

3.3: The Gamma and the chi squared distribution

Notation: $\gamma, \Gamma \rightarrow$ Gamma.

Def: $\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^{\infty} y^{\alpha-1} e^{-y} dy, \alpha > 0$

Remark: $\Gamma(\alpha)$ exists and positive for all $\alpha > 0$.

Note 1: $\Gamma(1) = 1$

$$\Gamma(1) = \int_0^{\infty} y^{-1+1} e^{-y} dy = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-y} dy = 1.$$

Note 2: $\Gamma(\alpha) = (\alpha-1) \Gamma(\alpha-1), \alpha > 1$

proof: $\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^{\infty} y^{\alpha-1} e^{-y} dy$ integral by part $u = y^{\alpha-1} \quad dv = e^{-y} dy$
 $du = (\alpha-1)y^{\alpha-2} dy \quad v = -e^{-y}$

$$= (y^{\alpha-1})(-e^{-y}) \Big|_0^{\infty} - \int_0^{\infty} -(e^{-y})(\alpha-1)y^{\alpha-2} dy$$
$$= \left[\lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} (-e^{-y} y^{\alpha-1}) - 0 \right] + (\alpha-1) \int_0^{\infty} y^{\alpha-2} e^{-y} dy$$

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha > 1 \\ &= 0 + (\alpha-1) \Gamma(\alpha-1) \\ &= (\alpha-1) \Gamma(\alpha-1), \alpha > 1 \end{aligned}$$

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Note 3: $\Gamma(\alpha) = (\alpha-1)!$, $\alpha = 2, 3, \dots$

$$\rightarrow \Gamma(2) = (2-1)\Gamma(1) = (1)(1) = 1!$$

$$\Gamma(3) = (3-1)\Gamma(2) = 2(1) = 2!$$

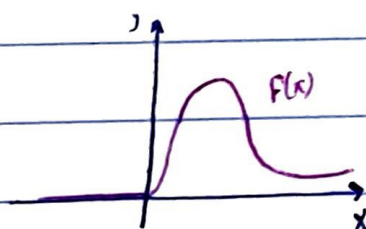
$$\Gamma(4) = (4-1)\Gamma(3) = (3)(2)(1) = 3!$$

Def: $0! = 1$

Def: a Random variable X has a Gamma distribution with parameters α and β if it has the following p.d.f:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\beta^\alpha} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\frac{x}{\beta}} & , x > 0 \\ 0 & , \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

Where $\alpha > 0$, $\beta > 0$



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Notation: $X \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$

Question: verify that $f(x)$ is p.d.f.

$$\rightarrow f(x) = 0, \quad x \in (-\infty, 0].$$

$$\rightarrow f(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha) \beta^\alpha} e^{-\frac{x}{\beta}} x^{\alpha-1} > 0, \quad x \in (0, \infty), \quad \alpha > 0, \beta > 0.$$

$$\rightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha) \beta^\alpha} e^{-\frac{x}{\beta}} x^{\alpha-1} dx.$$

$$\star \Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^{\infty} y^{\alpha-1} e^{-y} dy$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{let } y = \frac{x}{\beta} &\Rightarrow dy = \frac{dx}{\beta} \\ &\Rightarrow dx = \beta dy. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{so } \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha) \beta^\alpha} e^{-y} (\beta y)^{\alpha-1} \beta dy$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha) \beta^\alpha} e^{-y} \beta^\alpha y^{\alpha-1} dy$$

$$= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \int_0^{\infty} y^{\alpha-1} e^{-y} dy$$

$$= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \cdot \Gamma(\alpha)$$

$$= 1$$

so $f(x)$ is p.d.f



Question : Find $E(x)$, $var(x)$, δx .
Assume $x \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$. } H.W

Question: Find m.g.f of X , $X \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$

$$E(e^{tx}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} f(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\beta^\alpha} e^{-\frac{x}{\beta}} x^{\alpha-1} dx$$

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

$$\frac{1}{\beta} - t = \frac{1 - \beta t}{\beta}$$

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

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$$= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\beta^\alpha} \Gamma(\alpha) \left(\frac{\beta}{1 - \beta t} \right)^\alpha, \quad \beta < \frac{1}{t}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\beta^\alpha} \cdot \frac{\beta^\alpha}{(1 - \beta t)^\alpha}, \quad t < \frac{1}{\beta}$$

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

$X \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$:

$$M(t) = (1 - \beta t)^{-\alpha}, \quad t < \frac{1}{\beta}$$

Note: $\alpha > 0$; $\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^{\infty} y^{\alpha-1} e^{-y} dy$

$$\alpha > 0, \beta > 0 : \Gamma(\alpha)\beta^\alpha = \int_0^{\infty} y^{\alpha-1} e^{-\frac{y}{\beta}} dy$$

$$\rightarrow E(X) = \mu = \bar{M}(0) = \alpha \beta$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Var}(X) = \sigma^2 = \bar{M}(0) - (\bar{M}(0))^2 = \alpha \beta^2$$

$$\rightarrow \sigma_x = \sqrt{\sigma^2} = \sqrt{\alpha} \beta$$

check .

Def: X is called a chi-squared Random Variable with r degree of freedom if its Gamma (α, β) with $\alpha = \frac{r}{2}$, $\beta = 2$.

Notation: $X \sim \chi^2(r)$.

RMK:

$$\rightarrow E(X) = \mu_X = r$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Var}(X) = \sigma_x^2 = 2r$$

$$\rightarrow M(t) = (1 - 2t)^{-\frac{r}{2}}, \quad t < \frac{1}{2}$$

RMK:

$$X \sim \text{Gamma}(1, \beta), \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\beta} e^{-\frac{x}{\beta}}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Def: } \lambda = \frac{1}{\beta}$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, & x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

$X \sim \text{exponential}(\lambda)$.

ex: $X \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$, $\alpha > 0, \beta > 0$

$$Y = \frac{2X}{\beta}$$

f : p.d.f of X

g : p.d.f of Y

F : c.d.f of X

G : c.d.f of Y

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow G(y) &= P(Y \leq y) = P\left(\frac{2X}{\beta} \leq y\right) \\ &= P\left(X \leq \frac{\beta y}{2}\right) \\ &= F\left(\frac{\beta y}{2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow g(y) = G'(y) = \frac{dF}{dy}\left(\frac{\beta y}{2}\right) = f\left(\frac{\beta y}{2}\right) \frac{\beta}{2}$$

$$= \frac{\beta}{2} \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\beta^\alpha} \left(\frac{\beta y}{2}\right)^{\alpha-1} e^{-\frac{\beta y}{2}} \frac{\beta}{2}, & \frac{\beta y}{2} > 0 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\beta^\alpha} \cdot \frac{\beta}{2} \cdot \frac{\beta^{\alpha-1} y^{\alpha-1}}{2^{\alpha-1}} e^{-\frac{y}{2}}, & y > 0 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)2^\alpha} y^{\alpha-1} e^{-\frac{y}{2}}, & y > 0 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere} \end{cases}$$

$$Y = \frac{2X}{\beta} \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha, 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow Y \sim \chi^2(r), \quad r = 2\alpha$$

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} &\text{Gamma}(\alpha, \beta) \rightarrow \chi^2(2\alpha) \\ &X \rightarrow \frac{2X}{\beta} \end{aligned}}$$