

Stat 605: Problem set 5

1. Exercise 9.13. p. 62
2. Exercise 9.14. p.62
3. Exercise 9.15. p.62 (the density of the lognormal is on page 44).
4. Exercise 9.19, p.63 (this is a useful formula).
Hint: Do the change of variable $s = x - t$ in $P(X > x) = \int_x^\infty f(t)dt$.
5. Exercise 9.20 and 9.21 on p. 63
6. Show that if $E[|X|^k] < \infty$ then for $0 < j < k$ $E[|X|^j] < \infty$.
Hint: Divide the integral into the two regions $|X| \leq 1$ and $|X| > 1$.
7. Chebyshev and one-sided Chebyshev bounds
 - (a) In class we have proved Markov and Chebyshev inequality for discrete random variables. Show that they hold for a random variable X with an arbitrary law P^X . *Hint:* Do the same proof using general properties of the integral.
 - (b) Let $a > b > 0$ and $0 < p < 1$, and let X be the random variable with $P(X = a) = p$ and $P(X = -b) = 1 - p$. Apply Markov inequality to the random variable $(X + b)^2$ and conclude that if Y is any random variable with $E[Y] = E[X]$ and $\text{var}(Y) = \text{var}(X)$ then $P(Y \geq a) \leq p$ and that equality holds when $Y = X$.
 - (c) Suppose that $E[Y] = 0$, $\text{var}(Y) = \sigma^2$, and $a > 0$. Show that $P(Y \geq a) \leq \sigma^2/(a^2 + \sigma^2)$, and there is a Y for which equality holds. *Hint:* Use (b)
8.
 - (a) Consider two random variable X and Y both in L^1 . Show that the random variable XY is not necessarily in L^1 (give a counterexample) but if X and Y are independent then $XY \in L^1$.
 - (b) Find two random variables X and Y which are not independent but $E[XY] = E[X]E[Y]$