

Quiz 1.

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(a). The continuous random variable X is exponentially distributed with parameter λ . Its cumulative distribution function is

$$F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - e^{-\lambda x}, & x \geq 0 \\ 0, & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Another random variable Y is defined as $Y = 8X$.

Please find $E[Y]$.

$$E[Y] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) f_X(x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} 8x \cdot \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx = \lambda \left[\frac{1}{\lambda} 8x e^{-\lambda x} \Big|_0^{\infty} - \frac{1}{\lambda^2} 8 e^{-\lambda x} \Big|_0^{\infty} \right] = \lambda \left[0 - \frac{8}{\lambda^2} (0 - 1) \right] = \frac{8}{\lambda}$$

(b). Suppose X has the following probability mass function:

$$p(0) = 0.1, \quad p(1) = 0.6, \quad p(2) = 0.3$$

Please Calculate $E[X^2]$.

$$E[X^2] = \text{Var}(X) + E[X]^2$$

$$E[X] = 0 \cdot 0.1 + 1 \cdot 0.6 + 2 \cdot 0.3 = 1.2$$

$$E[X^2] = \sum_x g(x) \cdot p(X=x) = 0 + 1^2 \cdot 0.6 + 2^2 \cdot 0.3 = 0.6 + 1.2 = 1.8$$

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For an exponential random variable X , $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$, we know its moment

generating function is $\phi(t) = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - t}$ for $t < \lambda$. What is the third moment of X ?

(That is, what is $E[X^3]$?)

$$\text{MGF } \phi(t) = E[e^{tx}] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{tx} \cdot f_X(x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} e^{tx} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx = \lambda \int_0^{\infty} e^{-(\lambda - t)x} dx = \frac{\lambda}{-(\lambda - t)} \cdot e^{-(\lambda - t)x} \Big|_0^{\infty} = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda - t} = \lambda(\lambda - t)^{-1}$$

$$1^{\text{st}} \phi'(t) = \lambda(-1)(\lambda - t)^{-2}(-1) = \lambda(\lambda - t)^{-2}$$

$$2^{\text{nd}} \phi''(t) = \lambda(-2)(\lambda - t)^{-3}(-1) = 2\lambda(\lambda - t)^{-3}$$

$$3^{\text{rd}} \phi'''(t) = 2\lambda(-3)(\lambda - t)^{-4}(-1) = \frac{6\lambda}{(\lambda - t)^4}$$

$$E[X^3] = \phi'''(0) = \frac{6}{\lambda^3}$$

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$$\lambda e^{-\lambda x}$$

3. X_1 and X_2 are independent exponential random variables, each with rate λ . The random variable Y is defined as $Y = \min(X_1, X_2)$. Please find $E[Y]$.

$$E[Y] = \int_0^{\infty} P(Y > x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} P(\min(X_1, X_2) > x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} P(X_1 > x) P(X_2 > x) dx$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda x} \cdot e^{-\lambda x} dx = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-2\lambda x} dx = \left[-\frac{1}{2\lambda} e^{-2\lambda x} \right]_0^{\infty} = \frac{1}{2\lambda}$$

4. Let $X \sim \text{Exponential}(\lambda)$. Use Chebyshev's inequality to find an upper bound of $P(|X - E[X]| \geq b)$.

$$P(|X - E[X]| \geq b), E[X] = \frac{1}{\lambda}, \text{var}(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2} = E[X^2] - E[X]^2$$

$$= P(|X - E[X]|^2 \geq b^2) = P\left(\frac{|X - E[X]|^2}{b^2} \geq 1\right)$$

$$\text{upper bound} = \frac{\text{var}(X)}{b^2} = \frac{1}{\lambda^2 b^2}$$

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$$P\{N(t) = n\} = e^{-\lambda t} \frac{(\lambda t)^n}{n!}$$

1. Let $\{N(t), t \geq 0\}$ be a Poisson process with $P\{N(1) = 0\} = e^{-3}$. Let S_n denote the time of the n -th event. Find $E[N(4) - N(2) | N(1) = 3]$.

\therefore indep. incre.

\therefore stationary incre.

$$\Rightarrow E[N(4) - N(2) | N(1) = 3] = E[N(2+2) - N(2)] = E[N(2)] = \lambda t = 3 \cdot 2 = 6$$

$$e^{-\lambda t} \frac{1}{0!} = e^{-3} \lambda t = 3 \lambda = 3$$

2. On Friday night, the number of customers arriving at a lounge bar can be modeled by a Poisson process with intensity that twelve customers per hour.

12 per hr

- (a) Find the probability that there are 2 customers between 21:00 and 21:40.

$$= 990.9073$$

$$\lambda t = 12 \cdot \frac{4}{6} = 8$$

- (b) Find the probability that there are 4 customers between 21:00 and 21:40 and 6 customers between 21:40 and 22:00.

$$\frac{2^{12} \cdot 2^{12}}{2^3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 2^3 \cdot 2 \cdot 15} = 135$$

$$(a) P\{2 \text{ within } \frac{4}{6} \text{ hr}\} = e^{-\lambda t} \frac{(\lambda t)^n}{n!} = e^{-8} \frac{8^2}{2!} = 32 e^{-8}$$

$$(b) \Rightarrow P\{4 \text{ within } \frac{4}{6} \text{ hr}\} \cdot P\{6 \text{ within } \frac{2}{6} \text{ hr}\} = (e^{-8} \frac{8^4}{4!}) \cdot (e^{-4} \frac{4^6}{6!})$$

$$12 \cdot \frac{4}{6} = 8 \quad 12 \cdot \frac{2}{6} = 4$$

$$= \frac{2^{17}}{135} e^{-8} e^{-4}$$