# RandLib documentation

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## Part I

# General information

# 1 Calculation of sample moments

We use extension of Welford's method from Knuth. For every n-th element x we have

$$\delta = x - m_1,$$

$$m'_1 = m_1 + \frac{\delta}{n},$$

$$m'_2 = m_2 + \delta^2 \frac{n-1}{n},$$

$$m'_3 = m_3 + \delta^3 \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{n^2} - 3\delta \frac{m_2}{n},$$

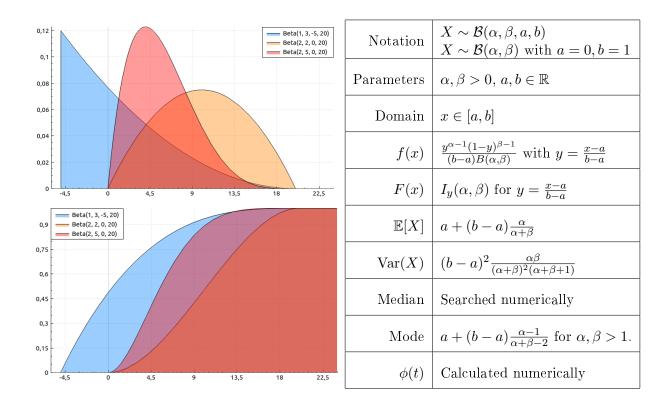
$$m'_4 = m_4 + \delta^4 \frac{(n-1)(n^2 - 3n + 3)}{n^3} + 6\delta^2 \frac{m_2}{n^2} - 4\delta \frac{m_3}{n}.$$

Then  $m_1'$ ,  $\frac{m_2}{n}$ , Skew $(X) = \frac{\sqrt{n}m_3'}{m_2'^{3/2}}$  and  $\operatorname{Kurt}(X) = \frac{nm_4'}{m_2'^2}$  (we return excess kurtosis).

## Part II

# Continuous univariate distributions

#### 2 Beta distribution



**Search of the median.** In general, the value of median is unkwnown and searched numerically with initial value:

$$m \approx a + (b - a) \frac{\alpha - \frac{1}{3}}{\alpha + \beta - \frac{2}{3}}$$

for  $\alpha, \beta \geq 1$ . However, there are analytical solutions for some particular values:

- $m = \frac{a+b}{2}$ , for  $\alpha = \beta$ ,
- $m = a + (b a)(1 2^{-\frac{1}{\beta}})$ , for  $\alpha = 1$ ,
- $m = a + (b a)2^{-\frac{1}{\alpha}}$ , for  $\beta = 1$ .

Calculation of characteristic function. For  $\alpha, \beta \geq 1$  we use numerical integration by definition

$$\phi(t) = \int_{a}^{b} \cos(tx) f(x) dx + i \int_{a}^{b} \sin(tx) f(x) dx.$$

For shape parameters < 1, f(x) has singularity points at 0 or 1 or both of them, and numerical integration is impossible. Then we use the following technique: firstly, we can show that

$$\phi(t|a,b) = \mathbb{E}[e^{it(a+(b-a)X)}] = e^{ita}\phi(z|0,1)$$

with z = (b - a)t. Hence, w.l.o.g. we can consider standard case a = 0, b = 1. Then

$$\Re(\phi(z)) = \frac{1}{B(\alpha, \beta)} \int_0^1 \cos(zx) x^{\alpha - 1} (1 - x)^{\beta - 1} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{B(\alpha, \beta)} \int_0^1 (\cos(zx) - 1) x^{\alpha - 1} (1 - x)^{\beta - 1} dx + 1$$

$$= \frac{1}{B(\alpha, \beta)} \int_0^1 \frac{(\cos(zx) - 1) x^{\alpha - 1} - (\cos(z) - 1)}{(1 - x)^{1 - \beta}} dx + 1 + \frac{\cos(z) - 1}{bB(\alpha, \beta)}.$$

The integrand now doesn't have any singularities, neither for  $\alpha < 1$ , nor for  $\beta < 1$ . Analogously we transform the imaginary part:

$$\begin{split} \Im(\phi(z)) &= \frac{1}{B(\alpha,\beta)} \int_0^1 \sin(zx) x^{\alpha-1} (1-x)^{\beta-1} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{B(\alpha,\beta)} \int_0^1 \frac{\sin(zx) x^{\alpha-1} - \sin(z)}{(1-x)^{1-\beta}} dx + \frac{\sin(z)}{bB(\alpha,\beta)}. \end{split}$$

Estimation of shapes with known support. Assume that a = 0, b = 1 and we have a sample  $X = (X_1, \ldots, X_n)$ . Then a log-likelihood function is

$$\ln \mathcal{L}(\alpha, \beta | X) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ln f(X_i; \alpha, \beta)$$

$$= (\alpha - 1) \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ln X_i + (\beta - 1) \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ln(1 - X_i) - n \ln B(\alpha, \beta).$$
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Differentiating with respect to the shapes, we obtain

$$\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{L}(\alpha, \beta | X)}{\partial \alpha} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ln X_i + n(\psi(\alpha + \beta) - \psi(\alpha)),$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{L}(\alpha, \beta | X)}{\partial \beta} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ln(1 - X_i) + n(\psi(\alpha + \beta) - \psi(\beta)).$$

Differentiating again we get the Hessian matrix:

$$H(\ln \mathcal{L}(\alpha, \beta | X)) = n \cdot \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1(\alpha + \beta) - \psi_1(\alpha) & \psi_1(\alpha + \beta) \\ \psi_1(\alpha + \beta) & \psi_1(\alpha + \beta) - \psi_1(\beta) \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then we can find the estimators numerically, using Newton's procedure. The initial values of estimators are found via method of moments:

$$\hat{\alpha}_0 = \overline{X}_n \left( \frac{\overline{X}_n (1 - \overline{X}_n)}{\hat{s}_n^2} - 1 \right),$$

$$\hat{\beta}_0 = (1 - \overline{X}_n) \left( \frac{\overline{X}_n (1 - \overline{X}_n)}{\hat{s}_n^2} - 1 \right).$$

These values are applicable only if  $\hat{s}_n^2 < \overline{X}_n(1 - \overline{X}_n)$ . If this condition is not satisfied, we set  $\hat{\alpha}_0 = \hat{\beta}_0 = 0.001$ .

In the general case, when  $a \neq 0$  or  $b \neq 1$ , we use the following transformation:

$$Y_i = \frac{X_i - a}{b - a}$$

and estimate parameters, using sample Y.

#### 2.1 Arcsine distribution

Notation:

$$X \sim \operatorname{Arcsine}(\alpha)$$
.

Relation to Beta distribution:

$$X \sim \mathcal{B}(1-\alpha,\alpha,a,b).$$

Estimation of shape. For Arcsine distribution log-likelihood function (1) turns into

$$\ln \mathcal{L}(\alpha|X) = -\alpha \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ln X_i + (\alpha - 1) \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ln(1 - X_i) - n \ln B(1 - \alpha, \alpha).$$

Taking the derivative with respect to  $\alpha$  we get

$$\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{L}(\alpha|X)}{\partial \alpha} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ln \frac{1 - X_i}{X_i} + n\pi \cot(\pi \alpha).$$

Therefore, maximum-likelihood function is

$$\hat{\alpha} = -\frac{1}{\pi} \arctan\left(\frac{n\pi}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \ln \frac{1-X_i}{X_i}}\right).$$

If  $\hat{\alpha}$  is negative, we add 1, because  $\frac{\text{atan}}{\pi} \in (-0.5, 0.5)$ , while  $\alpha \in (0, 1)$ .

#### 2.2 Balding-Nichols distribution

Notation:

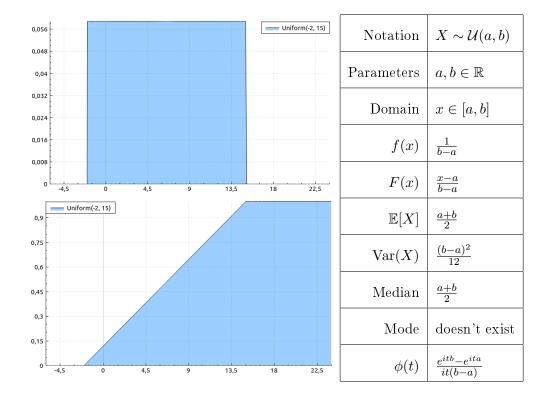
$$X \sim \text{Balding-Nichols}(p, F)$$

with  $p, F \in (0, 1)$ . Relation to Beta distribution:

$$X \sim \mathcal{B}(pF', (1-p)F')$$

with 
$$F' = (1 - F)/F$$
.

#### 2.3 Uniform distribution



Relation to Beta distribution:

$$X \sim \mathcal{B}(1, 1, a, b).$$

Estimation of support.

Frequentist inference. Likelihood function is

$$\mathcal{L}(a,b|X) = \frac{1}{(b-a)^n} \mathbf{1}_{\{X_i \in [a,b] \ \forall i=1,...,n\}}.$$

Therefore,  $\mathcal{L}(a,b|X)$  is the largest for  $\hat{b}=X_{(n)}$  and  $\hat{a}=X_{(1)}$ . However, using the fact that  $X_{(k)}\sim B(k,n+1-k,a,b)$ , these are biased estimators:

$$\mathbb{E}[X_{(1)}] = \frac{an+b}{n+1} \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbb{E}[X_{(n)}] = \frac{a+bn}{n+1}.$$

To get unbiased estimators we make the transformations:

$$\tilde{a} = \frac{nX_{(1)} - X_{(n)}}{n-1}$$
 and  $\tilde{b} = \frac{nX_{(n)} - X_{(1)}}{n-1}$ .

Then we get

$$\mathbb{E}[\tilde{a}] = \frac{n\mathbb{E}[X_{(1)}] - \mathbb{E}[X_{(n)}]}{n-1} = \frac{n(an+b) - (a+bn)}{n^2 - 1} = a.$$

Analogously,  $\mathbb{E}[\tilde{b}] = b$ .

**Bayesian inference.** Let us say, we try to estimate  $\theta = b - a$  with known a. We set the prior distribution  $\theta \sim \text{Pareto}(\alpha, \sigma)$ :

$$h(\theta|\alpha,\sigma) = \frac{\alpha\sigma^{\alpha}}{\theta^{\alpha+1}} \mathbf{1}_{\{\theta \ge \sigma\}}.$$

The density of posterior distribution is

$$f(\theta|X) \propto \frac{\alpha \sigma^{\alpha}}{\theta^{\alpha+n+1}} \mathbf{1}_{\{\theta \geq \max(\sigma, X_{(n)} - a)\}} \sim \operatorname{Pareto}(\alpha + n, \max(\sigma, X_{(n)} - a)).$$

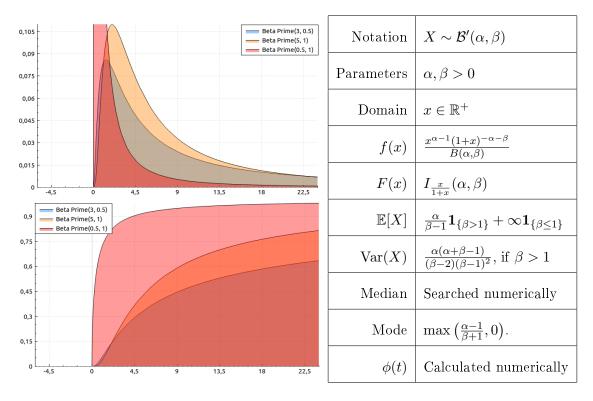
Hence, Bayesian estimator is

$$\mathbb{E}[\theta|X] = \frac{\alpha + n}{\alpha + n - 1} \max(\sigma, X_{(n)} - a)$$

and MAP estimator is

$$\theta_{MAP} = \max(\sigma, X_{(n)} - a).$$

# 3 Beta-prime distribution



Relation to other distributions:

$$\frac{X}{1+X} \sim \mathcal{B}(\alpha, \beta),$$

$$\frac{\beta}{\alpha}X \sim F(2\alpha, 2\beta).$$

**Search of the median.** For  $\alpha = \beta$  we have m = 1. Otherwise, we use the relation  $m = \frac{m'}{1-m'}$ , where m' is the median of beta-distribution  $\mathcal{B}(\alpha, \beta)$ .

Calculation of characteristic function. For  $\alpha \geq 1$  one can use numerical integration from section For  $\alpha < 1$  we have  $\lim_{x\to 0} f(x) \to \infty$  and  $\int_0^\infty \cos(tx) f(x) dx$  is impossible to compute directly. Then we split the integral:

$$\int_0^\infty \cos(tx)f(x)dx = \int_0^\infty (\cos(tx) - 1)f(x)dx + 1.$$

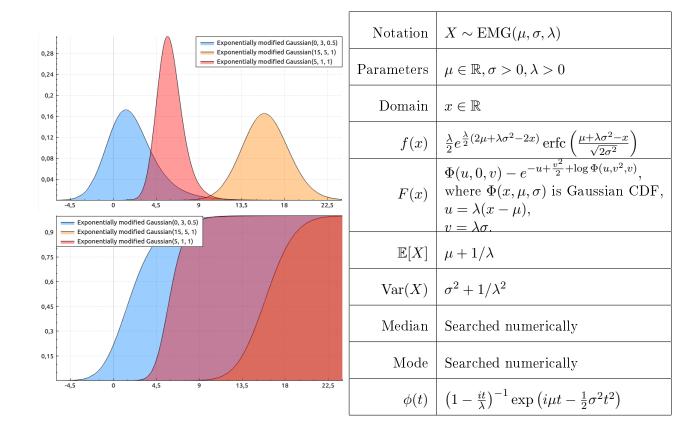
The limit of the integrand for  $x \to 0$  is 0 now, regardless of the value of the shape  $\alpha$ .

**Estimation of shapes.** Using relationship with Beta distribution we transform the sample:

$$Y_i = \frac{X_i}{1 + X_i}, \quad 1 \le i \le N,$$

and run estimation for beta-distributed Y.

# 4 Exponentially-modified Gaussian distribution



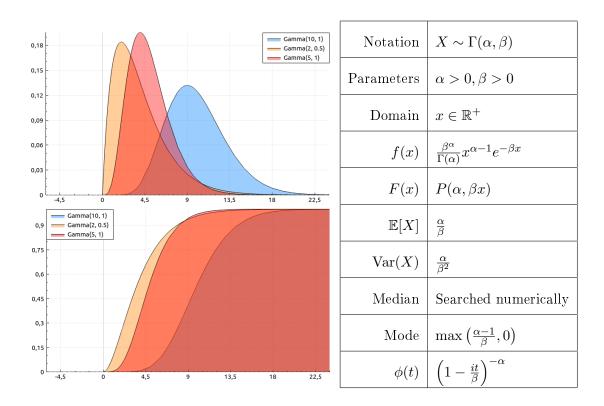
# 5 F-distribution

Notation	$X \sim \mathrm{F}(d_1, d_2)$
Parameters	$d_1, d_2 > 0$
Domain	$x \in \mathbb{R}^+$
f(x)	$\frac{\sqrt{\frac{(d_1x)^{d_1}d_2^{d_2}}{(d_1x+d_2)^{d_1+d_2}}}}{xB\left(\frac{d_1}{2},\frac{d_2}{2}\right)}$
F(x)	$I_{\frac{d_1x}{d_1x+d_2}}\left(\frac{d_1}{2},\frac{d_2}{2}\right)$
$\mathbb{E}[X]$	$\frac{d_2}{d_2 - 2} \text{ for } d_2 > 2$
$\operatorname{Var}(X)$	$\frac{2d_2^2(d_1+d_2-2)}{d_1(d_2-2)^2(d_2-4)} \text{ for } d_2 > 4$
Median	Searched numerically
Mode	$\max\left(\frac{d_2(d_1-2)}{d_1(d_1+2)}, 0\right)$
$\phi(t)$	Calculated numerically

Relation to other distributions:

$$\frac{d_1 X}{d_2 + d_1 X} \sim \mathcal{B}\left(\frac{d_1}{2}, \frac{d_2}{2}\right),$$
$$\frac{d_1}{d_2} X \sim \mathcal{B}'\left(\frac{d_1}{2}, \frac{d_2}{2}\right).$$

## 6 Gamma distribution



#### Estimation of parameters.

Frequentist inference. Log-likelihood function:

$$\ln \mathcal{L}(\alpha, \beta | X) = n\alpha \ln \beta - n \ln \Gamma(\alpha) + (\alpha - 1) \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ln X_i - \beta \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i.$$

Derivatives:

$$\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{L}(\alpha, \beta | X)}{\partial \alpha} = n \ln \beta - n \psi(\alpha) + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ln X_i,$$
$$\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{L}(\alpha, \beta | X)}{\partial \beta} = \frac{n \alpha}{\beta} - \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i.$$

While the solution for the second equation is analytic:

$$\hat{\beta} = \frac{\alpha}{\overline{X}_n},$$

the first equation is solved numerically, using second derivative:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}(\alpha, \beta | X)}{\partial \alpha^2} = -n\psi_1(\alpha),$$

or if  $\beta$  is unknown:

$$\frac{\partial^2 \ln \mathcal{L}(\alpha, \beta | X)}{\partial \alpha^2} = -n\psi_1(\alpha) + \frac{n}{\alpha},$$

Moreover, the maximum-likelihood estimation of rate  $\beta$  is biased. Unbiased estimator would be

 $\tilde{\beta} = \frac{\alpha}{\overline{X}_n} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \right).$ 

**Bayesian inference.** We suppose that prior distribution of rate  $\beta$  is  $\Gamma(\kappa, \gamma)$ :

$$h(\beta) = \frac{\gamma^{\kappa}}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \beta^{\kappa - 1} e^{-\gamma \beta}.$$

Then

$$f(\beta|X) \propto \beta^{\alpha n} e^{-\beta \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i} \cdot \beta^{\kappa-1} e^{-\gamma \beta} \sim \Gamma\left(\alpha n + \kappa, \gamma + \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i\right).$$

Therefore, Bayesian estimator is

$$\mathbb{E}[\beta|X] = \frac{\alpha n + \kappa}{\gamma + \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i},$$

and MAP estimator is

$$\beta_{MAP} = \frac{\alpha n + \kappa - 1}{\gamma + \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i}.$$

#### 6.1 Chi-squared distribution

Notation:

$$X \sim \chi_k^2$$
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Relation to Gamma distribution:

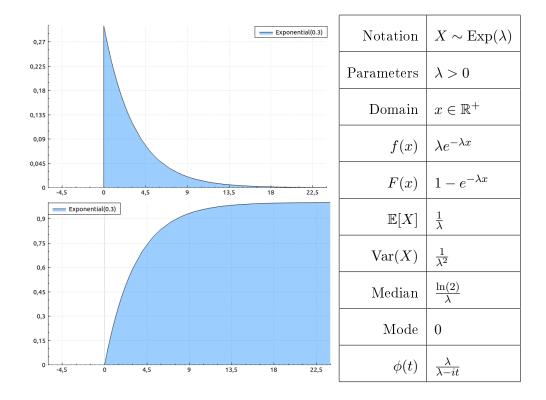
$$X \sim \Gamma\bigg(\frac{k}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\bigg).$$

#### 6.2 Erlang distribution

Notation:

$$X \sim \text{Erlang}(k, \beta)$$
.

The only difference between Gamma and Erlang distributions is that a second one takes an integer shape parameter k.



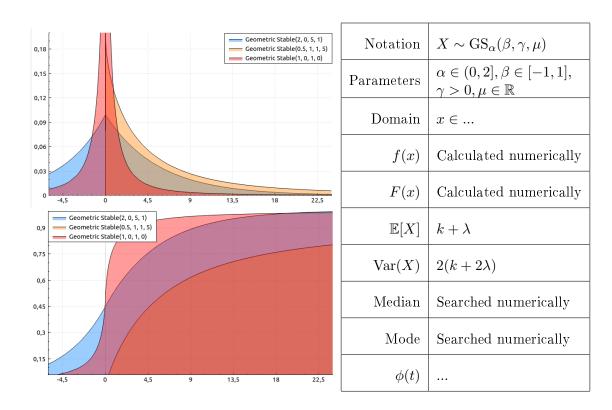
## 6.3 Exponential distribution

Relation to Gamma distribution:

$$X \sim \Gamma(1, \lambda)$$
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Hence, estimation of parameter  $\lambda$  is the particular case of estimation of rate  $\beta$  for Gamma distribution.

# 7 Geometric Stable distribution



## 7.1 Asymmetric Laplace distribution

## 7.2 Laplace distribution

8 Kolmogorov-Smirnov distribution

9 Logistic distribution

10 Log-normal distribution

# 11 Marchenko-Pastur distribution

Notation	$X \sim \mathcal{MP}(\lambda, \sigma^2)$
Parameters	$\lambda, \sigma^2 > 0$
Domain	$x \in [\sigma^2 a, \sigma^2 b]$ , if $\lambda < 1$ , $x \in [\sigma^2 a, \sigma^2 b] \cup \{0\}$ , otherwise, where $a = (1 - \sqrt{\lambda})^2$ and $b = (1 + \sqrt{\lambda})^2$
f(x)	
F(x)	
$\mathbb{E}[X]$	$\sigma^2$
Var(X)	$\sigma^4 \lambda$
Median	0 if $\lambda > 2$ , otherwise searched numerically
Mode	$\frac{\sigma^2(\lambda-1)^2}{\lambda+1}$ , if $\lambda < 1$ , 0, otherwise
$\phi(t)$	Calculated numerically

Calculation of characteristic function. For  $\lambda > 1$  we use numerical integration by definition

$$\phi(t) = \int_{\sigma^2 a}^{\sigma^2 b} \cos(tx) f(x) dx + i \int_{\sigma^2 a}^{\sigma^2 b} \sin(tx) f(x) dx.$$

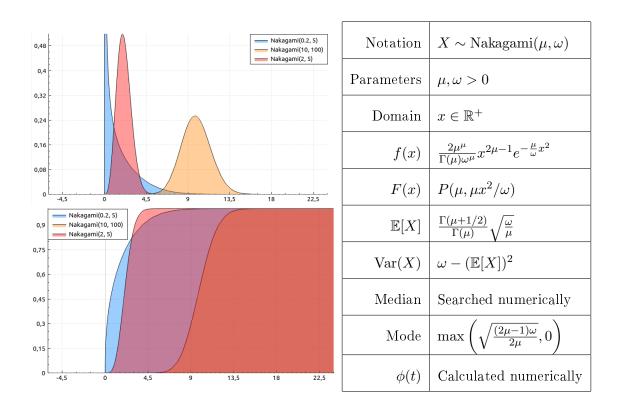
For  $\lambda = 1$  we split the integrand for real part by  $(\cos(tx) - 1)f(x)$  and f(x):

$$\Re(\phi(t)) = \int_{\sigma^2 a}^{\sigma^2 b} (\cos(tx) - 1) f(x) dx + 1.$$

And for  $\lambda < 1$  we calculate integral at point 0 separately:

$$\phi(t) = \int_{\{0\} \cup [\sigma^2 a, \sigma^2 b]} \cos(tx) f(x) dx + i \int_{\{0\} \cup [\sigma^2 a, \sigma^2 b]} \sin(tx) f(x) dx$$
$$= 1 - \frac{1}{\lambda} + \int_{\sigma^2 a}^{\sigma^2 b} \cos(tx) f(x) dx + i \int_{\sigma^2 a}^{\sigma^2 b} \sin(tx) f(x) dx.$$

# 12 Nakagami distribution



Calculation of characteristic function. For  $\mu < 1 \lim_{x\to 0} f(x) \to \infty$ . Then we use the following transformation for real part of characteristic function:

$$\Re(\phi(t)) = \int_0^\infty \cos(tx) f(x) dx$$
$$= \int_0^\infty (\cos(tx) - 1) f(x) + 1$$

Relation to other distributions: if  $Y \sim \Gamma(\mu, \mu/\omega)$ , then

$$X \sim \text{Nakagami}(\mu, \omega)$$
.

#### 12.1 Chi distribution

Notation:

$$X \sim \chi_k$$

Relation to Nakagami distribution:

$$X \sim \text{Nakagami}(k/2, k)$$
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Notation:

$$X \sim \mathrm{MB}(\sigma)$$

Relation to Nakagami distribution:

$$X \sim \text{Nakagami}\left(3/2, \sigma^2\right)$$
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## 12.3 Rayleigh distribution

Notation:

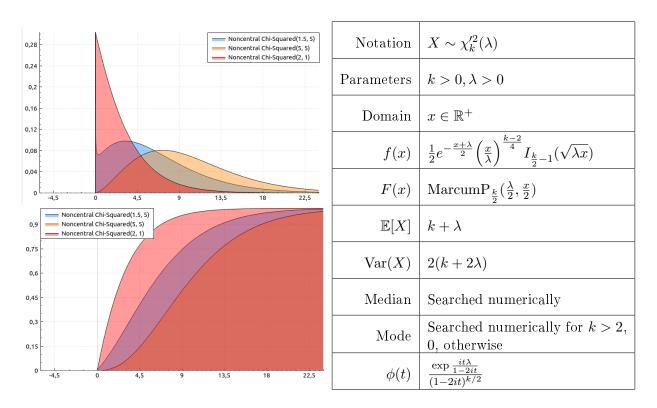
$$X \sim \text{Rayleigh}(\sigma)$$

Relation to Nakagami distribution:

$$X \sim \text{Nakagami}(1, 2\sigma^2).$$

Estimation of scale. ...

# 13 Noncentral Chi-Squared distribution



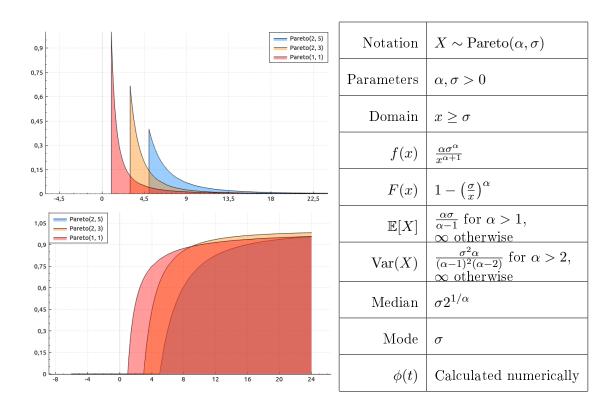
Relation to other distributions:

• Let  $X_1, \ldots, X_k$  be independent with  $X_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_i, 1), i = 1, \ldots, k$ . Then

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k} X_i^2 \sim \chi_k'^2 \Big( \sum_{i=1}^{k} \mu_i^2 \Big).$$

- If  $\lambda = 0$ , then  $X \sim \chi_k^2$ .
- If  $J \sim \text{Po}(\lambda)$ , then  $\chi^2_{k+2J} \sim \chi'^2_k(\lambda)$ .

#### 14 Pareto distribution



#### Estimation of parameters.

Frequentist inference. Log-likelihood function is

$$\ln \mathcal{L}(\alpha, \sigma | X) = n \ln \alpha + n\alpha \ln \sigma - (\alpha + 1) \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ln X_i.$$

We assume that  $\sigma \leq X_{(1)}$ , otherwise sample X couldn't have been generated from such distribution. It is obvious, that  $\ln \mathcal{L}(\alpha, \sigma | X)$  is an increasing function in terms of  $\sigma$ , therefore  $\hat{\sigma} = X_{(1)}$  is an optimal estimator. Let's take derivative with respect to  $\alpha$ :

$$\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{L}(\alpha, \sigma | X)}{\partial \alpha} = \frac{n}{\alpha} + n \ln \sigma - \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ln X_i.$$

From this we conclude that the maximum-likelihood estimator of shape is

$$\hat{\alpha} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{n} \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ln X_i \right) - \ln \hat{\sigma}}.$$

It is known that  $\hat{\sigma} \sim \operatorname{Pareto}(n\alpha, \sigma)$  and  $\hat{\alpha} \sim \operatorname{Inv-}\Gamma(n-1, n\alpha)$  and they are independent. Then

$$\mathbb{E}[\hat{\sigma}] = \frac{\sigma}{1 - \frac{1}{n\alpha}}$$

and

$$\mathbb{E}[\hat{\alpha}] = \frac{n\alpha}{n-2}.$$

Therefore, in order to get unbiased estimators we need to make the following transformations:

$$\tilde{\alpha} = \frac{n-2}{n}\hat{\alpha}$$
 and  $\tilde{\sigma} = \hat{\sigma}\left(1 - \frac{1}{(n-1)\hat{\alpha}}\right)$ .

Note that if we estimate parameters separately, then  $\hat{\alpha} \sim \text{Inv-}\Gamma(n, n\alpha)$  and transformations are different.

**Bayesian inference.** We now assume that  $\sigma$  is known and prior distribution of  $\alpha$  is  $\Gamma(\kappa, \beta)$ :

$$h(\alpha) = \frac{\beta^{\kappa}}{\Gamma(\kappa)} \alpha^{\kappa - 1} e^{-\beta \alpha}.$$

The density of posterior distribution is

$$f(\alpha|X) \propto \prod_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\sigma^{\alpha}}{X_{i}^{\alpha-1}} \cdot \alpha^{\kappa+n-1} e^{-\beta\alpha} \propto \alpha^{\kappa+n-1} e^{-(\beta+\sum_{i=1}^{n} \ln(X_{i}/\sigma))\alpha}.$$

Therefore,  $\alpha | X \sim \Gamma(\kappa + n, \beta + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ln(X_i/\sigma))$  and Bayesian estimator is

$$\mathbb{E}[\alpha|X] = \frac{\kappa + n}{\beta + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ln(X_i/\sigma)}.$$

MAP estimator is

$$\alpha_{MAP} = \frac{\kappa + n - 1}{\beta + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \ln(X_i/\sigma)}.$$

Note on fitting scale with Bayes: let it be vice versa,  $\alpha$  is known while  $\sigma$  is not. Then we say that a priori  $\sigma \sim \operatorname{Pareto}(\kappa, \theta)$ :

$$h(\sigma) = \frac{\kappa \theta^{\kappa}}{\sigma^{\kappa+1}}.$$

Then posterior distribution is:

$$f(\sigma|X) \propto \prod_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{X_i^{\alpha-1}} \cdot \sigma^{\alpha n - \kappa - 1} \mathbf{1}_{\{\theta < \sigma < X_{(1)}\}} \sim \text{Bounded-Pareto}(\kappa - \alpha n, \theta, X_{(1)}).$$

This imposes the following additional constraints on the prior hyperparameters:  $\kappa > \alpha n$  and  $\theta < X_{(1)}$ . Bayesian estimator:

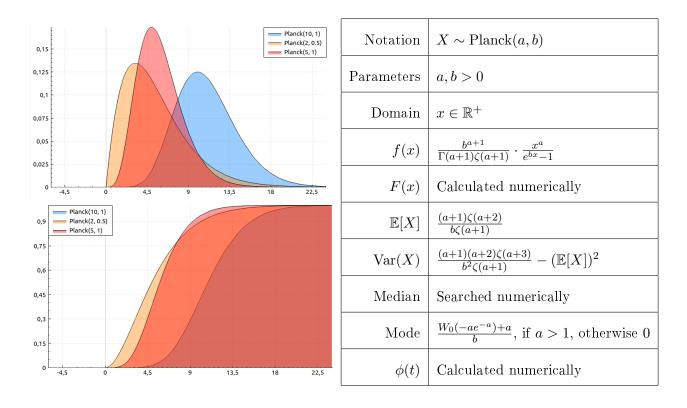
$$\mathbb{E}[\sigma|X] = \frac{\theta^{\alpha'}}{1 - \left(\frac{\theta}{X_{(1)}}\right)^{\alpha'}} \cdot \left(\frac{\alpha'}{\alpha' - 1}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{\theta^{\alpha'}} - \frac{1}{X_{(1)}^{\alpha'}}\right)$$

with  $\alpha' = \kappa - \alpha n$ . MAP estimator is just

$$\sigma_{MAP} = \theta.$$

However, Bounded-Pareto distribution is not yet supported in RandLib.

#### 15 Planck distribution



Calculation of cumulative distribution function. For  $a \ge 1$  F(x) can be calculated by straightforward numerical integration:

$$F(x) = \frac{b^{a+1}}{\Gamma(a+1)\zeta(a+1)} \int_0^x \frac{t^a}{e^{bt} - 1} dt.$$

Note that for  $\alpha < 1$  integrand has a singularity point at t = 0. In such case we define

$$h(t) = \frac{b^{a+2}t^{a+1}}{\Gamma(a+1)\zeta(a+1)} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{e^{bt} - 1} - \frac{1}{bt}\right)$$

and then

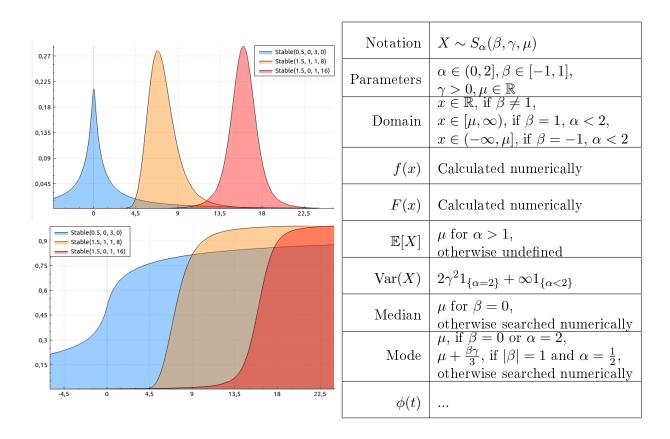
$$F(x) = \int_0^x h(t)dt + \frac{(bx)^a}{a\Gamma(a+1)\zeta(a+1)}.$$

Calculation of characteristic function. The idea of calculations for a < 1 is near the same. We split the real part of  $\phi(t)$  into 3 different integrals:

$$\Re(\phi(t)) = \int_0^1 \cos(tx)h(x)dx + \int_1^\infty \cos(tx)f(x)dx + \frac{b^a}{a\Gamma(a+1)\zeta(a+1)} \bigg(\cos(t) + t\int_0^1 \sin(tx)x^a dx\bigg).$$

All the indegrands now have no singularity points.

#### 16 Stable distribution



Calculation of p.d.f.

Calculation of c.d.f.

#### 16.1 Cauchy distribution

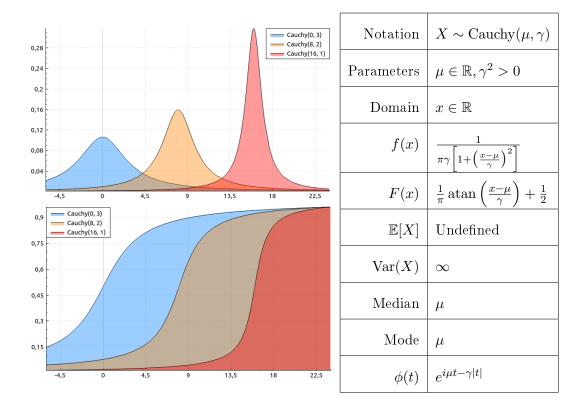
Relation to Stable distribution:

$$X \sim S_1(0, \gamma, \mu)$$

#### 16.2 Levy distribution

Relation to Stable distribution:

$$X \sim S_{\frac{1}{2}}(1,\gamma,\mu)$$



#### 16.3 Normal distribution

Relation to Stable distribution:

$$X \sim S_2(\cdot, \sigma^2/2, \mu)$$

#### Estimation of parameters

**Frequentist inference.** Maximum-likelihood estimators for Normal distribution are very well-known:

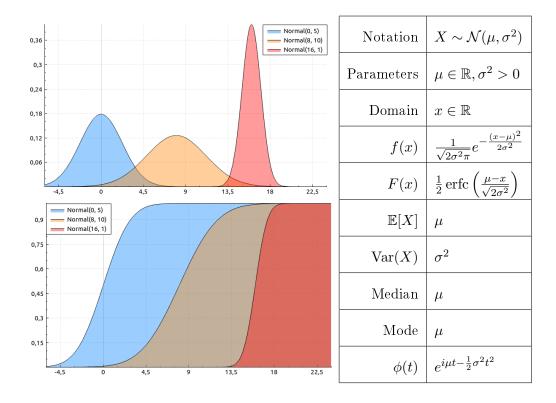
$$\hat{\mu} = \overline{X}_n$$
 and  $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \mu)^2$ .

However, for unknown  $\mu$  the value of  $\hat{\sigma^2} \sim \frac{\sigma^2}{n} \chi_{n-1}^2$ . Therefore, unbiased estimator in this case would be

$$\widetilde{\sigma^2} = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^n (X_i - \overline{X}_n)^2.$$

Moreover, if one is interested in estimating scale  $\sigma$  with known  $\mu$ , then maximum likelihood estimator is

$$\hat{\sigma} = \sqrt{\hat{\sigma^2}} \sim \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \chi_n$$



and

$$\mathbb{E}[\hat{\sigma}] = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{n}} \sqrt{2} \frac{\Gamma((n+1)/2)}{\Gamma(n/2)}.$$

Then unbiased estimator is

$$\widetilde{\sigma} = \hat{\sigma} \sqrt{\frac{n}{2}} \frac{\Gamma(n/2)}{\Gamma((n+1)/2)}$$

Bayesian inference. ...

#### 16.4 Holtsmark distribution

Relation to Stable distribution:

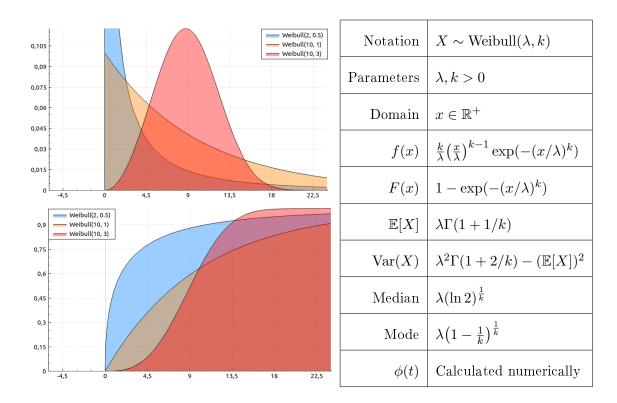
$$X \sim S_{\frac{3}{2}}(0,\gamma,\mu)$$

#### 16.5 Landau distribution

Relation to Stable distribution:

$$X \sim S_1(1, \gamma, \mu)$$

#### 17 Weibull



#### Estimation of scale

Frequentist inference. Log-likelihood function:

$$\ln \mathcal{L}(\lambda, k|X) = n(\ln k - \ln \lambda) + (k-1)\sum_{i=1}^{n} (\ln X_i - \ln \lambda) - \frac{1}{\lambda^k}\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i^k.$$

The derivative with respect to scale:

$$\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{L}(\lambda, k|X)}{\partial \lambda} = -\frac{nk}{\lambda} + \frac{k}{\lambda^{k+1}} \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i^k = 0.$$

Therefore, maximum-likelihood estimation for  $\lambda$  is

$$\hat{\lambda} = \left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i^k\right)^{\frac{1}{k}}.$$

**Bayesian inference.** Assume k is known. Instead of estimating  $\lambda$  we give an estimation for  $\lambda^k$ . Let's say that prior distribution of  $\lambda^k$  is Inv- $\Gamma(\alpha, \beta)$ :

$$h(\lambda^k) = \frac{\beta^\alpha}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \lambda^{-k(\alpha+1)} e^{-\beta/\lambda^k}.$$

Posterior distribution then:

$$f(\lambda^k|X) \propto \lambda^{-k(\alpha+1+n)} e^{-\frac{1}{\lambda^k}(\beta+\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^k)} \sim \text{Inv-}\Gamma\left(\alpha+n,\beta+\sum_{i=1}^n X_i^k\right).$$

Bayesian estimator:

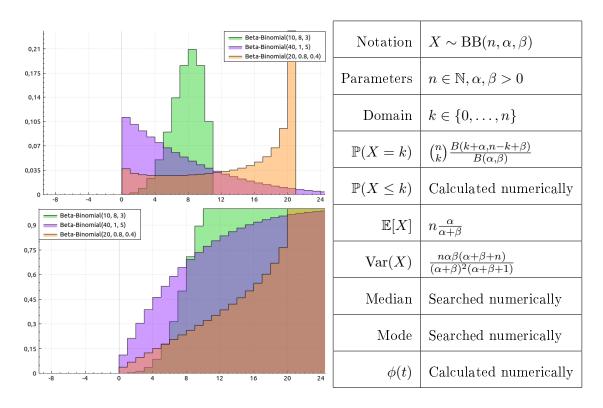
$$\mathbb{E}[\lambda^k|X] = \frac{\beta + \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^k}{\alpha + n - 1},$$

MAP estimator:

$$\lambda_{MAP}^k = \frac{\beta + \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^k}{\alpha + n + 1}.$$

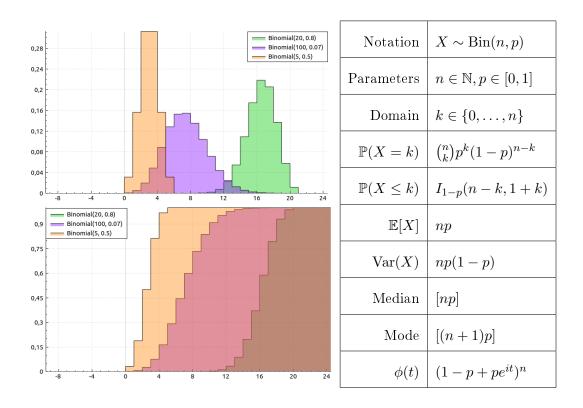
# Part III Discrete univariate distributions

# 18 Beta-binomial distribution



Relation to other distributions: if  $p \sim \mathcal{B}(\alpha, \beta)$ , then  $Bin(n, p) \sim BB(n, \alpha, \beta)$ .

#### 19 Binomial distribution



#### Estimation of probability p with known number n.

Frequentist inference. Log-likelihood function:

$$\ln \mathcal{L}(p|X) \propto \sum_{i=1}^{k} \left( X_i \log p + (n - X_i) \log(1 - p) \right)$$

The derivative with respect to p is:

$$\frac{\partial \ln \mathcal{L}(p|X)}{\partial p} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{k} X_i}{p} - \frac{nk - \sum_{i=1}^{k} X_i}{1 - p}.$$

Therefore we reach the maximum value of log-likelihood if

$$p = \frac{\overline{X}_k}{n}.$$

**Bayesian inference.** We set prior Beta distribution  $\mathcal{B}(\alpha, \beta)$ :

$$h(p) = \frac{p^{\alpha - 1}(1 - p)^{\beta - 1}}{B(\alpha, \beta)}.$$

Then posterior is

$$f(p|X) \propto p^{\alpha - 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{k} X_i} (1-p)^{\beta - 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{k} (n - X_i)} \sim \mathcal{B}\left(\alpha + \sum_{i=1}^{k} X_i, \beta + nk - \sum_{i=1}^{k} X_i\right).$$

Thus Bayesian estimator is

$$\mathbb{E}[p|X] = \frac{\alpha + \sum_{i=1}^{k} X_i}{\alpha + \beta + nk}$$

and MAP estimator is

$$p_{MAP} = \frac{\alpha + \sum_{i=1}^{k} X_i - 1}{\alpha + \beta + nk - 2}.$$

Also, Minimax estimator is equal to Bayes estimator if  $\alpha = \beta = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{n}$ .

#### 19.1 Bernoulli

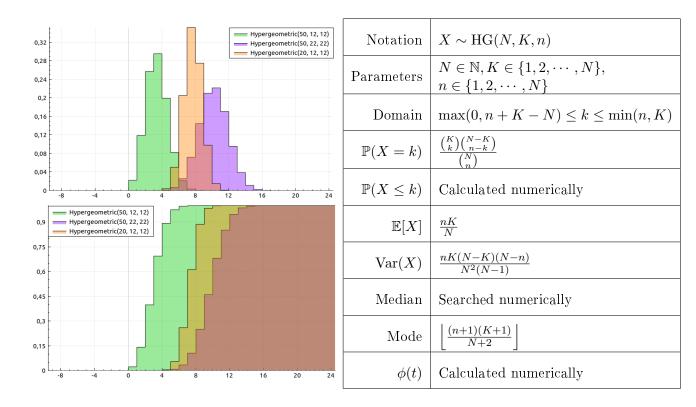
Notation:

$$X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$$
.

Relation to Binomial distribution:

$$X \sim \text{Bin}(1, p)$$
.

# 20 Hypergeometric distribution



#### Estimation of number of target members of population K.

**Bayesian inference.** Let prior distribution of K be Beta-Binomial distribution  $BB(N, \alpha, \beta)$ :

$$h(K) = \binom{N}{K} \frac{B(K + \alpha, N - K + \beta)}{B(\alpha, \beta)}.$$

Then for one sample X:

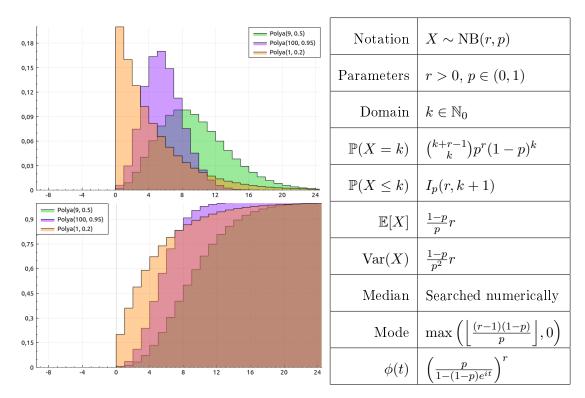
$$K - X \sim BB(N - n, \alpha + X, \beta + nk - X)$$

and therefore

$$\mathbb{E}[K|X] = X + (N - n)\frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta}.$$

However, RandLib doesn't support Bayesian fitting for Hypergeometric distribution yet.

# 21 Negative-Binomial (Polya) distribution



Relation to other distributions: if  $\lambda \sim \text{Gamma}\left(r, \frac{p}{1-p}\right)$ , then  $\text{Po}(\lambda) \sim \text{NB}(r, p)$ .

#### 21.1 Geometric distribution

Notation:

$$X \sim \text{Geometric}(p)$$
.

Relation to Negative-Binomial distribution:

$$X \sim NB(1, p)$$
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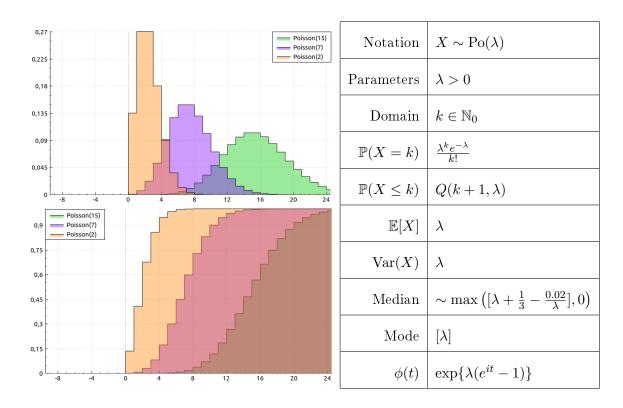
#### 21.2 Pascal distribution

Notation:

$$X \sim \operatorname{Pascal}(r, p)$$
.

The only difference with Negative-Binomial distribution is that for Pascal distribution shape r is an integer.

## 22 Poisson distribution



#### Estimation of rate.

Frequentist inference. Log-likelihood function:

$$\ln \mathcal{L}(\lambda|X) \propto -\lambda n + \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i \log \lambda.$$

Setting the derivative w.r.t. rate to 0 we get the optimal value:

$$\lambda = \overline{X}_n$$
.

**Bayesian inference.** Let set prior distribution of  $\lambda \sim \Gamma(\alpha, \beta)$ :

$$h(\lambda) = \frac{\beta^{\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \lambda^{\alpha - 1} e^{-\beta \lambda}.$$

Posterior distribution:

$$f(\lambda|X) \propto e^{-\lambda(\beta+n)} \lambda^{\alpha-1+\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i} \sim \Gamma(\alpha + \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i, \beta + n).$$

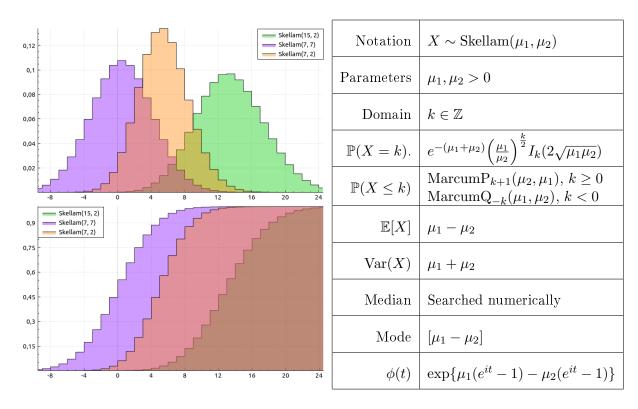
Therefore, Bayesian estimator:

$$\mathbb{E}[\lambda|X] = \frac{\alpha + \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i}{\beta + n}.$$

And MAP estimator:

$$\lambda_{MAP} = \max\left(\frac{\alpha + \sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i - 1}{\beta + n}, 0\right).$$

# 23 Skellam distribution



Relation to other distributions: if  $Y \sim \text{Po}(\mu_1)$  and  $Z \sim \text{Po}(\mu_2)$ , then  $Y - Z \sim \text{Skellam}(\mu_1, \mu_2)$ .

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