

1. A couple expects a baby, who is equally likely to be a boy or a girl. An ultrasound scan can either reveal the baby's true gender, or can fail to say anything. For a boy, the probability of discovery is $1/2$, while for a girl it is $1/4$. Find:
 - (a) the probability of a baby girl, if one scan fails;
 - (b) the probability of a baby girl, if 2 scans fail;
 - (c) the probability of a baby girl, if n scans fail;
(Hint: call x the probability of a girl, and see how it changes if a scan fails. Iterate the procedure a few times, and guess the general formula. Then check it by induction.)
 - (d) the distribution of the number of scans necessary to reveal the baby's gender, before performing any scan.

2. For a positive random variable X with density $f_X(t)$, the *hazard rate* is defined as the function $h_X(x) = f_X(x)/(1 - F_X(x))$. Show that:
 - (a) Show that $P(X > x) = e^{-\int_0^x h_X(u)du}$.
 - (b) Prove that $\int_0^\infty h_X(x)dx = \infty$.
 - (c) For X, Y independent, and $Z = \min(X, Y)$, show that $h_Z(t) = h_X(t) + h_Y(t)$.
 - (d) If $h_X(x) = \lambda x$, find $f_X(x)$.
 - (e) For X uniform on $[0, 1]$, find $h_X(x)$.

3. Let X_1 be exponential with parameter λ , X_2 exponential with parameter $1/X_1$, X_3 exponential with parameter $1/X_2$, and so on. Find:
 - (a) $E[X_n]$ for any n .
 - (b) $\text{Var}(X_n)$ for any n .
 - (c) $\text{Cov}(X_n, X_m)$ for $m < n$.
 - (d) $\text{Var}(X_1 + \cdots + X_n)$

Solve the following problems, supporting your answers clearly.

1. It is raining, and you are waiting for a bus, which arrives at a time U , uniform on $[0, 1]$ (in hours). There is also the possibility that a lightning arrives, according to an independent exponential time with rate λ . find:
 - (a) the probability that the bus arrives before the lightning;
 - (b) the probability that the bus arrives before the lightning, if neither has arrived for half an hour;
 - (c) the conditional density of U with respect of the event $T < U$ (lightning arrives before bus)
2. Two lazy fund managers randomly pick 5 stocks out of 15 stocks available. Then, each manager forms a portfolio with equal weights in the 5 picked stocks. The returns on the 15 stocks have IID standard normal. Find:
 - (a) the distribution of C , the number of stocks picked by both managers;
 - (b) the correlation between the two portfolios returns, conditionally on C ;
 - (c) the correlation between the two portfolios returns.
3. Let $T \sim \Gamma(2, \lambda)$ and, conditionally on T , let X be exponential with parameter T . Find:
 - (a) the marginal density of X ;
 - (b) the density of T , conditional on X ;
 - (c) the probability that $X > T$.