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We apply the technique of the proof for the distribution of ratios formula page 382-383. Define $Z = \frac{X}{X+Y}$. The event $z < Z < z + dz$ occurs whenever Y is between the two lines $\frac{x}{x+y} = z + dz$ and $\frac{x}{x+y} = z$. We get the length of the vertical side of the rectangle by solving for y in the two equations above. Thus

$$y_2 = \left(\frac{1}{z} - 1\right)x, y_1 = \left(\frac{1}{z + dz} - 1\right)x, \quad y_2 - y_1 = \frac{xdz}{z(z + dz)} \approx \frac{xdz}{z^2}$$

We have derived a general formula for the density of $Z = \frac{X}{X+Y}$ for non negative X and Y

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{x}{z^2} f_X(x) f_Y\left(\frac{(1-z)x}{z}\right) dx$$

We now insert the gamma densities of X and Y (see page 481) to get

$$\int_0^\infty \frac{x}{z^2} \lambda \frac{(\lambda x)^{r-1}}{\Gamma(r)} e^{-\lambda x} \lambda \frac{\left(\lambda \frac{(1-z)x}{z}\right)^{s-1}}{\Gamma(s)} e^{-\lambda \frac{(1-z)x}{z}} dx$$

We simplify to get

$$\frac{1}{z^2 \Gamma(r) \Gamma(s)} \left(\frac{1-z}{z}\right)^{s-1} \int_0^\infty \lambda (\lambda x)^{r+s-1} e^{-\lambda \frac{x}{z}} dx$$

the function under the integral is very close to a gamma density such that with

$$\frac{1}{z^2 \Gamma(r) \Gamma(s)} \left(\frac{1-z}{z}\right)^{s-1} \Gamma(r+s) z^{r+s-1} \int_0^\infty \lambda \frac{\left(\frac{\lambda x}{z}\right)^{r+s-1}}{\Gamma(r+s)} e^{-\lambda \frac{x}{z}} dx$$

we get the density of a *gamma* $(r+s, \frac{\lambda}{z})$ variable. Thus

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