

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[X^2] &= \int_0^\infty x^2 x^{k-1} \lambda^k \exp(-\lambda x) / \Gamma(k) dx \\
 &= \lambda^{-2} \int_0^\infty x^{k+1} \lambda^{k+2} \exp(-\lambda x) / \Gamma(k) dx \\
 &= \lambda^{-2} \Gamma(k+2) / \Gamma(k) = (k+1)k\lambda^{-2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Var}[X] = (k+1)k\lambda^{-2} - k^2\lambda^{-2} = k\lambda^{-2}.$$

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C. Weibull Distribution: Another variant on the Exponential frequently used to model failure times.

1. Raise X to a power: $X \sim \text{Weib}(a, \lambda)$ if and only if

$$Y = (\lambda X)^a \sim \text{Expon}(1), \text{ for } a > 0 \text{ and } \lambda > 0.$$

2. Then $F_X(x) = P(X \leq x) = P((\lambda X)^a \leq (\lambda x)^a) = 1 - \exp(-(\lambda x)^a).$

3. Then $f_X(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(1 - \exp(-(\lambda x)^a)) = \exp(-(\lambda x)^a) a(\lambda x)^{a-1} \lambda.$

4. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 E[X] &= \int_0^\infty x \exp(-(\lambda x)^a) a(\lambda x)^{a-1} \lambda dx \\
 &= \int_0^\infty a \exp(-(\lambda x)^a) (\lambda x)^a dx \\
 &= \int_0^\infty \exp(-z) a z (1/a) z^{1/a-1} \lambda^{-1} dz \\
 &= \lambda^{-1} \int_0^\infty \exp(-z) z^{1/a} dz \\
 &= \lambda^{-1} \Gamma(1 + 1/a).
 \end{aligned}$$

5. Similarly $E[X^2] = \lambda^{-2}\Gamma(1 + 2/a)$.

6. Hence $\text{Var}[X] = \lambda^{-2}(\Gamma(1 + 2/a) - \Gamma(1 + 1/a)^2)$. with $z = (\lambda x)^a$, and hence $x = z^{1/a}/\lambda$.

7. Since the map from X to Y is strictly increasing, if y satisfies $P(Y \leq y) = p$, then $P(X \leq y^{1/a}/\lambda) = p$.

a. Also note that the p quantile for Y satisfies $\exp(-y) = 1 - p$, or $y = -\log(1 - p)$.

b. Hence the p quantile of X is $(-\log(1 - p))^{1/a}/\lambda$.

D. Beta distribution for $a > 0$, $b > 0$:

1. $f_X(x) \propto x^{a-1}(1-x)^{b-1}$ for $x \in (0, 1)$.

2. Let $B(a, b) = \int_0^1 x^{a-1}(1-x)^{b-1} dx$

3. $f_X(x) = x^{a-1}(1-x)^{b-1}/B(a, b)$ for $x \in (0, 1)$.

4. $B(a, b) = \Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)/\Gamma(a+b)$

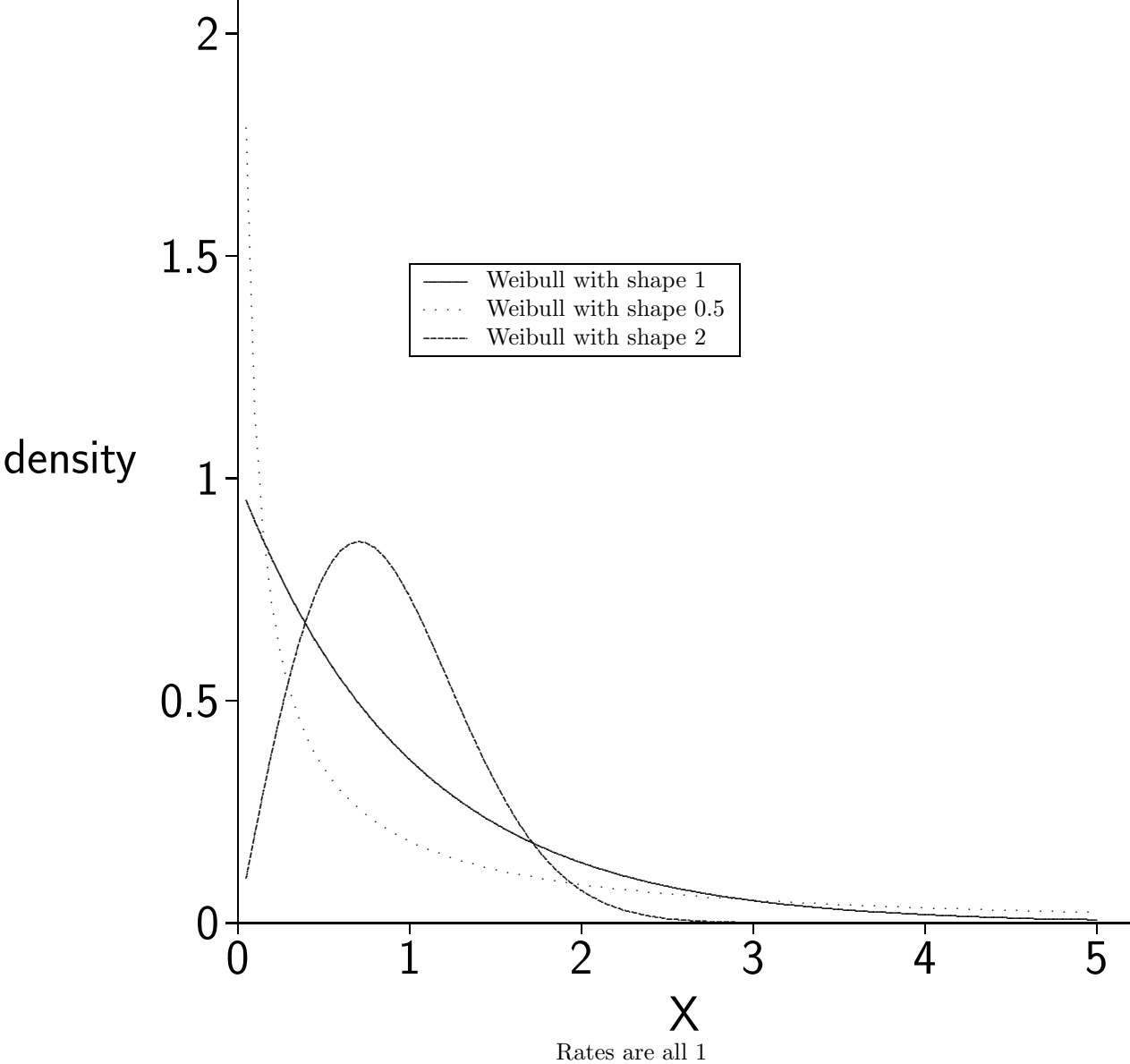
a. To see this, check $B(a, b)\Gamma(a+b) = \Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)$.

b. Write right hand side as

$$\int_0^\infty \int_0^\infty x^{a-1} \exp(-x) y^{b-1} \exp(-y) dx dy$$

c. Reparameterize to $z = x + y$ and $w = x/(x + y)$.

Weibull Densities



5. Expectation:

$$\begin{aligned}
E[X] &= \int_0^1 x x^{a-1} (1-x)^{b-1} dx / B(a, b) \\
&= \int_0^1 x^{(a+1)-1} (1-x)^{b-1} dx / B(a, b) \\
&= B(a+1, b) / B(a, b) \\
&= \frac{\Gamma(a+1)\Gamma(b) / \Gamma(a+b+1)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b) / \Gamma(a+b)} \\
&= a / (a+b)
\end{aligned}$$

6. Variance:

$$\begin{aligned}
E[X^2] &= \int_0^1 x^2 x^{a-1} (1-x)^{b-1} dx / B(a, b) \\
&= \int_0^1 x^{(a+2)-1} (1-x)^{b-1} dx / B(a, b) \\
&= B(a+2, b) / B(a, b) \\
&= \frac{\Gamma(a+2)\Gamma(b) / \Gamma(a+b+2)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b) / \Gamma(a+b)} \\
&= (a+1)a / ((a+b+1)(a+b))
\end{aligned}$$

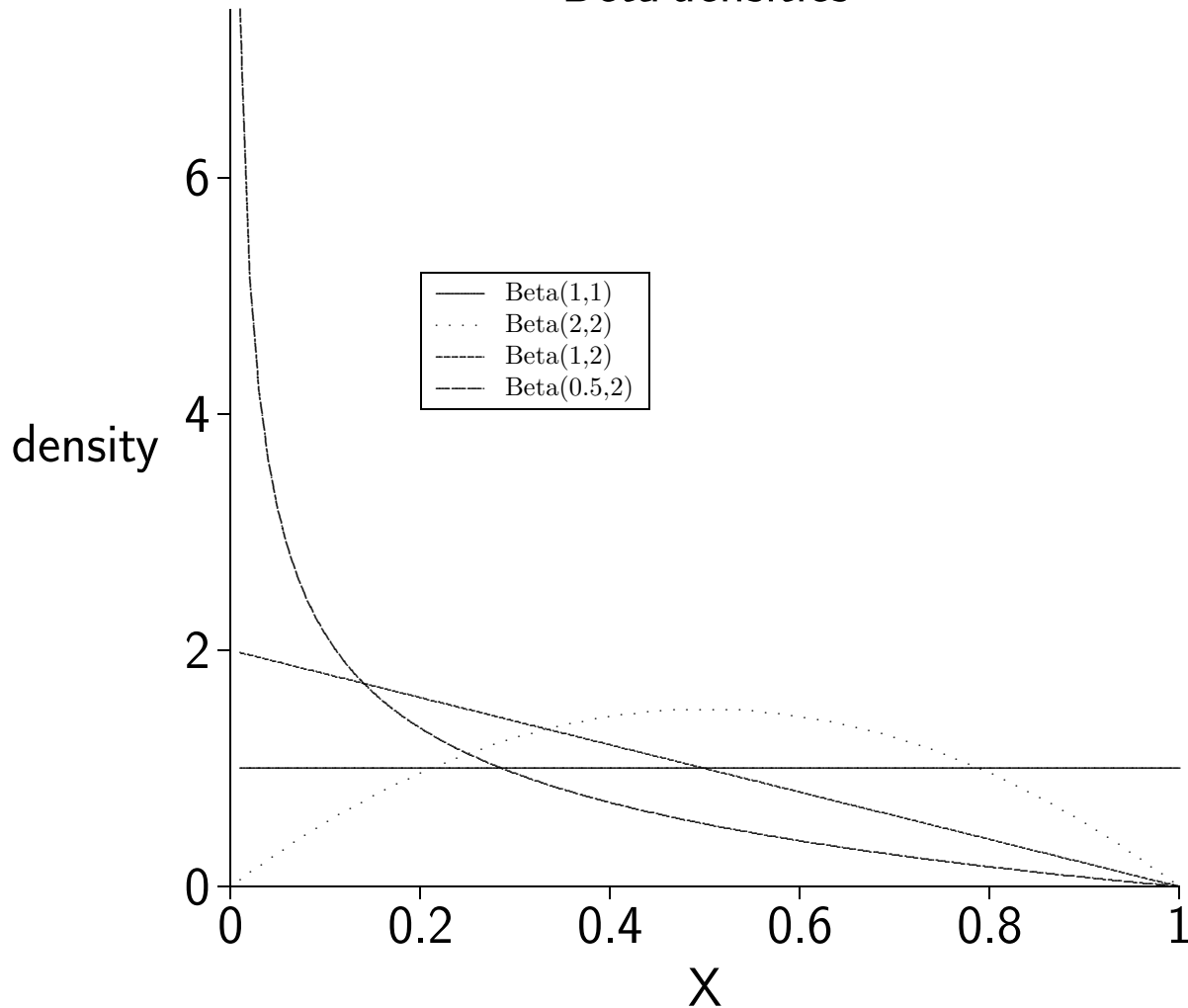
$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Var}[X] &= (a+1)a / ((a+b+1)(a+b)) - (a / (a+b))^2 \\
&= \frac{(a+1)a(a+b) - a^2(a+b+1)}{(a+b+1)(a+b)^2} \\
&= \frac{ab}{(a+b+1)(a+b)^2}
\end{aligned}$$

7. Special case: $a = b = 1$ gives uniform.

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E. The Gaussian, or Normal, Distribution:

Beta densities



1. pdf $A^{-1}\sigma^{-1} \exp(-(x - \mu)^2/(2\sigma^2))$

- a. To calculate A , note that $A = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sigma^{-1} \exp(-(x - \mu)^2/(2\sigma^2)) dx = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp(-z^2/2) dz$, which is free of μ and σ .