

1. Choose a number U from the unit interval with the uniform distribution. Find the cumulative distribution function and density function for the random variables:
 - (a) $Y = U + 2$,
 - (b) $Y = 3U$. (updated)
2. Suppose that the number of years a car will run is exponentially distributed with parameter $\lambda = \frac{1}{4}$. If Prosser buys a used car today, what is the probability that it will still run after 4 years?
3. Suppose that the height, in inches, of a 25-year old man is a normal random variable with parameters $\mu = 71$ and $\sigma^2 = 6.25$. What percentage of 25-year old men are over 6 feet 2 inches tall? What percentage of men over 6 feet tall are over 6 foot 5 inches?
4. You arrive at a bus stop at 10 o'clock, knowing that the bus will arrive at some time uniformly distributed between 10 and 10:30.
 - (a) What is the probability that you will have to wait longer than 10 minutes?
 - (b) If at 10:15 the bus has not yet arrived, what is the probability that you will have to wait at least an additional 10 minutes?
5. A man named Juan puts in two new lightbulbs: a 60 watt bulb and a 100 watt bulb. It is claimed that the lifetime of the 60 watt bulb has exponential density with average lifetime 200 hours, $\lambda = 1/200$. The 100 watt bulb also has exponential density but with average lifetime 100 hours, $\lambda = 1/100$. He wonders what the probability is that the 100 watt bulb will outlast the 60 watt bulb.

If X and Y are two independent random variables with exponential densities $f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$ and $g(x) = \mu e^{-\mu x}$, then the probability that X is less than Y is given by

$$P(X < Y) = \int_0^{\infty} f(x)(1 - G(x))dx,$$

where $G(x)$ is the cumulative distribution function for $g(x)$.

- (a) Draw a picture or use a few sentences to explain why this expression gives the probability that $P(X < Y)$.
- (b) Use the integral to verify that $P(X < Y) = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + \mu}$.

- (c) Answer Juan's question: What is the probability that the 100 watt bulb will outlast the 60 watt bulb?
 - (d) If Juan uses the 100 watt bulb and replaces it with the 60 watt bulb when the first bulb runs out, what is the average total lifetime, $X + Y$, of the two bulbs?
6. A fair die is tossed 10,000 times. Find the expected number of rolls that are threes. Find the probability of rolling 200 or fewer threes; use the normal approximation to the binomial distribution.
 7. Let X be a uniform random variable on the interval $[0, 2]$ and Y a uniform random variable on the interval $[0, 3]$. Determine the density function for $Z = X + Y$.
 8. What do the Chebyshev's Inequality and the Law of Large Numbers have to say about the probability of getting at least 75 heads when flipping a fair coin 100 times? *Hint*: Use the fact that the binomial distribution is symmetric in order to improve your bound.
 9. Find a good approximation to the number n so that, when a fair coin is flipped 10,000 times, the probability of observing between 4930 and n heads is $1/2$. *Hint*: Use the normal approximation to the binomial distribution.
 10. How many times should you toss a *weighted* coin to be at least 90 percent certain that your estimate (your sample average) of $P(\text{Heads})$ is within .01 of the true value?
 11. If you have independent and identically distributed random variables $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$, with finite mean and variance, their distribution is approximately normal (so long as n is reasonably large). The previously posted problem has been cancelled.
 12. Suppose that $X_1, \dots, X_{20}$ are independent random variables with density functions $f(x) = 2x$. Let $S = X_1 + \dots + X_{20}$. Use the Central Limit Theorem to approximate $P(S \leq 10)$.