Exponential power distribution (from http://www.math.wm.edu/~leemis/chart/UDR/UDR.html) The shorthand $X \sim \text{exponential power}(\lambda, \kappa)$ is used to indicate that the random variable X has the exponential power distribution with positive scale parameter λ and positive shape parameter κ . An exponential power random variable X has probability density function

$$f(x) = \left(e^{1-e^{\lambda x^{\kappa}}}\right)e^{\lambda x^{\kappa}}\lambda\kappa x^{\kappa-1} \qquad x > 0.$$

The exponential power distribution is one of the few two-parameter distributions that can achieve a bathtub-shaped hazard function. The probability density function for three different parameter settings is illustrated below.



The cumulative distribution function on the support of *X* is

$$F(x) = P(X \le x) = 1 - e^{1 - e^{\lambda x^{\kappa}}}$$
 $x > 0.$

The survivor function on the support of X is

$$S(x) = P(X \ge x) = e^{1 - e^{\lambda x^{\kappa}}} \qquad x > 0$$

The hazard function on the support of *X* is

$$h(x) = \frac{f(x)}{S(x)} = e^{\lambda x^{\kappa}} \lambda \kappa x^{\kappa-1} \qquad x > 0.$$

The cumulative hazard function on the support of *X* is

$$H(x) = -\ln S(x) = e^{\lambda x^{\kappa}} - 1$$
 $x > 0.$

The inverse distribution function of *X* is

$$F^{-1}(u) = \left[\frac{1}{\lambda}\ln(1 - \ln(1 - u))\right]^{1/\kappa} \qquad 0 < u < 1.$$

The median of *X* is

$$F^{-1}(1/2) = (\lambda \ln(1 - \ln(1/2)))^{-1/\kappa}.$$

The moment generating function of X is

$$M(t) = E\left[e^{tX}\right] = \int_0^\infty \lambda \kappa x^{\kappa-1} e^{tx+1+\lambda x^{\kappa}-e^{(\lambda x^{\kappa})}} dx.$$

The characteristic function of X is

$$\phi(t) = E\left[e^{itX}\right] = \int_0^\infty \lambda \kappa x^{\kappa-1} e^{itx+1+\lambda x^{\kappa}-e^{(\lambda x^{\kappa})}} dx.$$

The population mean, variance, skewness, and kurtosis of *X* are mathematically intractable.

APPL verification: The APPL statements

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X := ExponentialPowerRV(lambda, kappa);
CDF(X);
SF(X);
HF(X);
IDF(X);
MGF(X);
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verify the cumulative distribution function, hazard function, inverse distribution function, and moment generating function.