

# Using a Computer Algebra System in Data Analysis

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Civilization advances by extending the number of important operations which we can perform without thinking about them.  
—Alfred North Whitehead (1861–1947)

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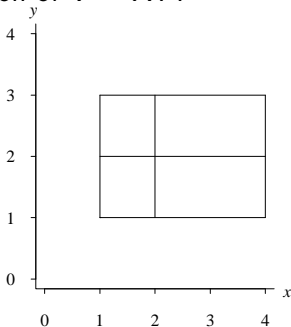
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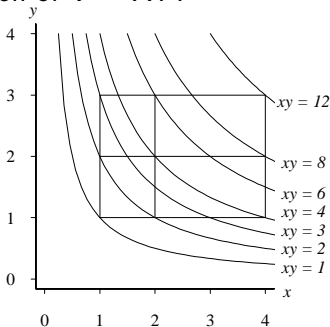
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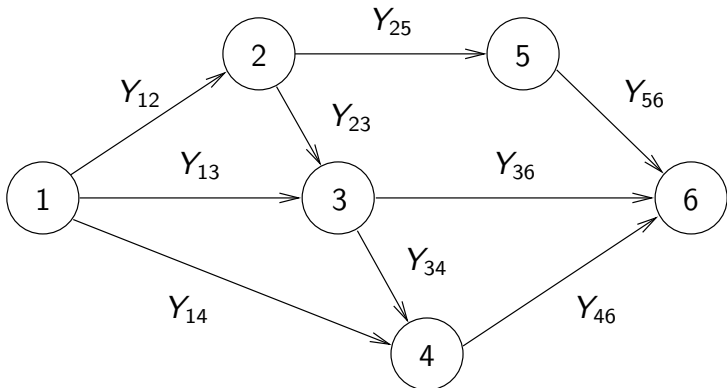
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Stochastic activity networks arise in *project management*



Our goal: find the distribution of  $T_6$ , the time to complete the network

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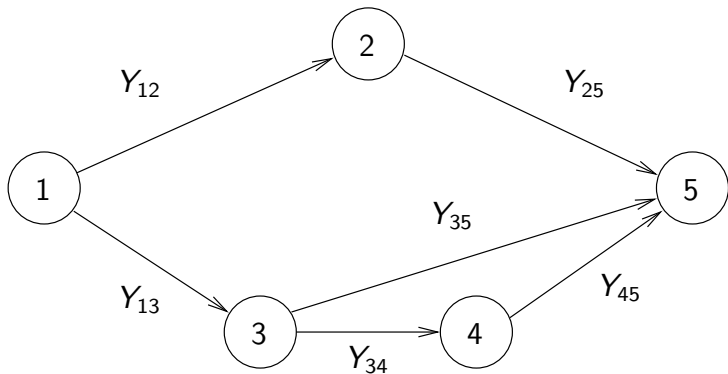
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## Popular analysis techniques

- CPM
- PERT
- Simulation

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Series-parallel networks constitute a class of stochastic activity networks that are easy to analyze. This sample series-parallel network is from Elmaghraby (1977, p. 261).



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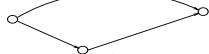
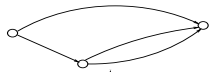
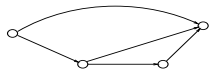
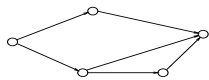
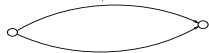
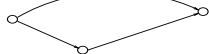
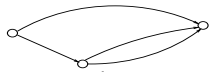
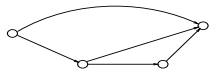
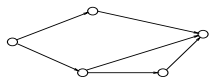
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When all arc durations are independent exponential( $b$ ) random variables, where  $b$  is a rate, the time to complete the network  $T_5$  has cdf

$$F_{T_5}(t) = 1 - 3bte^{-bt} - \frac{b^2t^2}{2}e^{-bt} - 3e^{-2bt} + \frac{5b^2t^2}{2}e^{-2bt} + \frac{b^3t^3}{2}e^{-2bt} \\ + 2e^{-3bt} + 3bte^{-3bt} + b^2t^2e^{-3bt} \quad t > 0$$

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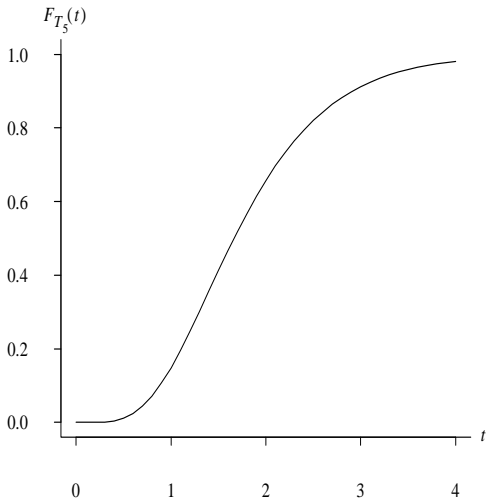
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The cdf is shown below for  $b = 2$



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**Bonus material:** for exponential(2) arc durations

Paths  $\pi_k$  and critical path probabilities  $p(\pi_k)$

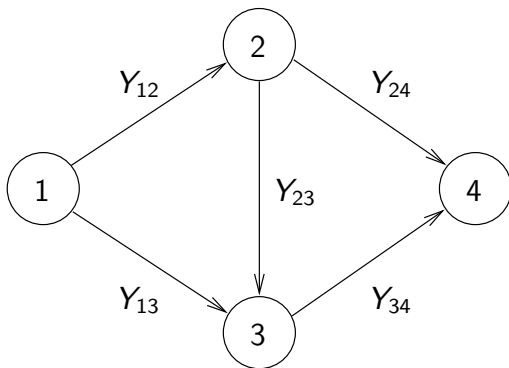
$k$	Node sequence	$\pi_k$	$p(\pi_k)$
1	1 $\rightarrow$ 2 $\rightarrow$ 5	$\{a_{12}, a_{25}\}$	$115/432 \cong 0.266$
2	1 $\rightarrow$ 3 $\rightarrow$ 5	$\{a_{13}, a_{35}\}$	$317/1728 \cong 0.183$
3	1 $\rightarrow$ 3 $\rightarrow$ 4 $\rightarrow$ 5	$\{a_{13}, a_{34}, a_{45}\}$	$317/576 \cong 0.550$

Criticalities  $\rho_{ij}$

Arc	Paths	$\rho_{ij}$
$a_{12}$	$\pi_1$	$115/432 \cong 0.266$
$a_{13}$	$\pi_2, \pi_3$	$317/432 \cong 0.734$
$a_{25}$	$\pi_1$	$115/432 \cong 0.266$
$a_{35}$	$\pi_2$	$317/1728 \cong 0.183$
$a_{34}$	$\pi_3$	$317/576 \cong 0.550$
$a_{45}$	$\pi_3$	$317/576 \cong 0.550$

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A non-series-parallel network is much more difficult to analyze.  
Here is the well-known *bridge network*.



Solution: conditional probability

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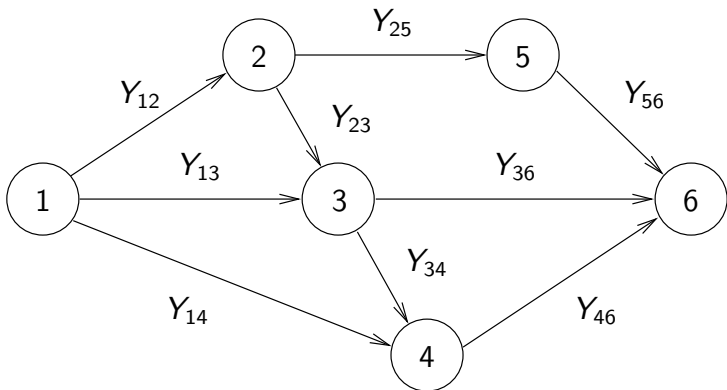
When the arc durations  $Y_{ij}$  are independent  $U(0,1)$  random variables

$$F_{T_4}(t) = \begin{cases} 0 & t \leq 0 \\ \frac{11}{120} t^5 & 0 < t \leq 1 \\ -\frac{1}{120} t^5 - \frac{1}{6} t^4 + \frac{2}{3} t^3 - \frac{1}{3} t^2 - \frac{1}{6} t + \frac{1}{10} & 1 < t \leq 2 \\ \frac{1}{6} t^3 - \frac{3}{2} t^2 + \frac{9}{2} t - \frac{23}{6} & 2 < t \leq 3 \\ 1 & t > 3 \end{cases}$$

Next step: develop an algorithm to automate this process

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Consider the network



with independent exponential(1) arc durations

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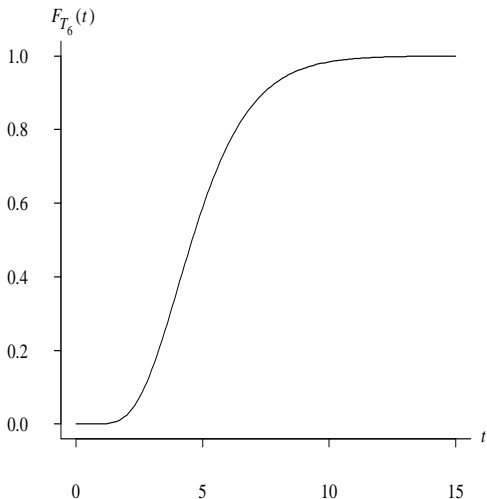
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$$\begin{aligned} F_{T_6}(t) = & 1 + \frac{107}{4}e^{-2t} - \frac{71}{4}e^{-4t} - 8e^{-2t}t^2 - \frac{45}{2}e^{-2t}t \\ & - \frac{1}{6}e^{-2t}t^3 - \frac{1}{6}e^{-t}t^3 - 2e^{-t}t^2 - 2e^{-4t}t^2 \\ & - \frac{71}{2}e^{-3t}t + \frac{1}{8}e^{-2t}t^4 - \frac{1}{8}e^{-3t}t^4 - 9e^{-3t}t^2 \\ & + \frac{2}{3}e^{-3t}t^3 - 12e^{-4t}t - \frac{85}{4}e^{-3t} + \frac{45}{4}e^{-t} \quad t > 0 \end{aligned}$$

The mean network completion time is

$$E[T_6] = \int_0^{\infty} (1 - F_{T_6}(t)) dt = \frac{4213}{864} \approx 4.8762$$



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## Bootstrapping in systems reliability

Use bootstrapping to determine a 95% lower confidence bound on the system reliability for a series system of three independent components using the binary failure data  $(y_i, n_i)$ , where

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The probability density function of the fourth customer's sojourn time is

$$f_4(t) = \frac{1}{6(\lambda + \mu)^5} \mu^4 e^{-\mu t} \left( 30\lambda^2 + 30\lambda^3 t + 24\lambda\mu + 24\lambda^2 \mu t + 6\mu^2 + 6\mu^2 \lambda t + 9t^2 \lambda^4 + 12t^2 \lambda^3 \mu + 3t^2 \lambda^2 \mu^2 + t^3 \lambda^5 + 2t^3 \lambda^4 \mu + t^3 \lambda^3 \mu^2 \right)$$

for  $t > 0$  which has mean

$$E[T_4] = \frac{\mu^5 + 6\lambda\mu^4 + 26\mu^2\lambda^3 + 16\mu^3\lambda^2 + 17\mu\lambda^4 + 4\lambda^5}{\mu(\lambda + \mu)^5}$$

and variance

$$V[T_4] = \left( 181\mu^2\lambda^8 + 484\mu^3\lambda^7 + 816\mu^4\lambda^6 + 868\mu^5\lambda^5 + 574\mu^6\lambda^4 + 244\mu^7\lambda^3 + 40\mu\lambda^9 + 68\mu^8\lambda^2 + 12\mu^9\lambda + \mu^{10} + 4\lambda^{10} \right) / \left( \mu^2(\lambda + \mu)^{10} \right)$$

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> X := ExponentialRV(1);
> Y := ExponentialRV(2);
> for i from 2 to 60 by 1 do
>   T := Queue(X, Y, i, k, 1);
>   print(i, evalf(Mean(T)), evalf(Variance(T)),
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> od;
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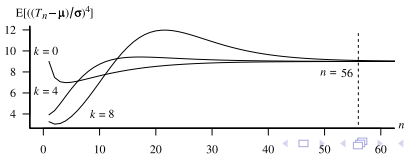
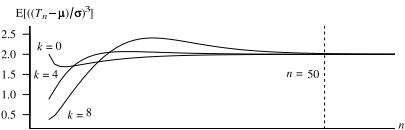
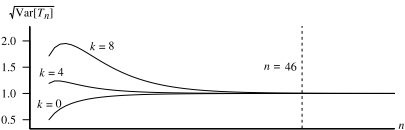
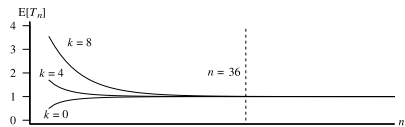
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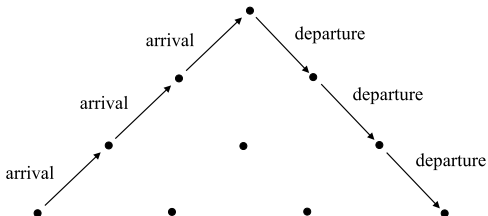
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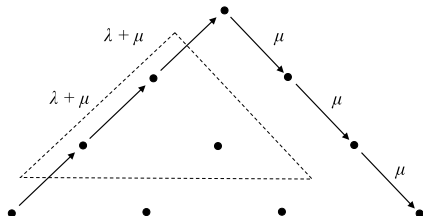
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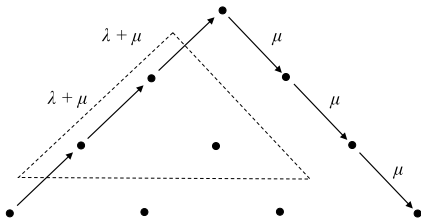
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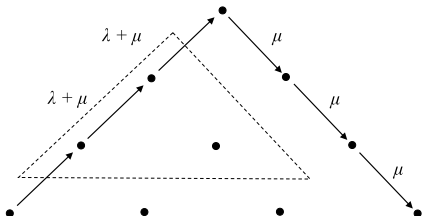


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**Covariance between first and second customer's sojourn times when  $n = 3$**

$> \text{Cov}(1, 2, 3);$



# Application 6: Queueing (continued)

**Variance–covariance matrix of the sojourn times for  $n = 3$ :**

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\mu^2} & \frac{\lambda(2\mu + \lambda)}{(\lambda + \mu)^2\mu^2} & \frac{\lambda^2(\lambda^2 + 4\lambda\mu + 5\mu^2)}{(\lambda + \mu)^4\mu^2} \\ \bullet & \frac{2\lambda^2 + 4\lambda\mu + \mu^2}{(\lambda + \mu)^2\mu^2} & \frac{\lambda(2\lambda^2 + 8\lambda^2\mu + 11\lambda\mu^2 + 2\mu^3)}{(\lambda + \mu)^4\mu^2} \\ \bullet & \bullet & \frac{3\lambda^6 + 18\lambda^5\mu + 45\lambda^4\mu^2 + 54\lambda^3\mu^3 + 30\lambda^2\mu^4 + 8\lambda\mu^5 + \mu^6}{(\lambda + \mu)^6\mu^2} \end{bmatrix}$$

**For  $\lambda = 1$  and  $\mu = 2$ , for example,**

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & \frac{5}{36} & \frac{29}{324} \\ \bullet & \frac{7}{18} & \frac{13}{54} \\ \bullet & \bullet & \frac{1451}{2916} \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} 0.2500 & 0.1389 & 0.0895 \\ \bullet & 0.3889 & 0.2407 \\ \bullet & \bullet & 0.4976 \end{bmatrix}$$

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**Example 4** Find the variance–covariance matrix of the first **nine** customer sojourn times in an initially empty and idle  $M/M/1$  queue with arrival rate  $\lambda = 1$  and service rate  $\mu = 2$

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**Example 4** Find the variance–covariance matrix of the first **nine** customer sojourn times in an initially empty and idle  $M/M/1$  queue with arrival rate  $\lambda = 1$  and service rate  $\mu = 2$

$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{5}{36}$	$\frac{29}{324}$	$\frac{181}{2916}$	$\frac{1181}{26244}$	$\frac{2647}{78732}$	$\frac{18191}{708588}$	$\frac{127111}{6377292}$	$\frac{2699837}{172186884}$
•	$\frac{7}{18}$	$\frac{13}{54}$	$\frac{239}{1458}$	$\frac{1543}{13122}$	$\frac{10303}{118098}$	$\frac{23485}{354294}$	$\frac{163493}{3188646}$	$\frac{3462503}{86093442}$
•	•	$\frac{1451}{2916}$	$\frac{8531}{26244}$	$\frac{53995}{236196}$	$\frac{356291}{2125764}$	$\frac{805705}{6377292}$	$\frac{5576849}{57395628}$	$\frac{39197977}{516560652}$
•	•	•	$\frac{34514}{59049}$	$\frac{209794}{531441}$	$\frac{1357010}{4782969}$	$\frac{3031606}{14348907}$	$\frac{20810726}{129140163}$	$\frac{145390102}{1162261467}$
•	•	•	•	$\frac{12525605}{19131876}$	$\frac{77889229}{172186884}$	$\frac{170586983}{516560652}$	$\frac{1156711327}{4649045868}$	$\frac{8013045911}{41841412812}$
•	•	•	•	•	$\frac{551583889}{774840978}$	$\frac{1162296371}{2324522934}$	$\frac{7727099083}{20920706406}$	$\frac{52871149859}{188286357654}$
•	•	•	•	•	•	$\frac{10582107143}{13947137604}$	$\frac{67728246079}{125524238436}$	$\frac{454382575415}{1129718145924}$
•	•	•	•	•	•	•	$\frac{225196533287}{282429536481}$	$\frac{1455144635743}{2541865828329}$
•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	$\frac{75890492486993}{91507169819844}$

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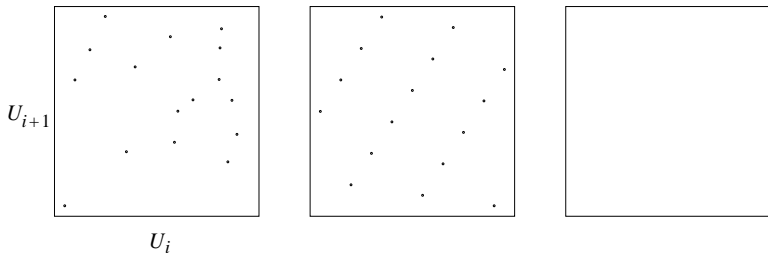
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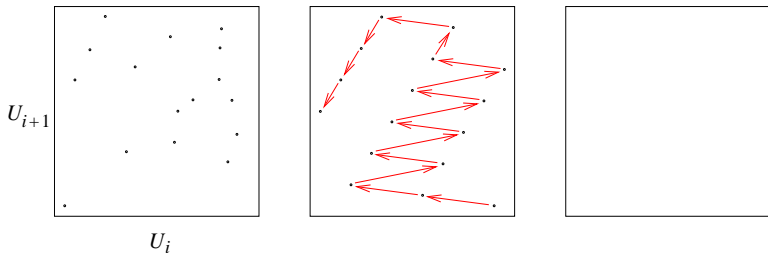
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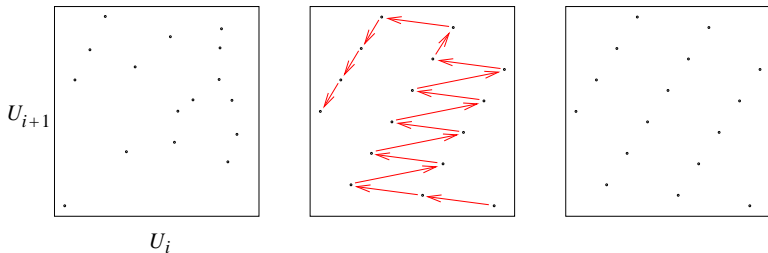
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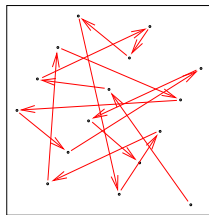
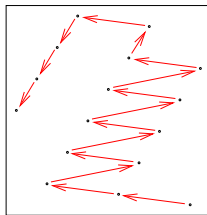
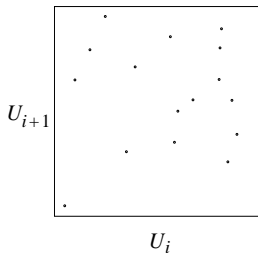
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```
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$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x(x^2 - 4x + \pi) & 0 < x \leq 1 \\ \frac{-2x(2\sqrt{x^2-1} + 4 - 4x^2 + 2\sqrt{x^2-1} \arcsin(\frac{x^2-2}{x^2}) + x^2\sqrt{x^2-1})}{\sqrt{x^2-1}} & 1 < x < \sqrt{2} \end{cases}$$

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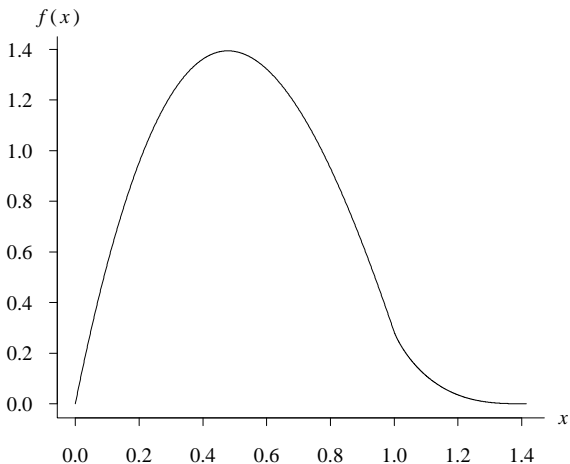
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Probability density function of  $D = \sqrt{(X_2 - X_1)^2 + (Y_2 - Y_1)^2}$   
for two random points  $(X_1, Y_1)$  and  $(X_2, Y_2)$  in the unit square



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- APPL is free
- APPL is easy to use
- APPL gives exact solutions to many probability problems
- APPL can be used in a variety of application areas