5 Exponential Practice

(a) $f_Y(y) = \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda y} y$ for $y \ge 0$; and 0 otherwise

Since $X_1 \sim \operatorname{Exp}(\lambda)$ and $\lambda > 0$, so by definition X_1 has probability density function $f_{X_1}(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$ if $x \geq 0$ and 0 otherwise, and also that it has CDF $F_{X_1}(x) = \mathbb{P}[X_1 \leq x] = 1 - e^{-\lambda x}$ for $x \geq 0$. Similarly, X_2 has the same PDF and CDF.

Now, since $Y = X_1 + X_2$, X_1, X_2 are independent, and that all values of X_1, X_2 has to be nonnegative (since the probability of them having negative values is 0), so we can calculate the cumulative distribution function of Y as: $F_Y(y) = \mathbb{P}[Y \le y] = \mathbb{P}[(X_1 + X_2) \le y] = \int_{-\infty}^y \mathbb{P}[X_1 \le y - x \mid X_2 = x] \cdot f_{X_2}(x) \, dx = \int_{-\infty}^y \mathbb{P}[X_1 \le y - x] \cdot f_{X_2}(x) \, dx = \int_{-\infty}^y (1 - e^{-\lambda(y-x)}) \cdot \lambda e^{-\lambda x} \, dx = \int_{-\infty}^y \lambda e^{-\lambda x} \, dx - \int_{-\infty}^y \lambda e^{-\lambda x} \, dx - \int_0^y \lambda e^{-\lambda y} \, dx = -e^{-\lambda x} \Big|_0^y - (\lambda e^{-\lambda y} x) \Big|_0^y = 1 - e^{-\lambda y} - \lambda e^{-\lambda y} y$

Since the density of Y is $f_Y(y) = \frac{dF_Y(y)}{dy}$ by definition, so for $y \ge 0$,

$$f_Y(y) = \lambda e^{-\lambda y} - \lambda (-y\lambda e^{-\lambda y} + e^{-\lambda y}) = \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda y}y$$

and 0 otherwise (y < 0).

(b) $\frac{x}{t}$

By given information and the definition of conditional probability, so we have that the CDF is:

$$\mathbb{P}(X_1 \le x \mid X_1 + X_2 = t) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(X_1 \le x \cap X_1 + X_2 = t)}{\mathbb{P}(X_1 + X_2 = t)}$$

Now, since X_1, X_2 can only take non-negative values again, and using the hint to condition on the event $\{X_1+X_2\in[t,t+\epsilon]\}$ where $\epsilon>0$ and is small instead of $\{X_1+X_2=t\}$, so we have that: $\mathbb{P}(X_1\leq x\cap X_1+X_2=t)=\mathbb{P}(X_1\leq x\cap (X_1+X_2)\in[t,t+\epsilon])=\int_0^x\int_{t-n}^{t-n+\epsilon}f_{X_1}(n)\cdot f_{X_2}(m)\,dm\,dn=\int_0^x\int_{t-n}^{t-n+\epsilon}(\lambda e^{-\lambda n})\cdot(\lambda e^{-\lambda m})\,dm\,dn=\int_0^x\lambda e^{-\lambda n}\left(-e^{-\lambda m}\Big|_{t-n}^{t-n+\epsilon}\right)dn=\int_0^x\lambda e^{-\lambda t}(1-e^{\lambda\epsilon})\,dn=\lambda e^{-\lambda t}(1-e^{-\lambda\epsilon})x$

Similarly,
$$\mathbb{P}(X_1 + X_2 = t) = \int_0^t \int_{t-n}^{t-n+\epsilon} f_{X_1}(n) \cdot f_{X_2}(m) \, dm \, dn = \lambda e^{-\lambda t} (1 - e^{-\lambda \epsilon}) t$$

Thus, the CDF is

$$\mathbb{P}(X_1 \le x \mid X_1 + X_2 = t) = \frac{\epsilon \lambda \cdot e^{-\lambda t} x}{\epsilon \lambda \cdot e^{-\lambda t} t} = \frac{x}{t}$$