



## Derivation of parameters

$$\int_a^b x e^{-x} dx$$

(I take a definite integral in this case ... I explain later why).

One could solve this integral by parts, but we show here a different way.

$$\int_a^b x e^{-x} dx = \left( \int_a^b x e^{-\alpha x} dx \right)_{\alpha=1} = \left( \text{Notice that } g(\alpha) = \int_a^b x e^{-\alpha x} dx \right)$$

is a well defined function of  $\alpha$ ,

$$= \left[ -\frac{d}{d\alpha} \int_a^b e^{-\alpha x} dx \right]_{\alpha=1} = \left[ -\frac{d}{d\alpha} \left( -\frac{1}{\alpha} e^{-\alpha x} \right)_a^b \right]_{\alpha=1}$$

$$= \left[ +\frac{d}{d\alpha} \left( \frac{1}{\alpha} e^{-\alpha b} - \frac{1}{\alpha} e^{-\alpha a} \right) \right]_{\alpha=1} = \left[ -\frac{1}{\alpha^2} e^{-\alpha b} - \frac{b}{\alpha} e^{-\alpha b} + \frac{1}{\alpha^2} e^{-\alpha a} + \frac{a}{\alpha} e^{-\alpha a} \right]_{\alpha=1}$$

$$= e^{-a} - e^{-b} + a e^{-a} - b e^{-b}$$