

Stat 561
11-8-18

$$\text{Defn: } f_T(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\beta^\alpha} t^{\alpha-1} e^{-t/\beta}, \quad t > 0 \quad (\beta > 0) \quad (1)$$

is the pdf for the Gamma distribution

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Check: } 1 &\stackrel{?}{=} \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\beta^\alpha} t^{\alpha-1} e^{-t/\beta} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\beta^\alpha} \int_0^\infty (\beta u)^{\alpha-1} e^{-u} \beta du \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} u = t/\beta \\ du = \frac{1}{\beta} dt \end{array} \right. \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \underbrace{\int_0^\infty u^{\alpha-1} e^{-u} du}_{\Gamma(\alpha)} = 1 \quad \checkmark \quad (2)$$

Special case: $\alpha = 1$

$$f_T(t) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(1)\beta^1} t^0 e^{-t/\beta}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\beta} e^{-t/\beta} \quad t > 0$$

This is the exponential density with $\lambda = \frac{1}{\beta}$

Find the m.g.f. :

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$$M_X(t) = E[e^{tX}]$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} e^{tx} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\beta^\alpha} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x/\beta} dx$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\beta^\alpha} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x(\frac{1}{\beta}-t)} dx$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\beta^\alpha} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\frac{x}{\gamma(\frac{1}{\beta}-t)}} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{\beta^\alpha \left[\frac{1}{\beta-t} \right]^\alpha} \underbrace{\int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha) \left[\frac{1}{\beta-t} \right]^\alpha} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\frac{x}{\gamma(\frac{1}{\beta}-t)}} dx}_{(4)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(1-\beta t)^\alpha} = (1-\beta t)^{-\alpha}$$

$$M_X'(t) = -\alpha (1-\beta t)^{-\alpha-1} (-\beta) = \alpha\beta (1-\beta t)^{-\alpha-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} M_X''(t) &= \alpha\beta(-\alpha-1)(1-\beta t)^{-\alpha-2} (-\beta) \\ &= \alpha(\alpha+1)\beta^2 (1-\beta t)^{-\alpha-2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mu = E[X] = M'_X(0) = \alpha\beta$$

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$$E[X^2] = M''_X(0) = \alpha(\alpha+1)\beta^2$$

$$\sigma^2 = \alpha(\alpha+1)\beta^2 - \alpha^2\beta^2 = \alpha\beta^2$$

Special case: $\alpha=1$ $M_X(t) = \frac{1}{1-\beta t} = \frac{1}{1-t/\lambda}$

$$\mu = \beta = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

$$= \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - t}$$

$$\sigma^2 = \beta^2 = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

Recall from #3.17 homework:

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$$E[X^v] = \frac{\beta^v \Gamma(v+\alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha)}$$

Find $\Gamma(.5) = \int_0^{\infty} t^{\frac{1}{2}-1} e^{-t} dt$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} e^{-t} dt$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-u^2} 2 du$$

Let $u = \sqrt{t}$

$$du = \frac{1}{2} t^{-1/2} dt$$

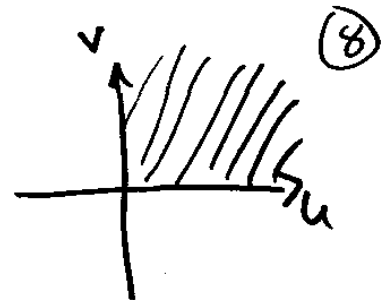
$$\Gamma(.5) = 2 \underbrace{\int_0^{\infty} e^{-u^2} du}_A \quad \Gamma(.5) = 2A \quad (7)$$

$$A^2 = \left(\int_0^{\infty} e^{-u^2} du \right) \left(\int_0^{\infty} e^{-v^2} dv \right)$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-u^2} e^{-v^2} du dv$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(u^2+v^2)} du dv \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{let } u = r \cos \theta \\ v = r \sin \theta \end{array} \right.$$

$$A^2 = \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-r^2} \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{Jacobian}}}{r} dr d\theta$$



$$\text{let } t = r^2 \\ dt = 2r dr$$

$$A^2 = \int_0^{\pi/2} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-t} \frac{1}{2} dt d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi/2} \left(\frac{1}{2} (-e^{-t}) \Big|_0^{\infty} \right) d\theta$$

$$= \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{1}{2} d\theta = \frac{1}{2} \theta \Big|_0^{\pi/2} = \frac{\pi}{4} \quad (9)$$

$$A^2 = \frac{\pi}{4} \quad A = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}$$

$$\underline{\Gamma(.5) = 2A = \sqrt{\pi}}$$

Another special case of the gamma distribution:

Let $\alpha = \frac{k}{2}$, where k is a positive integer

and $\beta = 2$

$$\boxed{f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\frac{k}{2}) 2^{k/2}} x^{k/2-1} e^{-x/2}, x > 0} \quad (10)$$

This is the chi-squared distribution

(χ^2) with k degrees of freedom

$$M_X(t) = \frac{1}{(1-2t)^{k/2}}$$

$$\mu = \alpha\beta = \frac{k}{2} \cdot 2 = k$$

$$\sigma^2 = \alpha\beta^2 = \frac{k}{2} \cdot 4 = 2k$$

$$\text{We had } \Gamma(.5) = 2A = 2 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-u^2} du \quad (11)$$

$$\parallel$$

$$\sqrt{\pi}$$

$$\therefore \int_0^{\infty} e^{-u^2} du = \frac{\sqrt{\pi}}{2}$$

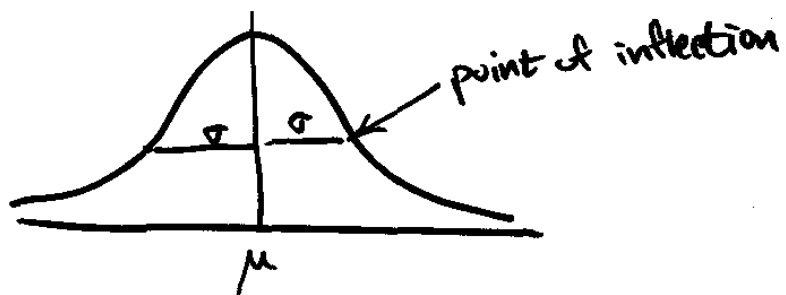
$$\sqrt{\pi} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-u^2} du = \sqrt{\pi} \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{Let } u = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma} \right) \\ du = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{\sigma} dx \end{array} \right.$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma} \right)^2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} \sigma} dx$$

$$\therefore \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma} \right)^2} dx = 1 \quad (12)$$

$$\text{Define } f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma} \right)^2}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty$$

to be the normal density function



$$M_X(t) = E[e^{tX}]$$

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$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2} dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x^2 - 2\mu x + \mu^2 - 2\sigma^2 tx)} dx$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x^2 - 2(\mu + \sigma^2 t)x + \mu^2)} dx$$

$$= e^{-\frac{\mu^2}{2\sigma^2}} e^{\frac{(\mu + \sigma^2 t)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x^2 - 2(\mu + \sigma^2 t)x + (\mu + \sigma^2 t)^2)} dx \quad (14)$$

$$= e^{\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(-\mu^2 + \mu^2 + 2\mu\sigma^2 t + \sigma^4 t^2)}$$

$$\underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2\sigma^2}(x - (\mu + \sigma^2 t))^2} dx}_1$$

$$M_X(t) = e^{\frac{1}{2}(2\mu t + \sigma^2 t^2)}$$

$$= e^{\mu t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t^2}$$

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Special case of the normal density:

$$\mu = 0, \sigma = 1$$

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{1}{2}x^2}, \quad M_X(t) = e^{\frac{1}{2}t^2}$$

This is the standard normal density

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HW #6 due 11/15

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- 3.18** There is an interesting relationship between negative binomial and gamma random variables, which may sometimes provide a useful approximation. Let Y be a negative binomial random variable with parameters r and p , where p is the success probability. Show that as $p \rightarrow 0$, the mgf of the random variable pY converges to that of a gamma distribution with parameters r and 1.
- 3.24** Many “named” distributions are special cases of the more common distributions already discussed. For each of the following named distributions derive the form of the pdf, verify that it is a pdf, and calculate the mean and variance.
- (a) If $X \sim \text{exponential}(\beta)$, then $Y = X^{1/\gamma}$ has the *Weibull*(γ, β) distribution, where $\gamma > 0$ is a constant.
 - (b) If $X \sim \text{exponential}(\beta)$, then $Y = (2X/\beta)^{1/2}$ has the *Rayleigh* distribution.
 - (c) If $X \sim \text{gamma}(a, b)$, then $Y = 1/X$ has the *inverted gamma* IG(a, b) distribution. (This distribution is useful in Bayesian estimation of variances; see Exercise 7.23.)
 - (d) If $X \sim \text{gamma}(\frac{3}{2}, \beta)$, then $Y = (X/\beta)^{1/2}$ has the *Maxwell* distribution.
 - (e) If $X \sim \text{exponential}(1)$, then $Y = \alpha - \gamma \log X$ has the *Gumbel*(α, γ) distribution, where $-\infty < \alpha < \infty$ and $\gamma > 0$. (The Gumbel distribution is also known as the *extreme value distribution*.)
- 3.39** Consider the Cauchy family defined in Section 3.3. This family can be extended to a location-scale family yielding pdfs of the form

$$f(x|\mu, \sigma) = \frac{1}{\sigma\pi \left(1 + \left(\frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2\right)}, \quad -\infty < x < \infty.$$

The mean and variance do not exist for the Cauchy distribution. So the parameters μ and σ^2 are not the mean and variance. But they do have important meaning. Show that if X is a random variable with a Cauchy distribution with parameters μ and σ , then:

- (a) μ is the median of the distribution of X , that is, $P(X \geq \mu) = P(X \leq \mu) = \frac{1}{2}$.
- (b) $\mu + \sigma$ and $\mu - \sigma$ are the quartiles of the distribution of X , that is, $P(X \geq \mu + \sigma) = P(X \leq \mu - \sigma) = \frac{1}{4}$. (Hint: Prove this first for $\mu = 0$ and $\sigma = 1$ and then use Exercise 3.38.)