquad F(y) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-\left(\frac{y-\theta}{\alpha}\right)^\gamma} & \text{for} \quad y \geq \theta \\ 0 & \text{for} \quad y < \theta \end{cases}$$

(a.) Verify that the pair $(\theta,\ \alpha)$ are location-scale parameters for this family of distributions.

(b.) Derive the quantile function for the three parameter Weibull family of distributions.

(c.) What is the probability that a random selected value from a Weibull distribution with $\theta = 10,\ \gamma = 2$ and $\alpha = 25$ has value greater than 30?

(d.) Compute the 40th percentile from a Weibull distribution with with $\theta = 10,\ \gamma = 2$ and $\alpha = 25$.

(3.) (10 points) An alternative form of the 2-parameter Weibull distribution is given as follows with $\beta > 0,\ \gamma > 0$

$$f(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{\gamma}{\beta} y^{\gamma-1} e^{-y^\gamma/\beta} & \text{for} \quad y \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{for} \quad y < 0 \end{cases} \qquad F(y) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-y^\gamma/\beta} & \text{for} \quad y \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{for} \quad y < 0 \end{cases}$$

(a.) Show that β is not a scale parameter for this family of distributions?

(b.) Suggest a function of γ and β which would be a scale parameter for this family of distributions.

(4.) (10 points) An experiment measures the number of particle emissions from a radioactive substance. The number of emissions has a Poisson distribution with rate $\lambda = .25$ particles per week.

(a.) What is the probability of at least 1 emission occurring in a randomly selected week?

(b.) What is the probability of at least 1 emission occurring in a randomly selected year?

(5.) (10 points) Let $Z_1,\ Z_2,\ Z_3,\ Z_4,\ Z_5,\ Z_6,\ Z_7,\ Z_8$ be independent N(0,1) r.v.'s. Identify the distributions of the following random variables.

(a.) $R = Z_1^2 + Z_2^2 + Z_5^2 + Z_6^2$.

(b.) $W = Z_7/\sqrt{[Z_1^2 + Z_2^2 + Z_3^2 + Z_4^2 + Z_5^2 + Z_6^2]/6}$.

(c.) $Y = 7Z_2^2/[Z_1^2 + Z_3^2 + Z_4^2 + Z_5^2 + Z_6^2 + Z_7^2 + Z_8^2]$.

(d.) $T = Z_1/Z_4$.

(e.) $S = 3(Z_2^2 + Z_4^2)/[2(Z_1^2 + Z_3^2 + Z_5^2)]$.

(6.) (10 points) Let $U = .38$ be a realization from a Uniform on (0,1) distribution.

Express a single realization from each of the following random variables using just the fact $U = .38$.

(a.) W = Weibull(γ=4, α=1.5)

(b.) N = NegBin(r=8, p=.7)

(c.) B = Bin(20, .4)

(d.) P = Poisson(λ=3)

(e.) U = Uniform on (0.3, 2.5)

(7.) (30 points) For each of the following situations described below, select the distribution which best models the given situation. Provide a short justification for your answer.

Hypergeometric	Equally Likely	Poisson	Binomial
Geometric	Negative Binomial	Normal	Uniform
Gamma	Exponential	Chi-square	Lognormal
Cauchy	Double Exponential	Weibull	F
t	Logistic	Beta	

(a.) A wildlife biologist is studying if there is a difference between ducks in Texas and Michigan. She measures the wing span of each duck and then computes the difference between this wing span and a standard value for a large population of ducks. These differences are known to have a standard normal distribution. A sample of 100 ducks from Texas yield deviations, $T_1, \ldots, T_{100}$. The total squared deviation from the standard value, i.e., $TD = \sum_{n=1}^{100} T_i^2$, is then computed. A similar statistic is computed for Michigan: $MD = \sum_{n=1}^{100} M_i^2$. She now wants to compare the ratio $R = \frac{TD}{MD}$ to 1.0. The distribution of R is __?

(b.) The Geoscience Department at Stanford monitors the occurrences of earthquakes in the Northern Region of California. One of the variables of interest to the researchers is the length of time T between the occurrence of major earthquakes. The distribution of T is ____?

(c.) A quality control engineer measures the difference D between the nominal diameter of a 5 cm ball bearing and the true bearing diameter. He finds that the bearings are equally likely to have a diameter larger than or smaller than 5 cm. Furthermore, 10% of the bearings have diameters which deviate more than 6 times their scale parameter from 5 cm. The distribution of D is ____?

(d.) In the development of a new treatment for kidney disease in domestic cats, 100 cats with kidney problems are placed on the new treatment. The time T until the cat no longer has kidney disease is recorded for each of the 100 cats. A plot of the hazard rate function yields $h(t) = 3.5t^{.8}$. The distribution of T is ____?

(e.) A manufacturer of computer hard drives ships the drives in boxes containing 30 drives. A box of hard drives is inspected by randomly selecting 6 hard drives from each box and testing the 6 drives for defectiveness. Let D be the number of defective hard drives found in a randomly selected box containing 30 hard drives. The distribution of D is _____?

(f.) For each day during a six month period in Stamford, Connecticut, the maximum daily ozone reading R was recorded. The distribution of R is _____?

(g.) A new type of transistor is in development. Using the data from an accelerated life test of the transistor, the failure rate function is found to be approximately a cubic function. Let T be the time to failure of the transistor. The distribution of T is _____?

(h.) In proof testing of circuit boards, the probability that any particular diode will fail is known to be .001. Suppose a particular type of circuit board contains 200 diodes. Circuit boards are tested and the number N of failed diodes are recorded for each circuit board. The distribution of N is _____?

(i.) A manufacture of spark plugs ships the plugs in packages of 100 plugs. A package is inspected by randomly selecting 5 plugs and testing whether or not the plugs are defective. Let N be the number of defective plugs in the sample of 5 plugs. The distribution of N is _____?

(j.) The distribution of resistance for resistors having a nominal value of 10 ohms is under investigation. An electrical engineer randomly selects 73 resistors and measures their resistance. Based on these 73 values, she determines that the resistance R of the resistors has the following behavior: approximately 70% of resistors have resistance within one standard deviation of 10 ohms, 95% are within two standard deviations, and none of the resistors have resistance greater than three standard deviations from 10 ohms. The distribution of R is _____?

(k.) A veterinarian is trying to recruit people to place their dogs in a study of the effectiveness of a new drug to control ticks on dogs. He needs 50 dogs in order for the study to meet professional standards of significance. Let M be the number of people the veterinarian interviews until he obtains the required 50 dogs for the study. The distribution of M is _____?

(l.) The wings on an airplane are subject to stresses which cause cracks in the surface of the wing. After 1000 hours of flight the wing is inspected with an x-ray machine and the number of cracks N are recorded. The distribution of N is _____?

(m.) Suppose small aircraft arrive at a certain airport according to a Poisson process with rate 8 aircraft per hour. For the next 100 days, the length of time, T, until the 15th aircraft arrives each day is recorded. The distribution of T is _____?

(n.) A manufacturer of piston rings measures the deviation of the true diameter from the nominal value. This measurement is known to have a standard normal distribution. A sample of 10 rings yield deviations, $X_1, \ldots, X_{10}$. The total squared deviation from the nominal value, i.e., W = $\sum_{n=1}^{10} X_i^2$, is then computed. The distribution of W is _____?

(o.) A large corporation has thousands of small suppliers of its raw materials. Let D be the proportion of parts in a randomly selected shipment that are defective. The vast majority of suppliers have small values of D but a few suppliers have large values of D. A possible distribution for D is ____?