

(5) Transformations

Suppose X and Y are independent gamma distributed random variables with $X \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha_1, \beta)$ and $Y \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha_2, \beta)$. Consider the following two random variables

$$U = X + Y \quad \text{and} \quad V = \frac{X}{X + Y}.$$

(a) Show that $U \sim \text{Gamma}(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2, \beta)$.

(b) Show that U and V are also independent random variables.

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha_1) \beta^{\alpha_1}} x^{\alpha_1-1} e^{-\frac{x}{\beta}} \mathbb{1}_{\mathbb{R}^+}(x) \quad \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta > 0$$

$$f_Y(y) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha_2) \beta^{\alpha_2}} y^{\alpha_2-1} e^{-\frac{y}{\beta}} \mathbb{1}_{\mathbb{R}^+}(y)$$

a) As X and Y are independent, we have $f_{X,Y}(x,y) = f_X(x) f_Y(y)$

$$g: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \times (0,1): (x,y) \mapsto (x+y, \frac{x}{x+y})$$

$$\forall x,y,u,v \in \mathbb{R}^+: (u,v) = (x+y, \frac{x}{x+y}) \Leftrightarrow u = x+y \wedge v = \frac{x}{x+y} \Leftrightarrow u = x+y \wedge v = \frac{x}{u} \Leftrightarrow y = u-x \wedge x = vu \Leftrightarrow x = vu \wedge y = u(1-v)$$

Hence, $h: \mathbb{R}^+ \times (0,1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2: (u,v) \mapsto (vu, u(1-v))$ is the inverse of g

$$dh(u,v) = \begin{pmatrix} v & u \\ 1-v & -u \end{pmatrix}, \text{ and } \det(dh(u,v)) = -uv - u(1-v) = -u$$

$$f_{u,v}(u,v) = f_{X,Y}(h(u,v)) |\det(dh(u,v))| = f_X(vu) f_Y(u(1-v)) u$$

$$C(\alpha) := \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha) \beta^\alpha}$$

$$f_u(u) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(u,v) dv = C(\alpha_1) C(\alpha_2) u^{(\alpha_1+\alpha_2)-1} \int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{1}_{\mathbb{R}^+}(vu) \mathbb{1}_{\mathbb{R}^+}(u(1-v)) v^{\alpha_1-1} (1-v)^{\alpha_2-1} e^{-\frac{uv}{\beta}} e^{-\frac{u(1-v)}{\beta}} dv$$

$$e^{-\frac{uv}{\beta}} e^{-\frac{u(1-v)}{\beta}} = e^{-\frac{uv}{\beta}} e^{\left(\frac{uv}{\beta} - \frac{u}{\beta}\right)} = e^{-\frac{u}{\beta}}, \text{ and } uv > 0 \wedge u(1-v) > 0 \Leftrightarrow u > 0 \wedge 0 < v < 1$$

$$\int_0^1 v^{\alpha_1-1} (1-v)^{\alpha_2-1} dv = B(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha_1) \Gamma(\alpha_2)}{\Gamma(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)}, \text{ hence} \quad \alpha := \alpha_1 + \alpha_2$$

$$\text{Finally, we obtain } f_u(u) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2) \beta^{(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)}} u^{(\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)-1} e^{-\frac{u}{\beta}} \mathbb{1}_{\mathbb{R}^+}(u)$$

$$b) f_V(v) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} f(u,v) du = C(\alpha_1) C(\alpha_2) v^{\alpha_1-1} (1-v)^{\alpha_2-1} \mathbb{1}_{(0,1)}(v) \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} u^{\alpha-1} e^{-\frac{u}{\beta}} du$$

$$\frac{u}{\beta} = w \Leftrightarrow \frac{dw}{du} = \frac{1}{\beta} \Leftrightarrow du = \beta dw$$

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}^+} u^{\alpha-1} e^{-\frac{u}{\beta}} du = \int_{\mathbb{R}^+} (\beta w)^{\alpha-1} e^{-w} \beta dw = \beta^\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)$$

$$\text{Thus, } f_V(v) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha_1) \Gamma(\alpha_2)} v^{\alpha_1-1} (1-v)^{\alpha_2-1} \Gamma(\alpha) \mathbb{1}_{(0,1)}(v)$$

$$f_u(u) f_V(v) = \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha_1) \Gamma(\alpha_2)} v^{\alpha_1-1} (1-v)^{\alpha_2-1} u^{\alpha_1-1} u^{\alpha_2-1} u \mathbb{1}_{(0,1)}(v) \mathbb{1}_{\mathbb{R}^+}(u) = f_{u,v}(u,v)$$

Hence, U and V are independent!