

1. Suppose that  $X$  is a continuous random variable with probability density function (pdf)

$$f_X(x|\theta) = \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-x/\theta} \exp(-e^{-x/\theta}), \quad -\infty < x < \infty,$$

where  $\theta > 0$  is an unknown parameter.

(a) Show that  $\{f_X(x|\theta); \theta > 0\}$  is a scale family. Identify the scale parameter and the standard pdf.

(b) Derive the pdf of

$$Y = g(X) = e^{-X/\theta}$$

and identify the distribution of  $Y$ .

2. Suppose that  $X$  is a continuous random variable with probability density function (pdf)

$$f_X(x|\theta) = \frac{1}{\theta} \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi}} e^{-x^2/2\theta^2} I(x > 0),$$

where  $\theta > 0$  is an unknown parameter.

(a) Show that  $\{f_X(x|\theta); \theta > 0\}$  is an exponential family. Is the family full or curved?

(b) Find  $E(X)$  and  $\text{var}(X)$ .

3. Suppose that  $(X, Y)$  is a continuous random vector with joint probability density function (pdf)

$$f_{X,Y}(x, y) = cx^2y I(0 < 2x < y < 1).$$

(a) Find  $c$  that makes  $f_{X,Y}(x, y)$  a valid pdf. *Hint:  $c = 120$ ; now show it (draw a picture).*

(b) Find both marginal pdfs.

(c) Find  $E(X|Y)$ .

4. Consider the hierarchical model

$$\begin{aligned} X|Y = y &\sim \text{geometric}(y) \\ Y &\sim \text{beta}(a, b), \end{aligned}$$

where  $a > 0$  and  $b > 0$ . In the first model, conditional on  $Y = y$ , the random variable  $X$  counts the number of Bernoulli trials until the first success is observed. That is,

$$f_{X|Y}(x|y) = \begin{cases} (1-y)^{x-1}y, & x = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(a) Find the (marginal) probability mass function (pmf) of  $X$ .

(b) Calculate  $E(X)$  and  $\text{var}(X)$ . Note any additional restrictions on the values of  $a$  and  $b$ . **In this part, simplify as much as possible, but don't worry about tedious algebra.**

5. Suppose that  $X \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ ,  $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1)$ , and  $X \perp\!\!\!\perp Y$ . Define

$$\begin{aligned} U &= X + Y \\ V &= X^2 + Y^2. \end{aligned}$$

(a) Show that the joint moment-generating function of  $U$  and  $V$  is given by

$$M_{U,V}(s, t) = E(e^{sU+tV}) = \frac{1}{1-2t} \exp\left(\frac{s^2}{1-2t}\right), \quad \text{for } t < 1/2.$$

(b) Find  $\text{corr}(U, V)$ .

(c) Are  $U$  and  $V$  independent? Explain.

6. Particles are subject to collisions that cause them to split into two parts with each part a fraction of the parent. Suppose that this fraction  $X$  is uniformly distributed over  $(0, 1)$ . Following a single particle through several splits, we obtain a fraction of the original particle

$$Z = \prod_{i=1}^n X_i.$$

Assume  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$  are mutually independent and  $X_i \sim \mathcal{U}(0, 1)$ , for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

(a) Show that the probability density function (pdf) of  $Z$  is given by

$$f_Z(z) = \frac{1}{(n-1)!} (-\ln z)^{n-1} I(0 < z < 1).$$

(b) Calculate  $\text{var}(Z)$ .