

Solution for review exercise 26 (chapter 4) in Pitman

Question a)

$$E(W_t) = E(Xe^{tY}) = E(X)E(e^{tY})$$

by the independence of X and Y . We find $E(e^{tY})$ from the definition of the mean.

$$E(e^{tY}) = \int_1^{\frac{3}{2}} e^{ty} \cdot 2dy = \frac{2e^t}{t} \left(e^{\frac{t}{2}} - 1 \right)$$

Inserting this result and $E(X) = 2$ we get

$$E(W_t) = 2 \frac{2e^t}{t} \left(e^{\frac{t}{2}} - 1 \right)$$

Alternatively we could derive the joint density of X and Y to

$$f(x, y) = 2(2x)^3 e^{-2x}, \quad 0 < x, 0 < y < 1$$

where we have used that X has Gamma (4,2) density, and apply the formula for $E(g(X, Y))$ page 349.

Question b)

Since X and Y are independent we find $E(W_t^2)$

$$E(W_t^2) = E(X^2)E\left(\left(e^{tY}\right)^2\right)$$

where $E(X^2) = Var(X) + (E(X))^2 = 5$, see eg. page 481. Next we derive

$$E\left(\left(e^{tY}\right)^2\right) = \frac{e^{2t}}{t} (e^t - 1)$$

and apply the computational formula for the variance page 261

$$SD(W_t) = \sqrt{5 \frac{e^{2t}}{t} (e^t - 1) - \left(2 \frac{2e^t}{t} \left(e^{\frac{t}{2}} - 1\right)\right)^2} =$$