

Mean and Variance of Exponential r.v.

$$\text{PDF } f_{\lambda}(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x} \mathbb{1}_{\mathbb{R}_+}(x)$$

So if $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$ we have,

$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &= \int_0^{\infty} x \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} u e^{-u} \frac{du}{\lambda} \quad \left(u = \lambda x, x = \frac{u}{\lambda}, dx = \frac{du}{\lambda} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\lambda} \underbrace{\int_0^{\infty} u e^{-u} du}_{\Gamma(2) = 1 \Gamma(1) = 1} = \underline{1/\lambda} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[X^2] &= \int_0^{\infty} x^2 \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx = \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_0^{\infty} u^2 e^{-u} \frac{du}{\lambda} \\ &= \frac{1}{\lambda^2} \underbrace{\int_0^{\infty} u^2 e^{-u} du}_{\Gamma(3) = 2} = \underline{2/\lambda^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= E[X^2] - (E[X])^2 = \frac{2}{\lambda^2} - \left(\frac{1}{\lambda} \right)^2 \\ &= \underline{1/\lambda^2} \end{aligned}$$

Reference: Introduction to Mathematical Statistics,
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