

Some special continuous distribution

3- Exponential distribution:

The Exponential distribution is special case of Gamma distribution in which ($\alpha=1$), then the random variable X is said to have a Exponential distribution if it's p.d.f is given by:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \theta e^{-\theta x} & , X > 0 \\ 0 & , o.w \end{cases}$$

And writes briefly : $X \sim EXP(\theta)$

Since $\theta > 0$ it is clear that:

1- $f(x) \geq 0$ for all $x > 0$

$$2-\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} \theta e^{-\theta x} dx = 1$$

$$\int_0^{\infty} \theta e^{-\theta x} dx = \theta \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\theta x} dx = \frac{\theta}{-\theta} \int_0^{\infty} -\theta e^{-\theta x} dx = -e^{-\theta x} \Big|_0^{\infty} = -(e^{-\infty} - e^{-0}) = -(0 - 1) = 1$$

The M.G.F. :

$$\begin{aligned} M_x(t) &= E(e^{tx}) = \int_a^b e^{tx} f(x) dx \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} e^{tx} \theta e^{-\theta x} dx = \theta \int_a^b e^{-X(\theta-t)} dx \\ &= \frac{-\theta}{(\theta-t)} \int_a^b -(\theta-t) e^{-X(\theta-t)} dx = \frac{-\theta}{(\theta-t)} (e^{-X(\theta-t)} \Big|_0^{\infty}) \\ &= \frac{-\theta}{(\theta-t)} (0 - 1) = \frac{\theta}{(\theta-t)} \end{aligned}$$

$$M_x(t) = \frac{\theta}{(\theta-t)}$$

The mean :

$$\mu_X = E(X) = M'_{(X)}(0)$$

$$M'_{(X)}(t) = \frac{\theta}{(\theta - t)^2}$$

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$$\mu_X = \frac{1}{\theta}$$

The variance :

$$E(X^2) = M''_{(X)}(0)$$

$$M''_{(X)}(t) = \frac{2\theta}{(\theta - t)^3}$$

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$$V(X) = \sigma^2_x = E(X^2) - [E(X)]^2 = \frac{2}{\theta^2} - \left[\frac{1}{\theta}\right]^2 = \frac{1}{\theta^2}$$

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The cumulative distribution function of X is given by :

$$F(X) = 1 - e^{-\theta X}, X > 0$$

Example:

If you have a random variable x representing the lifetime of a light bulb ,and if x has the following probability density function:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0.002 e^{-0.002X} & , X \geq 0 \\ 0 & , o.w \end{cases}$$

1-Find The probability that the lamp will stay at least 600 hours

2- Find The probability that the lamp will stay between 400 and 600 hours.

3-Find μ_x and σ_x^2

Solve:

1-

$$P(x \geq 600) = \int_{600}^{\infty} 0.002 e^{-0.002x} dx = -e^{-0.002x} \Big|_{600}^{\infty} = -(e^{-\infty} - e^{-(0.002)(600)}) = -(0 - 0.30) = 0.30$$

2-

$$P(400 \leq x \leq 600) = \int_{400}^{600} 0.002 e^{-0.002x} dx = -e^{-0.002x} \Big|_{400}^{600} = -(e^{-(0.002)(600)} - e^{-(0.002)(400)}) = -(0.30 - 0.45) = 0.15$$

3- Since $(\theta = 0.002)$ then :

$$\mu_x = \frac{1}{\theta} = \frac{1}{0.002} = 500$$

$$\sigma_x^2 = \frac{1}{\theta^2} = \frac{1}{0.002^2} = 250000$$

Example:

IF X has an exponential distribution with the parameter θ and

$$\mu_x = 10$$

find $P(x > 100)$.

solve :

$$\text{Since } \mu_x = \frac{1}{\theta} \rightarrow \mu_x = 10 \rightarrow 10 = \frac{1}{\theta} \rightarrow 10 * \theta = 1 \rightarrow \theta = \frac{1}{10} = 0.1$$

$$\theta = 0.1$$

And since X has an exponential distribution then :

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0.1 e^{-0.1x} & , X > 0 \\ 0 & , o.w \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X > 100) &= \int_{100}^{\infty} 0.1 e^{-0.1x} dx = -e^{-0.1x} \Big|_{100}^{\infty} \\ &= -(e^{-\infty} - e^{-(0.1)(100)}) = -(0 - 0.00005) = 0.00005 \end{aligned}$$

Homework

IF X has an exponential distribution with the parameter θ and $\mu_x = 2\sigma_x^2$ where $\theta > 0$ then find μ_x , σ_x^2 and $P(X > 500)$