

**MATH 2377, SUMMER 2009  
ASSIGNMENT 3**

4-54. **(1.5 points)** a) Note that  $X \sim N(12.4, (0.1)^2)$  where  $X$  is the rv fill volume! We compute  $P(X < 12) = P(\frac{X-12.4}{0.1} < \frac{12-12.4}{0.1}) = P(Z < -4)$ , where  $Z$  is now standard normal, and so  $P(Z < -4) = \Phi(-4) = 0$  by the tables. b) We need  $P(X < 12.1 \text{ or } X > 12.6) = P(X < 12.1) + P(X > 12.6)$  (since the events are m.exclusive!)  $= P(\frac{X-12.4}{0.1} < \frac{12.1-12.4}{0.1}) + P(\frac{X-12.4}{0.1} > \frac{12.6-12.4}{0.1}) = P(Z < -3) + P(Z > 2) = 0.001350 + 1 - P(Z \leq 2) = 0.001350 + 1 - 0.977250 = 0.0241$  or 2.41%; c) The symmetric specifications about the mean  $= 12.4$  are  $12.4 - x$  and  $12.4 + x$  (of course 12.4 is the midpoint!). We have  $0.99 = P(12.4 - x < X < 12.4 + x) = P(\frac{12.4-x-12.4}{0.1} < \frac{X-12.4}{0.1} < \frac{12.4+x-12.4}{0.1}) = P(\frac{-x}{0.1} < Z < \frac{x}{0.1})$ , where  $Z$  is standard normal,  $= \Phi(\frac{x}{0.1}) - \Phi(\frac{-x}{0.1}) = 2\Phi(\frac{x}{0.1}) - 1$  (see page 20 from the lecture on normal distribution). So  $\Phi(\frac{x}{0.1}) = \frac{1+0.99}{2}$ . By tables  $\frac{x}{0.1} = 2.575$ , so  $x = (0.1)2.575 = 0.2575$  or if you want to round:  $\cong 0.258$ .

**Marking scheme: 0.5 point for a), 0.5 point for b), 0.5 point for c)**

4-62. **(1.5 points)** From the statement we get  $X \sim N(0.002, (0.0004)^2)$  where  $X$  is the diameter! a)  $P(X > 0.0026) = P(\frac{X-0.002}{0.0004} > \frac{0.0026-0.002}{0.0004}) = P(Z > 1.5) = 1 - \Phi(1.5) = 1 - 0.933193 = 0.066807$  (if you want to round you just get  $\cong 0.06681$ ); b)  $P(0.0014 < X < 0.0026) = P(\frac{0.0014-0.002}{0.0004} < \frac{X-0.002}{0.0004} < \frac{0.0026-0.002}{0.0004}) = P(-1.5 < Z < 1.5) = \Phi(1.5) - \Phi(-1.5) = 2\Phi(1.5) - 1 = 2(0.933193) - 1 = 0.866386$ ; c) We need to find  $\sigma$  such that  $0.995 = P(\frac{0.0014-0.002}{\sigma} < Z < \frac{0.0026-0.002}{\sigma})$ , so  $0.995 = P(\frac{-0.0006}{\sigma} < Z < \frac{0.0006}{\sigma}) = \Phi(\frac{0.0006}{\sigma}) - \Phi(-\frac{0.0006}{\sigma}) = 2\Phi(\frac{0.0006}{\sigma}) - 1$ , hence  $\Phi(\frac{0.0006}{\sigma}) = \frac{1.995}{2} = 0.9975$ . Using the tables we get  $\frac{0.0006}{\sigma} = 2.805$ , so  $\sigma = 0.0006/2.805 = 0.000213903$  (if you want to round you get  $\cong 0.000214$ ).

**Marking scheme: 0.5 point for a), 0.5 point for b), 0.5 point for c)**

4-72. **(4 points)** Set  $X$  to be the rv "the no. of errors on site". From the statement we get that  $X \sim \text{Binomial}(100, 50/1000)$ . We need  $P(X \geq 1)$ . Recall that  $E(X) = np = 100 \times 0.05 = 5$ , and  $Var(X) = np(1-p) = 5 \times 0.95 = 4.75$ . We approximate as follows:  $P(X \geq 1) = P(X \geq 1 - 0.5) \cong P(Z \geq \frac{1-0.5-np}{\sqrt{np(1-p)}}) = P(Z \geq \frac{1-0.5-5}{\sqrt{4.75}}) = P(Z \geq -2.06) = 1 - P(Z < -2.06)$  (where  $Z$  is standard normal)  $= 1 - 0.019699 = 0.980301 (\cong 0.9803)$ .

**Marking scheme:** Binomial(.), expectation and variance 2 points; the approximation 2 points.

4-70. **(2 points)** a) If  $X$  is the rv "the no. of accounts that have an error", then  $X \sim \text{Binomial}(0.001, 362000)$ .  $E(X) = np = 362$ , and  $Var(X) = np(1-p) = 362 \times 0.999$ , so the standard deviation is  $19.0167820 \approx 19.0168$ ; b)  $P(X < 350) = P(X \leq 349) \cong P(Z \leq \frac{349.5-362}{19.0168}) = P(Z \leq -0.66) = 0.254627 \cong 0.255$ ; c) We need  $x$  such that  $P(X > x) = 0.05$ . We have  $1 - P(X \leq x) = 0.05$ , so  $P(X \leq x) = 0.95$ . Using the approximation one gets  $0.95 = P(X \leq x + 0.5) \cong \Phi(\frac{x+0.5-np}{\sqrt{np(1-p)}})$ . We obtain  $1.645 = \frac{x+0.5-362}{19.0168}$ , and so  $x = (1.645) \times (19.0168) + (362 - 0.5) \approx 392.7$ ; d) We need (since we are dealing with 2 months)  $P(X > 400 \text{ and } X > 400) = P(X > 400)^2$  because of they are independent events (as stated in the problem). We do have  $P(X > 400) = 1 - P(X \leq 400) = 1 - P(X \leq 400.5) \approx 1 -$

$$P(Z \leq \frac{400.5-362}{19.0168}) = 1 - \Phi(2.0245) = 1 - \frac{0.978308+0.978822}{2} = 1 - 0.978565 = 0.021435 \cong 0.0215.$$

So the sought probability is  $0.0215^2 = 0.00046225$ .

**Marking scheme: 0.5 point for a), 0.5 point for b), 0.5 point for c), 0.5 point for d)**

4-86. **(2 points)** a) For Poisson: rate = mean; since we are dealing with exponential here, we get that the expectation is  $\frac{1}{2.3} = 0.4348$ ; b) 3 months means 0.25 years; so the new  $\lambda$

is  $\frac{2.3 \times (1/4)}{1} = 0.5750$ . We compute  $P(X = 0)$  where  $X$  is the rv "the no. of sightings". So

$P(X = 0) = \frac{e^{-0.5750} \times (0.5750)^0}{0!} = 1/1.777130527 = 0.5627$ ; c) Set  $Y$  be the rv "time between sightings", then  $Y$  is exponential with rate 2.3. We compute:  $P(Y > 0.5) = e^{-2.3 \times 0.5} \cong$

0.316636; d) The new  $\lambda$  is  $\frac{3 \times 2.3}{1} = 6.9$ , and we compute (see the def of  $X$ ) the following

probability  $P(X = 0)$  as follows:  $P(X = 0) = \frac{e^{-6.9} \times (6.9)^0}{0!} = 0.001007 \cong 0.001$ .

**Marking scheme: 0.5 point for a), 0.5 point for b), 0.5 point for c), 0.5 point for d)**

4-102. **(4 points)** We see that  $\lambda = 20$ ; a) When dealing with a Gamma distribution, we know the expectation (read mean) is  $\frac{r}{\lambda}$ , so we get  $\frac{100}{20} = 5$  minutes; b) The difference is

$\frac{5 \times 80}{100} - \frac{5 \times 50}{100} = 1.5$  minutes; c) Set  $X$  be the rv "the no. of calls before 15 secs". Then  $X$  is

Poisson, and the  $\lambda$  is  $\frac{20 \times 15}{60} = 5$ . We need to compute  $P(X \geq 3)$  as follows:  $P(X \geq 3) =$

$$1 - P(X \leq 2) = 1 - e^{-5} \left\{ \frac{5^0}{0!} + \frac{5^1}{1!} + \frac{5^2}{2!} \right\} = 0.8753$$

**Marking scheme: 1 point for a), 1 point for b), 2 points for c)**