

**Exercise 2.15**

(a) We know that

$$\dot{e}_x = \int_0^\infty {}_s p_x ds = \int_0^\infty \frac{S_0(x+s)}{S_0(x)} ds = \frac{1}{S_0(x)} \int_0^\infty S_0(x+s) ds.$$

Using a change of variable of integration  $t = x + s$ , we find that

$$\dot{e}_x = \frac{1}{S_0(x)} \int_0^\infty S_0(x+t) dt = \frac{1}{S_0(x)} \int_x^\infty S_0(t) dt$$

and the result follows. Now taking the derivative of both sides with respect to  $x$ , we find

$$\frac{d}{dx} \dot{e}_x = \frac{-S_0(x)S_0(x) + f_0(x) \int_x^\infty S_0(t) dt}{S_0(x)^2} = -1 + \frac{f_0(x)}{S_0(x)} \cdot \frac{\int_x^\infty S_0(t) dt}{S_0(x)}.$$

The result follows because we know that

$$\mu_x = \frac{f_0(x)}{S_0(x)}$$

and

$$\dot{e}_x = \frac{1}{S_0(x)} \int_x^\infty S_0(t) dt.$$

Another approach to prove this is to use the result of Exercise 2.9:

$$\frac{d}{dx} \dot{e}_x = \int_0^\infty {}_t p_x (\mu_x - \mu_{x+t}) dt = \mu_x \int_0^\infty {}_t p_x dt - \int_0^\infty {}_t p_x \mu_{x+t} dt = \mu_x \dot{e}_x - 1.$$

(b) If we let  $g(x) = x + \dot{e}_x$ , then

$$\frac{d}{dx} g(x) = 1 + \frac{d}{dx} \dot{e}_x = 1 + \mu_x \dot{e}_x - 1 = \mu_x \dot{e}_x > 0.$$

Thus,  $g$  is an increasing function of age  $x$ . This means that as you age, the higher your average age at death. Each year you survive is an addition to your average age at death for certain.