

Exercise: Deriving the inverse gamma density

Let $X \sim \text{Ga}(a, b)$, i.e.

$$\text{Ga}(x|a, b) = \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} x^{a-1} e^{-xb} \quad (1)$$

Let $Y = 1/X$. Show that $Y \sim \text{IG}(a, b)$, i.e.,

$$\text{IG}(x|\text{shape} = a, \text{scale} = b) = \frac{b^a}{\Gamma(a)} x^{-(a+1)} e^{-b/x} \quad (2)$$

Hint: use the change of variables formula.