

HOMEWORK SET #4  
Based on lectures 5 - 6

1. Prove that for all  $x > 0$

$$\left(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x^3}\right) \phi(x) < 1 - \Phi(x) < \frac{1}{x} \phi(x).$$

2. Let  $Z_1, \dots, Z_n$  be i.i.d.  $N(0, \sigma^2)$  and write  $U_i = \max(\min(Z_i, 1), -1)$ . In what follows  $t > 0$ .

- (a) Prove  $P(\sum_{i=1}^n Z_i > nt) \leq \frac{\sigma \exp(-\frac{nt^2}{2\sigma^2})}{\sqrt{2\pi n} t}$ .
- (b) Prove  $P(\sum_{i=1}^n U_i > nt) \leq \exp(-\frac{nt^2}{2})$ .
- (c) Find  $EU_i$  and prove  $\text{Var } U_i \leq \sigma^2$ .
- (d) Prove  $P(\sum_{i=1}^n U_i > nt) \leq \exp(-\frac{nt^2}{2\sigma^2 + 4t/3})$ .

3. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be any sample (not necessarily independent) from a distribution with common mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ . Define  $\bar{X}_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i / n$ .

- (a) Find  $E(\bar{X}_n)$ .
- (b) Prove or disprove:  $\text{Var } \bar{X}_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

4. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be an i.i.d. sample from uniform(0,1) distribution. Find the  $EX_{(k)}$ .

5. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_{4n}$  be an i.i.d. sample from exponential( $\beta$ ) distribution. Find the joint distribution of  $(\frac{X_{(n)} + X_{(3n)}}{2}, X_{(3n)} - X_{(n)})$ .

6. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be an i.i.d. sample from a distribution with density  $\frac{1}{x^2} I_{(1, \infty)}(x)$ . Is  $EX_k$  finite? What about  $EX_{(k)}$ ? (Hint: The answer might be different for different  $k$ .)

7. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be i.i.d. sample from a distribution with density  $f(x)$ . Fix  $i < j < k$  and find the formula for the joint density  $f_{X_{(i)}, X_{(j)}, X_{(k)}}(s, u, v)$ .

8. Let  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  be i.i.d. from Geometric( $p$ ) distribution.

- (a) Set (for this problem part only)  $n = 10, p = \frac{1}{4}$ . Find  $P(X_{(3)} = X_{(5)} = 3)$ .
- (b) Fix  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ . Find the probability mass function  $f_{X_{(i)}, X_{(j)}}(a, b)$ .

9. From the book 5.15, 5.21, 5.24.