

Exercise 7 If $(1 - 2t)^{-6}$ is the moment generating function of the random variable X , find $\Pr(X < 21.026)$

Proof. $\beta = 2, \quad \alpha = 6, \quad \Pr(X < 21.026) = \int_0^{21.026} \frac{1}{5126} x^{6-1} e^{-x/2} dx = 0.95 \quad \blacksquare$

Exercise 8 If X has a gamma distwith $\alpha = 3$ and $\beta = 4$, find $\Pr(4.408 < X < 25.184)$.

Proof. $\Pr(4.408 < X < 25.184) = \int_{4.408}^{25.184} \frac{1}{2!4^3} x^{3-1} e^{-x/4} dx = 0.85 \quad \blacksquare$

Exercise 9 Compute the skewness and kurtosis of a gamma distribution with parameters α and β .

Proof. $E[X^2] = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} \left(\frac{1}{(1-\beta t)^\alpha} \right) \Big|_{t=0} = \alpha\beta^2 + \alpha^2\beta^2$

$E[X^3] = \frac{\partial^3}{\partial t^3} \left(\frac{1}{(1-\beta t)^\alpha} \right) \Big|_{t=0} = 2\alpha\beta^3 + 3\alpha^2\beta^3 + \alpha^3\beta^3$

$E[X^4] = \frac{\partial^4}{\partial t^4} \left(\frac{1}{(1-\beta t)^\alpha} \right) \Big|_{t=0} = 6\alpha\beta^4 + 11\alpha^2\beta^4 + 6\alpha^3\beta^4 + \alpha^4\beta^4$

$E[(X - \mu)^3] / \sigma^3 = \frac{1}{\alpha^{3/2}\beta^3} (2\alpha\beta^3 + 3\alpha^2\beta^3 + \alpha^3\beta^3 - 3\alpha\beta(\alpha\beta^2 + \alpha^2\beta^2) + 3\alpha^3\beta^3 - \alpha^3\beta^3) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{\alpha}}$

$E[(X - \mu)^4] / \sigma^4 = \frac{1}{\alpha^2\beta^4} (6\alpha\beta^4 + 11\alpha^2\beta^4 + 6\alpha^3\beta^4 + \alpha^4\beta^4 - 4\alpha\beta * (2\alpha\beta^3 + 3\alpha^2\beta^3 + \alpha^3\beta^3) + 6\alpha^2\beta^2 * (\alpha\beta^2 + \alpha^2\beta^2) - 4\alpha^4\beta^4 + \alpha^4\beta^4) = 3\frac{2+\alpha}{\alpha} \quad \blacksquare$

Exercise 10 Let $\Phi(z) = \int_{-\infty}^z \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right) dx$ denote the CDF of $N(0, 1)$. Show that $\Phi(-z) = 1 - \Phi(z)$

Proof. $\Phi(-z) = \int_{-\infty}^{-z} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right) dx = \int_z^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right) dx = 1 - \int_{-\infty}^z \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{x^2}{2}\right) dx = 1 - \Phi(z) \quad \blacksquare$

Exercise 11 Suppose that $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$. Find b such that $\Pr[-b < (X - \mu) / \sigma < b] = 0.90$

Proof. $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2) \Rightarrow Y = \frac{(X-\mu)}{\sigma} \sim N(0, 1) \Rightarrow$
 $\Pr[|Y| < b] = 0.90 \quad \Rightarrow \quad b = 1.64485 \quad \blacksquare$

Exercise 12 Compute the skewness and kurtosis of $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$

Proof. $E[X^2] = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t^2} (\exp[\mu t + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} t^2]) \Big|_{t=0} = \sigma^2 + \mu^2$

$E[X^3] = \frac{\partial^3}{\partial t^3} (\exp[\mu t + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} t^2]) \Big|_{t=0} = \mu^3 + 3\sigma^2\mu$

$E[X^4] = \frac{\partial^4}{\partial t^4} (\exp[\mu t + \frac{\sigma^2}{2} t^2]) \Big|_{t=0} = 3\sigma^4 + \mu^4 + 6\sigma^2\mu^2$

$E[(X - \mu)^3] / \sigma^3 = \frac{1}{\sigma^3} (\mu^3 + 3\sigma^2\mu - 3\mu\sigma^2 - 3\mu^3 + 3\mu^3 - \mu^3) = 0$

$E[(X - \mu)^4] / \sigma^4 = \frac{1}{\sigma^4} (3\sigma^4 + \mu^4 + 6\sigma^2\mu^2 - 4\mu^4 - 12\sigma^2\mu^2 + 6\mu^2\sigma^2 + 6\mu^4 - 4\mu^4 + \mu^4) = 3 \quad \blacksquare$