

Let  $Y \sim \text{Uniform}(\alpha, \beta)$   $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\alpha < \beta$ . Show that

$$P \left\{ \frac{1}{y} (Y - \alpha) > \beta - Y \right\} = 1/(1+y)$$

Solution:

$$P \left\{ \frac{1}{y} (Y - \alpha) > \beta - Y \right\} = P \{ (Y - \alpha) > y(\beta - Y) \} = P \{ Y - \alpha > y\beta - yY \}$$

$$= P \{ Y + yY - \alpha > y\beta \} = P \{ Y + yY > \alpha + y\beta \} = P \{ (1+y)Y > \alpha + y\beta \}$$

$$= P \left\{ Y > \frac{(\alpha + y\beta)}{(1+y)} \right\} = \frac{[\beta - (\alpha + y\beta)/(1+y)]}{(\beta - \alpha)} = \frac{(\beta + \beta y - \alpha - \beta y)}{[(1+y)(\beta - \alpha)]}$$

$$= \frac{(\beta - \alpha)}{[(1+y)(\beta - \alpha)]} = 1/(1+y)$$