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Assignment 3

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PROBLEM

(GATE MA - 2016 Q.47) Let X_1 be an exponential random variable with mean 1 and X_2 a gamma random variable with mean 2 and variance 2. If X_1 and X_2 are independently distributed, then $Pr(X_1 < X_2)$ is equal to

Solution

We know that,

$$f_{X_1}(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ \lambda e^{\lambda x} & 0 \le x < \infty \end{cases}$$
 (0.0.1)

Given,

$$E(X_1) = \frac{1}{\lambda} = 1 \tag{0.0.2}$$

$$\implies \lambda = 1$$
 (0.0.3)

Therefore,

$$f_{X_1}(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ e^{-x} & 0 \le x < \infty \end{cases}$$
 (0.0.4)

We know that,

$$f_{X_2}(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0\\ \frac{x^{\alpha - 1} e^{\left(\frac{-x}{\beta}\right)}}{\beta^{\alpha} \Gamma(\alpha)} & 0 \le x < \infty \end{cases}$$
 (0.0.5)

Given,

$$E(X_2) = \alpha \beta = 2 \tag{0.0.6}$$

$$V(X_2) = \alpha \beta^2 = 2 {(0.0.7)}$$

Solving 0.0.6 and 0.0.7, we get, $\alpha = 2$, $\beta = 1$ and $\Gamma(2) = 1$

Therefore,

$$f_{X_2}(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ xe^{-x} & 0 \le x < \infty \end{cases}$$
 (0.0.8)

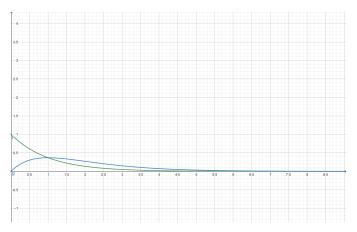


Fig. 0: Probability Distribution of (X_1, X_2)

Calculating the CDF of $f_{X_2}(x)$, When x < 0,

$$F_{X_2}(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{0} 0 dx \tag{0.0.9}$$

$$F_{X_2}(x) = 0 (0.0.10)$$

When $x \ge 0$,

$$F_{X_2}(x) = \int_0^\infty x e^{-x} dx$$
 (0.0.11)

$$F_{X_2}(x) = -(x+1)e^{-x}$$
 (0.0.12)

(0.0.13)

Since, CDF is never negative

$$F_{X_2}(x) = 1 - (x+1)e^{-x}$$
 (0.0.14)

Alternately, we have CDF of X_1 and X_2 given by

$$F_{X_1}(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ 1 - e^{-x} & 0 \le x < \infty \end{cases}$$
 (0.0.15)

$$F_{X_2}(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ 1 - (x+1)e^{-x} & 0 \le x < \infty \end{cases}$$
 (0.0.16)

Thus,

$$\Pr(X_1 \le X_2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F_{X_1}(x) f_{X_2}(x) dx \qquad (0.0.17)$$

$$= \int_{0}^{\infty} (1 - e^{-x}) (x e^{-x}) dx \qquad (0.0.18)$$

$$= \frac{3}{4} \qquad (0.0.19)$$

$$= 0.75 \qquad (0.0.20)$$