

**Problem #3.** If  $0 \leq y \leq 1/2$ , then

$$f_Y(y) = \int_y^{1-y} f_{X(1),X(2)}(y, z) dz = \int_y^{1-y} 2 dz = 2(1 - 2y).$$

On the other hand, if  $1/2 \leq y \leq 1$ , then

$$f_Y(y) = \int_{1-y}^y f_{X(1),X(2)}(y, z) dz = \int_{1-y}^y 2 dz = 2(2y - 1).$$

**Problem #5.** Since  $E[F(X_{(n)}) - F(X_{(1)})] = E[F(X_{(n)})] - E[F(X_{(1)})]$ , we compute each of  $E[F(X_{(n)})]$  and  $E[F(X_{(1)})]$  separately. Therefore, by definition,

$$E[F(X_{(n)})] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(y_n) f_{X_{(n)}}(y_n) dy_n.$$

From Theorem 4.1.2, we know that  $f_{X_{(n)}}(y_n) = n[F(y_n)]^{n-1} f(y_n)$  so that

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(y_n) f_{X_{(n)}}(y_n) dy_n = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} n[F(y_n)]^n f(y_n) dy_n.$$

Making the substitution  $u = F(y_n)$  so that  $du = F'(y_n) dy_n = f(y_n) dy_n$  gives

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} n[F(y_n)]^n f(y_n) dy_n = \int_0^1 nu^n du = \frac{n}{n+1}.$$

Note that since  $F$  is a distribution, our new limits of integration are  $F(-\infty) = 0$  and  $F(\infty) = 1$ . As for  $E[F(X_{(1)})]$ , using Theorem 4.1.2, we compute

$$E[F(X_{(1)})] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(y_1) f_{X_{(1)}}(y_1) dy_1 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(y_1) n[1 - F(y_1)]^{n-1} f(y_1) dy_1.$$

Making the same substitution as above gives

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} F(y_1) n[1 - F(y_1)]^{n-1} f(y_1) dy_1 = \int_0^1 nu(1-u)^{n-1} du = n \int_0^1 (1-v)v^{n-1} dv = 1 - \frac{n}{n+1}.$$

Finally, we combine our two results to conclude that

$$E[F(X_{(n)}) - F(X_{(1)})] = \frac{n}{n+1} - \left[1 - \frac{n}{n+1}\right] = \frac{n-1}{n+1}.$$

**Problem #6. (a)** By Theorem 4.3.1, the joint density of  $(X_{(1)}, X_{(2)}, X_{(3)}, X_{(4)})'$  is

$$f_{X_{(1)}, X_{(2)}, X_{(3)}, X_{(4)}}(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) = 24$$

provided that  $0 < y_1 < y_2 < y_3 < y_4 < 1$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} f_{X_{(3)}, X_{(4)}}(y_3, y_4) &= \int_0^{y_3} \int_0^{y_2} f_{X_{(1)}, X_{(2)}, X_{(3)}, X_{(4)}}(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) dy_1 dy_2 = \int_0^{y_3} \int_0^{y_2} 24 dy_1 dy_2 \\ &= \int_0^{y_3} 24y_2 dy_2 \\ &= 12y_3^2 \end{aligned}$$

provided that  $0 < y_3 < y_4 < 1$ .

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Observe that we must necessarily have  $X_{(3)} \leq 1/2$  for otherwise we would necessarily have  $X_{(3)} + X_{(4)} \geq 1$ . We therefore conclude that

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_{(3)} + X_{(4)} \leq 1) &= \int_0^{1/2} \int_y^{1-y} f_{X_{(3)}, X_{(4)}}(y, z) dz dy = \int_0^{1/2} \int_y^{1-y} 12y^2 dz dy \\ &= \int_0^{1/2} 12y^2(1-2y) dy \\ &= (4y^3 - 6y^4) \Big|_0^{1/2} \\ &= \frac{1}{8}. \end{aligned}$$

(b) By the law of total probability, we have

$$P(X_3 + X_4 \leq 1) = \int_0^1 P(X_4 \leq 1-x | X_3 = x) f_{X_3}(x) dx.$$

Since  $X_3$  and  $X_4$  are independent  $U(0, 1)$  random variables, we find  $P(X_4 \leq 1-x | X_3 = x) = P(X_4 \leq 1-x) = 1-x$ . Thus, we conclude

$$P(X_3 + X_4 \leq 1) = \int_0^1 (1-x) dx = \frac{1}{2}.$$

**Problem #7.** By Theorem 4.3.1, the joint density of  $(X_{(1)}, X_{(2)}, X_{(3)})'$  is

$$f_{X_{(1)}, X_{(2)}, X_{(3)}}(y_1, y_2, y_3) = 6$$

provided that  $0 < y_1 < y_2 < y_3 < 1$ . Therefore,

$$f_{X_{(1)}, X_{(3)}}(y_1, y_3) = \int_{y_1}^{y_3} f_{X_{(1)}, X_{(2)}, X_{(3)}}(y_1, y_2, y_3) dy_2 = \int_{y_1}^{y_3} 6 dy_2 = 6(y_3 - y_1)$$

provided that  $0 < y_1 < y_3 < 1$ . (This is also equation (3.10) on page 112.) Observe that we must necessarily have  $X_{(1)} \leq 1/2$  for otherwise we would necessarily have  $X_{(1)} + X_{(3)} \geq 1$ . We therefore conclude

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_{(1)} + X_{(3)} \leq 1) &= \int_0^{1/2} \int_x^{1-x} f_{X_{(1)}, X_{(3)}}(x, y) dy dx = \int_0^{1/2} \int_x^{1-x} 6(y-x) dy dx \\ &= \int_0^{1/2} (3y^2 - 6xy) \Big|_{y=x}^{y=1-x} dx \\ &= \int_0^{1/2} 12x^2 - 12x + 3 dx \\ &= (4x^3 - 6x^2 + 3x) \Big|_0^{1/2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

**Problem #8.** By Theorem 4.3.1, the joint density of  $(X_{(1)}, X_{(2)}, X_{(3)}, X_{(4)})'$  is

$$f_{X_{(1)}, X_{(2)}, X_{(3)}, X_{(4)}}(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) = 24$$

provided that  $0 < y_1 < y_2 < y_3 < y_4 < 1$ .

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(a) We find

$$\begin{aligned} f_{X_{(2)}, X_{(3)}}(y_2, y_3) &= \int_0^{y_2} \int_{y_3}^1 f_{X_{(1)}, X_{(2)}, X_{(3)}, X_{(4)}}(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) dy_4 dy_1 = \int_0^{y_2} \int_{y_3}^1 24 dy_4 dy_1 \\ &= \int_0^{y_2} 24(1 - y_3) dy_1 \\ &= 24y_2(1 - y_3) \end{aligned}$$

provided that  $0 < y_2 < y_3 < 1$ . Observe that we must necessarily have  $X_{(2)} \leq 1/2$  for otherwise we would necessarily have  $X_{(2)} + X_{(3)} \geq 1$ . We therefore conclude

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_{(2)} + X_{(3)} \leq 1) &= \int_0^{1/2} \int_x^{1-x} f_{X_{(2)}, X_{(3)}}(x, y) dy dx = \int_0^{1/2} \int_x^{1-x} 24x(1 - y) dy dx \\ &= \int_0^{1/2} (24xy - 12xy^2) \Big|_{y=x}^{y=1-x} dx \\ &= \int_0^{1/2} 12x(1 - 2x) dx \\ &= (6x^2 - 8x^3) \Big|_{x=0}^{x=1/2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

(b) We find

$$\begin{aligned} f_{X_{(1)}, X_{(2)}}(y_1, y_2) &= \int_{y_2}^1 \int_{y_2}^{y_4} f_{X_{(1)}, X_{(2)}, X_{(3)}, X_{(4)}}(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) dy_3 dy_4 = \int_{y_2}^1 \int_{y_2}^{y_4} 24 dy_3 dy_4 \\ &= \int_{y_2}^1 24(y_4 - y_2) dy_4 \\ &= (12y_4^2 - 24y_2y_4) \Big|_{y_4=y_2}^{y_4=1} \\ &= 12(1 - y_2)^2 \end{aligned}$$

provided that  $0 < y_1 < y_2 < 1$ , and so

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_{(2)} \leq 3X_{(1)}) &= \int_0^1 \int_{y/3}^y f_{X_{(1)}, X_{(2)}}(x, y) dx dy = \int_0^1 \int_{y/3}^y 12(1 - y)^2 dx dy \\ &= \int_0^1 8y(1 - y)^2 dy \\ &= \left[ 4y^2 - \frac{16}{3}y^3 + 2y^4 \right]_0^1 \\ &= \frac{2}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

**Problem #9.** By Theorem 4.3.1, the joint density of  $(X_{(1)}, X_{(2)}, X_{(3)}, X_{(4)})'$  is

$$f_{X_{(1)}, X_{(2)}, X_{(3)}, X_{(4)}}(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) = 24$$

provided that  $0 < y_1 < y_2 < y_3 < y_4 < 1$ .

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Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
f_{X_{(1)}, X_{(3)}}(y_1, y_3) &= \int_{y_3}^1 \int_{y_1}^{y_3} f_{X_{(1)}, X_{(2)}, X_{(3)}, X_{(4)}}(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) \, dy_2 \, dy_4 \\
&= \int_{y_3}^1 \int_{y_1}^{y_3} 24 \, dy_2 \, dy_4 \\
&= 24(y_3 - y_1)(1 - y_3)
\end{aligned}$$

provided that  $0 < y_1 < y_3 < 1$ , and

$$\begin{aligned}
f_{X_{(2)}, X_{(4)}}(y_2, y_4) &= \int_0^{y_2} \int_{y_2}^{y_4} f_{X_{(1)}, X_{(2)}, X_{(3)}, X_{(4)}}(y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4) \, dy_3 \, dy_1 \\
&= \int_0^{y_2} \int_{y_2}^{y_4} 24 \, dy_3 \, dy_1 \\
&= 24y_2(y_4 - y_2)
\end{aligned}$$

provided that  $0 < y_2 < y_4 < 1$ .

**(a)** Let  $U = X_{(3)} - X_{(1)}$  and  $V = X_{(1)}$  so that solving for  $X_{(1)}$  and  $X_{(3)}$  gives

$$X_{(1)} = V \quad \text{and} \quad X_{(3)} = U + V.$$

The Jacobian of this transformation is given by

$$J = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial y_3}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y_3}{\partial v} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -1.$$

The density of  $(U, V)'$  is therefore given by

$$f_{U, V}(u, v) = f_{X_{(1)}, X_{(3)}}(v, u + v) \cdot |J| = 24u(1 - u - v)$$

provided that  $0 < u < 1 - v$  and  $0 < v < 1$ , or equivalently,  $0 < v < 1 - u$  and  $0 < u < 1$ . Thus, we conclude that the density of  $U = X_{(3)} - X_{(1)}$  is

$$f_U(u) = \int_0^{1-u} 24u(1 - u - v) \, dv = (24u(1 - u)v - 12uv^2) \Big|_{v=0}^{v=1-u} = 12u(1 - u)^2$$

for  $0 < u < 1$ .

**(b)** Let  $U = X_{(4)} - X_{(2)}$  and  $V = X_{(2)}$  so that solving for  $X_{(2)}$  and  $X_{(4)}$  gives

$$X_{(2)} = V \quad \text{and} \quad X_{(4)} = U + V.$$

The Jacobian of this transformation is given by

$$J = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial y_4}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y_4}{\partial v} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = -1.$$

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The density of  $(U, V)'$  is therefore given by

$$f_{U,V}(u, v) = f_{X_{(2)}, X_{(4)}}(v, u + v) \cdot |J| = 24uv$$

provided that  $0 < u < 1 - v$  and  $0 < v < 1$ , or equivalently,  $0 < v < 1 - u$  and  $0 < u < 1$ . Thus, we conclude that the density of  $U = X_{(4)} - X_{(2)}$  is

$$f_U(u) = \int_0^{1-u} 24uv \, dv = 24uv^2 \Big|_{v=0}^{v=1-u} = 12u(1-u)^2$$

for  $0 < u < 1$ .

**Problem #10.** This is an extremely tricky problem. We begin by noting that by Theorem 4.3.1, the joint density of  $(X_{(1)}, X_{(2)}, X_{(3)})'$  is  $f_{X_{(1)}, X_{(2)}, X_{(3)}}(y_1, y_2, y_3) = 6$  provided that  $0 < y_1 < y_2 < y_3 < 1$ . We also observe that

$$P(X_{(1)} + X_{(2)} > X_{(3)}) = \iint_{\substack{\{0 < x+y < 2, \\ \{0 < x < y < 1\}}}} P(y < X_{(3)} < \min\{x + y, 1\}, X_{(1)} = x, X_{(2)} = y) \, dx \, dy$$

where the upper limit for  $X_{(3)}$  follows since  $X_{(3)}$  is necessarily less than 1 although  $X_{(1)} + X_{(2)} = x + y$  could be greater than 1, and the constraint that  $0 < x + y < 2$  follows since each of  $x$  and  $y$  are between 0 and 1. We now write

$$\begin{aligned} & \iint_{\substack{\{0 < x+y < 2, \\ \{0 < x < y < 1\}}} P(y < X_{(3)} < \min\{x + y, 1\}, X_{(1)} = x, X_{(2)} = y) \, dx \, dy \\ &= \iint_{\substack{\{0 < x+y < 1, \\ \{0 < x < y < 1\}}} P(y < X_{(3)} < x + y, X_{(1)} = x, X_{(2)} = y) \, dx \, dy \\ & \quad + \iint_{\substack{\{1 < x+y < 2, \\ \{0 < x < y < 1\}}} P(y < X_{(3)} < 1, X_{(1)} = x, X_{(2)} = y) \, dx \, dy. \end{aligned}$$

We now find

$$\begin{aligned} \iint_{\substack{\{0 < x+y < 1, \\ \{0 < x < y < 1\}}} P(y < X_{(3)} < x + y, X_{(1)} = x, X_{(2)} = y) \, dx \, dy &= \int_0^{1/2} \int_x^{1-x} \int_y^{x+y} f_{X_{(1)}, X_{(2)}, X_{(3)}}(x, y, z) \, dz \, dy \, dx \\ &= \int_0^{1/2} \int_x^{1-x} \int_y^{x+y} 6 \, dz \, dy \, dx \\ &= \int_0^{1/2} \int_x^{1-x} 6x \, dy \, dx \\ &= \int_0^{1/2} 6x(1-2x) \, dx \\ &= (3x^2 - 4x^3) \Big|_0^{1/2} \\ &= \frac{1}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that you should draw the region  $\{0 < x + y < 1, 0 < x < y < 1\}$  to ensure you understand the limits of integration. *(continued)*

We also find

$$\begin{aligned}
\iint_{\substack{\{1 < x+y < 2, \\ \{0 < x < y < 1\}\}} P(y < X_{(3)} < 1, X_{(1)} = x, X_{(2)} = y) dx dy &= \int_{1/2}^1 \int_{1-y}^y \int_y^1 f_{X_{(1)}, X_{(2)}, X_{(3)}}(x, y, z) dz dx dy \\
&= \int_{1/2}^1 \int_{1-y}^y \int_y^1 6 dz dx dy \\
&= \int_{1/2}^1 \int_{1-y}^y 6(1-y) dx dy \\
&= \int_{1/2}^1 6(1-y)(2y-1) dy \\
&= (9y^2 - 6y - 4y^3) \Big|_{1/2}^1 \\
&= \frac{1}{4}.
\end{aligned}$$

Note that you should draw the region  $\{1 < x + y < 2, 0 < x < y < 1\}$  to ensure you understand the limits of integration. Therefore, we finally conclude that

$$P(X_{(1)} + X_{(2)} > X_{(3)}) = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

**Problem #11.** If  $X_1, X_2, X_3$  are i.i.d.  $U(0, 1)$  random variables, then we know from Problem #7 (or equation (3.10) on page 112) that

$$f_{X_{(1)}, X_{(3)}}(y_1, y_3) = 6(y_3 - y_1)$$

provided  $0 < y_1 < y_3 < 1$ . Since  $X_{(3)} > X_{(1)}$  we immediately see that  $P(X_{(3)} > aX_{(1)}) = 1$  for any  $a \leq 1$ . Thus, we will now compute  $P(X_{(3)} > aX_{(1)})$  for any  $a > 1$ . Observe that if  $X_{(1)} > 1/a$ , then it is not possible for  $X_{(3)}$  to be larger than  $aX_{(1)}$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned}
P(X_{(3)} > aX_{(1)}) &= P(X_{(3)} > aX_{(1)}, X_{(1)} > 1/a) + P(X_{(3)} > aX_{(1)}, X_{(1)} \leq 1/a) \\
&= P(X_{(3)} > aX_{(1)}, X_{(1)} \leq 1/a).
\end{aligned}$$

We now observe that

$$\begin{aligned}
P(X_{(3)} > aX_{(1)}, X_{(1)} \leq 1/a) &= \int_0^{1/a} \int_{ax}^1 f_{X_{(1)}, X_{(3)}}(x, y) dy dx = \int_0^{1/a} \int_{ax}^1 6(y-x) dy dx \\
&= \int_0^{1/a} (3y^2 - 6xy) \Big|_{y=ax}^{y=1} dx \\
&= \int_0^{1/a} [3(2a - a^2)x^2 - 6x + 3] dx \\
&= [(2a - a^2)x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x] \Big|_0^{1/a} \\
&= \frac{2a - 1}{a^2}.
\end{aligned}$$

(a) Thus, if  $a = 2$ , then the required probability is  $3/4$ .

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(b) If we want to find the value of  $a$  such that the required probability is  $1/2$ , then we simply solve

$$\frac{2a - 1}{a^2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

for  $a$ . Doing so implies  $a$  satisfies  $a^2 - 4a + 2 = 0$  so that

$$a = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{8}}{2} = 2 \pm \sqrt{2}$$

Since  $a > 1$ , we conclude that  $a = 2 + \sqrt{2}$ .

**Problem #15.** By definition,

$$\rho_{X(1), X(3)} = \frac{\text{cov}(X(1), X(3))}{\sqrt{\text{var}(X(1)) \cdot \text{var}(X(3))}}.$$

Since  $X_1, X_2, X_3$  are i.i.d.  $\text{Exp}(1)$  random variables, we conclude from Theorem 4.2.1 that

$$f_{X(1), X(3)}(y_1, y_3) = 6(e^{-y_1} - e^{-y_3})e^{-y_1}e^{-y_3}$$

provided  $0 < y_1 < y_3 < \infty$ . We also conclude from Theorem 4.1.2 that

$$f_{X(1)}(y_1) = 3(e^{-y_1})^2 e^{-y_1} = 3e^{-3y_1}$$

provided that  $0 < y_1 < \infty$ , and that

$$f_{X(3)}(y_3) = 3(1 - e^{-y_3})^2 e^{-y_3}$$

provided that  $0 < y_3 < \infty$ . Since we recognize  $X(1) \in \text{Exp}(1/3)$  we conclude immediately that  $E(X(1)) = 1/3$  and  $\text{var}(X(1)) = 1/9$ . Next we compute

$$\begin{aligned} E(X(3)) &= \int_0^\infty 3y_3(1 - e^{-y_3})^2 e^{-y_3} dy_3 = \int_0^\infty 3y_3 e^{-y_3} dy_3 - \int_0^\infty 6y_3 e^{-2y_3} dy_3 + \int_0^\infty 3y_3 e^{-3y_3} dy_3 \\ &= 3\Gamma(2) - 6\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \Gamma(2) + 3\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 \Gamma(2) \\ &= \frac{11}{6} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} E(X(3)^2) &= \int_0^\infty 3y_3^2(1 - e^{-y_3})^2 e^{-y_3} dy_3 = \int_0^\infty 3y_3^2 e^{-y_3} dy_3 - \int_0^\infty 6y_3^2 e^{-2y_3} dy_3 + \int_0^\infty 3y_3^2 e^{-3y_3} dy_3 \\ &= 3\Gamma(3) - 6\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 \Gamma(3) + 3\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 \Gamma(3) \\ &= \frac{85}{18}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\text{var}(X(3)) = E(X(3)^2) - [E(X(3))]^2 = \frac{85}{18} - \left(\frac{11}{6}\right)^2 = \frac{49}{36}.$$

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Now we compute

$$\begin{aligned}
E(X_{(1)}X_{(3)}) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X_{(1)}, X_{(3)}}(y_1, y_3) dy_3 dy_1 = \int_0^{\infty} \int_{y_1}^{\infty} 6y_1y_3(e^{-y_1} - e^{-y_3})e^{-y_1}e^{-y_3} dy_3 dy_1 \\
&= 6 \int_0^{\infty} y_1 e^{-y_1} \int_{y_1}^{\infty} y_3 (e^{-y_1} - e^{-y_3}) e^{-y_3} dy_3 dy_1 \\
&= 6 \int_0^{\infty} y_1 e^{-2y_1} \int_{y_1}^{\infty} y_3 e^{-y_3} dy_3 dy_1 - 6 \int_0^{\infty} y_1 e^{-y_1} \int_{y_1}^{\infty} y_3 e^{-2y_3} dy_3 dy_1 \\
&= 6 \int_0^{\infty} y_1 e^{-2y_1} (y_1 e^{-y_1} + e^{-y_1}) dy_1 - 6 \int_0^{\infty} y_1 e^{-y_1} \left( \frac{1}{2} y_1 e^{-2y_1} + \frac{1}{4} e^{-2y_1} \right) dy_1 \\
&= 3 \int_0^{\infty} y_1^2 e^{-3y_1} dy_1 + \frac{9}{2} \int_0^{\infty} y_1 e^{-3y_1} dy_1 \\
&= 3\Gamma(3) \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)^3 + \frac{9}{2} \Gamma(2) \left( \frac{1}{3} \right)^2 \\
&= \frac{13}{18}
\end{aligned}$$

so that

$$\text{cov}(X_{(1)}, X_{(3)}) = E(X_{(1)}X_{(3)}) - E(X_{(1)})E(X_{(3)}) = \frac{13}{18} - \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{11}{6} = \frac{1}{9}.$$

Finally, we put everything together to conclude

$$\rho_{X_{(1)}, X_{(3)}} = \frac{\text{cov}(X_{(1)}, X_{(3)})}{\sqrt{\text{var}(X_{(1)}) \cdot \text{var}(X_{(3)})}} = \frac{1/9}{1/3 \cdot 7/6} = \frac{2}{7}.$$

**Problem #16.** (a) If  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are independent  $\text{Exp}(a)$  random variables, then by Theorem 4.2.1, the joint density of  $(X_{(1)}, X_{(2)})'$  is given by

$$f_{X_{(1)}, X_{(2)}}(y_1, y_2) = \frac{2}{a^2} \exp\left(-\frac{y_1 + y_2}{a}\right)$$

provided that  $0 < y_1 < y_2 < \infty$ . Suppose that  $U = X_{(1)}$  and let  $V = X_{(2)} - X_{(1)}$ . Solving for  $X_{(1)}$  and  $X_{(2)}$  gives

$$X_{(1)} = U \quad \text{and} \quad X_{(2)} = U + V.$$

The Jacobian of this transformation is given by

$$J = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y_1}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial y_2}{\partial v} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1.$$

Therefore, by Theorem 1.2.1, the density of  $(U, V)'$  is given by

$$f_{U, V}(u, v) = f_{X_{(1)}, X_{(2)}}(u, u+v) \cdot |J| = \frac{2}{a^2} \exp\left(-\frac{u + u + v}{a}\right) = \frac{2}{a^2} \exp\left(-\frac{2u + v}{a}\right) = \frac{2}{a} e^{-2u/a} \cdot \frac{1}{a} e^{-v/a}$$

provided that  $v > 0$  and  $u > 0$ . The marginal density of  $U$  is

$$f_U(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{U, V}(u, v) dv = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{2}{a} e^{-2u/a} \cdot \frac{1}{a} e^{-v/a} dv = \frac{2}{a} e^{-2u/a}$$

for  $u > 0$ .

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We recognize that this is the density of an exponential random variable with parameter  $a/2$ ; that is,  $U = X_{(1)} \in \text{Exp}(a/2)$ . The marginal density of  $V$  is

$$f_V(v) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{U,V}(u, v) \, du = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{2}{a} e^{-2u/a} \cdot \frac{1}{a} e^{-v/a} \, du = \frac{1}{a} e^{-v/a}$$

for  $v > 0$ . We recognize that this is the density of an exponential random variable with parameter  $a$ ; that is,  $V = X_{(2)} - X_{(1)} \in \text{Exp}(a)$ . Since we can express  $f_{U,V}(u, v) = f_U(u) \cdot f_V(v)$  we conclude that  $U$  and  $V$  are independent; in other words,  $X_{(1)}$  and  $X_{(2)} - X_{(1)}$  are independent.

(b) To compute  $E(X_{(2)}|X_{(1)} = y)$ , we can use properties of conditional expectation (Theorem 2.2.2):

$$\begin{aligned} E(X_{(2)}|X_{(1)} = y) &= E(X_{(2)} - X_{(1)} + X_{(1)}|X_{(1)} = y) \\ &= E(X_{(2)} - X_{(1)}|X_{(1)} = y) + E(X_{(1)}|X_{(1)} = y) \\ &= E(X_{(2)} - X_{(1)}) + y \\ &= a + y \end{aligned}$$

where the first expression after the third equality follows since  $X_{(2)} - X_{(1)}$  is independent of  $X_{(1)}$  and the second expression follows since  $X_{(1)}$  is “known” when conditioned on the value  $X_{(1)} = y$ .

As for  $E(X_{(1)}|X_{(2)} = x)$ , we need to compute this by definition of conditional expectation. That is,

$$f_{X_{(1)}|X_{(2)}=x}(y_1) = \frac{f_{X_{(1)},X_{(2)}}(y_1, x)}{f_{X_{(2)}}(x)} = \frac{\frac{2}{a^2} e^{-y_1/a} \cdot e^{-x/a}}{\frac{2}{a}(1 - e^{-x/a}) \cdot e^{-x/a}} = \frac{1}{a} \frac{e^{-y_1/a}}{1 - e^{-x/a}}$$

provided  $0 < y_1 < x$ . This then gives

$$E(X_{(1)}|X_{(2)} = x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{X_{(1)}|X_{(2)}=x}(y_1) \, dy_1 = \int_0^x \frac{y_1}{a} \frac{e^{-y_1/a}}{1 - e^{-x/a}} \, dy_1 = \frac{1}{a(1 - e^{-x/a})} \int_0^x y_1 e^{-y_1/a} \, dy_1.$$

Integrating by parts gives

$$\int_0^x y_1 e^{-y_1/a} \, dy_1 = a^2 - a^2 e^{-x/a} - a x e^{-x/a}.$$

Therefore,

$$E(X_{(1)}|X_{(2)} = x) = \frac{a^2 - a^2 e^{-x/a} - a x e^{-x/a}}{a(1 - e^{-x/a})} = a - \frac{x e^{-x/a}}{1 - e^{-x/a}} = a - \frac{x}{e^{x/a} - 1}.$$

**Problem #17.** Let  $X_1$ ,  $X_2$ , and  $X_3$  are independent, identically distributed  $U(0, 1)$  random variables. Notice that if  $x > 1/2$ , then since  $X_{(3)} > X_{(1)}$  we conclude

$$P(X_{(3)} > \frac{1}{2} | X_{(1)} = x) = 1.$$

On the other hand, suppose that  $0 \leq x \leq 1/2$ . As in Problem #7 (or by equation (3.10) on page 112),

$$f_{X_{(1)},X_{(3)}}(y_1, y_3) = 6(y_3 - y_1)$$

provided  $0 < y_1 < y_3 < 1$ .

(continued)

Therefore, we find

$$P(X_{(3)} > \frac{1}{2} | X_{(1)} = x) = \frac{\int_{1/2}^1 f_{X_{(1)}, X_{(3)}}(x, y_3) dy_3}{f_{X_{(1)}}(x)}.$$

For the numerator we calculate

$$\int_{1/2}^1 f_{X_{(1)}, X_{(3)}}(x, y_3) dy_3 = \int_{1/2}^1 6(y_3 - x) dy_3 = (3y_3^2 - 6xy_3) \Big|_{1/2}^1 = \frac{9}{4} - 3x = \frac{3}{4}(3 - 4x).$$

As for the denominator, by Theorem 4.1.2, we find

$$f_{X_{(1)}}(x) = 3(1 - x)^2$$

provided  $0 < x < 1$ . Putting these pieces together, we conclude

$$P(X_{(3)} > \frac{1}{2} | X_{(1)} = x) = \frac{\frac{3}{4}(3 - 4x)}{3(1 - x)^2} = \frac{(3 - 4x)}{4(1 - x)^2}.$$

That is,

$$P(X_{(3)} > \frac{1}{2} | X_{(1)} = x) = \begin{cases} \frac{(3-4x)}{4(1-x)^2}, & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1/2, \\ 1, & \text{if } x > 1/2. \end{cases}$$

**Problem #19.** Since  $X_1, \dots, X_n, Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  are i.i.d.  $U(0, a)$  random variables, we can immediately conclude that  $X_{(n)}$  and  $Y_{(n)}$  are independent and identically distributed. Furthermore, we can use Theorems 4.1.1 and 4.1.2 to determine their common distribution and density functions. That is,  $X_{(n)}$  and  $Y_{(n)}$  have common distribution function

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \leq 0, \\ \frac{x^n}{a^n}, & 0 < x < a, \\ 1, & x \geq a, \end{cases}$$

and common density function

$$f(x) = \frac{n}{a^n} x^{n-1}, \quad 0 < x < a.$$

If we now let  $S = \min\{X_{(n)}, Y_{(n)}\}$  and  $T = \max\{X_{(n)}, Y_{(n)}\}$ , then Theorem 4.2.1 implies that the joint density of  $(S, T)'$  is

$$f_{S,T}(s, t) = 2 \cdot \frac{n}{a^n} s^{n-1} \cdot \frac{n}{a^n} t^{n-1} = \frac{2n^2}{a^{2n}} s^{n-1} t^{n-1}, \quad 0 < s < t < a.$$

The next step is to let  $U = \frac{T}{S}$  and  $V = S$  so that  $S = V$  and  $T = UV$ . We find the Jacobian of this transformation is

$$J = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial s}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial s}{\partial v} \\ \frac{\partial t}{\partial u} & \frac{\partial t}{\partial v} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ v & u \end{vmatrix} = -v.$$

The density of  $(U, V)'$  is therefore given by

$$f_{U,V}(u, v) = f_{S,T}(v, uv) \cdot |J| = \frac{2n^2}{a^{2n}} v^{n-1} (uv)^{n-1} \cdot v = \frac{2n^2}{a^{2n}} u^{n-1} v^{2n-1}$$

provided that  $1 < u < \infty$ ,  $0 < v < \frac{a}{u} < a$ .

(continued)

The marginal density for  $U$  is therefore given by

$$f_U(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{U,V}(u,v) dv = \frac{2n^2}{a^{2n}} u^{n-1} \int_0^{a/u} v^{2n-1} dv = \frac{n}{a^{2n}} u^{n-1} v^{2n} \Big|_{v=0}^{v=a/u} = \frac{n}{a^{2n}} u^{n-1} \frac{a^{2n}}{u^{2n}} = nu^{-(n+1)}$$

provided that  $1 < u < \infty$ . Since we are interested in

$$Z_n = n \log \left( \frac{\max\{X_{(n)}, Y_{(n)}\}}{\min\{X_{(n)}, Y_{(n)}\}} \right) = n \log U$$

we can now use techniques from Chapter 1 to find the density of  $Z_n$ . Let  $Z = Z_n = n \log U$ . Therefore,  $F_Z(z) = P(Z \leq z) = P(U \leq e^{z/n})$  and so

$$f_Z(z) = \frac{1}{n} e^{z/n} f_U(e^{z/n}) = \frac{1}{n} e^{z/n} \cdot n(e^{z/n})^{-(n+1)} = e^{-z}$$

provided that  $0 < z < \infty$ . Hence we conclude that  $Z_n \in \text{Exp}(1)$ .

**Problem #20.** (a) If  $Y_1 = X_{(1)}$  and  $Y_k = X_{(k)} - X_{(k-1)}$ ,  $k = 2, \dots, n$ , then solving for  $X_{(1)}, X_{(2)}, \dots, X_{(n)}$  gives

$$X_{(1)} = Y_1 \quad \text{and} \quad X_{(k)} = Y_1 + \dots + Y_k, \quad k = 2, \dots, n.$$

The Jacobian of this transformation is given by

$$J = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial y_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial x_1}{\partial y_n} \\ \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial y_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial x_2}{\partial y_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial x_n}{\partial y_1} & \frac{\partial x_n}{\partial y_2} & \dots & \frac{\partial x_n}{\partial y_n} \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 1.$$

(Since the matrix is lower triangular, the determinant is simply the product of the diagonal entries.) By Theorem 1.2.1, we have

$$f_{Y_1, \dots, Y_n}(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) = f_{X_{(1)}, \dots, X_{(n)}}(y_1, y_1 + y_2, \dots, y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_n).$$

Since  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  are  $\text{Exp}(a)$  random variables so that they have common density  $f(x) = \frac{1}{a} e^{-x/a}$ ,  $x > 0$ , we find from Theorem 4.3.1 that the joint density of the order statistic is given by

$$f_{X_{(1)}, \dots, X_{(n)}}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = n! \prod_{i=1}^n f(x_i) = n! \prod_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{a} e^{-x_i/a} = \frac{n!}{a^n} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{a} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i \right\}$$

provided  $0 < x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_n$ . Hence, we conclude

$$\begin{aligned} f_{Y_1, \dots, Y_n}(y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) &= f_{X_{(1)}, \dots, X_{(n)}}(y_1, y_1 + y_2, \dots, y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_n) \\ &= \frac{n!}{a^n} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{a} (ny_1 + (n-1)y_2 + \dots + 2y_{n-1} + y_n) \right\} \\ &= \frac{n}{a} e^{-ny_1/a} \cdot \frac{(n-1)}{a} e^{-(n-1)y_2/a} \dots \frac{2}{a} e^{-2y_{n-1}/a} \cdot \frac{1}{a} e^{-y_n/a} \end{aligned}$$

provided that  $0 < y_1 < y_1 + y_2 < \dots < y_1 + \dots + y_n$ , or equivalently,  $y_1 > 0, y_2 > 0, \dots, y_n > 0$ .

(continued)

In other words, the density function of  $Y_k$  is

$$f_{Y_k}(y_k) = \frac{(n+1-k)}{a} \exp\left\{-\frac{(n+1-k)y_k}{a}\right\}, \quad y_k > 0,$$

so that

$$Y_k \in \text{Exp}\left(\frac{a}{n+1-k}\right).$$

(b) Note that

$$Y_1 + Y_2 + \cdots + Y_n = X_{(1)} + (X_{(2)} - X_{(1)}) + \cdots + (X_{(n)} - X_{(n-1)}) = X_{(n)}$$

as in (a). Therefore, since  $Y_k \in \text{Exp}(\frac{a}{n+1-k})$ , we conclude

$$\mathbb{E}(X_{(n)}) = \mathbb{E}(Y_1) + \mathbb{E}(Y_2) + \cdots + \mathbb{E}(Y_n) = \frac{a}{n+1-1} + \frac{a}{n+1-2} + \cdots + \frac{a}{n+1-n} = a \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k}$$

and

$$\text{var}(X_{(k)}) = \text{var}(Y_1) + \text{var}(Y_2) + \cdots + \text{var}(Y_k) = \frac{a^2}{(n+1-1)^2} + \frac{a^2}{(n+1-2)^2} + \cdots + \frac{a^2}{(n+1-n)^2} = a^2 \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k^2}.$$

**Problem #21.** (a) This is identical to Problem #20(a). Hence,  $Y_k \in \text{Exp}(\frac{1}{n+1-k})$  for  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

(b) As in Problem #20(b), we see that  $Y_1 + Y_2 + \cdots + Y_n = X_{(n)}$  and so

$$\mathbb{E}(X_{(n)}) = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n}.$$

However, we can also find  $\mathbb{E}(X_{(n)})$  another way. By Theorem 4.1.2, we know that

$$f_{X_{(n)}}(x) = n(1 - e^{-x})^{n-1}e^{-x}, \quad 0 < x < \infty$$

and so

$$\mathbb{E}(X_{(n)}) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_{X_{(n)}}(x) dx = \int_0^{\infty} nx(1 - e^{-x})^{n-1}e^{-x} dx.$$

Equating these two expressions for  $\mathbb{E}(X_{(n)})$  gives

$$\int_0^{\infty} nx(1 - e^{-x})^{n-1}e^{-x} dx = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n}$$

as required.

**Problem #22.** As in Problem #20(b) we see that

$$X_{(k)} = Y_1 + Y_2 + \cdots + Y_k, \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, n,$$

where  $Y_j \in \text{Exp}(\frac{1}{n+1-j})$  with  $Y_1, \dots, Y_n$  independent. This implies that

$$\begin{aligned} Z_n &= nX_{(1)} + (n-1)X_{(2)} + \cdots + 2X_{(n-1)} + X_{(n)} \\ &= nY_1 + (n-1)(Y_1 + Y_2) + \cdots + 2(Y_1 + Y_2 + \cdots + Y_{n-1}) + (Y_1 + Y_2 + \cdots + Y_n) \\ &= Y_1(1 + 2 + \cdots + n) + Y_2(1 + 2 + \cdots + n-1) + \cdots + Y_{n-1}(1 + 2) + Y_n. \end{aligned}$$

(continued)

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{E}(Z_n) &= (1 + 2 + \cdots + n)\mathbb{E}(Y_1) + (1 + 2 + \cdots + n - 1)\mathbb{E}(Y_2) + \cdots + (1 + 2)\mathbb{E}(Y_{n-1}) + \mathbb{E}(Y_n) \\
&= (1 + 2 + \cdots + n) \cdot \frac{1}{n+1-1} + (1 + 2 + \cdots + n - 1) \cdot \frac{1}{n+1-2} + \cdots + (1 + 2) \cdot \frac{1}{n+1-(n-1)} + 1 \\
&= \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{n} + \frac{(n-1)n}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{n-1} + \cdots + \frac{2(3)}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 1 \\
&= \frac{n+1}{2} + \frac{n}{2} + \cdots + \frac{3}{2} + \frac{2}{2} \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{k+1}{2} \\
&= \frac{n(n+1)}{4} + \frac{n}{2} \\
&= \frac{n(n+3)}{4}.
\end{aligned}$$

Furthermore,

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{var}(Z_n) &= (1 + 2 + \cdots + n)^2 \text{var}(Y_1) + (1 + 2 + \cdots + n - 1)^2 \text{var}(Y_2) + \cdots + (1 + 2)^2 \text{var}(Y_{n-1}) + \text{var}(Y_n) \\
&= \left( \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{n} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{(n-1)n}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{n-1} \right)^2 + \cdots + \left( \frac{2(3)}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 + 1 \\
&= \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(k+1)^2}{4} \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} k^2 \right] - \frac{1}{4} \\
&= \frac{1}{4} \left[ \frac{(n+1)(n+2)(2n+3)}{6} \right] - \frac{1}{4} \\
&= \frac{n(2n^2 + 9n + 13)}{24}.
\end{aligned}$$

**Problem #24.** The key observation is that

$$X_1 + X_2 + \cdots + X_n = X_{(1)} + X_{(2)} + \cdots + X_{(n)}.$$

Using the fact from Stat 251 that the sum of  $n$  independent and identically distributed  $\text{Exp}(a)$  random variables has a gamma distribution with parameters  $n$  and  $a$ , we conclude that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n X_{(i)} \in \Gamma(n, a).$$

**Problem #27.** Since  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  are i.i.d.  $U(0, 1)$  random variables, they have common distribution function

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \leq 0, \\ x, & 0 < x < 1, \\ 1, & x \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

(continued)

Thus, if we let  $X_{(n)} = \max\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$ , then by Theorem 4.1.1, the distribution function of  $X_{(n)}$  is

$$F_{X_{(n)}}(y) = \begin{cases} 0, & y \leq 0, \\ y^n, & 0 < y < 1, \\ 1, & y \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

Now let  $V = \max\{X_1, \dots, X_N\}$  where  $N \in \text{Po}(\lambda)$  is independent of  $X_1, X_2, \dots$ . If we condition on the value of  $N$ , then there are two cases to consider. Either  $N = 0$  which happens with probability  $P(N = 0) = e^{-\lambda}$  and so

$$P(V = 0) = P(N = 0) = e^{-\lambda},$$

or  $N \geq 1$  in which case the distribution function of  $V|N = n$ ,  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , is given by

$$F_{V|N=n}(v) = \begin{cases} 0, & v \leq 0, \\ v^n, & 0 < v < 1, \\ 1, & v \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

Thus, the density function of  $V|N = n$ ,  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , is given by

$$f_{V|N=n}(v) = nv^{n-1}, \quad 0 < v < 1.$$

Finally, we conclude using the law of total probability that the (unconditional) density of  $V$  (in the case  $N \geq 1$ ) is

$$\begin{aligned} f_V(v) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_{V|N=n}(v)P(N = n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} nv^{n-1} \cdot \frac{\lambda^n e^{-\lambda}}{n!} = \frac{e^{-\lambda}}{v} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda v)^n}{(n-1)!} = \frac{e^{-\lambda}}{v} \cdot \lambda v \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda v)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} \\ &= \lambda e^{-\lambda} e^{\lambda v} \\ &= \lambda e^{-\lambda(1-v)}. \end{aligned}$$

To summarize, we have

- $P(V = 0) = e^{-\lambda}$ , and
- $f_V(v) = \lambda e^{-\lambda(1-v)}$ ,  $0 < v < 1$ .

Notice that

$$P(V = 0) + \int_0^1 f_V(v)dv = e^{-\lambda} + \int_0^1 \lambda e^{-\lambda(1-v)}dv = e^{-\lambda} + e^{-\lambda}(e^{\lambda} - 1) = 1$$

as expected. Note that  $V$  is an example of a random variable which is neither continuous nor discrete. The expected value of  $V$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(V) &= 0 \cdot P(V = 0) + \int_0^1 v f_V(v)dv = \int_0^1 \lambda v e^{-\lambda(1-v)}dv = e^{-\lambda} \int_0^1 \lambda v e^{\lambda v} dv \\ &= \frac{e^{-\lambda}}{\lambda} \int_0^{\lambda} u e^u du \\ &= \frac{e^{-\lambda}}{\lambda} [u e^u - e^u] \Big|_{u=0}^{u=\lambda} \\ &= \frac{e^{-\lambda}}{\lambda} (\lambda e^{\lambda} - e^{\lambda} + 1) \\ &= 1 - \frac{1}{\lambda} + \frac{e^{-\lambda}}{\lambda}. \end{aligned}$$