

**4.43.** We are given that a circle's radius  $R \sim \mathcal{U}(0, 1)$ . Therefore, the pdf of  $R$  is

$$f_R(r) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \leq r \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

The area of the circle is  $A = \pi R^2$ . The mean of  $A$  is  $E(A) = E(\pi R^2) = \pi E(R^2)$ . The second moment of  $R$  is

$$E(R^2) = \int_0^1 r^2 f_R(r) dr = \int_0^1 r^2 dr = \left. \left( \frac{r^3}{3} \right) \right|_0^1 = \frac{1}{3}.$$

Therefore,

$$E(A) = \pi E(R^2) = \frac{\pi}{3}.$$

The variance of  $A$  is  $V(A) = V(\pi R^2) = \pi^2 V(R^2)$ . How do we calculate  $V(R^2)$ ? Use the variance computing formula for the "random variable"  $R^2$ ; i.e.,

$$V(R^2) = E(R^4) - [E(R^2)]^2 = E(R^4) - \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)^2.$$

The fourth moment of  $R$  is

$$E(R^4) = \int_0^1 r^4 f_R(r) dr = \int_0^1 r^4 dr = \left. \left( \frac{r^5}{5} \right) \right|_0^1 = \frac{1}{5}.$$

Therefore,

$$V(A) = \pi^2 V(R^2) = \pi^2 \left[ \frac{1}{5} - \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)^2 \right] = \frac{4\pi^2}{45}.$$

**Note:** You could also get  $E(R^2)$  and  $E(R^4)$  using the mgf of  $R \sim \mathcal{U}(0, 1)$ ; i.e.,

$$m_R(t) = \frac{e^t - 1}{t}, \quad t \neq 0;$$

i.e., calculate 2nd and 4th derivatives and evaluate at  $t = 0$ . You should get the same answers for  $E(R^2)$  and  $E(R^4)$ .

**4.44.** (a) The change in depth  $Y \sim \mathcal{U}(-2, 2)$ ; i.e.,  $\theta_1 = -2$  and  $\theta_2 = 2$ . Therefore, the pdf of  $Y$  is

$$f_Y(y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4}, & -2 < y \leq 2 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

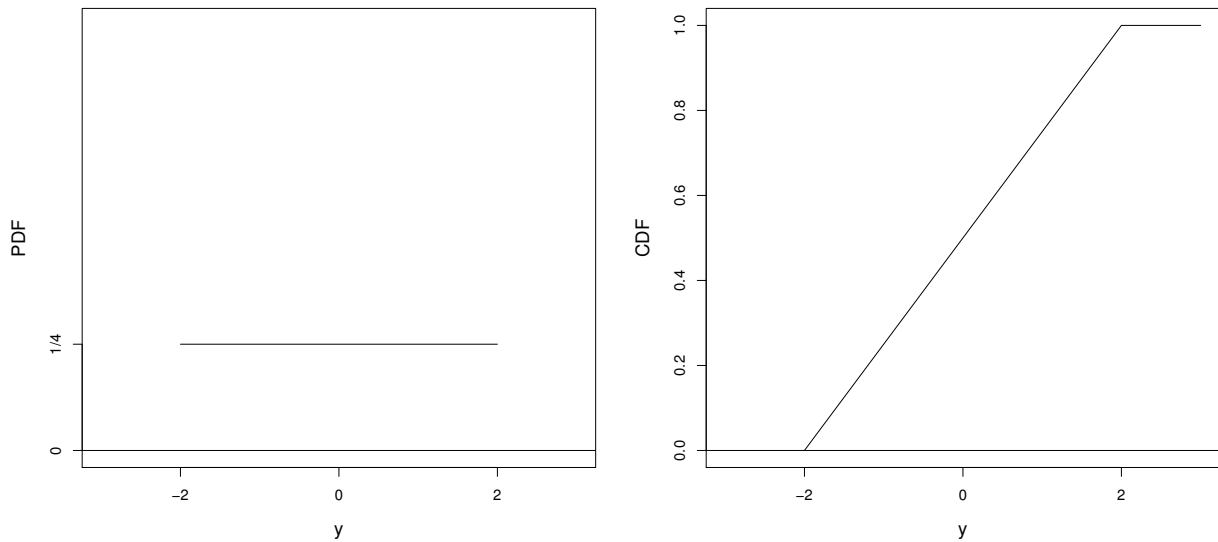
(b) The general expression for the cdf of  $Y$  is

$$F_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^y f_Y(t) dt,$$

which we must calculate for all  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Case 1:** When  $y \leq -2$ ,

$$F_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^y f_Y(t) dt = \int_{-\infty}^y 0 dt = 0.$$



**Case 2:** When  $-2 < y < 2$ ,

$$F_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^y f_Y(t) dt = \int_{-\infty}^{-2} 0 dt + \int_{-2}^y \frac{1}{4} dt = 0 + \left. \frac{t}{4} \right|_{-2}^y = \frac{y - (-2)}{4} = \frac{y + 2}{4}.$$

**Case 3:** When  $y \geq 2$ ,

$$F_Y(y) = \int_{-\infty}^y f_Y(t) dt = \int_{-\infty}^{-2} 0 dt + \underbrace{\int_{-2}^2 \frac{t}{4} dt}_{= 1} + \int_2^y 0 dt = 1.$$

Summarizing, the cdf of  $Y$  is

$$F_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 0, & y \leq -2 \\ \frac{y + 2}{4}, & -2 < y < 2 \\ 1, & y \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

The pdf and cdf of  $Y$  are shown side by side in the figure above. Here is the R code I used:

```
y = seq(-2,2,0.01)
pdf = (1/4)+y-y
# Plot PDF
plot(y,pdf,xlab="y",ylab="PDF",type="l",xaxt="n",yaxt="n",xlim=c(-3,3),ylim=c(0,1),
      cex.lab=1.25)
abline(h=0)
axis(1,at=c(-2,0,2),labels = c("-2","0","2"))
axis(2,at=c(0,1/4),labels = c("0","1/4"))
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# Plot CDF
cdf = (y+2)/4
plot(y,cdf,xlab="y",ylab="CDF",type="l",xaxt="n",xlim=c(-3,3),ylim=c(0,1),
     cex.lab=1.25)
abline(h=0)
lines(c(2,3),c(1,1),lty=1)
axis(1,at=c(-2,0,2),labels = c("-2","0","2"))
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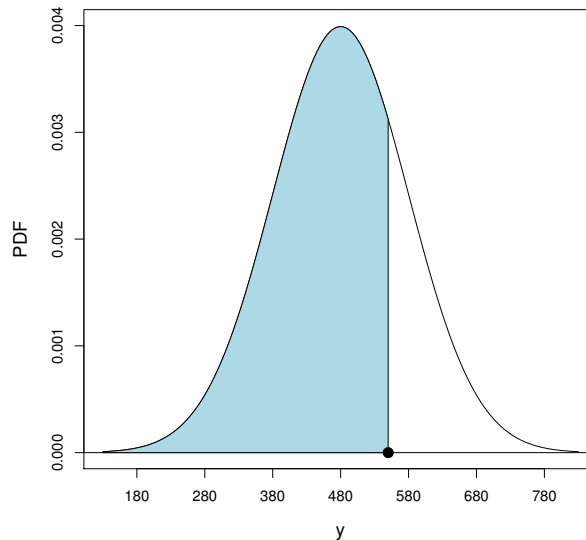
4.77. Let  $Y$  denote the SAT mathematics exam score. We assume  $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu = 480, \sigma^2 = 100^2)$ . In part (a), we want to calculate

$$P(Y < 550) = \int_{-\infty}^{550} \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}(100)} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{y-480}{100}\right)^2}}_{\mathcal{N}(480,100^2) \text{ pdf}} dy = F_Y(550)$$

where  $F_Y(\cdot)$  denotes the  $\mathcal{N}(\mu = 480, \sigma^2 = 100^2)$  cdf. In R, this is calculated as

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> pnorm(550,480,100)
[1] 0.7580363
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Therefore, about 76 percent of the students will score 550 or below. Here is the pdf of  $Y$  with  $P(Y < 550)$  shaded:



Here is the R code I used to make the figure above:

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y = seq(130,830,0.1)
pdf = dnorm(y,480,100)
plot(y,pdf,type="l",xlab="y",ylab="PDF",xaxp=c(180,780,6),cex.lab=1.25)
abline(h=0)
# Add shading corresponding to P(Y<550)
x = seq(130,550,0.1)
y = dnorm(x,480,100)
polygon(c(130,x,550),c(0,y,0),col="lightblue")
points(x=550,y=0,pch=19,cex=1.5)
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(b) In part (a), we determined that 550 is the 0.7580363 quantile of the  $\mathcal{N}(\mu = 480, \sigma^2 = 100^2)$  distribution; i.e.,  $P(Y < 550) = 0.7580363$ . In part (b), we want to find this same quantile from the distribution of  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu = 18, \sigma^2 = 6^2)$ ; i.e., the distribution of  $X = \text{ACT math score}$ . From R,

```
> qnorm(0.7580363, 18, 6)
[1] 22.2
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**4.79.** In this problem, we want to show the  $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$  pdf  $f_Y(y)$  has points of inflection at  $y = \mu \pm \sigma$ . We can do this by finding the second derivative of  $f_Y(y)$ . The first derivative of  $f_Y(y)$  is

$$\begin{aligned} f'_Y(y) &= \frac{d}{dy} f_Y(y) = \frac{d}{dy} \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{y-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \frac{d}{dy} \left[ e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{y-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{y-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2} \times 2 \left( -\frac{1}{2} \right) \left( \frac{y-\mu}{\sigma} \right)^1 \left( \frac{1}{\sigma} \right) = -\frac{(y-\mu)}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma^3} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{y-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

To find the second derivative, use the product rule:

$$\begin{aligned} f''_Y(y) &= \frac{d^2}{dy^2} f_Y(y) = \frac{d}{dy} \left[ -\frac{(y-\mu)}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma^3} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{y-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2} \right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma^3} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{y-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2} + \left[ -\frac{(y-\mu)}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma^3} \right] e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{y-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2} \times 2 \left( -\frac{1}{2} \right) \left( \frac{y-\mu}{\sigma} \right)^1 \left( \frac{1}{\sigma} \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma^3} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{y-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2} + \frac{(y-\mu)^2}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma^5} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{y-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma^3} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{y-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2} \left[ \left( \frac{y-\mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 - 1 \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Now, set  $f''_Y(y)$  equal to zero and solve for  $y$ ; we get

$$\begin{aligned} \underbrace{\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma^3} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{y-\mu}{\sigma}\right)^2}}_{\text{this can never be 0}} \left[ \left( \frac{y-\mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 - 1 \right] \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0 &\implies \left( \frac{y-\mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 - 1 = 0 \\ &\implies \left( \frac{y-\mu}{\sigma} \right)^2 = 1 \implies \frac{y-\mu}{\sigma} = \pm 1. \end{aligned}$$

Note that if  $(y-\mu)/\sigma = +1$ , then

$$y - \mu = \sigma \implies y = \mu + \sigma.$$

If  $(y-\mu)/\sigma = -1$ , then

$$y - \mu = -\sigma \implies y = \mu - \sigma.$$

This argument shows the points of inflection on the  $\mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma^2)$  pdf  $f_Y(y)$  are at  $y = \mu \pm \sigma$ . For example, the points of inflection on the  $\mathcal{N}(\mu = 480, \sigma^2 = 100^2)$  pdf in Exercise 4.77 are  $y = 380$  and  $y = 580$ .

**4.81.** The gamma function, which is defined for  $\alpha > 0$ , is

$$\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^{\infty} y^{\alpha-1} e^{-y} dy.$$

In part (a), put in  $\alpha = 1$ ; we get

$$\Gamma(1) = \int_0^{\infty} y^{1-1} e^{-y} dy = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-y} dy = -e^{-y} \Big|_0^{\infty} = -\left(\lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} e^{-y} - 1\right) = -(0 - 1) = 1.$$

In part (b), suppose  $\alpha > 1$ . In the integral

$$\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^{\infty} y^{\alpha-1} e^{-y} dy,$$

use integration by parts with

$$\begin{aligned} u &= y^{\alpha-1} & du &= (\alpha-1)y^{\alpha-2} dy \\ dv &= e^{-y} & v &= -e^{-y}. \end{aligned}$$

With these selections,

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma(\alpha) &= \int_0^{\infty} y^{\alpha-1} e^{-y} dy = \underbrace{-y^{\alpha-1} e^{-y} \Big|_0^{\infty}}_{=0} + (\alpha-1) \int_0^{\infty} y^{\alpha-2} e^{-y} dy \\ &= (\alpha-1) \underbrace{\int_0^{\infty} y^{(\alpha-1)-1} e^{-y} dy}_{=\Gamma(\alpha-1)} = (\alpha-1)\Gamma(\alpha-1), \end{aligned}$$

as claimed.

**4.92.** The time to complete the operation is a random variable  $Y \sim \text{exponential}(\beta = 10)$ . Recall that  $E(Y) = \beta = 10$  and  $V(Y) = \beta^2 = 100$ . Define  $C = 100 + 40Y + 3Y^2$ . We want to find  $E(C)$  and  $V(C)$ . Finding  $E(C)$  is easy. Note that

$$E(C) = E(100 + 40Y + 3Y^2) = 100 + 40E(Y) + 3E(Y^2).$$

We can get the second moment of  $Y$  quickly from the variance computing formula. Recall

$$V(Y) = E(Y^2) - [E(Y)]^2 \implies E(Y^2) = V(Y) + [E(Y)]^2.$$

Therefore,

$$E(Y^2) = 100 + (10)^2 = 200$$

and

$$E(C) = 100 + 40(10) + 3(200) = 1100.$$

Getting  $V(C)$  is harder. One way is to use the variance computing formula for the function  $C$ ; i.e.,

$$V(C) = E(C^2) - [E(C)]^2 = E(C^2) - (1100)^2.$$

We now have to get  $E(C^2)$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} E(C^2) &= E[(100 + 40Y + 3Y^2)^2] \\ &= E(10000 + 1600Y^2 + 9Y^4 + 8000Y + 600Y^2 + 240Y^3) \\ &= 10000 + 8000E(Y) + 2200E(Y^2) + 240E(Y^3) + 9E(Y^4). \end{aligned}$$

We know  $E(Y) = 10$  and  $E(Y^2) = 200$ . We have to get the third and fourth moments  $E(Y^3)$  and  $E(Y^4)$ , respectively. We could get these using the moment generating function, but it might be easier to just calculate the moments directly. Note that

$$E(Y^3) = \int_0^\infty y^3 \frac{1}{10} e^{-y/10} dy = \frac{1}{10} \int_0^\infty y^{4-1} e^{-y/10} dy = \frac{1}{10} \Gamma(4) 10^4 = 6000.$$

Also,

$$E(Y^4) = \int_0^\infty y^4 \frac{1}{10} e^{-y/10} dy = \frac{1}{10} \int_0^\infty y^{5-1} e^{-y/10} dy = \frac{1}{10} \Gamma(5) 10^5 = 240000.$$

Therefore,

$$E(C^2) = 10000 + 8000(10) + 2200(200) + 240(6000) + 9(240000) = 4130000.$$

Finally,

$$V(C) = E(C^2) - (1100)^2 = 4130000 - (1100)^2 = 2920000.$$

**Note:** Another way to get  $V(C)$  is to use the definition of variance for the random variable  $C$ . Recall that

$$\begin{aligned} V(C) = E[(C - 1100)^2] &= E[(100 + 40Y + 3Y^2 - 1100)^2] \\ &= \int_0^\infty (100 + 40y + 3y^2 - 1100)^2 \frac{1}{10} e^{-y/10} dy. \end{aligned}$$

You can do this integral numerically in R:

```
> integrand <- function(y){(100+40*y+3*y^2-1100)^2*(1/10)*exp(-y/10)}
> integrate(integrand,lower=0,upper=Inf)
2920000 with absolute error < 19
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**4.94.** Let  $Y$  denote the one-hour CO concentration (measured in ppm). In part (a), we assume  $Y \sim \text{exponential}(\beta = 3.6)$  and want to calculate  $P(Y > 9)$ . The easiest way is to note that

$$P(Y > 9) = 1 - P(Y \leq 9) = 1 - F_Y(9),$$

where  $F_Y(\cdot)$  is the cdf of  $Y$ . Recall the cdf of  $Y \sim \text{exponential}(\beta)$  is given by

$$F_Y(y) = \begin{cases} 0, & y \leq 0 \\ 1 - e^{-y/\beta}, & y > 0. \end{cases}$$

Therefore,

$$P(Y > 9) = 1 - F_Y(9) = 1 - (1 - e^{-9/3.6}) = e^{-9/3.6} \approx 0.082.$$

If you didn't remember to use the cdf here, you could always just calculate  $P(Y > 9)$  directly using the pdf:

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y > 9) &= \int_9^{\infty} \frac{1}{3.6} e^{-y/3.6} dy = \frac{1}{3.6} \left( -3.6 e^{-y/3.6} \Big|_9^{\infty} \right) \\ &= e^{-y/3.6} \Big|_{\infty}^9 = e^{-9/3.6} - \underbrace{\lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} e^{-y/3.6}}_{= 0} = e^{-9/3.6} \approx 0.082. \end{aligned}$$

You can also use R to check your work:

```
> 1-pexp(9,1/3.6)
[1] 0.082085
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In part (b), we perform the same calculation but with  $\beta = 2.5$  ppm instead:

$$P(Y > 9) = 1 - \left( 1 - e^{-9/2.5} \right) = e^{-9/2.5} \approx 0.027.$$

**4.110.** The support of  $Y$  is  $R = \{y : y > 0\}$ , so this makes me think of the gamma family of distributions. Look at the kernel of the pdf:

$$y^2 e^{-2y} = y^{3-1} e^{-y/(1/2)}.$$

This is the kernel of the gamma distribution with  $\alpha = 3$  and  $\beta = 1/2$ . Sure enough, the constant out front in the gamma pdf

$$\frac{1}{\Gamma(3) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3} = \frac{1}{2 \left(\frac{1}{8}\right)} = 4.$$

Therefore,  $Y \sim \text{gamma}(\alpha = 3, \beta = 1/2)$ . We have

$$E(Y) = \alpha\beta = \frac{3}{2}$$

and

$$V(Y) = \alpha\beta^2 = \frac{3}{4}.$$

**4.111.** Suppose  $Y \sim \text{gamma}(\alpha, \beta)$ . The hardest part about this problem is keeping  $a$  and  $\alpha$  separate (the authors should have used another symbol other than  $a$  here). In part (a), suppose  $\alpha + a > 0$ . From the definition of mathematical expectation,

$$\begin{aligned} E(Y^a) &= \int_0^{\infty} y^a \underbrace{\frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\beta^\alpha} y^{\alpha-1} e^{-y/\beta}}_{\text{gamma}(\alpha, \beta) \text{ pdf}} dy = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\beta^\alpha} y^{\alpha+a-1} e^{-y/\beta} dy \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\beta^\alpha} \underbrace{\int_0^{\infty} y^{\alpha+a-1} e^{-y/\beta} dy}_{= \Gamma(a+\alpha)\beta^{\alpha+a}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha)\beta^\alpha} \Gamma(a+\alpha)\beta^{\alpha+a} = \frac{\beta^a \Gamma(\alpha+a)}{\Gamma(\alpha)}, \end{aligned}$$

as claimed.

(b) When we say

$$\int_0^{\infty} y^{\alpha+a-1} e^{-y/\beta} dy = \Gamma(\alpha+a)\beta^{\alpha+a}$$

in part (a), we are using the fact that

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{1}{\Gamma(\alpha+a)\beta^{\alpha+a}} y^{\alpha+a-1} e^{-y/\beta} dy = 1,$$

that is, the gamma( $\alpha+a, \beta$ ) pdf integrates to 1. Recall that the shape parameter in the gamma family must be strictly larger than zero. Therefore, we must require  $\alpha+a > 0$  to make this argument.

(c) When  $a = 1$ , we have

$$E(Y) = \frac{\beta^1 \Gamma(\alpha+1)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} = \beta \frac{\alpha \Gamma(\alpha)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} = \alpha\beta.$$

(d) Note that

$$E(\sqrt{Y}) = E(Y^a),$$

when  $a = \frac{1}{2}$ . Therefore,

$$E(\sqrt{Y}) = E(Y^{\frac{1}{2}}) = \frac{\beta^{\frac{1}{2}} \Gamma(\alpha + \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(\alpha)}.$$

We must require  $\alpha+a = \alpha + \frac{1}{2} > 0$ .

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- Note that

$$E\left(\frac{1}{Y}\right) = E(Y^a),$$

when  $a = -1$ . Therefore,

$$E\left(\frac{1}{Y}\right) = \frac{\beta^{-1} \Gamma(\alpha-1)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} = \frac{\beta^{-1} \Gamma(\alpha-1)}{(\alpha-1)\Gamma(\alpha-1)} = \frac{1}{(\alpha-1)\beta}.$$

We must require  $\alpha+a = \alpha-1 > 0 \iff \alpha > 1$ . **Remark:**  $E(\frac{1}{Y})$  is called the **first inverse moment** of a random variable  $Y$ .

- Note that

$$E\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{Y}}\right) = E(Y^a),$$

when  $a = -\frac{1}{2}$ . Therefore,

$$E\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{Y}}\right) = \frac{\beta^{-\frac{1}{2}} \Gamma(\alpha - \frac{1}{2})}{\Gamma(\alpha)}.$$

We must require  $\alpha+a = \alpha - \frac{1}{2} > 0 \iff \alpha > \frac{1}{2}$ .

- Note that

$$E\left(\frac{1}{Y^2}\right) = E(Y^a),$$



when  $a = -2$ . Therefore,

$$E\left(\frac{1}{Y^2}\right) = \frac{\beta^{-2}\Gamma(\alpha-2)}{\Gamma(\alpha)} = \frac{\beta^{-2}\Gamma(\alpha-2)}{(\alpha-1)(\alpha-2)\Gamma(\alpha-2)} = \frac{1}{(\alpha-1)(\alpha-2)\beta^2}.$$

We must require  $\alpha + a = \alpha - 2 > 0 \iff \alpha > 2$ . **Remark:**  $E(\frac{1}{Y^2})$  is called the **second inverse moment** of a random variable  $Y$ .

**4.140.** (a) We recognize

$$m_Y(t) = \left(\frac{1}{1-4t}\right)^2$$

as the mgf of a gamma distribution with  $\alpha = 2$  and  $\beta = 4$  (provided that  $t < \frac{1}{4}$ ). Therefore, if  $Y$  has this mgf, then  $Y \sim \text{gamma}(\alpha = 2, \beta = 4)$ .

(b) We recognize

$$m_Y(t) = \frac{1}{1-3.2t}$$

as the mgf of an exponential distribution with  $\beta = 3.2$  (provided that  $t < 1/3.2$ ). Therefore, if  $Y$  has this mgf, then  $Y \sim \text{exponential}(\beta = 3.2)$ .

(c) We recognize

$$m_Y(t) = \exp(-5t + 6t^2) = \exp\left(\mu t + \frac{\sigma^2 t^2}{2}\right)$$

as the mgf of a normal distribution with mean  $\mu = -5$  and

$$6 = \frac{\sigma^2}{2} \implies \sigma^2 = 12.$$

Therefore, if  $Y$  has this mgf, then  $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu = -5, \sigma^2 = 12)$ .