

(1) Since

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}e^{\eta X} &= \int_0^\infty \mathbb{P}(e^{\eta X} > t)dt = \int_0^1 \mathbb{P}(\Omega)dt + \int_1^\infty \mathbb{P}(e^{\eta X} > t)dt \\ &= 1 + \int_0^\infty \mathbb{P}(e^{\eta X} > e^{\eta s})\eta e^{\eta s}ds = 1 + \eta \int_0^\infty \mathbb{P}(X > s)e^{\eta s}ds \\ &= 1 + \eta \int_0^\infty e^{\eta s}(1 - F(s))ds,\end{aligned}$$

we get  $\int_0^\infty e^{\eta s}(1 - F(s))ds = \frac{1}{\eta} (\mathbb{E}e^{\eta X} - 1)$ .

(2) (a)

$$\frac{1 - F(x)}{e^{-\lambda x}} = \frac{\left(\frac{b}{x}\right)^a}{e^{-\lambda x}} = b^a \frac{e^{\lambda x}}{x^a} \rightarrow \infty$$

as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  for any  $\lambda > 0$ , since the exponential function increases faster than any power function. Thus the distribution is heavy tailed.

(b)

$$\frac{1 - F(x)}{e^{-\lambda x}} = \frac{e^{-cx^\tau}}{e^{-\lambda x}} = e^{\lambda x - cx^\tau} = e^{\lambda x(1 - \frac{c}{\lambda}x^{\tau-1})}$$

If  $\tau < 1$ , then  $x^{\tau-1} \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{\lambda x(1 - \frac{c}{\lambda}x^{\tau-1})} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{\lambda x} = \infty$$

for all  $\lambda > 0$ . Hence the Weibull distribution is heavy tailed for  $\tau < 1$ .

If  $\tau \geq 1$ , then  $x^{\tau-1} \geq 1$  for all  $x > 0$  and  $-\frac{c}{\lambda}x^{\tau-1} \leq -\frac{c}{\lambda}$ . Choose  $\lambda < c$ , so that  $1 - \frac{c}{\lambda}x^{\tau-1} \leq 1 - \frac{c}{\lambda} < 0$ . Then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{\lambda x(1 - \frac{c}{\lambda}x^{\tau-1})} \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{\lambda x(1 - \frac{c}{\lambda})} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{(\lambda - c)x} = 0.$$

Hence the Weibull distribution is light tailed for  $\tau \geq 1$ .

(3) (a)

$$\begin{aligned}
q_n &= \binom{m}{n} p^n (1-p)^{m-n} = \frac{m!}{(m-n)!n!} p^n (1-p)^{m-n} \\
&= \frac{(m-n+1)m!}{(m-n+1)(m-n)!(n-1)!n} p p^{n-1} \frac{1}{1-p} (1-p)^{m-n+1} \\
&= \frac{m-n+1}{n} \frac{m!}{(m-n+1)!(n-1)!} \frac{p}{1-p} p^{n-1} (1-p)^{m-n+1} \\
&= \left( -1 + \frac{m+1}{n} \right) \frac{p}{1-p} \frac{m!}{(m-(n-1))!(n-1)!} p^{n-1} (1-p)^{m-(n-1)} \\
&= \left( -\frac{p}{1-p} + \frac{(m+1)\frac{p}{1-p}}{n} \right) q_{n-1},
\end{aligned}$$

so that  $a = -\frac{p}{1-p}$  and  $b = (m+1)\frac{p}{1-p}$ .

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}
q_n &= \binom{v+n-1}{n} p^v (1-p)^n = \frac{(v+n-1)!}{(v+n-1-n)!n!} p^v (1-p)^n \\
&= \frac{(v+n-2)!(v+n-1)}{(v-1)!(n-1)!n} p^v (1-p)(1-p)^{n-1} \\
&= \frac{v+n-1}{n} (1-p) \frac{(v+n-2)!}{(v-1)!(n-1)!} p^v (1-p)^{n-1} \\
&= \left( 1 + \frac{v-1}{n} \right) (1-p) \frac{(v+(n-1)-1)!}{(v+(n-1)-1-(n-1))!(n-1)!} p^v (1-p)^{n-1} \\
&= \left( 1-p + \frac{(v-1)(1-p)}{n} \right) \binom{v+(n-1)-1}{n-1} p^v (1-p)^{n-1} \\
&= \left( 1-p + \frac{(v-1)(1-p)}{n} \right) q_{n-1},
\end{aligned}$$

so that  $a = 1-p$  and  $b = (v-1)(1-p)$ .

(4)  $N(T, \omega) - N(T-, \omega) = 1$  if and only if there is a jump in the path at  $T$ , that means  $T_n(\omega) = T$  for some  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbb{P}(N(T) - N(T-) = 1) &= \mathbb{P}(T_n = T \text{ for some } n = 1, 2, \dots) = \mathbb{P}\left(\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \{T_n = T\}\right) \\
&= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbb{P}(T_n = T).
\end{aligned}$$

We have  $T_n = W_1 + \dots + W_n$ , where  $W_1, \dots, W_n$  are independent and have exponential distribution. Then also  $T_n$  has a density function  $h_n$  (Exercises -1-) and

$$\mathbb{P}(T_n = T) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{1}_{\{T\}}(x) h_n(x) dx = \int_T^T h_n(x) dx = 0.$$

Hence  $\mathbb{P}(N(T) - N(T-) = 1) = 0$ .

