

The exponential distribution is a family of probability distributions given by

$$P(t; \lambda) = \lambda e^{-\lambda t}$$

where $t \geq 0$ is a random variable and λ is a parameter.

(a) What is $\langle t \rangle$?

(b) What is $Var(t)$?

(c) Given independent samples from an exponential distribution t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n , what is the maximum likelihood estimate of λ ?