Problem Set 5 Prof. Oke

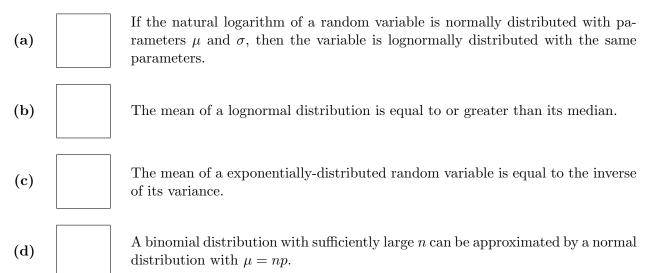
CEE 260/MIE 273: Probability & Statistics in Civil Engineering

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Due Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 1:00 PM as PDF uploaded on Canvas. Use this document as your template. Show as much work as possible in order to get FULL credit. There are 7 problems with a total of 41 points available. Important: If you use Python for any probability computations, briefly write/include the statements you used to arrive at your answers. If instead you use probability tables or a calculator, note this in the respective solution, as well.

Problem 1 (4 points)

Respond "T" (True) or "F" (False) to the following statements. Use the boxes provided. Each response is worth 1 point.



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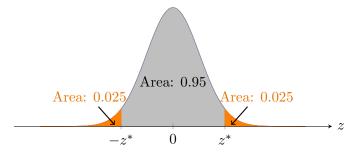
Problem 2: Normal and Lognormal Distributions (6 points)

Choose the option that best fills in the blank.

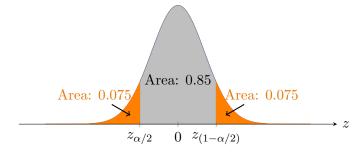
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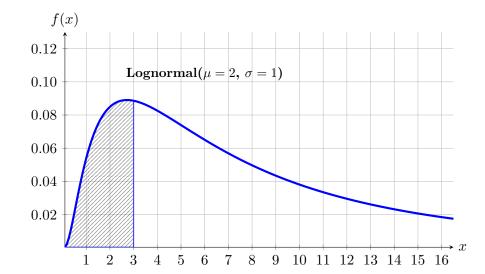
(a) The figure below depicts the PDF of a standard normal distribution. What is the value of z^* in the figure?



- (i) 0
- (ii) 1.65
- (iii) 1.96
- (iv) 2.58
- (b) The figure below depicts the PDF of a standard normal distribution. What is the value of $z_{\alpha/2}$ in the figure?



- (i) 0
- (ii) -1.04
- (iii) -1.28
- (iv) -1.44
- (c) Find the area of the shaded portion in the figure below.



Answer:

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Problem 3: Lognormal Distribution (6 points)

Given that the lifetime in days of an electronic component is lognormally distributed with $\mu = 1.1$ and $\sigma = 0.5$.

(a) Find the median lifetime of the component. [1]

(b) Find the mean lifetime of the component. [2]

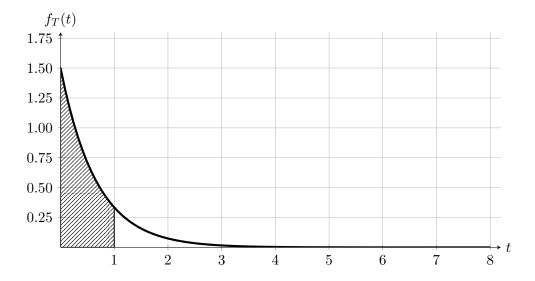
(c) Find the probability that a component lasts between 3 and 5 days. [3]

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Problem 4: Exponential Distribution I (4 points)

(a) The graph below is the PDF of an exponentially distributed random variable T, given by $f_T(t) = \lambda e^{-\lambda t}$. What is the value of the parameter λ ?



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(b) What is the mean of T?

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Answer:

(c) What is the probability represented by the shaded area in the figure in part (i)? (A numeric value is expected here, not just a symbolic expression.)

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Problem 5: Exponential Distribution II (7 points)

The delay time T of a flight is exponentially distributed with $\lambda = 4$ (mean rate of occurrence per hour).

(a) What is the expectation of T? [1]

(b) What is the standard deviation of T? [1]

(c) What is the probability that a flight is delayed by no more than half an hour? [2]

(d) Given that a family member has already waited for half an hour, what is the probability that [3] a certain flight will be further delayed by over an hour?

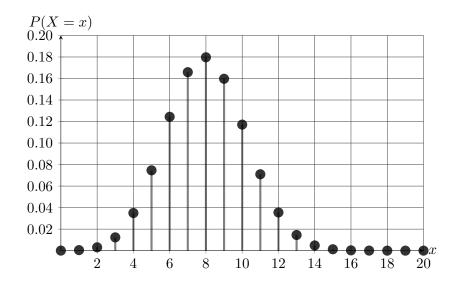
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Problem 6: Binomial Distribution I (6 points)

Show brief amount of work for partial credit if answer is wrong. Not required however for full credit.

The PMF of a random variable X is given in the figure below.



(a) Use the figure to estimate the probability P(X=8).

Answer:

(b) Use the figure to estimate the probability $P(X = 8 \cup X = 10)$.

Answer:

[2]

(c) Use the figure to estimate the probability $P(5 < X \le 8)$.

Answer:

(d) If the PMF in the figure above is that of a Binomial distribution with p = 0.4, what is $\mathbb{E}(X)$?

Answer:

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Problem 7: Binomial Distribution II (8 points)

75% of all vehicles examined at an emissions inspection station pass. Successive vehicles pass or fail independently of one another. Let X be the number of vehicles that pass the inspection out of the next n=6 vehicles inspected.

(a) What is the expectation of X, i.e. $\mathbb{E}[X]$? [1] (b) What is the standard deviation of X? [1] (c) Find the probability that all of the next six vehicles inspected pass, i.e. P(X=6). [1] (d) Find the probability that only two of the next six vehicles inspected pass, i.e. P(X=2). [2](e) Find the probability that at least four of the next six vehicles inspected pass. [3]

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