

# 1 Change of variables

1.  $0 < e^{-X} < 1$  so the support of the PDF is  $0 < x < 1$ . Then  $P(e^{-X} \leq x) = P(X \geq -\log(x)) = 1 - P(X \leq -\log(x)) \implies f(x) = -\frac{d}{dx}(1 - P(X \leq -\log(x))) = -f_X(-\log(x))(-1/x) = f_X(-\log(X))/x = e^{-(\log(x))}/x = 1$ . We could also have done this by universality of the uniform since  $e^{-X} = 1 - F_X(X)$  and  $F_X(X) \sim Unif(0, 1)$  and  $1 - Unif(0, 1) \sim Unif(0, 1)$ .
2. The support of the PDF is  $0 < x < \infty$ .  $P(X^7 \leq x) = P(X \leq \sqrt[7]{x}) = F(\sqrt[7]{x})$  so the PDF is  $f_X(\sqrt[7]{x})x^{-6/7}/7 = \lambda e^{-\lambda \sqrt[7]{x}}x^{-6/7}/7$ .
3. The support of the PDF is  $-\infty < z < \infty$ .  $P(Z^3 \leq z) = P(Z \leq \sqrt[3]{z}) = \Phi(\sqrt[3]{z})$  so the PDF is  $\varphi(\sqrt[3]{z})z^{-2/3}/3 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}e^{-z^{2/3}/2}z^{-2/3}/3$ .
4. The support of the PDF is  $0 \leq z < \infty$ .  $P(Z^4 \leq z) = P(-\sqrt[4]{z} \leq Z \leq \sqrt[4]{z}) = \Phi(\sqrt[4]{z}) - \Phi(-\sqrt[4]{z}) = 1 - 2\Phi(-\sqrt[4]{z}) = 2\Phi(\sqrt[4]{z}) - 1$  so the PDF is  $2\varphi(\sqrt[4]{z})z^{-3/4}/4 = \sqrt{2/\pi}e^{-z^{1/2}/2}z^{-3/4}/4$ .
5. The support of the PDF is  $0 \leq z < \infty$ .  $P(|Z| \leq z) = P(-z \leq Z \leq z) = 2\Phi(z) - 1$  so the PDF is  $2\varphi(z) = \sqrt{2/\pi}e^{-z^2/2}$ .
6. The supports are both  $(0, 1)$ . (Note that we could apply the change of variables formula directly since both functions are increasing on the support.) The PDF of the first is  $P(U^2 \leq u) = P(U \leq \sqrt{u})$  so the PDF is  $u^{-1/2}/2$ .  
The PDF of the second is  $P(\sqrt{U} \leq u) = P(U \leq u^2)$  so the PDF is  $2u$ .
7. The support of the PDF is  $(0, 1)$ . (Again, we could apply the change of variables formula directly.)  $P(\sin(U) \leq u) = P(U \leq \sin^{-1}(u))$  so the PDF is  $2/\pi x/\sqrt{1-x^2}$ .
8. (a)  $P(X^2 = x) = P(X = \sqrt{x}) = 1/n$  if  $x = i^2$  for  $0 \leq i \leq n$ . Thus  $X^2 \sim Duni f(0, 1, 4, \dots, n^2)$ .  
(b)  $P(X^2 = x) = P(X = \pm\sqrt{x}) = 2/n$  if  $x = i^2$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $1/n$  if  $x = 0$  and 0 otherwise.
9.  $Y = (b-a)X + a$  satisfies the requirements.  $P(Y = b) = P((b-a)X + a = b) = P((b-a)X = b-a) = P(X = 1) = p$  and  $P(Y = a) = P((b-a)X + a = a) = P((b-a)X = 0) = P(X = 0) = (1-p)$ .
10.  $P(Y = 1) = \sum_{k \geq 0} e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{2k+1}/(2k+1)!$  and  $P(Y = 0) = \sum_{k \geq 0} e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{2k}/(2k)!$ .  $P(Y = 1) + P(Y = 0) = 1$  since it is the total probability of the Poisson PMF while  $P(Y = 0) - P(Y = 1) = \sum_{k \geq 0} e^{-\lambda} (-\lambda)^k/k! = e^{-2\lambda}$ . Thus  $P(Y = 1) = (1 - e^{-2\lambda})/2$ .
11. If  $v = 0$  and  $T < 0$ , then  $1/T < 0$  so  $V \leq 0$  if and only if  $T \leq 0$  so  $P(V \leq 0) = P(T \leq 0)$ .  
If  $v > 0$  and  $T > 0$ , then  $1/T < v \iff T > 1/v$  so  $P(V \leq v) = P(T > 1/v) = P(T \leq 0) + P(T > 1/v)$ .  
Finally, if  $v < 0$  and  $T < 0$ , then  $1/T < v \iff 1 > Tv \iff 1/v < T$  so  $P(V \leq v) = P(T > 1/v) = P(T \leq 0) - P(T \leq 1/v)$ .

12. (a)  $f_V(v) = f_T(1/v)/v^2 = 1/\pi 1/(1+v^2) = f_T(v)$  so they have the same distribution.  
 (b)  $X/Y$  is equivalent in distribution to  $Y/X$  since  $X$  and  $Y$  are iid.
13.  $P(T \leq t) = P(\log(X/Y) \leq t) = P(X \leq (e^t)Y) = \int_0^\infty \int_0^{e^t y} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} \lambda e^{-\lambda y} dx dy = 1 - 1/(e^t + 1)$ . The PDF is  $e^t/(1 + e^t)^2$ .
14. (a) By 2d change of variables,  $f_{T,W}(t, w) = f_{X,Y}((dt - bw)/(ad - bc), (-ct + aw)/(ad - bc)) * 1/|ad - bc|$ .  
 (b) Plugging in  $a = b = c = 1, d = -1$  to the above yields the desired result.
15. (a) Knowing  $\theta$  gives no information about  $R$  since  $X, Y$  are spherically symmetric and thus depend only on the radial distance and not on the angle.  
 (b) By 2d change of variables,  $f_{R,\theta}(r, \theta) = f_{X,Y}(r \cos \theta, r \sin \theta) r = r/\pi$ . (Note that when we integrate, we are doing a normal cartesian integral rather than a polar integral, even though  $f$  is considered in polar coordinates.)  
 (c)  $f_{R,\theta}(r, \theta) = 1/2\pi e^{-r^2 \cos^2 \theta/2} e^{-r^2 \sin^2 \theta/2} r = 1/2\pi e^{-r^2/2} r$ .
16. Using the result of exercise 14(b),  $f_{T,W}(t, w) = 1/2 f_{X,Y}((t+w)/2, (t-w)/2) = 1/4\pi e^{-(t+w)^2/2 - (t-w)^2/2} = 1/4\pi e^{-1/2((t^2+2tw+w^2)+t^2-2tw+w^2)/2} = 1/4\pi e^{-t^2-w^2}$ . Thus  $T, W$  are independent  $N(0, 2)$  random variables since the joint PDF factors as the product of the corresponding marginals.
17.  $f_{R^2,\theta}(r, \theta) = f_{X,Y}(\sqrt{r} \cos \theta, \sqrt{r} \sin \theta)/2 = 1/4\pi e^{-r \cos^2 \theta/2 - r \sin^2 \theta/2} = 1/4\pi e^{-r/2} = (1/2\pi) 1/2 e^{-1/2r}$  so  $R^2 \sim Expo(1/2)$  and  $\theta \sim Uni f(0, 2\pi)$ .
18. (a) Let  $W = X$ . By the 2d change of variables,  $f_{T,W}(t, w) = f_{X,Y}(w, w/t) w/t^2 = (w f_X(w))(f_Y(w/t)/t^2)$ .  
 (b)  $f_T(t) = \int_0^\infty f_{T,W}(t, w) dw = (w f_X(w))(f_Y(w/t)/t^2) dw$ .
19. (a) The inverse transform is  $X = TW/(W+1), Y = T/(W+1)$  and the determinant of the Jacobian is  $T/(W+1)^2$ , so the change of variables formula gives  $f_{T,W}(t, w) = f_{X,Y}(tw/(w+1), t/(w+1)) t/(w+1)^2 = \lambda e^{-\lambda tw/(w+1)} \lambda e^{-\lambda t/(w+1)} t/(w+1)^2 = t\lambda^2 e^{-\lambda t(1+w)^{-2}}$ . This factors so  $T$  and  $W$  are independent.  
 (b) Manipulating the joint PDF yields:  $(\lambda t)^2 / t e^{-\lambda t(1+w)^{-2}}$  so the marginal distribution of  $T$  is  $Gamma(2, \lambda)$  while the marginal distribution of  $W$  is  $f_W(w) = 1/(1+w)^2$ .

## 2 Convolutions

20.  $P(U + X \leq t) = \int_0^1 \int_0^{t-u} e^{-x} dx du = \int_0^1 1 - e^{u-t} du = 1 - e^{1-t} + e^{-t}$ .
21. When  $l > 0, P(L \leq l) = P(X \leq Y+l) = \int_0^\infty \int_0^{y+l} e^{-x} e^{-y} dx dy = \int_0^\infty (1 - e^{-l} e^{-y}) e^{-y} dy = 1 - e^{-l}/2$ . When  $l < 0, P(L \leq l) = P(X \leq Y+l) = \int_{-l}^\infty \int_0^{y+l} e^{-x} e^{-y} dx dy = \int_{-l}^\infty (1 - e^{-y-l}) e^{-y} dy = e^l - 1/2 e^l = 1/2 e^l$ . Taking derivatives, we obtain  $f(t) = e^{-l}/2 = e^{-|l|}/2$  when  $l > 0$  and  $f(t) = e^l/2 = e^{-|l|}/2$  when  $l < 0$ .

22.  $P(T \leq t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{t-x} \varphi(x)\varphi(y)dydx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varphi(x)\Phi(t-x)dx$  so by differentiating under the integral sign, the PDF is  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \varphi(x)\varphi(t-x)dx$ ....whose calculation would yield a  $N(\mu_1 + \mu_2, 2\sigma^2)$  PDF.
23. (a)  $P(XY \leq t) = P(X \leq t/Y) = \int_0^{\infty} P(X \leq ty|Y = y)f(y)dy = \int_0^{\infty} F_X(ty)f(y)dy$ . Taking a derivative yields  $f_T(t) = \int_0^{\infty} yf_X(ty)f(y)dy$ .
- (b)  $\log(T) = \log(X) + \log(Y)$  so  $P(T \leq t) = P(\log(T) \leq \log(t)) = P(\log(X) + \log(Y) \leq \log(t))$ . Let  $A = \log(X), B = \log(Y)$  so we continue with  $= P(A + B \leq \log(t)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\log(t)-a} f_A(a)f_B(b)dbda = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_A(a)F_B(\log(t) - a)da$ . Taking a  $t$  derivative yields  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_a(a)f_B(\log(t) - a)/tda$ .  
 $P(A \leq a) = P(X \leq e^a) = F_X(e^a)$  so the PDF of  $A$  is  $e^a f_X(e^a)$  and analogously for  $Y$ . Thus we obtain  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^a f_X(e^a)e^{\log(t)-a} f_Y(e^{\log(t)-a})/tda = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(e^a)f_Y(e^{\log(t)-a})da$ .  
 Converting back to an integral with respect to  $x = e^a \implies dx = e^a da \implies da = dx/x$  yields  $\int_0^{\infty} f_X(x)f_Y(t/x)/xdx$ . (The other integral can be reobtained by setting  $y = t/x$ .)
24.  $P(T = t) = \sum_k P(X + Y = t|X = k)P(X = k) = 1/(n+1) \sum_k 1/(n+1)$  so the only question is how many terms the sum contains. For  $0 \leq t \leq n$ , there are  $t+1$  possible ways. For  $n+1 \leq t \leq 2n$ , there are  $2n+1-t$  ways. Thus  $P(T = t) = (t+1)/(n+1)^2$  if  $0 \leq t \leq n$  and  $(2n+1-t)/(n+1)^2$  if  $n+1 \leq t \leq 2n$ .
25. (a)  $E(X - Y) = E(X) - E(Y) = 0$  and  $Var(X - Y) = Var(X) + Var(-Y) = 1/6$ .
- (b)  $-W$  has the same distribution as  $W$  since  $X - Y \sim Y - X$  are both a difference of iid  $Unif(0, 1)$  random variables.
- (c)  $P(W \leq w) = P(X - Y \leq w) = P(X \leq Y + w)$ . For  $w > 0$ , this is equal to  $\int_0^1 \int_0^{\min(1, y+w)} dx dy = \int_0^1 \min(1, y+w) dy = 1 - (1-w)^2/2$ . For  $w < 0$ , this is equal to  $\int_{-w}^1 \int_0^{y+w} dx dy = \int_{-w}^1 y + w dy = 1/2 - w^2/2 + w + w^2 = 1/2(w^2 + 2w + 1) = 1/2(w+1)^2$ . The PDF is then  $1 - w = 1 - |w|$  if  $w > 0$  and  $1 + w = 1 - |w|$  if  $w < 0$  so the overall pdf is  $1 - |w|$ .
- (d)  $E(W) = \int_{-1}^1 w(1 - |w|)dw = \int_{-1}^0 w(1 + w)dw + \int_0^1 w(1 - w)dw = -1/6 + 1/6 = 0$ .  
 $Var(W) = \int_{-1}^1 w^2(1 - |w|)dw = \int_{-1}^0 w^2(1 + w)dw + \int_0^1 w^2(1 - w)dw = 1/12 + 1/12 = 1/6$ . The distribution is symmetric since the PDF is even.
- (e)  $W$  is a shifted version of the triangle distribution. Let  $Z = 1 - Y$ . Then  $Z \sim Unif(0, 1)$  is independent of  $X$ , so  $1 + W = X + (1 - Y) = X + Z = T$ .
26. The area under the line  $x + y = t$  and in the unit square is the probability that  $X + Y \leq t$ . For  $t \leq 1$ , this is an isosceles right triangle with side lengths  $t$  so the area is  $t^2/2$ . For  $t \geq 1$ , this is the complement of an isosceles right triangle with side lengths  $2 - t$  so the area is  $1 - (2 - t)^2/2$ .
27. For  $0 \leq w \leq 1$ , then  $P(X + Y + Z \leq w) = P(T + Z \leq w) = \int_0^w \int_0^{w-x} t dt dx = \int_0^w (w-x)^2/2 dx = w^3/6$ . For  $1 \leq w \leq 2$ , then  $P(T + Z \leq w) = \int_0^w \int_0^{\min(1, w-t)} f_T(t) dx dt = \int_0^w f_T(t) \min(1, w-t) dt = \int_0^1 t \min(1, w-t) dt + \int_1^w (2-t) \min(1, w-t) dt = \int_0^{w-1} t(w-t) dt$

$t)dt + \int_{w-1}^1 tdt + \int_1^w (2-t)(w-t)dt = (w-1)^2(w+2)/6 + 1/2(1-(w-1)^2) + 2w(w-1) - (w+2)(w^2-1)/2 + (w^3-1)/3 = 1/2(w^2-2w+2)$ . Finally, for  $2 \leq w \leq 3$ , then  $P(T+Z \leq w)1 - P(T+Z > w) = \int_{w-1}^2 \int_{t-w}^1 (2-t)dxdt = \int_{w-1}^2 (1-t+w)(2-t)dt = 2(2-w+1) - 3/2(4-(w-1)^2) + 1/3(8-(w-1)^3) + 2w(2-w+1) - w/2(4-(w-1)^2) = 1/6(w-3)^2(w+3)$ . (Probably made quite a few computational errors here, but the idea is straightforward enough...)

### 3 Beta and Gamma

28. (a)  $P(1-B \leq x) = P(B \geq 1-x) = 1 - F(1-x)$ . Thus the pdf is  $f(1-x)$  where  $f(x) = 1/\beta(a,b)x^{a-1}(1-x)^{b-1}$  is the  $Beta(a,b)$  PDF. Thus the pdf is  $f(1-x) = 1/\beta(a,b)(1-x)^{a-1}x^{b-1}$  which is the  $Beta(b,a)$  PDF.
- (b) Thinking of  $a$  and  $b$  as the number of successes and failures in a long sequence of Bernoulli trials and then of  $Beta(a,b)$  as the distribution of the probability of success for each Bernoulli trial, then  $1 - Beta(a,b)$  should represent the distribution of the probability of failure for the same Bernoulli trials, so we should switch  $a$  and  $b$ .
29. (a)  $f_T(t) = \int_0^\infty f_X(t-y)f_Y(y)dy = \int_0^\infty (1/\Gamma(a)(\lambda(t-y))^a e^{-\lambda(t-y)}/(t-y))(1/\Gamma(b)(\lambda y)^b e^{-\lambda y}/y)dy = (\lambda t)^{a+b} e^{-\lambda t} / (t\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)) \int_0^\infty ((1-z))^{a-1} (z)^{b-1} dz$ . The inner integral is now the  $Beta(a,b)$  integral, so its value is  $\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)/(\Gamma(a+b))$  hence the result is  $(\lambda t)^{a+b} e^{-\lambda t} / (t\Gamma(a+b))$  which is the  $Gamma(a+b, \lambda)$  integral.
- (b) The MGFs of  $X$  and  $Y$  are  $(\lambda/(\lambda-t))^a$  and  $(\lambda/(\lambda-t))^b$  so the product is  $(\lambda/(\lambda-t))^{a+b}$  which is the  $Gamma(a+b, \lambda)$  MGF.
- (c) One way to realize  $Gamma(a, \lambda)$  is as the sum of  $a$  iid  $Expo(\lambda)$  rvs. Thus,  $X+Y$  can be realized as the sum of  $a+b$  iid  $Expo(\lambda)$  rvs so it has the  $\Gamma(a+b, \lambda)$  distribution. (Thus this is the time until  $a+b$  occurrences.)
30.  $E(B^k) = \int_0^1 x^k 1/\beta(a,b)x^{a-1}(1-x)^{b-1}dx = \int_0^1 1/\beta(a,b)x^{a+k-1}(1-x)^{b-1}dx = \beta(a+k,b)/\beta(a,b) = \Gamma(a+b)/\Gamma(a)\Gamma(a+k)/\Gamma(a+k+b) = (a+k-1) \cdots (a)/(a+k+b-1) \cdots (a+b)$ .

In particular, for  $k=2$ , this is  $(a+1)(a)/(a+b+1)(a+b)$ , so the variance is  $(a+1)(a)/(a+b+1)(a+b) - a^2/(a+b)^2 = ab/(a+b+1)(a+b)^2$ .

31. The inverse transform (as in 19) is  $X = TW/(W+1), Y = T/(W+1)$ . Thus by 2d change of variables,  $f_{T,W}(t,w) = f_{X,Y}(tw/(w+1), t/(w+1))t/(w+1)^2 = 1/\Gamma(a)(\lambda tw/(w+1))^a e^{-\lambda tw/(w+1)}/(tw/(w+1))1/\Gamma(b)(\lambda t/(w+1))^b e^{-\lambda t/(w+1)}/(t/(w+1)) * t/(w+1)^2 = 1/\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)(\lambda t)^{a+b} e^{-\lambda t}/t * w^{a-1}/(w+1)^{a+b}$ . Since the pdf factors, they are independent (similarly to problem 19 in the case  $a=b=1$ ).

Alternatively,  $X/Y = (X/(X+Y))/(1-X/(X+Y)) = W/(1-W)$  in the bank-post office story where  $W$  is the ratio of time spent waiting for  $X$  to the total amount of time spent waiting. Since  $W$  is independent of  $X+Y$ , then  $W/(1-W)$  is also independent of  $X+Y$ .

32. Simplifying, we find  $mV/(n+mV) = 1/(1+Y/X) = X/(X+Y)$ . Since  $X, Y$  are both positive, then  $1+Y/X > 1$  so  $mV/(n+mV)$  has support  $(0, 1)$ , and we could try to find the answer by integrating against the PDF of  $Y/X$  which we found in the previous problem. since  $P(mV/(n+mV) \leq v) = P(Y/X \geq 1/v - 1) = 1 - F_{Y/X}(1/v - 1)$  so the derivative with respect to  $v$  yields  $f_{Y/X}(1/v - 1)/v^2$ .

However, an easier approach is to recognize  $X/(X+Y)$  as the ratio from the bank-post office story. In that story,  $W \sim \text{Beta}(m/2, n/2)$ .

33. This is the computation we already did with Gamma-Poisson conjugacy, so since we observed 2 customers in two hours, the updated posterior PDF is  $\text{Gamma}(3, 5)$ .

34. (a) Let  $X \sim \text{Unif}(0, 1)$  and  $Y \sim \text{Unif}(0, 2)$ . Then  $E(X/(X+Y)) = \int_0^2 \int_0^1 x/2(x+y) dx dy$ . Using some manipulation and integration by parts, the result is  $1/2 - 3 \log(3)/4 + \log(2) \approx .369188$  while  $E(X)/(E(X) + E(Y)) = .5/(.5 + 1) = 1/3$ . (Should have probably used a discrete example...)
- (b)  $\text{Cov}(X/(X+Y), X+Y) = \text{Cov}(X/(X+Y), X) + \text{Cov}(X/(X+Y), Y) = \text{Cov}(X/(X+Y), X) + \text{Cov}(1 - Y/(X+Y), Y) = \text{Cov}(X/(X+Y), X) - \text{Cov}(Y/(X+Y), Y) = 0$  since  $X, Y$  are iid. Thus  $E(X) - E(X/(X+Y))E(X+Y) = 0 \implies E(X)/E(X+Y) = E(X/(X+Y))$  if  $X$  and  $Y$  are iid.
- (c) By the bank-post office story,  $X/(X+Y)$  and  $X+Y$  are independent, so  $E(X^c) = E((X/(X+Y))^c (X+Y)^c) = E((X/(X+Y))^c) E((X+Y)^c) \implies E(X^c/(X+Y)^c) = E(X^c)/E((X+Y)^c)$ .

35.  $X \sim \text{Gamma}(1, \lambda)$ . Since  $\gamma > 0$ , then  $1/\gamma > -1$  so the previous result yields  $E(T) = 1/\lambda^{1/\gamma} \Gamma(1+1/\gamma)/\Gamma(1)$ . For the variance,  $E(T^2) = 1/\lambda^{2/\gamma} \Gamma(1+2/\gamma)/\Gamma(1)$ , so  $\text{Var}(T) = 1/\lambda^{2/\gamma} \Gamma(1+2/\gamma)/\Gamma(1) - (1/\lambda^{1/\gamma} \Gamma(1+1/\gamma)/\Gamma(1))^2 = 1/\lambda^{2/\gamma} \Gamma(1+2/\gamma) - 1/\lambda^{2/\gamma} \Gamma(1+1/\gamma)^2$

36. (a) If  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$ , then by the bank-post office story,  $T = T_1 + T_2$  and  $W = T_1/(T_1 + T_2)$  are independent. Then  $T$  and  $W/(1-W) = T_1/T_2$  are independent.
- (b)  $T_1 < T_2$  if and only if  $T_1/T_2 = W/(1-W) < 1$ . If  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$ , then by the bank-post office story,  $W \sim \text{Beta}(1, 1) = \text{Unif}(0, 1)$  since  $\text{Expo}(\lambda) = \text{Gamma}(1, \lambda)$ , so  $P(T_1 < T_2) = 1/2$ . Otherwise,  $P(T_1/T_2 \leq t) = P(T_1 \leq tT_2) = \int_0^\infty \int_0^{tx} \lambda_1 e^{-\lambda_1 y} \lambda_2 e^{-\lambda_2 x} dy dx = \int_0^\infty (1 - e^{-\lambda_1 tx}) \lambda_2 e^{-\lambda_2 x} dx = \lambda_1 t / (\lambda_1 t + \lambda_2)$  so  $P(T_1 < T_2) = \lambda_1 / (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$ .
- (c) Alice first waits for  $\min(\text{Expo}(\lambda_1), \text{Expo}(\lambda_2))$  time. Now let  $X$  be the time that it takes Alice to be served. Then using LOTP,  $X = \lambda_1/(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)T_1 + \lambda_2/(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)T_2$  so the expected total amount of time that Alice spends is  $E(\min(\text{Expo}(\lambda_1), \text{Expo}(\lambda_2)) + \lambda_1/(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)T_1 + \lambda_2/(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)T_2)$ . Since  $\min(\text{Expo}(\lambda_1), \text{Expo}(\lambda_2)) \sim \text{Expo}(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$ , the total expected waiting time is  $3/(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$ .

37. Suppose we are waiting for arrivals in a period of length  $t$  with arrival rate  $\lambda$ . Then the waiting time until  $j$  arrivals is a sum of  $j$  iid  $\text{Expo}(1, \lambda)$  random variables which is distributed as  $\text{Gamma}(j, \lambda)$ . Then the event that there are more than or equal to  $j$  arrivals in the length  $t$  time period is equal to the event that the time before  $j$  arrivals is less than or equal to  $t$ , so  $P(X \geq j) = P(Y \leq t)$ .

38. Let  $T$  be Fred's time at the park and  $N$  be the total number of visitors during that time. Then  $T \sim Expo(\lambda_2)$  and  $N|T = t \sim Pois(\lambda t)$ . To find the unconditional distribution of  $N$ , we need to integrate out  $t$ .  $P(N = n) = \int_0^\infty P(N = n|T = t)f_T(t)dt = \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda t}(\lambda t)^n/n!\lambda_2 e^{-\lambda_2 t}dt = \lambda_2 \lambda^n/n! \int_0^\infty e^{-(\lambda+\lambda_2)t}t^n dt = \lambda_2 \lambda^n/(\lambda + \lambda_2)^{n+1}/n! \int_0^\infty e^{-(\lambda+\lambda_2)t}((\lambda + \lambda_2)t)^{n+1}/t dt = \Gamma(n+1)\lambda_2 \lambda^n/n!(\lambda + \lambda_2)^{n+1} = \lambda_2 \lambda^n/(\lambda + \lambda_2)^{n+1}$ . Thus  $N \sim Geom(\lambda_2/(\lambda + \lambda_2))$ .
39. (a) From a previous problem,  $E(B^k) = (a+k-1) \cdots a/(a+b+k-1) \cdots (a+b)$ . Then  $E(p^2(1-2p+p^2)) = E(p^2) - 2E(p^3) + E(p^4) = (a+1)a/(a+b+1)(a+b) - 2(a+2)(a+1)a/(a+b+2)(a+b+1)(a+b) + (a+3)(a+2)(a+1)a/(a+b+3)(a+b+2)(a+b+1)(a+b) = a(a+1)b(b+1)/(a+b)(a+b+1)(a+b+2)(a+b+3)$ .
- (b) The posterior distribution does not depend on the order of outcomes since we are assuming that  $p$  does not change over time. Thus we are in the situation of the beta-binomial conjugacy so the updated distribution depends only on the fact that A won 6 out of 10 games.
- (c) The posterior distribution for  $p$  is  $Beta(7, 5)$  by the story of beta-binomial conjugacy.
- (d) Given  $p$ , the outcomes of the games are independent, so the first and second game are uncorrelated conditional on  $p$ .  
If we condition only on the historical data, then  $A$  winning the first game is positively correlated with  $A$  winning the second game.  $P(A_1 A_2) = \int_0^1 P(A_1 A_2|p)f(p)dp = \int_0^1 1/\beta(7, 5)p^8(1-p)^4 dp = \beta(9, 5)/\beta(7, 5)$ . Analogously,  $P(A_1) = \beta(8, 5)/\beta(7, 5)$  so the covariance between winning games 1 and 2 is  $\beta(9, 5)/\beta(7, 5) - \beta(8, 5)^2/\beta(7, 5)^2 = 8 * 7/13 * 12 - (7/12)^2 = 7/12(8/13 - 7/12) = 7/12 * (5/(12 * 13)) > 0$ .
- (e) Let  $T$  be the event of a tie after the first four games, which requires that  $A$  wins 2 of the first four. This  $P(T) = \int_0^1 P(T|p)f(p)dp = \int_0^1 \binom{4}{2}p^2(1-p)^2/\beta(7, 5)p^6(1-p)^4 dp = 6/\beta(7, 5) \int_0^1 p^8(1-p)^6 dp = 6\beta(9, 7)/\beta(7, 5) = 4/13$ .
40. If all trials succeed, then  $p \sim Beta(n+1, 1)$ .  $P(p \geq r) = \int_r^1 1/\beta(n+1, 1)p^n dp = \int_r^1 (n+1)p^n dp = 1 - r^{n+1}$ .

## 4 Order statistics

41. An equivalent way to view the Binomial distribution is that we are tossing  $n$  balls uniformly randomly into  $(0, 1)$  and want to find the probability that at least  $j$  of them are below  $p$ . Equivalently, we want to find the probability that the  $j^{th}$  order statistic is at most  $p$ . Since the distribution of the  $j^{th}$  order statistic is exactly  $Beta(j, n-j+1)$ , the desired equality follows.
42. These three events are disjoint (since they each correspond to a different random variable being the minimum) and exactly one must occur since there must be a minimum between three numbers, so the probability is equal to 1.

43. The LHS integral is exactly  $P(B \leq x)$  for  $B \sim \text{Beta}(j, n - j + 1)$  and the RHS is exactly  $P(X \geq j)$  for  $X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p)$ .
44. By universality of the uniform, we can view each  $X_i$  as  $F^{-1}(U_i)$  with inverse transformation  $U_i = F(X_i)$ . In particular,  $F^{-1}(U_{(j)}) = X_{(j)}$  since  $F$  is strictly increasing so we can use the change of variables formula  $f_{X_{(j)}}(x) = f_{\text{Beta}(j, n-j+1)}(F(x))f(x)$ . Note that the RHS uses the known CDF and PDF of the  $X_i$ 's rather than the unknown CDF/PDF of the order statistic.
45. (a)  $P(M \leq m) = P(X \leq m)^2$ . Then  $P(X \leq m) = \int_0^m \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx = 1 - e^{-\lambda m}$  so  $P(M \leq m) = (1 - e^{-\lambda m})^2$ . On the other hand,  $P(X + Y/2 \leq m) = \int_0^m \int_0^{m-x} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} (2\lambda) e^{-2\lambda y} dy dx = \int_0^m \lambda e^{-\lambda x} (1 - e^{-2\lambda(m-x)}) dx = (1 - e^{-\lambda m}) - (e^{-\lambda m} - e^{-\lambda 2m}) = (1 - e^{-\lambda m})^2$ .
- (b) We view the max as first waiting for one to happen, which is distributed as  $\min(X, Y) \sim \text{Expo}(2\lambda)$ . Then by the memoryless property, waiting for the other to happen takes another  $\text{Expo}(\lambda)$  amount of time. Thus since  $Y/2 \sim \text{Expo}(2\lambda)$ , these two random variables have the same distribution.
46. (a) The continuous formula does not account for the possibility that  $X = Y$  which can have nonzero probability in the discrete setting.  $P(M = m) = P(X \leq m)P(Y = m) + P(X = m)P(Y \leq m) - P(X = m)P(Y = m) = 2F(m)P(X = m) - P(X = m)^2$ .
- (b) There are three possibilities:  $P(M = 1, L = 1) = 1/4, P(M = 1, L = 0) = 1/2, P(M = 0, L = 0) = 1/4$ . The marginal PMFs are  $P(M = 1) = 3/4$  and  $P(L = 1) = 1/4$ .
47. For  $a \leq b$ ,  $P(M_n \leq a, M_{n+1} \leq b) = P(M_{n+1} \leq b | M_n \leq a)P(M_n \leq a) = P(X_{n+1} \leq b)P(M_n \leq a) = F(b)F(a)^n$ . For  $a \geq b$ , then  $P(M_n \leq a, M_{n+1} \leq b) = P(M_n \leq a | M_{n+1} \leq b)P(M_{n+1} \leq b) = F(b)^{n+1}$ .
48. If  $a \geq b$  then  $P(X_{(i)} \leq a, X_{(j)} \leq b) = P(X_{(i)} \leq a | X_{(j)} \leq b)P(X_{(j)} \leq b) = P(X_{(j)} \leq b)$ . Otherwise, we repeat the argument used in the chapter:  $f_{i,j}(a, b) da db = n f(a) da (n-1) f(b) db \binom{n-2}{i-1, j-i-1, n-j} F(a)^{i-1} (F(b) - F(a))^{j-i-1} (1 - F(b))^{n-j}$  and then dropping the differentials yields the desired PDF:  $f_{i,j}(a, b) = n f(a) (n-1) f(b) \binom{n-2}{i-1, j-i-1, n-j} F(a)^{i-1} (F(b) - F(a))^{j-i-1} (1 - F(b))^{n-j}$
49. (a)  $L = \min(X, Y)$  where  $X, Y$  are the respective birth times. Note that  $E(L + M) = E(X + Y) = 0$  where  $M = \max(X, Y)$ . Furthermore,  $E(M - L) = E(|X - Y|) = \sqrt{2} E(|N(0, 1)|)$  by properties of normal distributions. Then  $E(|Z|) = \int_{-\infty}^0 -z e^{-z^2/2} / \sqrt{2\pi} dz + \int_0^{\infty} z e^{-z^2/2} / \sqrt{2\pi} dz = \sqrt{2/\pi}$  so  $E(M - L) = \sqrt{2^8/\pi}$ . Then solving the system of equations yields  $E(L) = -1/2 \sqrt{2^8/\pi} = -8/\sqrt{\pi}$ .
- (b)  $\text{Var}(T) = E(T^2) - 64/\pi$ .  $E(T^2) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \min(x, y)^2 \varphi(x) \varphi(y) dx dy$ . To solve this, we can first subdivide into two integrals, one where  $\min(x, y) = x$  and one where  $\min(x, y) = y$ . Then it's a straightforward integration problem...apparently the answer is 64.

50. (a) There are  $n + 1$  positions where  $Y_{new}$  can go relative to the order statistics of the  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  and it is equally likely to land in any one of them. Thus the probability that  $Y_{new} \in [Y_{(j)}, Y_{(k)}]$  is  $(k - j)/n + 1$ .
- (b) We can take any  $j < k$  which are at least 95 apart.
51. The median is the  $m = (n + 1)/2$  order statistic. The median of the sample median is  $x_{(m)}$  such that  $P(X_{(m)} \leq x_{(m)}) = P(X_{(m)} \geq x_{(m)}) = .5$ . The median of the  $X_i$ 's is  $x_m$  such that  $P(X_i \leq x_m) = P(X_i \geq x_m) = .5$ . Then  $P(X_{(m)} \leq x_m)$  is equal to the probability that at least half the  $X_i$  are at most  $x_m$ , which has probability  $\sum_{k=m}^n \binom{n}{k} (1/2)^k (1/2)^{n-k} = 1/2^n \sum_{k=m}^n \binom{n}{k} = 2^{n-1}/2^n = 1/2$ . (This is because for  $n$  odd,  $\sum_{k=m}^n \binom{n}{k} = \sum_{k=m}^n \binom{n}{n-k} = \sum_{k=0}^{m-1} \binom{n}{k}$ .)

## 5 Mixed practice

52. (a)  $P(X_j \leq x) = P(-\log(U_j) \leq x) = P(\log(U_j) \geq -x) = P(U_j \geq e^{-x}) = 1 - P(U_j \leq e^{-x}) = 1 - e^{-x}$ . This is the CDF of the  $Expo(1)$  distribution.
- (b)  $U = U_1 \cdots U_n$  and  $L = -\log(U_1) - \cdots - \log(U_n)$ . For  $x \in (0, 1)$ ,  $P(U \leq x) = P(\log(U) \leq \log(x)) = P(-\log(U) \geq -\log(x)) = P(X_1 + \cdots + X_n \geq -\log(x))$ . Since each  $X_i \sim Expo(1)$ , then  $X_1 + \cdots + X_n \sim Gamma(n, 1)$  so  $U$  has CDF  $P(Gamma(n, 1) \geq -\log(x)) = 1 - F_\Gamma(-\log(x))$  and PDF  $f_\Gamma(-\log(x))/x$ .
53. (a) Let  $I_j$  be the probability that starting at position  $j$  is CATCAT. Then  $E(I_j) = (p_C p_{APT})^2$  so  $E(\sum_j I_j) = 110(p_C p_{APT})^2$ .
- (b) We can ignore  $T$  and  $G$  so  $p_1/(p_1 + p_2)$ .
- (c) By the beta-binomial conjugacy story, the posterior probability of  $C$  is  $p_2 \sim Beta(2, 3)$ . The expected value is  $2/5$ .
54. (a)  $X$  is negative binomial so can be considered as a sum of  $r$  iid geometric random variables. Then  $M(t) = E(e^{tX}) = \prod_i E(e^{tX_i}) = (\frac{p}{1-(1-p)e^t})^r$ . Thus  $M(tp/(1-p)) = (\frac{p}{1-(1-p)e^{tp/(1-p)}})^r$ . Computing  $\lim_{p \rightarrow 0} M(tp/(1-p)) = (\lim_{p \rightarrow 0} \frac{p}{1-(1-p)e^{tp/(1-p)}})^r = (\lim_{p \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{e^{tp/(1-p)}(1-t/(1-p))})^r = 1/(1-t)^r$ . This is the MGF of the sum of  $r$  iid  $Expo(1)$  random variables or equivalently the MGF of the  $Gamma(r, 1)$  distribution.
- (b) We can view the  $Gamma(r, 1)$  distribution as the continuous limit of the Negative binomial distribution when the success probability goes to 0 (in a controlled way accounted for by the scaling  $p/1-p$ ).