

## MIDTERM 1 EXAM

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### INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Please check that your exam contains **07 pages** total (including the first page!!), **08 questions**.
- 2) **Answer all questions.**
- 3) No books, No notes and no phones are allowed.
- 4) A standard no programmable calculator is allowed.
- 5) Table for most used distributions is included.
- 6) Z-table is included.

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| <b>Question</b>    | <b>1</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>6</b> | <b>7</b> | <b>8</b> |  |
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1) (2 marks) Consider the density function:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 4x^3 & \text{if } 0 < x < 1 \\ 0 & \text{if not} \end{cases}$$

Compute the median and the 0.23 quantile.

2) (2 marks) Consider the following mass function:

|        |     |      |      |     |     |     |     |
|--------|-----|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| $x$    | 0   | 1    | 2    | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   |
| $f(x)$ | 0.1 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 |

Compute the median and the 80th percentile.

- 3) (4 marks) Let  $X \sim \text{Exponential}(\delta)$  and define  $Y = e^X$ .
- Compute the cdf and the pdf of  $Y$ .
  - Determine whether the distribution of  $Y$  is light-tailed or heavy-tailed, using
    - the method of moments.
    - the hazard rate function method.

- 4) (4 marks) Let  $X \sim N(0,1)$  with density function  $\phi$ .
- Show that the tail-value-at-risk of  $X$  at  $100p\%$ , is given by:
$$TVaR_p(X) = \frac{1}{1-p} \phi(VaR_p(X)).$$
  - Compute  $VaR_p(X)$  and  $TVaR_p(X)$  for  $p = 0.95$ .

5) (3 marks) Let  $X$  have a cdf  $F(x) = 1 - (1 + x)^{-\alpha}$  where  $x > 0$  and  $\alpha > 0$ . Determine the pdf and the cdf of  $Y = cX$  with  $c > 0$ .

6) (2 marks) Let  $X \sim \text{Uniform}(0, a)$ . Find the pdf of  $Y = X^{\frac{1}{\tau}}$  with  $\tau > 0$ .

7) (2 marks) Show that the binomial distribution with parameters  $m$  and  $p$ , belongs to the linear exponential family with respect to the parameter  $\theta = p$ .

- 8) (6 marks) Let  $N \sim \text{Poisson}(\theta)$  and let  $N^T$  be the zero-truncated random variable associated to  $N$ . Compute:
- $p^T(k)$  for  $k = 0$  and  $k \geq 1$ .
  - the mean of  $N^T$ .
  - the mgf of  $N^T$ .

**Table A** The most frequently used discrete and continuous distributions

| Distribution   | Density & support   | Moments & cumulants  | Mgf   |
|--|---|--|---|
| Binomial( $n, p$ )<br>( $0 < p < 1, n \in \mathbb{N}$ )            | $\binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x}$<br>$x = 0, 1, \dots, n$  | $E = np, \text{Var} = np(1-p),$<br>$\gamma = \frac{np(1-p)(1-2p)}{\sigma^3}$                         | $(1-p + pe^t)^n$  |
| Bernoulli( $p$ )   | $\equiv$ Binomial( $1, p$ )   |  |   |
| Poisson( $\lambda$ )<br>( $\lambda > 0$ )                          | $e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^x}{x!}, x = 0, 1, \dots$  | $E = \text{Var} = \lambda,$<br>$\gamma = 1/\sqrt{\lambda},$<br>$\kappa_j = \lambda, j = 1, 2, \dots$ | $\exp[\lambda(e^t - 1)]$                                  |
| Negative binomial( $r, p$ )<br>( $r > 0, 0 < p < 1$ )              | $\binom{r+x-1}{x} p^r (1-p)^x$<br>$x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  | $E = r(1-p)/p$<br>$\text{Var} = E/p,$<br>$\gamma = \frac{(2-p)}{p\sigma}$                            | $\left(\frac{p}{1-(1-p)e^t}\right)^r$                     |
| Geometric( $p$ )   | $\equiv$ Negative binomial( $1, p$ )  |  |   |
| Uniform( $a, b$ )<br>( $a < b$ )                                   | $\frac{1}{b-a}; a < x < b$  | $E = (a+b)/2,$<br>$\text{Var} = (b-a)^2/12,$<br>$\gamma = 0$   | $\frac{e^{bt} - e^{at}}{(b-a)t}$                          |
| $N(\mu, \sigma^2)$<br>( $\sigma > 0$ )                             | $\frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \exp\left(-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$   | $E = \mu, \text{Var} = \sigma^2, \gamma = 0$<br>( $\kappa_j = 0, j \geq 3$ )                         | $\exp(\mu t + \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 t^2)$                   |
| Gamma( $\alpha, \beta$ )<br>( $\alpha, \beta > 0$ )                | $\frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta x}, x > 0$  | $E = \alpha/\beta, \text{Var} = \alpha/\beta^2,$<br>$\gamma = 2/\sqrt{\alpha}$                       | $\left(\frac{\beta}{\beta-t}\right)^\alpha (t < \beta)$   |
| Exponential( $\beta$ )   | $\equiv$ gamma( $1, \beta$ )  |  |   |
| $\chi^2(k)$ ( $k \in \mathbb{N}$ )                                 | $\equiv$ gamma( $k/2, 1/2$ )  |  |   |
| Inverse Gaussian( $\alpha, \beta$ )<br>( $\alpha > 0, \beta > 0$ ) | $\frac{\alpha x^{-3/2}}{\sqrt{2\pi\beta}} \exp\left(\frac{-(\alpha - \beta x)^2}{2\beta x}\right)$<br>$F(x) = \Phi\left(\frac{-\alpha}{\sqrt{\beta x}} + \sqrt{\beta x}\right) + e^{2\alpha} \Phi\left(\frac{-\alpha}{\sqrt{\beta x}} - \sqrt{\beta x}\right), x > 0$ | $E = \alpha/\beta, \text{Var} = \alpha/\beta^2,$<br>$\gamma = 3/\sqrt{\alpha}$                       | $e^{\alpha(1-\sqrt{1-2t/\beta})}$<br>( $t \leq \beta/2$ ) |

## Standard Normal Probabilities

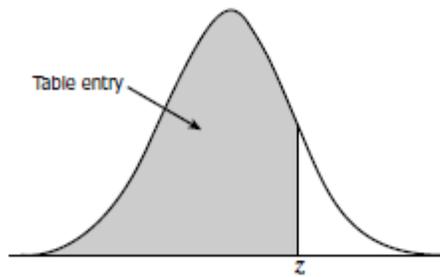


Table entry for  $z$  is the area under the standard normal curve to the left of  $z$ .

| $z$ | .00   | .01   | .02   | .03   | .04   | .05   | .06   | .07   | .08   | .09   |
|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 0.0 | .5000 | .5040 | .5080 | .5120 | .5160 | .5199 | .5239 | .5279 | .5319 | .5359 |
| 0.1 | .5398 | .5438 | .5478 | .5517 | .5557 | .5596 | .5636 | .5675 | .5714 | .5753 |
| 0.2 | .5793 | .5832 | .5871 | .5910 | .5948 | .5987 | .6026 | .6064 | .6103 | .6141 |
| 0.3 | .6179 | .6217 | .6255 | .6293 | .6331 | .6368 | .6406 | .6443 | .6480 | .6517 |
| 0.4 | .6554 | .6591 | .6628 | .6664 | .6700 | .6736 | .6772 | .6808 | .6844 | .6879 |
| 0.5 | .6915 | .6950 | .6985 | .7019 | .7054 | .7088 | .7123 | .7157 | .7190 | .7224 |
| 0.6 | .7257 | .7291 | .7324 | .7357 | .7389 | .7422 | .7454 | .7486 | .7517 | .7549 |
| 0.7 | .7580 | .7611 | .7642 | .7673 | .7704 | .7734 | .7764 | .7794 | .7823 | .7852 |
| 0.8 | .7881 | .7910 | .7939 | .7967 | .7995 | .8023 | .8051 | .8078 | .8106 | .8133 |
| 0.9 | .8159 | .8186 | .8212 | .8238 | .8264 | .8289 | .8315 | .8340 | .8365 | .8389 |
| 1.0 | .8413 | .8438 | .8461 | .8485 | .8508 | .8531 | .8554 | .8577 | .8599 | .8621 |
| 1.1 | .8643 | .8665 | .8686 | .8708 | .8729 | .8749 | .8770 | .8790 | .8810 | .8830 |
| 1.2 | .8849 | .8869 | .8888 | .8907 | .8925 | .8944 | .8962 | .8980 | .8997 | .9015 |
| 1.3 | .9032 | .9049 | .9066 | .9082 | .9099 | .9115 | .9131 | .9147 | .9162 | .9177 |
| 1.4 | .9192 | .9207 | .9222 | .9236 | .9251 | .9265 | .9279 | .9292 | .9306 | .9319 |
| 1.5 | .9332 | .9345 | .9357 | .9370 | .9382 | .9394 | .9406 | .9418 | .9429 | .9441 |
| 1.6 | .9452 | .9463 | .9474 | .9484 | .9495 | .9505 | .9515 | .9525 | .9535 | .9545 |
| 1.7 | .9554 | .9564 | .9573 | .9582 | .9591 | .9599 | .9608 | .9616 | .9625 | .9633 |
| 1.8 | .9641 | .9649 | .9656 | .9664 | .9671 | .9678 | .9686 | .9693 | .9699 | .9706 |
| 1.9 | .9713 | .9719 | .9726 | .9732 | .9738 | .9744 | .9750 | .9756 | .9761 | .9767 |
| 2.0 | .9772 | .9778 | .9783 | .9788 | .9793 | .9798 | .9803 | .9808 | .9812 | .9817 |
| 2.1 | .9821 | .9826 | .9830 | .9834 | .9838 | .9842 | .9846 | .9850 | .9854 | .9857 |
| 2.2 | .9861 | .9864 | .9868 | .9871 | .9875 | .9878 | .9881 | .9884 | .9887 | .9890 |
| 2.3 | .9893 | .9896 | .9898 | .9901 | .9904 | .9906 | .9909 | .9911 | .9913 | .9916 |
| 2.4 | .9918 | .9920 | .9922 | .9925 | .9927 | .9929 | .9931 | .9932 | .9934 | .9936 |
| 2.5 | .9938 | .9940 | .9941 | .9943 | .9945 | .9946 | .9948 | .9949 | .9951 | .9952 |
| 2.6 | .9953 | .9955 | .9956 | .9957 | .9959 | .9960 | .9961 | .9962 | .9963 | .9964 |
| 2.7 | .9965 | .9966 | .9967 | .9968 | .9969 | .9970 | .9971 | .9972 | .9973 | .9974 |
| 2.8 | .9974 | .9975 | .9976 | .9977 | .9977 | .9978 | .9979 | .9979 | .9980 | .9981 |
| 2.9 | .9981 | .9982 | .9982 | .9983 | .9984 | .9984 | .9985 | .9985 | .9986 | .9986 |
| 3.0 | .9987 | .9987 | .9987 | .9988 | .9988 | .9989 | .9989 | .9989 | .9990 | .9990 |
| 3.1 | .9990 | .9991 | .9991 | .9991 | .9992 | .9992 | .9992 | .9992 | .9993 | .9993 |
| 3.2 | .9993 | .9993 | .9994 | .9994 | .9994 | .9994 | .9994 | .9995 | .9995 | .9995 |
| 3.3 | .9995 | .9995 | .9995 | .9996 | .9996 | .9996 | .9996 | .9996 | .9996 | .9997 |
| 3.4 | .9997 | .9997 | .9997 | .9997 | .9997 | .9997 | .9997 | .9997 | .9997 | .9998 |