

Problem Set 2

1. The following questions relate to the log-log plot.

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- (a) Give a function $f(x)$ which does not appear as linear on a log-log plot. [10]
- (b) Give a function $f(x)$ which appears as linear on a log-linear plot (the x -axis uses a logarithmic scale and the y -axis uses a linear scale). [10]
- (c) Consider the function $f(x)$ shown on the log-log plot from Figure 1. Give the expression of $f(x)$. [20]

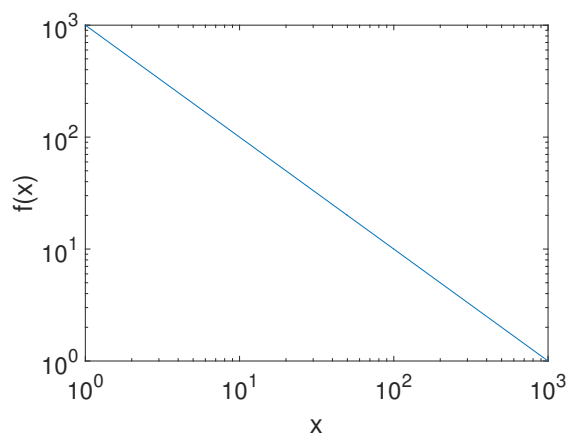


Figure 1: The log-log plot of $f(x)$

2. At time 0, ten of your friends start moving towards your place for an ad-hoc party. The time it takes each friend i to arrive is denoted by X_i and it is assumed to be exponentially distributed with mean $\frac{1}{\lambda}$; all X_i 's are independent. The party can only start when half of your friends arrive. What is the average starting time of the party?

[60]