

EE601: Statistical Signal Analysis

Quiz #5

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Time: 10:30-12

Q.1 A household uses light bulbs that have independent lifetimes with each having exponential distribution with average lifetime of 5 days. Bulbs are replaced instantaneously upon failure.

(a) Find prob that no more than 100 bulbs are used in an year? 5 marks

(b) Find prob that exactly 10 bulbs are used in a month? 5 Marks

Q.2 Let X be a random variable s.t. $E[X] < 0$. Prove or disprove: $E[e^{\theta X}] = 1 \Rightarrow \theta \geq 0$. 5 Marks

Q.3 Consider random variables X_1, \dots, X_n with joint density fn given by:

$$f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 1 \quad \text{if } (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in (0, 1)^n.$$

(a) Find $P(X_1 = \min\{X_1, \dots, X_n\})$. 3 Marks

(b) Let D denote the distance of (X_1, \dots, X_n) from origin. Find $E[D^2]$. 2 Marks

solutions

Q.1 Density of exp r.v. with parameter $\lambda > 0$ is $\lambda e^{-\lambda x}$ for $x \geq 0$ and 0 o.w.

Also, the corresponding expected value is $1/\lambda$.

$$\text{Thus, } f_X(x) = \frac{1}{5} e^{-x/5} \text{ for } x \geq 0, \\ = 0 \text{ o.w.}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \lambda = 1/5.$$

(a) $P(\text{No more than 100 lightbulb in an year})$

$$= P\left(\sum_{k=1}^{100} X_k \geq 365\right) = P\left(\sum_{k=1}^{100} X_k > 365\right)$$

As shown in assignment, sum of n iid $\exp(\lambda)$ r.v.'s is $\text{Gamma}(n, \lambda)$ random variable.

$$\text{So, let } Y = \sum_{k=1}^{100} X_k, \text{ then } Y \sim \text{Gamma}(100, 1/5)$$

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{99!} \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^{100} y^{99} e^{-y/5}$$

$$\text{Thus, } P(Y > 365) = \int_{365}^{\infty} f_Y(y) dy.$$

(b) $P(\text{exactly 10 lightbulbs in a month})$

$$= P\left(\underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^9 X_k}_{\tilde{Y}} \leq 30, \sum_{k=1}^{10} X_k > 30\right) \quad \tilde{Y} \sim \text{Gamma}(9, 1/5)$$

$$= P(\tilde{Y} \leq 30, \tilde{Y} + X_{10} > 30)$$

$$= \int_{0}^{30} P(y + X_{10} > 30 \mid \tilde{Y} = y) f_{\tilde{Y}}(y) dy$$

$$= \int_{0}^{30} P(X_{10} > 30 - y \mid \tilde{Y} = y) f_{\tilde{Y}}(y) dy$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \int_0^{30} P(X_{10} > 30-y) f_Y(y) dy \quad \because \tilde{Y} \perp\!\!\!\perp X_{10} \\
&\quad \quad \quad \uparrow \\
&\quad \quad \quad g(x_1, \dots, x_9) \text{ \& } x_{10} \text{ iid.} \\
&= \int_0^{30} e^{-(30-y)/5} \frac{1}{8!} \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^9 y^8 e^{-y/5} dy \\
&= \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^9 e^{-6} \cdot \frac{1}{8!} \int_0^{30} y^8 dy \\
&= \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^9 e^{-6} \cdot \frac{1}{8!} \frac{y^9}{9} \Big|_0^{30} \\
&= e^{-6} \frac{1}{9!} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^9 \cdot 30^9 = e^{-6} \frac{6^9}{9!}
\end{aligned}$$

Q.2 Need to prove if $E[X] < 0$ and $E[e^{\theta X}] = 1$, then $\theta \geq 0$.

Let $g(x) = e^{\theta x}$. Note that $g(\cdot)$ is a convex function $\forall \theta \in \mathbb{R}$. Thus by Jensen's inequality

$$1 = E[e^{\theta X}] \geq e^{\theta EX}$$

$$\therefore e^{\theta EX} \leq 1, \text{ we need } \theta EX \leq 0$$

$$\therefore EX < 0, \theta \text{ must be } \geq 0 \text{ for } \theta EX \text{ to be } \leq 0.$$

Q.3 $f(x_1, \dots, x_n) = 1$ if $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in (0,1)^n$.

Note that (X_1, \dots, X_n) are iid Uniform(0,1) random variables.

$$(a) P(X_1 = \min\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}) = 1/n$$

as X_1, \dots, X_n are iid and thus each one has equal chance of being the smallest.

$$(b) D^2 = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2.$$

$$E[D^2] = E[x_1^2] + E[x_2^2] + \dots + E[x_n^2] \quad \text{by linearity of the expectation}$$

$$= n E[x_1^2] \quad \because \text{the r.v.'s are iid.}$$

$$E[x_1^2] = \int_0^1 x^2 dx = \frac{1}{3}.$$

$$\Rightarrow E[D^2] = \frac{n}{3}.$$

Note: How do we argue (x_1, \dots, x_n) are iid.

Choose any k random variable from the given n and their joint distr. is

$$f(x_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, x_{\sigma(k)}) = 1 \quad \text{if } (x_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, x_{\sigma(k)}) \in (0,1)^k.$$

obtained by integrating out other variables.

Now, note that marginals (obtained by considering $k=1$) is Uniform(0,1) for each r.v.

Thus,

$$f(x_{\sigma(1)}, \dots, x_{\sigma(k)}) = \prod_{\sigma(1)} f(x_{\sigma(1)}) \dots \prod_{\sigma(k)} f(x_{\sigma(k)})$$

$\Rightarrow x_1, \dots, x_n$ are iid Uniform(0,1).

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