

Last time

Sec 9.4 Interpretation of CL

Sec 10.1 Density

Sec 10.2 Expectation & Var. \Rightarrow Cts. R.V.'s

Today:

2 Named Cts. R.V.'s

Sec 10.3 Exponential

λ positive constant

Say $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda) \leftarrow$ Exponential lambda

$$f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, x \geq 0 \quad \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda x} dx = 1$$

In particular if $\lambda = 1$, $f(x) = e^{-x}, x \geq 0$

CDF.

$$F(x) = \int_0^x \lambda e^{-\lambda t} dt.$$

$$(S = xt) \quad ds = xdt \quad \int_0^{xt} e^{-s} ds$$

$$\Rightarrow -e^{-s} \Big|_0^{xt} = -\left(e^{-xt} - 1 \right) = 1 - e^{-xt}$$

We often use exponential distr. to model random lifetimes that has the following "interesting" properties.

e.g. X represent the lifetime of a lightbulb / radioactive atom

$$\text{From CDF, } P(x) = P(X \leq x)$$

$$= P(\text{Die before } x)$$

Define the survival function $S(x) = 1 - F(x) = P(\text{Survive at time } x)$

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

From this, consider the cond. prob. of $(X > t+s) | (X > t)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{histogram of } X & \quad \text{line consider } s \text{ units} \\ & \quad \text{of time} \quad \text{alive out +} \\ & \quad \text{has + on the LHS} \\ & \quad \text{alive at } t+s \quad \text{at } t \\ & \quad P(X > t+s | X > t) \\ & = \frac{P(X > t+s)}{P(X > t)} \\ & = \frac{S(t+s)}{S(t)} = \frac{e^{-\lambda(t+s)}}{e^{-\lambda t}} = e^{-\lambda s} \end{aligned}$$

This cond. prob. has nothing to do with t ,
as if it forget how long it has survived

"memoryless property"

Example we have a lightbulb, where lifetime $T \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$ with mean $\bar{T} = 10$ years.

Suppose that we know this lightbulb has worked 20 years.

How long do you expect it to keep working?

6 years! b/c, memoryless property.

Remark. Use $\text{Exp}(\lambda)$ as the lifetime of objects that do not die of ages.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Expectation.} \quad \mathbb{E} X &= \int_0^\infty x \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx \\ (S = \lambda x) &= \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_0^\infty S e^{-\lambda s} ds \quad (\text{Integration by parts}) \\ &= \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_s^{\infty} s e^{-\lambda s} ds \\ &= u v \Big|_a^b - \int_a^b u v' du \\ &= \frac{1}{\lambda} \left(-Se^{-\lambda s} \Big|_0^\infty + \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda s} ds \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{\lambda} \left(\int_0^\infty 2se^{-\lambda s} ds \right) \\ &= \frac{2}{\lambda^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \mathbb{E} X^2 - (\mathbb{E} X)^2 = \frac{2}{\lambda^2} - \frac{4}{\lambda^2} = \frac{2}{\lambda^2}$$

$$SD(X) = \sqrt{\text{Var}(X)} = \frac{1}{\lambda} = \bar{T}$$

$$\text{Median} = \bar{T} \ln 2$$

$$\text{Ex} + \text{SD} = \bar{T} + \ln 2 \cdot \bar{T}$$

$$\text{Ex} - \text{SD} = \bar{T} - \ln 2 \cdot \bar{T}$$

$$\text{long right tail} \Rightarrow \text{mean} > \text{median}$$

$$\text{histogram of } X$$

$$\text{median } h \text{ is the time when it die with prob } \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{or half the population has died.} \rightarrow \text{"half-life"}$$

$$\text{Example Radioactive Dating}$$

$$\text{proportion of } {}^{14}\text{C remaining}$$

$$\text{half-life of } {}^{14}\text{C is } 5730 \text{ yrs.}$$

$$\text{Suppose we know there is } 50\% {}^{14}\text{C remaining.} \Rightarrow 5730 \text{ yrs old}$$

$$25\% \quad \text{exponentiate}$$

$$25\% = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k$$

$$k = \log_2(25\%)$$

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