

## Question #76

Answer is D

The posterior density is proportional to the product of the probability of the observed value and the prior density. Thus,  $\pi(\theta | N > 0) \propto \Pr(N > 0 | \theta)\pi(\theta) = (1 - e^{-\theta})\theta e^{-\theta}$ .

The constant of proportionality is obtained from  $\int_0^{\infty} \theta e^{-\theta} - \theta e^{-2\theta} d\theta = \frac{1}{1^2} - \frac{1}{2^2} = 0.75$ .

The posterior density is  $\pi(\theta | N > 0) = (4/3)(\theta e^{-\theta} - \theta e^{-2\theta})$ .

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr(N_2 > 0 | N_1 > 0) &= \int_0^{\infty} \Pr(N_2 > 0 | \theta)\pi(\theta | N_1 > 0)d\theta = \int_0^{\infty} (1 - e^{-\theta})(4/3)(\theta e^{-\theta} - \theta e^{-2\theta})d\theta \\ &= \frac{4}{3} \int_0^{\infty} \theta e^{-\theta} - 2\theta e^{-2\theta} + \theta e^{-3\theta} d\theta = \frac{4}{3} \left( \frac{1}{1^2} - \frac{2}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} \right) = 0.8148.\end{aligned}$$