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4C Exponential Distribution

[ToC]

C.1 Exponential Distribution

• pdf of $\text{Exp}(\lambda)$

$$f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x} \qquad \text{for } x \ge 0$$

• CDF

$$F(x) = P(X \le x) = 1 - e^{-\lambda x}$$

• Mean and Variance

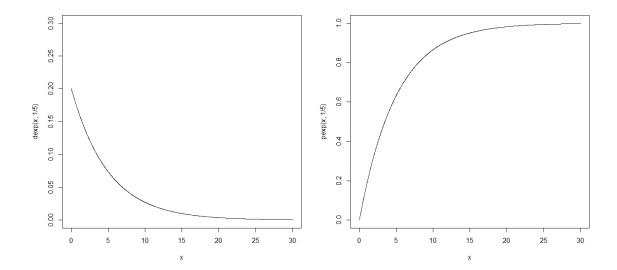
$$E(X) = 1/\lambda$$
 $V(X) = 1/\lambda^2$

C.2 R code for Exponential(λ)

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dexp(.5, 1/5)  #- F(3): CDF
pexp(.5, 1/5)  #- p(3): pmf

layout( matrix(1:2, 1, 2) )

x <- seq(0,30,.01)
plot(x, dexp(x, 1/5), type="l", ylim=c(0,.3)) #- PMF plot -
plot(x, pexp(x, 1/5), type="l", ylim=c(0,1)) #- CDF plot -</pre>
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C.3 CDF of exponential

$$F(x;\lambda) = P(X \le x)$$

$$= \int_0^x \lambda e^{-\lambda y} dy$$

$$= -\frac{\lambda}{\lambda} e^{-\lambda y} \Big|_0^x$$

$$= 1 - e^{-\lambda x}.$$

C.4 Mean

If $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$, then

$$E(X) = \int_0^\infty x \cdot \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx$$
Integraing by parts,
$$= -x\lambda e^{-\lambda x} \Big|_0^\infty + \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda x} dx$$

$$= 0 - \frac{1}{\lambda} e^{-\lambda x} \Big|_0^\infty$$

$$= \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

C.5 Variance

If $X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$, then

$$V(X) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}.$$

$$E(X^2)$$
 = $\int_0^\infty x^2 \cdot \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx$

Integraing by parts,

$$= -x^{2}\lambda e^{-\lambda x}\Big|_{0}^{\infty} + \int_{0}^{\infty} 2xe^{-\lambda x}dx$$
$$= 0 + \frac{2}{\lambda} \int_{0}^{\infty} x\lambda e^{-\lambda x}dx$$

$$0 \quad \frac{1}{\lambda} \int_0^{\infty} dx dx \qquad dx$$

$$=0-\frac{2}{\lambda}E(X)=\frac{2}{\lambda^2}$$

Therefore,

$$V(X) = E(X^2) - \left(E(X)\right)^2 = \frac{1}{\lambda^2} - \left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}.$$

C.6 Ex: Two Servers

- Suppose there are two servers, A and B.
- Their service waiting time is exponentially distributed with mean of 3 sec. Assume independence between the waiting time of two servers.
- Your task was sent to Server A. What is the probability that your task has to wait more than 7 sec?
- Your task was sent to both Server A and B, so that it will be served by whichever the server that opens up first. What is the probability that your task has to wait more than 7 sec?

C.7 Ex: Lifetime

- Suppose each appliance's lifetime can be modeled by exponential distributed with mean of 2 years.
- What is the probability that
- Suppose you sold 10 appliance in the same day. What is the probability that more than 4 of them will break within 3 years?

C.8 Ex: Half Life of C14

About 5700 years.

Which means lambda is about .0001216