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Homework Sheet 5

Model Solutions

Basic Questions

1. A distribution of a random loss X in Canadian dollars has density function

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{Ce^{-\frac{x^3}{5}}}{(x+1)^3} & \text{if } x > 0 \\ \frac{4Ce^{-\frac{x^3}{8}}}{(x-2)^2} & \text{if } x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

for some constant C . The loss is reinsured by a reinsurer in Europe, so needs to be converted to Euros using the conversion rate $\$1 = \text{€}0.68304$. What is the density function for the loss in Euros?

The density function is

$$f_{0.68304X}(x) \frac{1}{0.68304} f_X\left(\frac{x}{0.68304}\right) = \begin{cases} \frac{Ce^{-1.59333984479\frac{x^3}{5}}}{0.68304(x+0.68304)^3} & \text{if } x > 0 \\ \frac{4Ce^{-2.54934375166\frac{x^3}{8}}}{0.68304(x-1.36608)^2} & \text{if } x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

2. Calculate the density function of X^5 when X follows a gamma distribution with $\alpha = 4$ and $\theta = 10$.

The density function of X is $f_X(x) = \frac{x^3 e^{-\frac{x}{\theta}}}{6\theta^4}$, so the distribution function of X^5 is

$$f_{X^5}(x) = 5x^{-\frac{4}{5}} f_X(x^{\frac{1}{5}}) = \frac{x^{-\frac{4}{5}} x^{\frac{3}{5}} e^{-\frac{x^{\frac{1}{5}}}{\theta}}}{5 \cdot 6\theta^4} = \frac{x^{-0.2} e^{-\frac{x^{\frac{1}{5}}}{10}}}{300000}$$

3. An individual's expected loss depends on the number of risk factors they have (with partial risk factors being possible). Each risk factor increases the expected loss by a factor 1.07. The number of risk factors follows a continuous distribution with moment generating function $M_T(t) = \frac{1225}{(5-t)^2(7-t)^2}$. What is the variance of an individual's expected loss?

Let R be the number of risk factors. We have

$$\mathbb{E}(1.07^T) = \mathbb{E}\left(e^{\log(1.07)T}\right) = M_R(\log(1.07)) = \frac{1225}{(5 - \log(1.07))^2 (7 - \log(1.07))^2} = 1.04777965087$$

and

$$\mathbb{E}\left((1.07^T)^2\right) = \mathbb{E}\left(e^{2\log(1.07)T}\right) = M_R(2\log(1.07)) = \frac{1225}{(5 - 2\log(1.07))^2 (7 - 2\log(1.07))^2} = 1.09846472389$$

Therefore the variance of $(1.07)^R$ is

$$1.09846472389 - 1.04777965087^2 = 0.00062252711$$

4. X is a mixture of 3 distributions:

- With probability 0.2, X follows a Pareto distribution with $\alpha = 4.2$ and $\theta = 88$.
- With probability 0.7, X follows a Weibull distribution with $\tau = 0.5$ and $\theta = 12$.
- With probability 0.1, X follows a Gamma distribution with $\alpha = 2$ and $\theta = 5$.

The moments of these distributions are given in the following table:

	Distribution 1	Distribution 2	Distribution 3
Probability	0.2	0.7	0.1
μ	27.5	24	10
μ_2	1443.75	2880	50
μ_3	344093.75	1022976	1250
μ_4	806866757.813	727584768	20000
μ'_2	2200	3456	75
μ'_3	484000	1244160	1500
μ'_4	851840000	836075520	75000

What is the skewness of X ?

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = 0.2 \times 27.5 + 0.7 \times 24 + 0.1 \times 10 = 23.3$$

$$\mathbb{E}(X^2) = 0.2 \times 2200 + 0.7 \times 3456 + 0.1 \times 75 = 2866.7$$

$$\mathbb{E}(X^3) = 0.2 \times 484000 + 0.7 \times 1244160 + 0.1 \times 1500 = 967862$$

This gives

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}\left((X - \mathbb{E}(X))^2\right) &= \mathbb{E}(X^2) - \mathbb{E}(X)^2 \\ &= 2866.7 - 23.3^2 = 2323.81 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}\left((X - \mathbb{E}(X))^3\right) &= \mathbb{E}(X^3) - 3\mathbb{E}(X^2)\mathbb{E}(X) + 2\mathbb{E}(X)^3 \\ &= 967862 - 3 \times 2866.7 \times 23.3 + 2 \times 23.3^3 = 792778.344 \end{aligned}$$

so the skewness is $\frac{792778.344}{2323.81^{1.5}} = 7.07702702103$.

5. For a particular claim, an insurance company has observed the following claim sizes:

1.9 2.6 2.9 3.3 4.7 6.9 11.8 20.2

Using a kernel smoothing model with an exponential kernel (matching the mean of the kernel to the observed data), calculate the probability of a claim exceeding 25.

For the kernel with mean x_i , the probability that the claim exceeds 25 is $e^{-\frac{25}{x_i}}$.

x_i	$e^{-\frac{25}{x_i}}$
1.9	0.00000193018493808
2.6	0.0000666947302187
2.9	0.000180335842259
3.3	0.000512731841409
4.7	0.0048969195434
6.9	0.0266974184424
11.8	0.120194493654
20.2	0.290072681257
Total	0.442623205496

Thus, the probability is $\frac{0.442623205496}{8} = 0.055327900687$.

Standard Questions

6. An insurance company models the claims of an individual (in dollars) as following an inverse Pareto distribution with $\theta = 100$ and τ varying between individuals. For a random individual, τ is assumed to follow a gamma distribution with shape parameter $\alpha = 0.5$ and scale parameter θ . From the insurer's data, 1.2% of claims exceed \$1,000. What percentage of claims exceed \$100,000?

For the inverse Pareto distribution with $\theta = 100$ and τ , the probability that a claim is less than \$1,000 is $\left(\frac{100}{100+1000}\right)^\tau$. Therefore, the overall probability that a random claim exceeds \$1,000 is

$$\mathbb{E}(11^{-\tau}) = M_\tau(-\log(11))$$

The moment generating function of the gamma distribution is $M(t) =$

$(1 - \theta t)^{-\alpha}$ so

$$\begin{aligned} 0.988 &= M_\tau(-\log(1.1)) = (1 + \theta \log(1.1))^{-0.5} \\ \theta &= \frac{\frac{1}{0.988^2} - 1}{\log(1.1)} \\ &= 0.256415602616 \end{aligned}$$

For a fixed value of τ , the probability that a loss exceeds \$100,000 is $1 - \left(\frac{100000}{100100}\right)^\tau$, so the probability that a random loss exceeds \$100,000 is

$$1 - \mathbb{E}(1.001^{-\tau}) = 1 - M_\tau(-\log(1.001)) = 1 - (1 + 0.256415602616 \log(1.001))^{-0.5} = 0.0128119113\%$$

7. The time until failure of a product has hazard rate $\lambda(t) = \frac{a}{\sqrt{t}} + 0.1\sqrt{t}$ where a is the probability that the product is defective, and is modelled as following a distribution with moment generating function $M_A(t) = e^{e^{\frac{\sqrt{t}}{20}} - 1}$. Given that a product has lasted for one year warranty, what is the probability that it will be last another year?

[Note: the given formula for the moment generating function is incorrect — giving complex values for negative numbers.]

For a given value of a , the probability that the product will last for s years is

$$e^{-\int_0^s \frac{a}{\sqrt{t}} + 0.1\sqrt{t} dt} = e^{-\left[2a\sqrt{t} - \frac{t^{1.5}}{15}\right]_0^s} = e^{-2\sqrt{sa} - \frac{s^{1.5}}{15}}$$

The probability that a random product will last for s years is therefore

$$e^{-\frac{s^{1.5}}{15}} \mathbb{E}\left(e^{-2\sqrt{s}A}\right) = e^{-\frac{s^{1.5}}{15}} M_A(-2\sqrt{s})$$

In particular, the probability of lasting for 1 year is $e^{-\frac{1}{15}} e^{e^{\frac{\sqrt{-2}}{20}} - 1} = 0.9308440345 - 0.0658754221i$. The probability of lasting for 2 years is $e^{-\frac{2^{1.5}}{15}} e^{e^{\frac{\sqrt{-2\sqrt{2}}}{20}} - 1} = 0.8117915119 - 0.1151861712i$. The probability that a product that has already lasted for 1 year lasts for another year is therefore $\frac{0.8117915119 - 0.1151861712i}{0.9308440345 - 0.0658754221i} = 0.8764702509 - 0.0617163792i$.