

If X is an exponential random variable:

$$P(X \geq a) = \int_a^{\infty} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx = e^{-\lambda a}$$

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Mean & Variance of X :

$$E[X] = \int_0^{\infty} x \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx = \left[-x e^{-\lambda x} + \int e^{-\lambda x} dx \right]_0^{\infty}$$

$$= \left[-x e^{-\lambda x} - \frac{e^{-\lambda x}}{\lambda} \right]_0^{\infty} = \left[\lambda e^{-\lambda x} + \frac{e^{-\lambda x}}{\lambda} \right]_0^{\infty}$$

$$\frac{1}{\lambda} - \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{e^{\lambda x}} = \frac{1}{\lambda} - \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{xe^{\lambda x}} = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

Mean / Expectation Value = $\frac{1}{\lambda}$

$$E[X^2] = \int_0^{\infty} x^2 \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx$$

$$\Rightarrow -x^2 e^{-\lambda x} + 2 \int x e^{-\lambda x} dx$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \left[x^2 e^{-\lambda x} + \frac{2x}{\lambda} e^{-\lambda x} + \frac{2}{\lambda^2} e^{-\lambda x} \right]_0^{\infty}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[0 + 0 + \frac{2}{\lambda^2} - 0 + 0 + 0 \right] = \frac{2}{\lambda^2}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2 = \frac{2}{\lambda^2} - \frac{1}{\lambda^2} = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

$$E[X] = \frac{1}{\lambda}, \quad \text{Var}(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

Eg: The time until a small meteorite first lands anywhere in Sahara desert is modeled as an exponential random variable with mean of 10 days. The time is currently midnight.

What is the probability that a meteorite first lands some time between 6 AM to 6 PM of the first day?

$$E[X] = \frac{1}{\lambda} = 10 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{1}{10}$$

$$6 \text{ hrs} = \frac{1}{4} \text{ day.}$$

$$P\left(\frac{1}{4} \leq X \leq \frac{3}{4}\right) = \int_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{3}{4}} x e^{-\lambda x} dx = -\left[e^{-\lambda x}\right]_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{3}{4}} = \left[\frac{e^{-\lambda x}}{\lambda}\right]_{\frac{1}{4}}^{\frac{3}{4}} = e^{-\frac{3}{4} \cdot 10} - e^{-\frac{1}{4} \cdot 10}$$

$$\text{or } P(X \geq \frac{1}{4}) - P(X > \frac{3}{4}) = e^{-\frac{1}{4} \cdot 10} - e^{-\frac{3}{4} \cdot 10}$$

Cumulative Distribution Function:

The CDF of a random variable is denoted by $F_X(x)$ provides the probability $P(X \leq x)$. For every x , we have:

$$F_X(x) = P(X \leq x) = \begin{cases} \sum_{k \leq x} p_x(k) & \text{If } X \text{ is discrete} \\ \int_{-\infty}^x f_X(t) dt & \text{If } X \text{ is continuous} \end{cases}$$

$$p_x(n) = \begin{cases} 2/7 & n=1 \\ 3/7 & n=2 \\ 1/7 & n=3 \\ 1/7 & n=4 \end{cases}$$

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Let X be a uniform random variable:

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & a \leq x \leq b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$P(X \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x \frac{1}{b-a} dx = \frac{x-a}{b-a}$$

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