

5. [10 points] You are at a bus stop waiting for a bus to arrive. The cumulative distribution function for the time, in minutes, a passenger will wait for the next bus to arrive is given by

$$P(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t \leq 0 \\ 1 - e^{-0.05t} & t > 0. \end{cases}$$

- a. [3 points] What is the median amount of time that a passenger has to wait for a bus to arrive? Provide an exact answer. Remember to show all your work.

If T is the median time, then

$$\frac{1}{2} = \text{Prob}(\text{wait} < T) = P(T) = 1 - e^{-0.05T} \Rightarrow e^{-0.05T} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Answer: Median} = \frac{\ln(.5)}{-.05} = 20 \ln 2$$

You decide that you are going to take the 2nd bus that arrives. It can be shown that the number of minutes a passenger has to wait for 2 buses to arrive has probability density function

$$q(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t \leq 0 \\ Cte^{-0.05t} & t > 0 \end{cases}$$

for some constant C .

- b. [5 points] Find the value of C . Show all your work using correct notation. Any evaluation of integrals must be done without a calculator.

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} q(t) dt = \int_0^{\infty} Cte^{-0.05t} dt && \text{Let } w = .05t \Rightarrow t = 20w \\ &&& dt = 20dw \\ &&& t = 0 \Rightarrow w = 0 \\ &&& t \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow w \rightarrow \infty \\ &= C \int_0^{\infty} (20w) e^{-w} (20dw) = 400C \int_0^{\infty} we^{-w} dw && \text{Let } u = w \quad v' = e^{-w} \\ &&& u' = 1 \quad v = -e^{-w} \\ &= 400C \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[-we^{-w} \Big|_0^b - \int_0^b -e^{-w} dw \right] \\ &= 400C \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{-b}{e^b} - e^{-w} \Big|_0^b \right] = 400C \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{-b}{e^b} + e^{-0} \right] \\ &= 400C. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Answer: } C = \frac{1}{400} = .0025$$

- c. [2 points] Write an expression (possibly involving one or more integrals) for the mean number of minutes it takes for 2 buses to arrive. (You do not need to evaluate your expression.)

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} tq(t) dt$$

$$\text{Answer: Mean} = \frac{1}{400} \int_0^{\infty} t^2 e^{-0.05t} dt$$