

LECTURE 3: ANLY-511 HOMEWORK ASSIGNED ON 09/17/17

**17. (2 points)** Let  $X$  be a random variable with a  $\text{beta}(.5, .8)$  distribution. Use a suitable simulation to approximate  $\mathcal{E}(X)$ ,  $s(X)$ ,  $\mathcal{E}(X^{-1/3})$ .

**18. (2 points)** Let  $X$  be a random variable with a  $\text{beta}(.5, .8)$  distribution. Use a suitable simulation to approximate  $\mathcal{E}(\sqrt{X})$  with an error of less than  $10^{-3}$  and explain why you think you have achieved this accuracy. *1 point will be subtracted if you use more than 100 times as many simulations as is necessary.*

**19. (2 points)** Suppose  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent random variables that both have a uniform  $U(0, 1)$  distribution. Define the new random variable

$$Z = X|Y \leq \sin^2(2\pi X).$$

Use **R** to generate a random sample of size at least 10000 for  $Z$ , make a histogram, and describe what you see.

**20. (4 points)** A breathalyzer that is used by the police to detect drunk drivers correctly identifies a drunk driver with probability 0.99 and falsely identifies a sober driver as drunk with probability 0.02. Then answer the following questions:

- What is the sensitivity of this breathalyzer? What is its specificity? *Look up the terms "specificity" and "sensitivity".*
- About one in 500 drivers are drunk. Somebody gets pulled over and fails the breathalyzer test. What is the probability that she is drunk?

**21. (5 points)** Consider a binomial distribution,  $X \sim \text{Binom}(n = 50, p = 0.2)$

- Find  $\Pr(X < 20)$  and  $\Pr(X > 10|X < 20)$  with an exact computation.
- Consider a binomial distribution  $X \sim \text{Binom}(n = 500, p = 0.1)$ .
- Find  $\Pr(X < 60)$ ,  $\Pr(X < 60|X > 30)$ ,  $\Pr(X > 30|X < 60)$  with a simulation.

**22. (5 points)** The Cauchy distribution has the property that the mean  $\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$  of  $n$  independent copies  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  has the same distribution as each individual  $X_i$ . Demonstrate this as best as you can with simulations for different values of  $n$ , using suitable plots. Include one such plot in your solution and explain it.

**23. (5 points)** Given an exponentially distributed random variable  $X$  with intensity  $\lambda$  and some number  $A > 0$ , defined the new random variable

$$Y = (X|X > A) - A.$$

*Intuitively, think of  $X$  as the unknown time when a bomb goes off after you push a button. You push the button and watch a timer. If the bomb hasn't gone off by the time  $A$ , you reset the timer to 0 and keep it running. Then  $Y$  is displayed on the timer when the bomb goes off.*

Show that  $Y$  has the same cumulative distribution function as  $X$ . If you're unsure how to do this, I suggest you use the following steps and explain them.

- Write down the distribution function of  $X$ .
- Find a formula for  $\mathcal{P}(X > A)$ .
- Given  $z$ , find a formula for  $\mathcal{P}(X > z \text{ and } X > A)$ .
- Find a formula for  $\mathcal{P}(X > z|X > A)$ .
- Explain why  $\mathcal{P}(Y > y) = \mathcal{P}(X > y + A|X > A)$ .
- Find the formula for  $\mathcal{P}(Y \leq y)$ .