

Stat/Math 390, FALL, Test 1, Oct. 16, 2009; Marzban

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Check front page and back page.

Multiple-choice: mark best answer on these pages. DO NOT EXPLAIN.

The rest: SHOW your answer and your WORK, on these pages;  
NO CREDIT FOR CORRECT ANSWER WITHOUT EXPLANATION.

Points

2 1.3 or 1.71 1. The proportion of times that a variable  $x$  is below some number is called the *cumulative* mass (or density) function. If you are given such a cumulative mass function, is it possible to reconstruct the mass function itself?

- a) Yes                      b) No

2 Eq. 1.22 2. Let  $X$  denote the number of heads out of 100 tosses of a fair coin. When we use the binomial distribution to compute the "proportion of  $X = 2$ ", what is that proportion?

- a) Number of heads divided by 100.  
b) Probability of getting 2 heads.  
c) Number of times one gets 2 heads out of 100 tosses divided by 100.  
d) Number of times one gets 2 heads out of 100 tosses divided by the number of times 100 coins are tossed

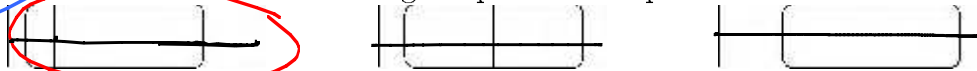
2 2? Lecture 6 3. For a finite number of measurements on a single variable, the mean of the deviations

- a) is the sample standard deviation                      b) is the population standard deviation  
c) is always 0.                      d) depends on the data.

2 2? hw-5 4. Suppose  $x$  is given in meters and its variance is given by  $s^2$ . If we convert all the  $x$ 's to centimeters, and then compute the variance, it will be

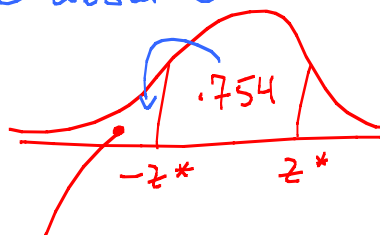
- a)  $s^2$ ,                      b)  $\sqrt{100} s^2$                       c)  $100 s^2$                       d)  $100^2 s^2$

2 1.? Lecture 6 5. Which one of the following boxplots best represents data from an exponential distribution?



2 1.32 6. What value of  $z^*$  is such that the area under the standard normal curve between  $-z^*$  and  $z^*$  is 0.754? Show work.

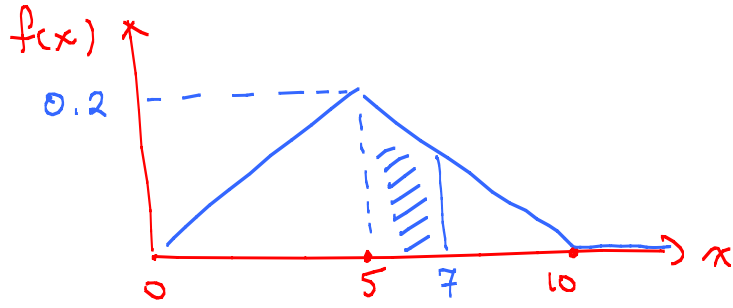
because Normal is symmetric about 0



$$0.123 \Rightarrow (\text{Table I}) \Rightarrow \boxed{z^* = 1.16}$$

1.22 7. Suppose the waiting time  $x$  (in minutes) at a bus stop, on any particular day, obeys the following density function.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0.04x & 0 < x < 5 \\ 0.4 - 0.04x & 5 \leq x < 10 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$



a) Draw the density function.

b) In the long run, what proportion of your waiting times will be between 5 & 7 mints? Show work.

$$\begin{aligned} \int_5^7 f(x) dx &= \int_5^7 (0.4 - 0.04x) dx = 0.4x \Big|_5^7 - 0.04 \frac{1}{2} x^2 \Big|_5^7 \\ &= 0.4(2) - 0.04 \frac{1}{2} (49 - 25) = \boxed{0.32} \end{aligned}$$

Alternatively, subtract area of 2 triangles:  $\frac{1}{2}(0.2)(10-5) - \frac{1}{2}(0.4 - 0.04(7))(10-7)$

2.23c 8. Suppose the number of drivers traveling between two cities during a designated time period has a Poisson distribution with  $\lambda = 20$ . In the long run, during what proportion of such periods will the number of drivers be within one standard deviation of the mean value? Show work.

For Poisson: mean =  $\lambda$ , std. dev =  $\sqrt{\lambda}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{prop}(\lambda - \sqrt{\lambda} < x < \lambda + \sqrt{\lambda}) &= \text{prop}(15.5 < x < 24.5) \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{because} \\ x = \text{integer} \\ \text{(discrete)} \end{array} \right\} \\ &= \text{prop}(16 \leq x \leq 24) \end{aligned}$$

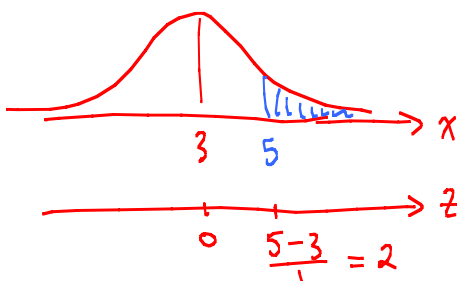
$$= \text{prop}(x=16) + \dots + \text{prop}(x=24) = \boxed{0.687}$$

2.60 & hw-I 9. In a homework problem you showed that the expected value (or mean) of the exponential distribution with parameter  $\lambda$  is  $1/\lambda$ . Use the fact that  $\int_0^\infty (x-1)^2 e^{-x} dx = 1$  to compute the standard deviation of the exponential distribution. Show work.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Variance of exponential} &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - E[x])^2 f(x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} \left(x - \frac{1}{\lambda}\right)^2 \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \int_0^{\infty} (\lambda x - 1)^2 \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx = \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \int_0^{\infty} (y-1)^2 e^{-y} dy \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{where } y = \lambda x \\ dy = \lambda dx \end{array} \right\} = 1 \\ &= \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \implies \boxed{\text{std. dev} = 1/\lambda} \end{aligned}$$

2.18 & Test 1 - Sample 10. Let  $x$  denote the maximum physical stress that a unit of a certain product encounters during its lifetime. Suppose that  $x$  is normally distributed with the 99th percentile = 5.33 and the 10th percentile is 1.72. What proportion of these units have maximum stress values exceeding 5? Show work.

From No. 8 on Test 1 - Sample:  $\mu = 3, \sigma = 1$



$$\begin{aligned} \text{prop}(z > 2) &= 1 - \text{prop}(z < 2) \\ &= 1 - 0.9772 \\ &= \boxed{0.0228} \end{aligned}$$