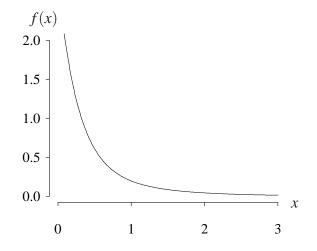
**Hyperexponential distribution** (from http://www.math.wm.edu/~leemis/chart/UDR/UDR.html) The shorthand  $X \sim$  hyperexponential( $\vec{\alpha}, \vec{p}$ ) is used to indicate that the random variable X has the hyperexponential distribution with parameters  $\vec{\alpha}$  and  $\vec{p}$ . A hyperexponential random variable Xwith parameters  $\vec{\alpha}$  and  $\vec{p}$  has probability density function

$$f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{p_i}{\alpha_i} e^{-x/\alpha_i} \qquad x > 0$$

for all  $\alpha_i, p_i > 0$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^n p_i = 1$ . The probability density function for  $\vec{\alpha} = (0.25, 0.5, 1)$  and  $\vec{p} = (0.5, 0.25, 0.25)$  is illustrated below.



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

$$F(x) = P(X \le x) = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i e^{-x/\alpha_i}$$
  $x > 0.$ 

The survivor function on the support of *X* is

$$S(x) = P(X \le x) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i e^{-x/\alpha_i}$$
  $x > 0.$ 

The hazard function on the support of *X* is

$$h(x) = \frac{f(x)}{S((x))} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{p_i}{\alpha_i} e^{-x/\alpha_i}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i e^{-x/\alpha_i}} \qquad x > 0.$$

The inverse distribution function and characteristic function are both mathematically intractable.

The moment generating function over the support of *X* is

$$M(t) = E[e^{tX}] = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{p_i}{1 - \alpha_i t} \qquad |t| < \frac{1}{\min_j \alpha_j}$$

The population mean of *X* is

$$E[X] = \sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i \alpha_i.$$

The population skewness and kurtosis of X are all mathematically intractable.

## **APPL verification:** The APPL statements

X := HyperExponentialRV([0.1, 0.3, 0.6], [alpha1, alpha2, alpha3]); CDF(X); SF(X); Mean(X); Variance(X); Skewness(X); Kurtosis(X); MGF(X);

verify the population mean, variance, skewness, kurtosis, and moment generating function for the special case of n = 3 and  $\vec{p} = (0.1, 0.3, 0.6)$ .