

## Deriving Beta from independent Gammas

Let  $X \sim Ga(a, \theta) \perp\!\!\!\perp Y \sim Ga(b, \theta)$ .

Define  $U = \frac{X}{X+Y}$  and  $V = X + Y$ . Note:  $U \in (0, 1), V \in (0, \infty)$

Want to show:  $U \sim Beta(a, b)$

Joint pdf of  $X$  and  $Y$ :

$$\begin{aligned} f_{X,Y}(x, y) &= \frac{\theta^a}{\Gamma(a)} x^{a-1} e^{-\theta x} \times \frac{\theta^b}{\Gamma(b)} y^{b-1} e^{-\theta y} \\ &= \frac{\theta^{a+b}}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} x^{a-1} y^{b-1} e^{-\theta(x+y)} \end{aligned}$$

From change of variables, we found that  $X = UV$  and  $Y = V - UV$ . Jacobian of transformation is  $J = v$ . Then joint pdf of  $U$  and  $V$  is:

$$\begin{aligned} g_{U,V}(u, v) &= f_{X,Y}(uv, v - uv) \times J \\ &= \frac{\theta^{a+b}}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} (uv)^{a-1} (v - uv)^{b-1} e^{-\theta(uv + (v-uv))} \times v \\ &= \frac{\theta^{a+b}}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} u^{a-1} v^{(a+b)-1} (1 - u)^{b-1} e^{-\theta v} \end{aligned}$$

To find pdf of  $U$ , we need to marginalize out  $V$  by integrating over its support:

$$\begin{aligned} g_U(u) &= \int_0^\infty g_{U,V}(u, v) dv \\ &= \int_0^\infty \frac{\theta^{a+b}}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} u^{a-1} v^{(a+b)-1} (1 - u)^{b-1} e^{-\theta v} dv \\ &= \frac{\theta^{a+b}}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} u^{a-1} (1 - u)^{b-1} \int_0^\infty v^{(a+b)-1} e^{-\theta v} dv \\ &= \frac{\theta^{a+b}}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} u^{a-1} (1 - u)^{b-1} \int_0^\infty \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a+b)} v^{(a+b)-1} e^{-\theta v} dv \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} u^{a-1} (1 - u)^{b-1} \int_0^\infty \frac{\theta^{a+b}}{\Gamma(a+b)} v^{(a+b)-1} e^{-\theta v} dv \\ &= \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)} u^{a-1} (1 - u)^{b-1} \times 1 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $U \in (0, 1)$  and we recognize  $g_U(u)$  as pdf of  $Beta(a, b)$ , we have that  $U \sim Beta(a, b)$ !