

## Exponential distribution.

Let  $\lambda > 0$ , then the continuous probability distribution for which

$$f(\lambda, x) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & , 0 \leq x < \infty \\ 0 & , \text{elsewhere} \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 0 & , -\infty < x \leq 0 \\ \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & , 0 \leq x < \infty \end{cases}$$

is the Probability density function is called the negative exponential distribution or just the exponential distribution.

In  $f(\lambda, x)$ ,  $x$  is called the exponential variate,  $\lambda$  is called the parameter of the distribution.

$$(i) f(\lambda, x) \geq 0 \quad (ii) \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(\lambda, x) dx = 1.$$

S.T. the mean and standard deviation of an exponential distribution are equal.

P.D.F of Exponential distribution is  $f(\lambda, x) = \begin{cases} 0 & , -\infty < x \leq 0 \\ \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & , 0 \leq x < \infty \end{cases}$

$$\text{Mean} = \mu = E[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(\lambda, x) dx.$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^0 x \cdot 0 \cdot dx + \int_0^{\infty} x \cdot \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx = \lambda \int_0^{\infty} x e^{-\lambda x} dx.$$

By using Bernoulli's rule.

$$= \lambda \left[ x \left( \frac{e^{-\lambda x}}{-\lambda} \right) - 1 \left( \frac{e^{-\lambda x}}{(-\lambda)^2} \right) \right]_0^{\infty}.$$

$$= \lambda \left[ -\frac{1}{\lambda} (x e^{-\lambda x})_0^{\infty} - \frac{1}{\lambda^2} (e^{-\lambda x})_0^{\infty} \right]$$



$$= \lambda \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (0 - 0) - \frac{1}{2} (e^{-\infty} - e^0) \right] \text{ But } e^{-\infty} = \frac{1}{e^{\infty}} = 0 \quad (40)$$

$$= \lambda \left[ -\frac{1}{2} (-1) \right] = \frac{\lambda}{2} \quad \therefore \boxed{\mu = \frac{1}{\lambda}}$$

$$E[X^2] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x^2 f(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^0 x^2 \cdot 0 dx + \int_0^{\infty} x^2 \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx$$

$$= \lambda \int_0^{\infty} x^2 e^{-\lambda x} dx = \lambda \left[ x^2 \left( \frac{e^{-\lambda x}}{-\lambda} \right) - (2x) \left( \frac{e^{-\lambda x}}{(-\lambda)^2} \right) + 2 \left( \frac{e^{-\lambda x}}{(-\lambda)^3} \right) \right]_0^{\infty}$$

$$= \lambda \left( -\frac{2}{\lambda^3} \right) \left[ e^{-\lambda x} \right]_0^{\infty} = -\frac{2}{\lambda^2} [e^{-\infty} - e^0] = \frac{2}{\lambda^2}$$

$$\text{Variance} = \sigma^2 = E[X^2] - \mu^2 = \frac{2}{\lambda^2} - \frac{1}{\lambda^2} = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

$$\text{Standard deviation} = \sigma = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

$$\text{Here } \boxed{\mu = \sigma = \frac{1}{\lambda}}$$

Find the Cumulative distribution function of the Exponential distribution.

$$F(t) = P(-\infty < X < t) = \int_{-\infty}^t f(x) dx$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & , -\infty < x < 0 \\ \lambda e^{-\lambda x} & , 0 < x < \infty \end{cases}$$

$$\text{For } -\infty < t < 0, \quad F(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t f(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^t 0 dx = 0$$



For  $0 < t < \infty$ ,  $F(t) = \int_{-\infty}^t e(x, t) dx = \int_{-\infty}^0 0 dx + \int_0^t 2e^{-2x} dx$   
 $= 2 \left[ \frac{e^{-2x}}{-2} \right]_0^t = - \left[ e^{-2x} \right]_0^t = -[e^{-2t} - e^0] = 1 - e^{-2t}$

$\therefore$  C.D.F is  $F(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & -\infty < t < 0 \\ 1 - e^{-2t}, & 0 \leq t < \infty \end{cases}$

- 1) In a certain Town, the duration of a shower is exponentially distributed with mean equal to 5 minutes. What is the probability that
- Ⓐ a shower will last for (i) 10 minutes or more?
  - (ii) less than 10 minutes? (iii) between 10 minutes and 12 minutes.

Sol:  $\mu = 5 \quad \therefore \lambda = \frac{1}{5} = 0.2$

$\therefore$  P.D.F is  $f(x) = f(\lambda, x) = f(0.2, x) = \begin{cases} 0, & -\infty < x < 0 \\ 0.2e^{-0.2x}, & 0 \leq x < \infty \end{cases}$

- Ⓐ Probability that a shower will last for 10 minutes or more  $= P(x > 10) = P(10 < x < \infty) = \int_{10}^{\infty} f(x) dx$

$$= \int_{10}^{\infty} 0.2e^{-0.2x} dx = 0.2 \left[ \frac{e^{-0.2x}}{-0.2} \right]_{10}^{\infty} = \frac{e^{-\infty} - e^{-2}}{(-1)}$$

$$= 0 - \frac{e^{-2}}{-1} = e^{-2} = \frac{1}{e^2} \approx 0.1353$$

- (ii) Probability that a shower will last for less than 10 minutes  $= P(x < 10) = P(-\infty < x < 10)$   
 $= \int_{-\infty}^{10} f(x) dx = \int_{-\infty}^0 0 dx + \int_0^{10} f(x) dx$

$$= \int_0^{10} 0.2 e^{-0.2x} dx = 0.2 \left[ \frac{e^{-0.2x}}{-0.2} \right]_0^{10} = \frac{e^{-2} - e^0}{-1} \quad (41) \quad (39)$$

$$= 1 - e^{-2} = 1 - \frac{1}{e^2} = \frac{e^2 - 1}{e^2} = 0.8647$$

iii) Probability that shower will last between 10 minutes and 12 minutes.

$$= P(10 < X < 12) = \int_{10}^{12} f(x, x) dx = \int_{10}^{12} 0.2 e^{-0.2x} dx$$

$$= 0.2 \left[ \frac{e^{-0.2x}}{-0.2} \right]_{10}^{12} = \frac{e^{-2.4} - e^{-2}}{(-1)} = e^{-2} - e^{-2.4}$$

$$= \frac{1}{e^2} - \frac{1}{e^{2.4}}$$

②. The duration of a telephone conversation has been found to have an exponential distribution with mean 3 mins. Find the probability that the conversation may last (i) more than 1 min (ii) less than 3 mins.

Ans: (i)  $e^{-\frac{1}{3}}$  (ii)  $1 - e^{-1}$