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Solution for exercise 5.5.6 in Karlin and Pinsky

We can easily get

$$F_R(x) = P(R \le x) = 1 - P(R > x)$$

$$= 1 - P(no other stars in the sphere volum \frac{4\pi x^3}{3})$$

$$= 1 - e^{-\lambda \frac{4\pi x^3}{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f_R(x) = \frac{d}{dx} F_R(x)$$

$$= 4\lambda \pi x^2 e^{-\frac{4\lambda \pi x^3}{3}}$$