



TOPIC : 1.11 – Problems on Distribution

The time (in hours) required to repair a machine is exponentially distributed with parameter $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$.
What is the probability that a repair takes at least 10 hours?
Given: Let X denote the repair time of a machine.
Given: X is exponential with $\lambda = \frac{1}{2}$
∴ P.D.F. of X is $f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, x \geq 0$
 $= \frac{1}{2} e^{-\frac{x}{2}}, x \geq 0$

$$\begin{aligned} P[X > 10 / X > 9] &= P[X > 9+1 / X > 9] \\ &= P[X > 1] \quad \text{by memoryless property} \\ &= e^{-\lambda(1)} = e^{-\frac{1}{2}} \quad [P(X > t) = e^{-\lambda t}] \\ &= 0.6065 \\ \text{(ii) } P[X > 2] &= e^{-\lambda(2)} = e^{-\frac{1}{2}(2)} = e^{-1} = 0.3679 \end{aligned}$$



5) The mileage which car owners get with certain kind of radial tyre is a random variable having an exponential distribution with mean 4000 km. Find the prob. that one of these tyres will last
(i) atleast 2000 km (ii) atleast 3000 km.

Let the random variable x denote the mileage given by a radial tyre.

Given x is uniformly exponential and mean = 4000

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\lambda} = 4000 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{1}{4000}$$

\therefore pdf of x $f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x} = \frac{1}{4000} e^{-\frac{x}{4000}}, x \geq 0$

$$(i) P[x \geq 2000] = \int_{2000}^{\infty} P[e^{-\lambda(2000)}] = e^{-\frac{1}{2}} = 0.6065$$

$$(ii) P(x \leq 3000) = 1 - P(x > 3000) = 1 - e^{-\frac{3000}{4000}} = 1 - e^{-\frac{3}{4}} = 0.5276$$

6) If a continuous random variable x follows distribution in the interval $(0, 2)$ & continuous random variable Y follows exponential distribution with parameter α , find α such that $P[x < 1] = P[Y < 1]$

Given X is uniformly distributed over $(0, 2)$

$$\therefore \text{pdf of } X \quad f(x) = \frac{1}{b-a} = \frac{1}{2}, 0 < x < 2$$

and Y is exponentially distributed with parameter

$$\therefore \text{pdf of } Y \quad f(y) = \alpha e^{-\alpha y}, y \geq 0$$

Given that $P(x < 1) = P(y < 1)$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^1 f(x) dx = \int_0^1 \alpha e^{-\alpha y} dy$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} (x)_0^1 = \alpha \left(\frac{e^{-\alpha y}}{-\alpha} \right)_0^1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = - (e^{-\alpha} - 1) \Rightarrow e^{-\alpha} - 1 = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{-\alpha} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{\alpha} = 2 \Rightarrow \alpha = \log_e 2$$



If x is uniformly distributed with μ and variance $\frac{4}{3}$, Find $P(x < 0)$.
Given

$$\text{Mean} = \frac{a+b}{2} = 1 \Rightarrow a+b = 2 \quad \text{---}$$

$$\text{Variance} = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12} = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow (b-a)^2 = 16$$

$$\Rightarrow b-a = \pm 4 \quad \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

Take $b-a = +4$

$$b+a = 2$$

$$2b = 6$$

$$\boxed{b = 3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{a = -1}$$

Take $b-a = -4$

$$b+a = 2$$

$$2b = -2$$

$$b = -1$$

$$b+a = 2$$

$$-1+a = 2$$

$$\boxed{a = 3}$$

which contradicts a

$$\therefore a = -1 \text{ and } b = 3$$

pdf of X $f(x) = \frac{1}{b-a} = \frac{1}{3-(-1)} = \frac{1}{4}$

$$P(x < 0) = \int_{-1}^0 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) dx = \frac{1}{4} (x)_{-1}^0 = \frac{1}{4}$$



A random variable X has a uniform distribution over $(-3, 3)$. Compute (i) $P(X < 2)$ (ii) $P(|X| < 2)$,
iii) $P(|X-2| < 2)$ (#)

Given X is uniform distribution over $(-3, 3)$.

\therefore Pdf of X $f(x) = \frac{1}{b-a} = \frac{1}{6}$, $-3 < x < 3$.

$$(i) P(X < 2) = \int_{-3}^2 f(x) dx = \int_{-3}^2 \frac{1}{6} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} (x)_{-3}^2 = \frac{5}{6}$$

$$(ii) P(|X| < 2) = P(-2 < X < 2) = \int_{-2}^2 f(x) dx$$

$$= \int_{-2}^2 \frac{1}{6} dx = \frac{1}{6} (x)_{-2}^2 = \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$(iii) P(|X-2| < 2) = P(-2 < X-2 < 2)$$

$$= P(0 < X < 4)$$

$$= \int_0^3 f(x) dx = \int_0^3 \frac{1}{6} dx = \frac{1}{6} (x)_0^3$$

$$= \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$$