

Recreate our earlier example, using these general formulas.

Suppose X_1, X_2 have density $f_X(x) = 3e^{-3x}$ for $x > 0$
= 0 otherwise
 $F_X(x) = 1 - e^{-3x}$ for $x > 0$
= 0 otherwise

and suppose X_1, X_2 are independent.

We can use the general formulas we learned to see:

$X_{(1)}, X_{(2)}$ (the first and second order statistics, respectively,
i.e. $X_{(1)}$ is the $\min(X_1, X_2)$, $X_{(2)}$ is the $\max(X_1, X_2)$)

has joint density

$$f_{X_{(1)}, X_{(2)}}(x_1, x_2) = 2! 3e^{-3x_1} 3e^{-3x_2} \quad \text{for } 0 < x_1 < x_2$$

and $X_{(1)}$ has density

$$\begin{aligned} f_{X_{(1)}}(x_1) &= \underbrace{\binom{2}{0,1,1}}_{=2} 3e^{-3x_1} (1 - e^{-3x_1})^0 (e^{-3x_1})^1 \\ &= 6e^{-6x_1} \quad \text{for } x_1 > 0 \end{aligned}$$

and $X_{(2)}$ has density

$$\begin{aligned} f_{X_{(2)}}(x_2) &= \underbrace{\binom{2}{1,1,0}}_{=2} 3e^{-3x_2} (1 - e^{-3x_2})^1 (e^{-3x_2})^0 \\ &= 6e^{-3x_2} (1 - e^{-3x_2}) \quad \text{for } x_2 > 0 \end{aligned}$$

So the general formulas seem to work for the specific example we calculated earlier.