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Let \mathbf{X} be exponentially distributed and $\mathbb{E}\mathbf{X} = 1/2$

(1) What is $\mathbb{P}(2 < \mathbf{X} < 5 \mid \mathbf{X} > 1)$?

here $\lambda = 2$

$$\mathbb{P}(2 < \mathbf{X} < 5 \mid \mathbf{X} > 1) = \mathbb{P}(2 - 1 < \mathbf{X} < 5 - 1) =$$

$$\mathbb{P}(1 < \mathbf{X} < 4) = e^{-2} - e^{-8}$$

$$\text{another correct solution: } \mathbb{P}(2 < \mathbf{X} < 5 \mid \mathbf{X} > 1) = \frac{e^{-4} - e^{-10}}{e^{-2}}$$

(2) What is $\mathbb{E}\mathbf{X}^2$?

$$\mathbb{E}\mathbf{X}^2 = (\mathbb{E}\mathbf{X})^2 + \text{Var } \mathbf{X} = 1/4 + 1/4 = 1/2$$

$$\text{another correct solution: } \mathbb{E}\mathbf{X}^2 = \int_0^\infty 2x^2 e^{-2x} dx =$$

$$x^2 e^{-2x} \Big|_0^\infty + \int_0^\infty 2x e^{-2x} dx = 0 + x e^{-2x} \Big|_0^\infty + \int_0^\infty e^{-2x} dx =$$

$$0 + 0 - \frac{1}{2} e^{-2x} \Big|_0^\infty = \frac{1}{2}$$

(3) What is the probability density function of $\mathbf{Y} = \sqrt{\mathbf{X}}$?

$$P(\mathbf{Y} > y) = P(\sqrt{\mathbf{X}} > y) = P(\mathbf{X} > x) = e^{-2x} = e^{-2y^2}$$

$$\text{by the chain rule } f_{\mathbf{Y}}(y) = 4ye^{-2y^2}$$

another correct solution uses Theorem 11.1 from the textbook with $y = g(x) = \sqrt{x}$ and $x = y^2$:

$$f_{\mathbf{Y}}(y) = \frac{f_{\mathbf{X}}(x)}{|g'(x)|} = \frac{2e^{-2x}}{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}} = 4\sqrt{x}e^{-2x} = 4ye^{-2y^2}$$

End of the quiz