

Assignment 8

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#1 Chebyshev's inequality:

$$P(|X - \mu| \geq k \cdot s) \leq 1/k^2$$

Only the case $k > 1$ is useful. When $k \leq 1$ the right-hand side $1/k^2 \geq 1$ and the inequality is trivial as all probabilities are ≤ 1 .

$$\mu = 10 \quad s^2 = 100/3 \quad \text{Let } co = k \cdot s \Rightarrow k = co/s$$

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mu = 10
s = sqrt(100/3)
co = c(2,5,9,20)
k = co/s
k
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## [1] 0.3464102 0.8660254 1.5588457 3.4641016
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upper_bound = ifelse (k > 1, 1/k^2, 1)
upper_bound
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## [1] 1.00000000 1.00000000 0.41152263 0.08333333
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10 The minimum of exponential random variables X_1, \dots, X_n each of which has mean μ . Show that $Y = \min(X_1, \dots, X_n)$ distributed exponentially with mean μ/n

Exponential: $X \sim \text{Exp}(m) = e^{(-mx)}$ where m = the decay parameter

$$\text{mean } \mu = 1/m \Rightarrow m = 1/\mu$$

11 Company buys 100 lightbulbs each of which has an exponential lifetime 1000 hours. What is expected lifetime for the first of this to burn out?

$$\mu = 1000 \text{ hours} \quad \text{With } n = 100 \quad \mu/n = 10 \text{ hours}$$

14. X_1 and X_2 independent exponentially distributed random variables with parameter m . Show that $Z = X_1 - X_2$ has density

... Theorem: The distribution of the difference of two independent exponential random variables, with population means α_1 and α_2 respectively, has a Laplace distribution with parameters α_1 and α_2 .

14. $X_3 = -X_2$ has density

$$f_{-X_2}(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-\lambda x}, & -\infty < x \leq 0; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Thus $Z = X_1 + X_3$ has density

$$\begin{aligned} f_Z(x) &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda(x-2y)} dy = \frac{1}{2\lambda} e^{-\lambda x}, & x < 0; \\ &= \int_x^{\infty} e^{-\lambda(x-2y)} dy = \frac{1}{2\lambda} e^{-\lambda x} (e^{-2\lambda x}) = \frac{1}{2\lambda} e^{-3\lambda x}, & x \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

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