Exercise 12.1: Optimal Pricing

Setup:

- you have one item to sell.
- buyer with value from exponential distribution
- exponential distribution cdf $F(z) = 1 e^{-z}$

Questions:

• What price should you offer to maximize your expected revenue?

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- equilibrium of no-regret learning (coarse correlated equilibrium)
- revenue of auctions

Exercise 12.2: Pricing Lotteries

Setup:

- buyer with value U[0,1]
- menu of options:
 - price of 0: receive nothing
 - 2 price of 1/6: receive item with probability 1/2
 - \bigcirc price of 1/2: receive item with probability 1

Questions:

- what value of buyer is indifferent between options (1) and (2)?
- what value of buyer is indifferent between options (2) and (3)?
- what is expected revenue when buyer buys preferred option?