

$Q[X, 0.1] = 2$

$Q[X, 0.9] = 18$

$Q[X, 0.85] = 10$



- Define median of r.v. $X = \text{med}(X) = Q[X, \frac{1}{2}]$
- If X is continuous & a strictly increasing CDF, then $Q[X, q] = F_X^{-1}(q)$, the "quantile function."

$X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$
 $F(x) = 1 - e^{-\lambda x} = Q \Rightarrow 1 - Q = e^{-\lambda x}$
 $\ln(1 - Q) = -\lambda x$ so $x = \frac{\ln(1 - Q)}{-\lambda}$

OR $e^{-\lambda x} = 1 - q$
 $-\lambda x = \ln(1 - q)$
 $\lambda x = \ln(\frac{1}{1 - q})$
 $x = \frac{1}{\lambda} \ln(\frac{1}{1 - q})$ which is $F_X^{-1}(z) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \ln(\frac{1}{1 - z})$

So, $\text{med}(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \ln(2)$

- Often times, the CDF $F(x)$ is not available in closed form, if it is available, often times, its mass is not available

E.g. $X \sim \text{Erlang}(k, \lambda) \Rightarrow F(x) = P(k, \lambda x)$

Computer solves $q = P(k, \lambda x)$ for x as best as you can.

$X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x} \mathbb{1}_{x \in (0, \infty)}$ $y = k e^x \Rightarrow \frac{y}{k} = e^x \Rightarrow \ln(\frac{y}{k}) = x$
 $= \ln(y) - \ln(k) = g^{-1}(y)$

$\frac{d}{dy}(g^{-1}(y)) = \frac{1}{y}$

$f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{y} \cdot \lambda e^{-\lambda(\ln(y) - \ln(k))} = \frac{1}{y} \cdot \frac{k}{y \lambda} = \frac{\lambda k}{y^{\lambda+1}} \mathbb{1}_{y \in (k, \infty)}$

$\text{SUPP}(Y) = (k, \infty)$

= Pareto I (k, λ)

where $a = F^{-1}(q)$

$$F(y) = \int_0^y \frac{k^\lambda}{\lambda+1} dt = \left[\frac{k^\lambda}{\lambda+1} t \right]_0^y = \frac{k^\lambda y}{\lambda+1}$$

Let $\left(\frac{k}{y}\right)^\lambda \Rightarrow 1-q = \frac{k^\lambda}{y^\lambda} \Rightarrow y^\lambda = \frac{k^\lambda}{1-q} \Rightarrow y = \frac{k}{(1-q)^{1/\lambda}} = k(1-q)^{-1/\lambda}$

If $k=1 \Rightarrow f(y) = \frac{\lambda}{y^{\lambda+1}} \mathbb{1}_{y \in (1, \infty)}$

$F^{-1}(q) = (1-q)^{-1/\lambda}$

• Let $L(a)$ be the proportion of land owned by all people who themselves own less than a

$$L(a) = \frac{\int_1^a y f_Y(y) dy}{\int_1^\infty y f_Y(y) dy} = \frac{\left[\frac{y^{-\lambda+1}}{-\lambda+1} \right]_1^a}{\left[\frac{y^{-\lambda+1}}{-\lambda+1} \right]_1^\infty} = \frac{a^{1-\lambda} - 1}{0-1} = 1 - a^{1-\lambda}$$

• Set $a = F^{-1}(q)$

set $L(a) = 1-q = \bar{q}$

$\Rightarrow \bar{q} = 1 - ((1-q)^{-1/\lambda})^{1-\lambda} \Rightarrow q = \bar{q}^{-\lambda/(1-\lambda)} \Rightarrow q = \bar{q}^{1-\frac{1}{\lambda}} \Rightarrow \ln(q) = (1-\frac{1}{\lambda}) \ln(\bar{q})$

$\Rightarrow \ln(q) = \ln(\bar{q}) - \frac{1}{\lambda} \ln(\bar{q}) \Rightarrow \ln(q) = \ln(\bar{q}) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \ln(\bar{q}) \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\lambda} = \frac{\ln(\bar{q}) - \ln(q)}{\ln(\bar{q})}$

$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{\ln(\bar{q})}{\ln(\bar{q}) - \ln(q)} = \log_{\bar{q}/a}(\bar{q}) = \log_{0.25}(0.2) \approx 1.16$

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Pareto 80-20 principle
let $q = 0.8$ & $\bar{q} = 0.2$

$\Rightarrow Y \sim \text{Pareto I}(1, 1.16)$
You get the Pareto principle

$$X_1, X_2 \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Exp}(1) = e^{-x}$$

$$X_1 - X_2 = \frac{X_1}{\bar{x}} + \frac{(-X_2)}{\bar{y}} =$$

$$Y \sim e^{(-Y)} \quad \mathbb{1}_{(-Y) \in (0, \infty)} = e^Y \quad \mathbb{1}_{Y \in (-\infty, 0]}$$

$$f_D(\lambda) = \int_{\text{supp}(Y)} f_X(Y) f_X(d-Y) \mathbb{1}_{d-Y \in \text{supp}(Y)} dY$$

$$= \int_0^\infty (e^{-x}) (e^{d-x} \mathbb{1}_{d-x \in (0, \infty)}) dx$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{e^d e^{-2x}} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{\substack{x-d \in (0, \infty) \\ x \in (d, \infty)}}$

$$\text{supp}(D) = \mathbb{R}$$

$$= e^d \begin{cases} \int_d^\infty e^{-2x} dx & \text{if } d \geq 0 \\ \int_0^\infty e^{-2x} dx & \text{if } d < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$= e^d \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} [e^{-2x}]_d^\infty & \text{if } d \geq 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2} [e^{-2x}]_0^\infty & \text{if } d < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} e^d \begin{cases} e^{-2d} & \text{if } d \geq 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } d < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{cases} e^{-d} & \text{if } d \geq 0 \\ e^d & \text{if } d < 0 \end{cases} = \frac{1}{2} e^{-|d|} = \text{Laplace}(0, 1)$$

$$\text{if } d \geq 0 \Rightarrow d = |d|$$

$$d < 0 \Rightarrow -d = |d| \Rightarrow d = -|d|$$

$$L = \mu + \sigma D \sim \frac{1}{2\sigma} e^{-\frac{|x-\mu|}{\sigma}} = \text{Laplace}(\mu, \sigma)$$

where $\mu \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\sigma > 0$$

