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We also know that

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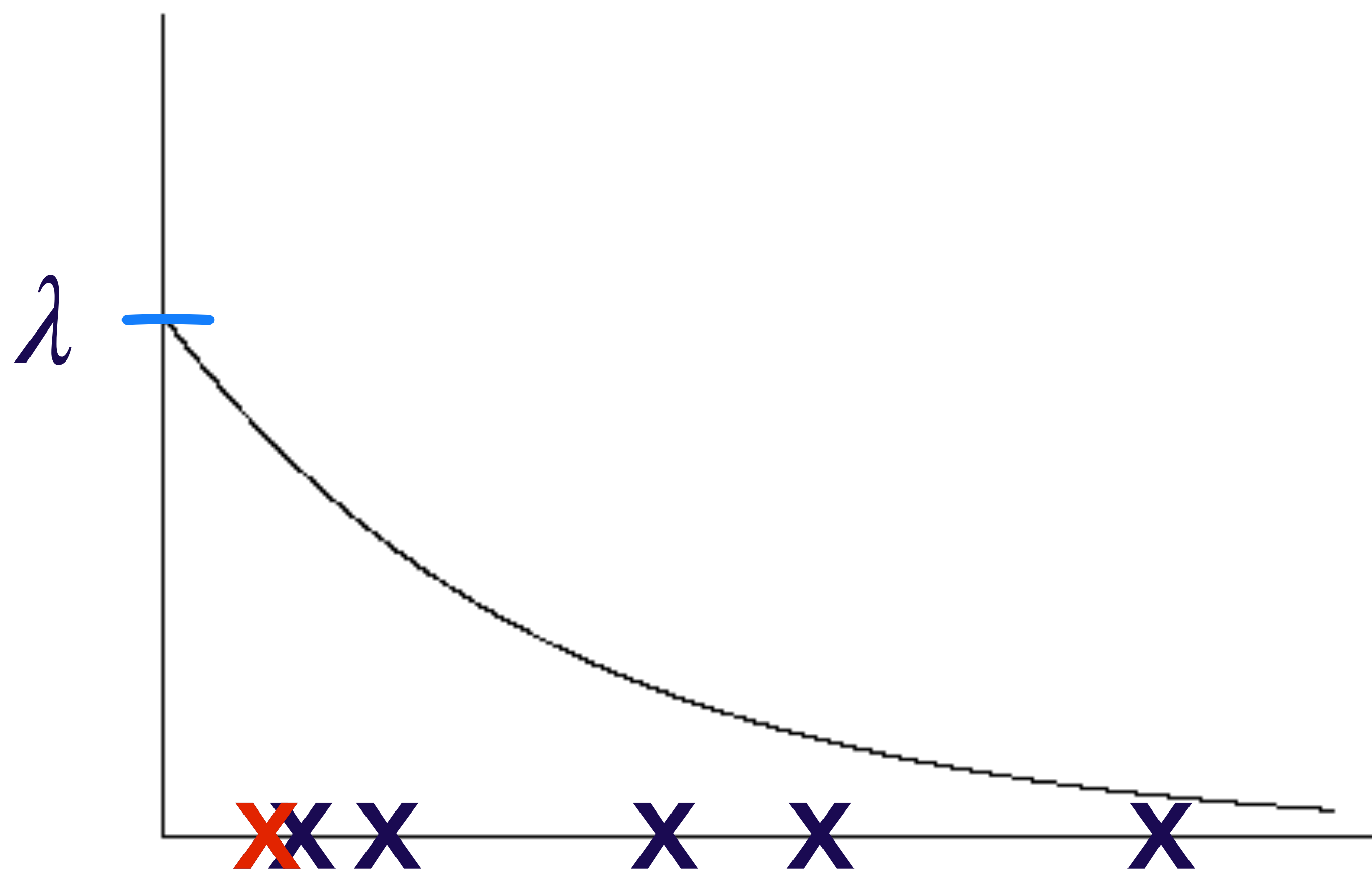
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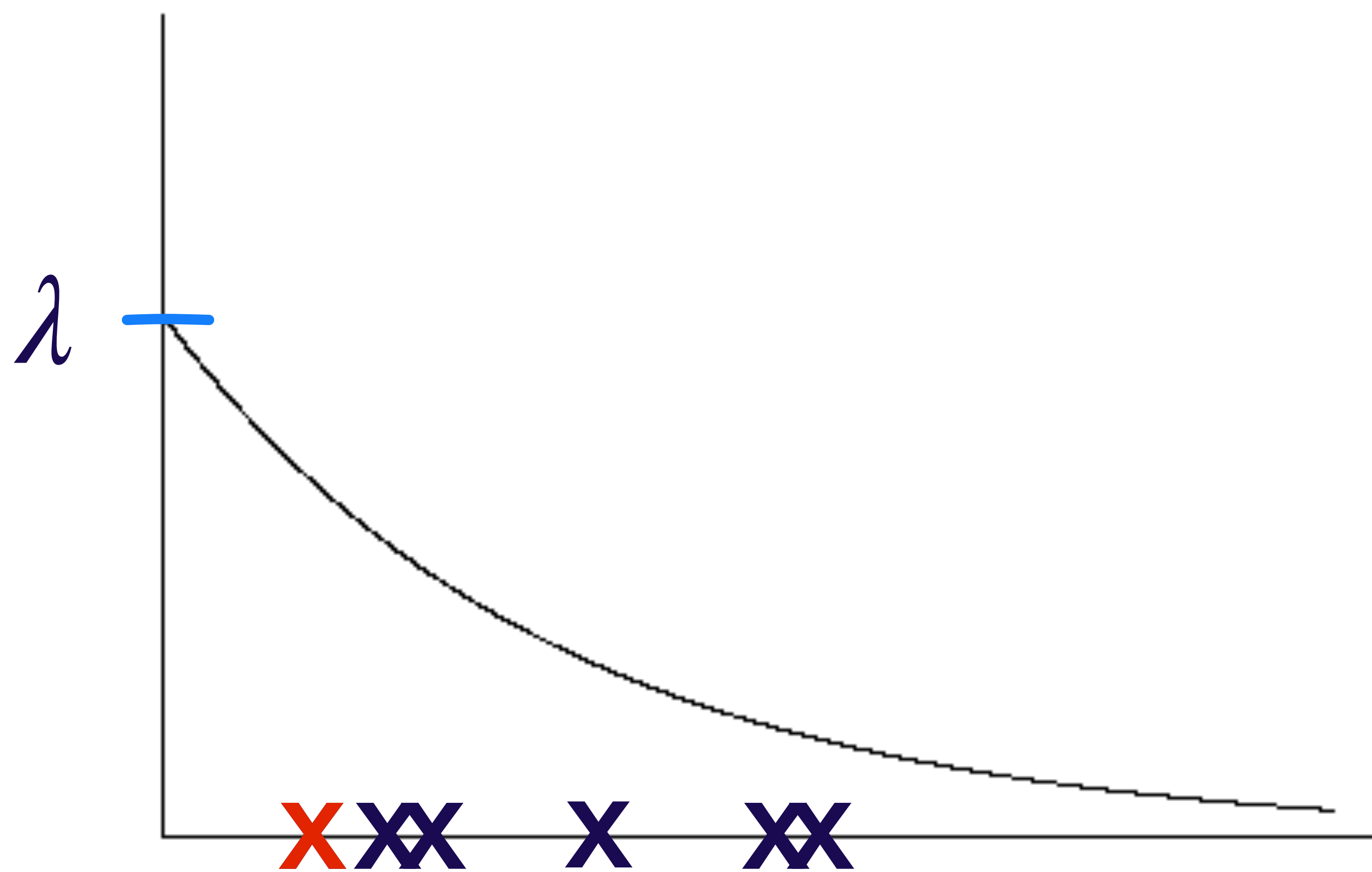
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Let $Y_n = \min(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$.

The cdf for each X_i is

$$F(x) = P(X_i \leq x) = 1 - e^{-\lambda x}$$

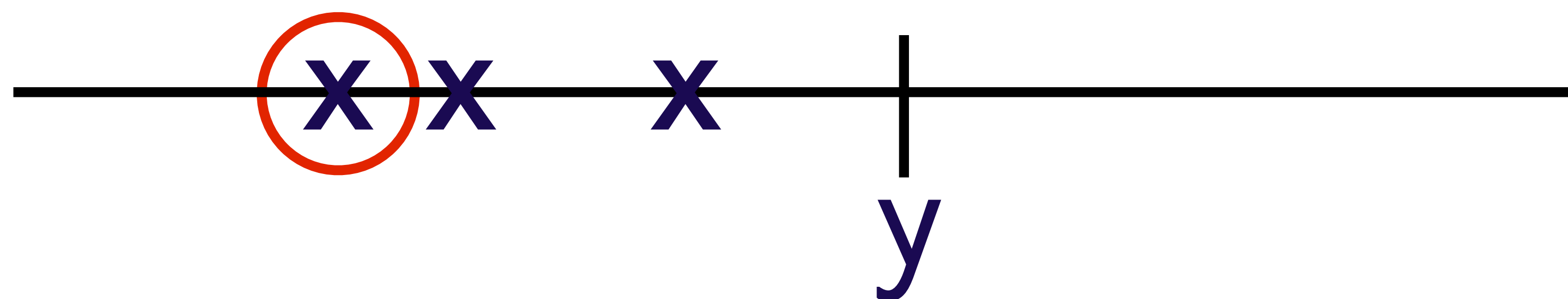
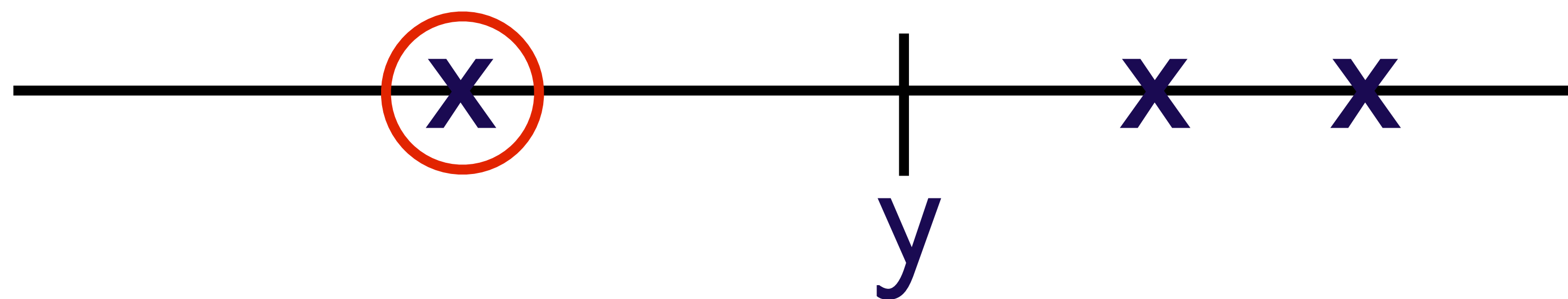
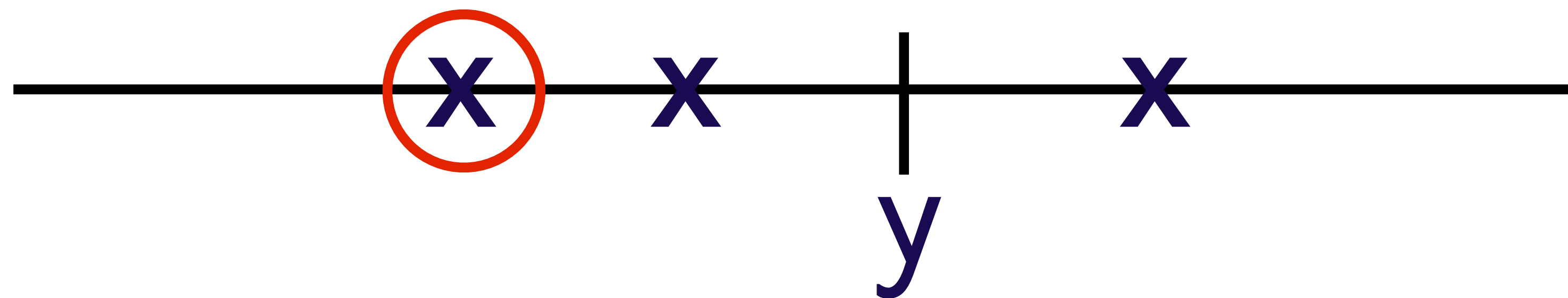
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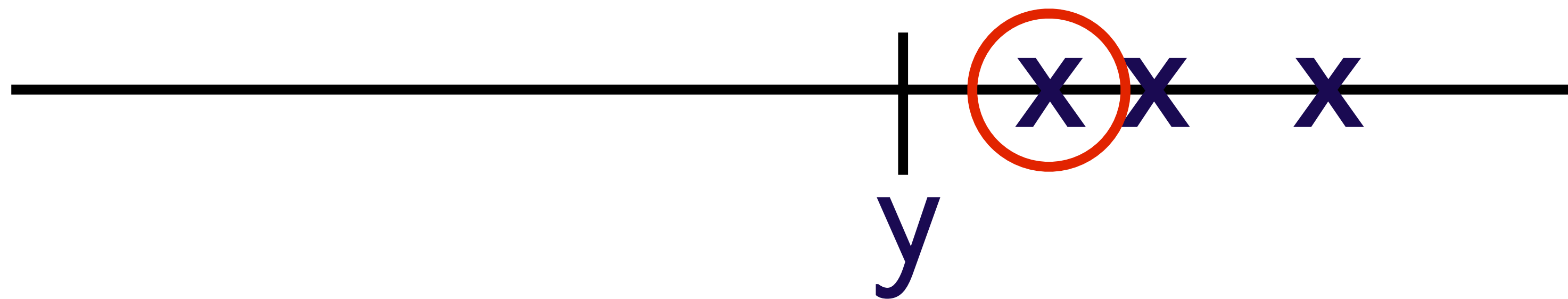
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$$= 1 - P(X_1 > y, X_2 > y, \dots, X_n > y)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{indep}}{=} 1 - P(X_1 > y) \cdot P(X_2 > y) \cdots P(X_n > y)$$

$$\stackrel{\text{ident}}{=} 1 - [P(X_1 > y)]^n = 1 - [1 - F(y)]^n$$

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$$f_{Y_n}(y) = \frac{d}{dy} F_{Y_n}(y) = n\lambda e^{-n\lambda y}$$

The minimum of n iid exponential with rate λ is exponential with rate $n\lambda$!

