

Digital Communication Assignment

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I. PROBLEM

Given

$$V = -2\ln\left(1 - U\right)$$

Find a theoretical expression for $F_V(x)$.

II. SOLUTION

Let U be a uniform random variable between 0 and 1.

Now, CDF of U is

$$F_U(x) = \Pr\left(U \le x\right) \tag{1}$$

$$F_U(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 < x \\ x & 0 \le x < 1 \\ 1 & x \ge 1 \end{cases}$$
 (2)

Similarly, CDF of V is given as

$$F_V(x) = \Pr\left(V \le x\right) \tag{3}$$

$$= \Pr\left(-2\ln\left(1 - U\right) \le x\right) \tag{4}$$

$$=\Pr\left(\ln\left(1-U\right) \ge \frac{-x}{2}\right) \tag{5}$$

$$=\Pr\left(1-U\geq e^{\frac{-x}{2}}\right)\tag{6}$$

$$=\Pr\left(U \le 1 - e^{\frac{-x}{2}}\right) \tag{7}$$

From (1) and (7) $F_V(x)$ can be simplied as,

$$F_V(x) = F_U(1 - e^{\frac{-x}{2}})$$
 (8)

From (2) and (8)

$$F_U(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 < x \\ 1 - e^{\frac{-x}{2}} & 0 \le x < 1 \\ 1 & x \ge 1 \end{cases}$$
 (9)