

**ENGG 2430 / ESTR 2004: Probability and Statistics**  
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# **12. Classical statistics**

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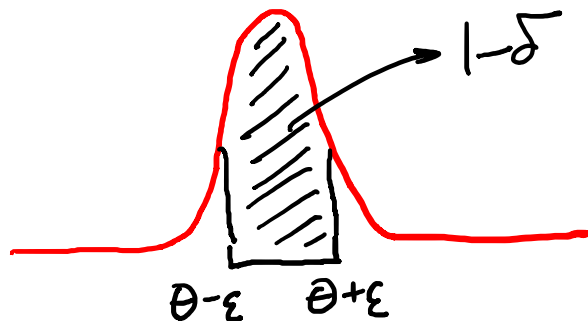
# Estimators

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$\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$  independent samples

**Unbiased:**  $\mathbf{E}[\hat{\Theta}_n] = \theta$

**Consistent:**  $\hat{\Theta}_n$  converges to  $\theta$  in probability



$$\forall \epsilon, \delta: \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(|\hat{\Theta}_n - \theta| > \epsilon) < \delta$$

# Estimating the mean

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$\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$  independent samples of  $X$

$$\hat{M} = (X_1 + \dots + X_n) / n$$

Unbiased?

$$E[M] = E\left[\frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n}\right] = \frac{1}{n}(E[X_1] + \dots + E[X_n]) = E[X]$$

YES.

Consistent?

YES, BY WEAK LAW OF  
LARGE NUMBERS

# Maximum likelihood

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**Bayesian MAP** estimate:

$$\text{maximize } f_{\Theta | \mathbf{X}}(\theta | \mathbf{x}) = f_{\mathbf{X} | \Theta}(\mathbf{x} | \theta) f_{\Theta}(\theta)$$

**Classical ML** (maximum likelihood) estimate:

$$\text{maximize } f_{\mathbf{X} | \Theta}(\mathbf{x} | \theta)$$

Coin flip sequence HHT. What is ML bias estimate?

PARAMETER:  $p$

$$P(\text{HHT} | p) = p^2(1-p)$$

WHICH  $p$  MAXIMIZES  $f(p) = p^2(1-p)$ ?

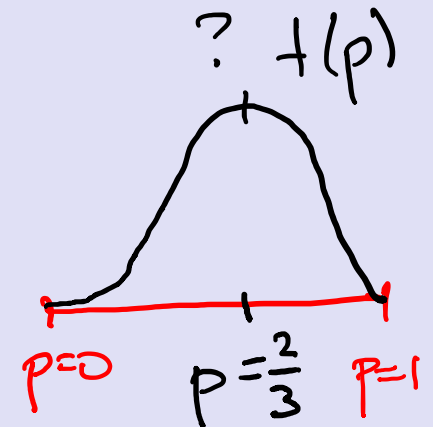
$$\frac{df(p)}{dp} = 2p(1-p) - p^2$$

$$\frac{df(p)}{dp} = 0 \rightarrow 2p(1-p) = p^2$$

$$2(1-p) = p$$

$$p = \frac{2}{3}$$

ML = MAP WITH UNIFORM PRIORS



# Maximum likelihood for Bernoulli( $p$ )

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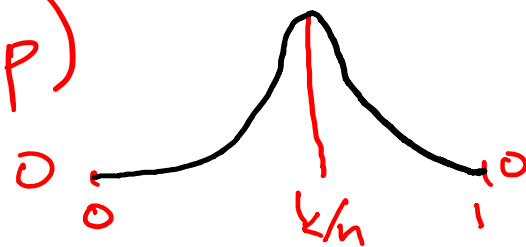
$k$  heads,  $n - k$  tails. ML bias estimate?

$$P(\underbrace{k \text{ HEADS, } n-k \text{ TAILS}}_{\text{IN A SPECIFIC ORDER}} \mid p) = p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

FIND  $p$  THAT MAXIMIZES  $f(p) = p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dp} f(p) &= k p^{k-1} (1-p)^{n-k} - (n-k) p^k (1-p)^{n-k-1} \\ &= p^{k-1} (1-p)^{n-k-1} (k(1-p) - (n-k)p) \end{aligned}$$

= 0 WHEN  $p=0$  OR  $p=1$  OR  $p = \frac{k}{n}$



ML ESTIMATE IS  $\hat{p} = \frac{k}{n}$ . UNBIASED, CONSISTENT

Within the first 3 seconds, raindrops arrive at times 1.2, 1.9, and 2.5. What is the estimated rate?



RATE =  $\lambda$   
 MODEL: Poisson( $\lambda$ ) DROP IN EACH SEC (TIME UNIT = 1 SEC)

$$P(X_1=0, X_2=2, X_3=1 | \lambda) = P(X_1=0 | \lambda) P(X_2=2 | \lambda) P(X_3=1 | \lambda)$$

$$= e^{-\lambda} \cdot \frac{\lambda^0}{0!} \cdot e^{-\lambda} \cdot \frac{\lambda^2}{2!} \cdot e^{-\lambda} \cdot \frac{\lambda^1}{1!}$$

$$f(\lambda) = \frac{e^{-3\lambda} \cdot \lambda^3}{2}$$

$$\frac{df(\lambda)}{d\lambda} = \frac{-3e^{-3\lambda} \lambda^3 + 3e^{-3\lambda} \cdot \lambda^2}{2} = \frac{3}{2} e^{-3\lambda} \lambda^2 (1-\lambda)$$

ZERO AT  $\lambda=0, \lambda=1$

$$\boxed{\hat{\lambda} = 1}$$

Within the first 3 seconds, raindrops arrive at times 1.2, 1.9, and 2.5. What is the estimated rate?



UNIT OF TIME = 3sec

DROPS IN FIRST 3sec IS Poisson( $\lambda$ ) R.V.  $X$

$$P(X=3|\lambda) = e^{-\lambda} \cdot \frac{\lambda^3}{3!}$$

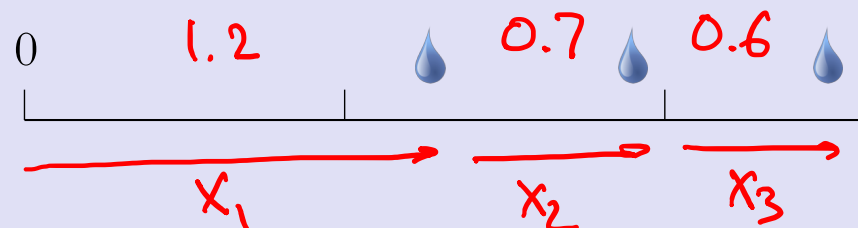
$$\frac{dP(\lambda)}{d\lambda} = \frac{1}{3!} (-\lambda e^{-\lambda} \lambda^3 + 3e^{-\lambda} \lambda^2)$$

ZERO WHEN  $\lambda=0$  OR  $\lambda=3$

$$\hat{\lambda} = 3$$



The first 3 raindrops arrive at 1.2, 1.9, and 2.5 sec.  
 What is the estimated rate?



$x_1, x_2, x_3$  IND Exponential( $\lambda$ ) R.V.S

$$f_{x_1 x_2 x_3}(1.2, 0.7, 0.6 | \lambda) = \lambda e^{-1.2\lambda} \cdot \lambda e^{-0.7\lambda} \cdot \lambda e^{-0.6\lambda}$$

$$= \lambda^3 e^{-2.5\lambda}$$

$$\frac{df(\lambda)}{d\lambda} = 3\lambda^2 e^{-2.5\lambda} - 2.5\lambda^3 e^{-2.5\lambda}$$

$$= e^{-2.5\lambda} \lambda^2 (3 - 2.5\lambda)$$

$$= 0 \text{ WHEN } \lambda = \frac{3}{2.5}$$

$$\hat{\lambda} = 3/2.5$$

# Maximum likelihood for Exponential( $\lambda$ )

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OBSERVE FIRST  $n$  SAMPLES AT TIMES  $T_1, \dots, T_n$

ML ESTIMATE FOR  $\lambda$  IS  $\hat{\lambda} = \frac{n}{T_n}$

NOT UNBIASED!

$$E\left[\frac{n}{T_n}\right] = E\left[\frac{n}{X_1 + \dots + X_n}\right]$$

$$\lambda = \frac{n}{E[X_1 + \dots + X_n]}$$

NOT EQUAL

CONSISTENT: EVENTUALLY  $T_n$  CLOSE TO  $\frac{1}{\lambda} \cdot n$

A Normal( $\mu$ ,  $\sigma$ ) RV takes values 2.9, 3.3. What is the ML estimate for  $\mu$ ?

$$f(2.9, 3.3 | \mu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(2.9-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(3.3-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

MAXIMIZING  $f$  IS SAME AS MAXIMIZING  $\ln f$ .

$$\ln f = -\frac{(2.9-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} - \frac{(3.3-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} + C$$

$$\frac{\partial(\ln f)(\mu)}{\partial \mu} = \frac{1}{\sigma^2} ((2.9-\mu) + (3.3-\mu))$$

ZERO WHEN  $\mu = \frac{2.9+3.3}{2}$

$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{2.9+3.3}{2} = 3.1$$

A Normal( $\mu, \sigma$ ) RV takes values 2.9, 3.3. What is the ML estimate for  $\nu = \sigma^2$ ?

$$f(2.9, 3.3 | \nu) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\nu}} e^{-(2.9-\mu)^2/2\nu} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\nu}} e^{-(3.3-\mu)^2/2\nu}$$

$$\ln f = \ln\left(\frac{1}{\nu}\right) - \frac{(2.9-\mu)^2 + (3.3-\mu)^2}{2\nu} + C$$

$$\frac{\partial(\ln f)(\nu)}{\partial \nu} = -\frac{1}{\nu} + \frac{(2.9-\mu)^2 + (3.3-\mu)^2}{2\nu^2}$$

ZERO WHEN  $\hat{\nu} = \frac{(2.9-\mu)^2 + (3.3-\mu)^2}{2}$

$$\frac{\partial(\ln f)(\hat{\mu}, \hat{\nu})}{\partial \mu} = 0$$

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AT

$$\hat{\mu} = \frac{2.9 + 3.3}{2} = 3.1$$

$$\hat{\nu} = \frac{(2.9 - \hat{\mu})^2 + (3.3 - \hat{\mu})^2}{2} = 0.04$$

# Maximum likelihood for Normal( $\mu, \sigma$ )

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$(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  independent Normal( $\mu, \sigma$ )

Joint ML estimate  $(\hat{M}, \hat{V})$  of  $(\mu, v = \sigma^2)$ :

$$\hat{M} = \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} \quad \text{UNBIASED}$$

$$\hat{V} = \frac{(X_1 - \hat{M})^2 + \dots + (X_n - \hat{M})^2}{n} \quad \text{?}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{E}[\hat{V}] &= \mathbf{E} \left[ \frac{(X_1 - \hat{M})^2 + \dots + (X_n - \hat{M})^2}{n} \right] \\
&= \mathbf{E} \left[ \frac{X_1^2 + \dots + X_n^2}{n} \right] - \mathbf{E} \left[ \left( \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} \right)^2 \right] \\
&= \frac{\sum \mathbf{E}[X_i^2]}{n} - \frac{\sum \mathbf{E}[X_i^2] + \sum_{i \neq j} \mathbf{E}[X_i X_j]}{n^2} \\
&= \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \frac{\sum \mathbf{E}[X_i^2]}{n} - \frac{\sum_{i \neq j} \mathbf{E}[X_i] \mathbf{E}[X_j]}{n^2} \\
&= \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) \mathbf{E}[X^2] - \frac{n(n-1) \mathbf{E}[X]^2}{n^2} \\
&= \frac{n-1}{n} (\mathbf{E}[X^2] - \mathbf{E}[X]^2) \\
&= \frac{n-1}{n} \cdot \sigma^2 \qquad \text{NOT UNBIASED!}
\end{aligned}$$

$(X_1, \dots, X_n)$  independent Normal( $\mu, \sigma$ )

$$\hat{M} = \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n}$$

UNBIASED, CONSISTENT  
ESTIMATOR OF  $\mu$

$$\frac{n}{n-1} \hat{V} = \frac{(X_1 - \hat{M})^2 + \dots + (X_n - \hat{M})^2}{n-1}$$

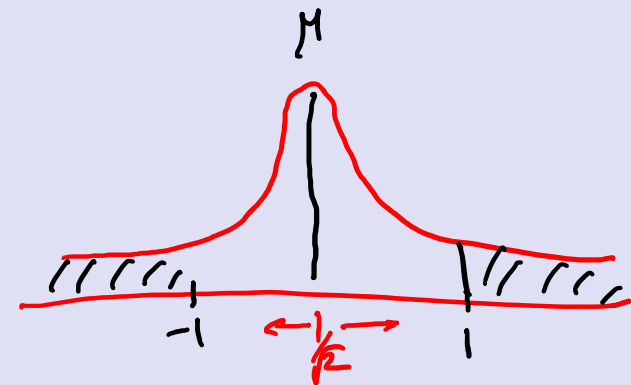
UNBIASED, CONSISTENT  
ESTIMATOR OF  $v = \sigma^2$

A Normal( $\mu, 1$ ) RV takes values  $X_1, X_2$ . You estimate the mean by  $\hat{M} = (X_1 + X_2)/2$ . What is the probability that  $|\hat{M} - \mu| > 1$ ?

$$X_1, X_2 : \text{Normal}(\mu, 1)$$
$$\text{Var} \left[ \frac{X_1 + X_2}{2} \right] = \frac{1}{4} (\text{Var}[X_1] + \text{Var}[X_2]) = \frac{1}{2}$$

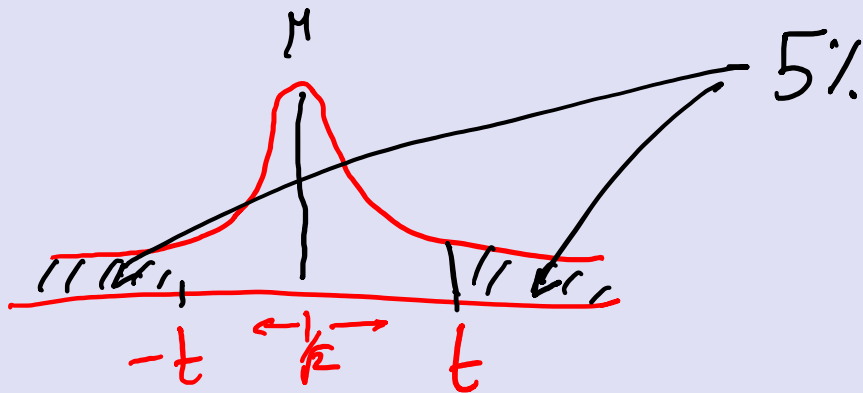
$$\hat{M} = \frac{X_1 + X_2}{2} : \text{Normal}(\mu, 1/\sqrt{2})$$

$$P(|\hat{M} - \mu| > 1) = 2 P(\text{Normal}(0, 1) > \sqrt{2})$$
$$\approx 2 \cdot 0.079$$
$$= 15.8\%$$





For which value of  $t$  can we guarantee  $|\hat{M} - \mu| \leq t$  with 95% probability?



$$P(\text{Normal}(0,1) \leq -n) = 0.025$$

FOR  $n \approx 1.960$

$$P(|\hat{M} - \mu| \leq t) = P(\text{Normal}(0,1) \leq -\sqrt{2}t) = 0.025$$

WHEN  $t \approx \frac{1.960}{\sqrt{2}} \approx 1.386$

$$\left( \frac{X_1 + X_2}{2} - 1.386, \frac{X_1 + X_2}{2} + 1.386 \right) \text{ IS A}$$

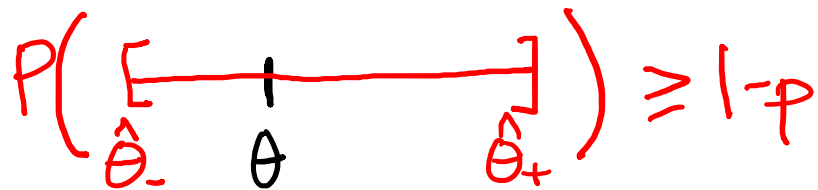
95% - CONFIDENCE  
INTERVAL

# Confidence intervals

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A  $p$ -confidence interval is a pair  $\hat{\Theta}_-, \hat{\Theta}_+$  so that

$$\mathbf{P}(\theta \text{ is between } \hat{\Theta}_- \text{ and } \hat{\Theta}_+) \geq p$$



A diagram illustrating a confidence interval. A horizontal line segment is drawn in red, with its left endpoint labeled  $\hat{\Theta}_-$  and its right endpoint labeled  $\hat{\Theta}_+$ . A vertical tick mark is placed on the line between the two endpoints, labeled  $\theta$  below it. The entire diagram is enclosed in large red parentheses. To the right of the parentheses is the inequality  $\geq 1-p$ .

$$\mathbf{P}([\hat{\Theta}_-, \hat{\Theta}_+]) \geq 1-p$$

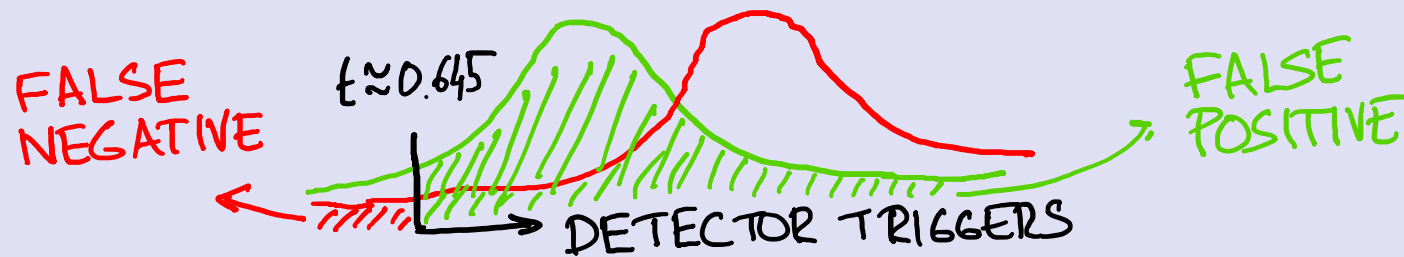


A diagram illustrating a confidence interval. A horizontal line segment is drawn in red, with its left endpoint labeled  $\hat{\Theta}_-$  and its right endpoint labeled  $\hat{\Theta}_+$ . A vertical tick mark is placed to the left of the line segment, labeled  $\theta$  below it. The entire diagram is enclosed in large red parentheses. To the right of the parentheses is the inequality  $\leq p$ .

$$\mathbf{P}([\hat{\Theta}_-, \hat{\Theta}_+]) \leq p$$

An car-jack **detector** outputs  $\text{Normal}(0, 1)$  if there is no intruder and  $\text{Normal}(1, 1)$  if there is.

You want to catch 95% of intrusions. What is the probability of a **false positive**?



INTRUDER:  $X_1 = \text{Normal}(1, 1)$

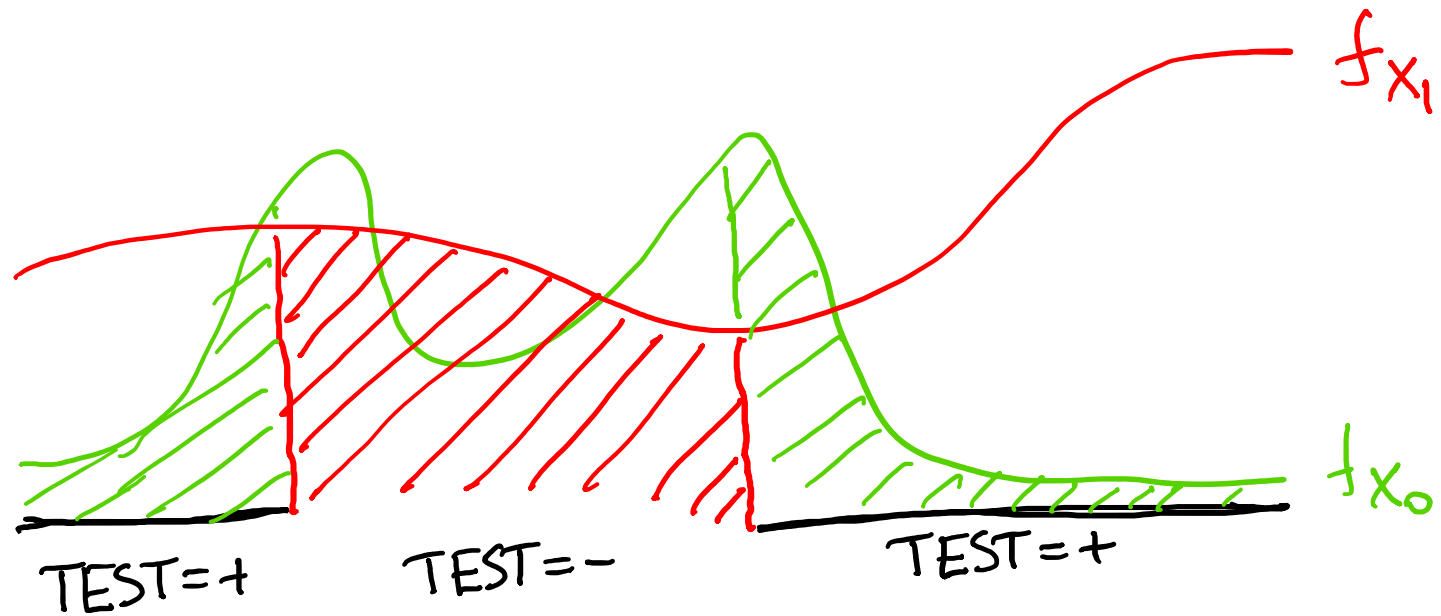
FALSE NEGATIVE:  $P(X_1 < t) = 5\% \rightarrow t = -0.645$

LEGIT:  $X_0 = \text{Normal}(0, 1)$

FALSE POSITIVE:  $P(X_0 > t) \approx 73\%$

# Hypothesis testing

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 FALSE NEGATIVE  
 FALSE POSITIVE

# Neyman-Pearson Lemma

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Among all  $X_1/X_0$  tests with given **false negative** probability, the **false positive** is minimized by the one that picks samples with largest likelihood ratio

$$\frac{f_{X_1}(x)}{f_{X_0}(x)}$$

Rain usually falls at 1 drop/sec. You want to test today's rate is 5/sec based on first drop. How to set up test with 5% false negative?

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} f_1(x) = 5e^{-5x} \quad \text{Exponential}(5) \\ f_0(x) = e^{-x} \quad \text{Exponential}(1) \end{array} \right\} \frac{f_1(x)}{f_0(x)} = 5e^{-4x}$$

DECREASES IN  $x$

NEYMAN-PEARSON: TEST = + FOR  $x \in [0, t]$   
 WHERE  $P(\text{Exponential}(5) > t) = 5\%$  (FALSE NEG.)

$$e^{-5t} = 0.05 \rightarrow t \approx 0.60$$

$$P(\text{Exponential}(1) < t) \approx 1 - e^{-0.60} \approx 45\% \text{ (FALSE POS.)}$$