

Example: Say  $X$  has probability density function  $f_X(x) = 5^2 x e^{-5x}$  for  $x > 0$   
 $= 0$  otherwise

Find  $P(X > \frac{1}{2})$ .

$$P(X > \frac{1}{2}) = \int_{1/2}^{\infty} 5^2 x e^{-5x} dx = (5^2 x) \left( \frac{e^{-5x}}{-5} \right) \Big|_{x=1/2}^{\infty} - \int_{1/2}^{\infty} 5 \frac{e^{-5x}}{-5} dx$$

int by parts

$$u = 5^2 x \quad du = 5^2$$
$$dv = e^{-5x} dx \quad v = \frac{e^{-5x}}{-5}$$
$$= 5^2 \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \frac{e^{-5/2}}{5} + \int_{1/2}^{\infty} 5 e^{-5x} dx$$
$$= \frac{5}{2} e^{-5/2} + \frac{5 e^{-5x}}{-5} \Big|_{x=1/2}^{\infty}$$
$$= \frac{5}{2} e^{-5/2} + e^{-5/2}$$
$$= \frac{7}{2} e^{-5/2} \approx 0.287297$$