

The continuous that denotes the interval length between the occurrence of events is called exponential random variable. The associated probability function is known as the exponential probability function, which is defined as follows -

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\mu} e^{-\frac{x}{\mu}}; \quad \text{for } x \geq 0$$

where μ = expected value or mean

Some real life example of exponential random variable:

- Insurers use it to determine the risk of client getting in an accident.
- To find out the interval between earthquakes.
- To determine the life of electrical devices.
- To determine the interval of getting mails.

Difference between poisson and exponential variable:

POISSON	EXPONENTIAL
1. Discrete in nature and defined in integers $x = [0, \infty]$	1. Continuous in nature and defined on $x = [0, \infty]$
2. Deals with the number of occurrences in a fixed period of time.	wow