

# Workshop2- Ex. 1

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be independent exponential random variables with the same parameter  $\lambda$ .

Find the distribution of their sum:  $Z = X + Y$ .

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The distribution of the sum is given by the convolution:

$$\begin{aligned}f_Z(z) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) f_Y(z-x) dx \\&= \int_0^z \lambda e^{-\lambda x} \lambda e^{-\lambda(z-x)} dx \\&= \lambda^2 \int_0^z e^{-\lambda z} dx \\&= \lambda^2 z e^{-\lambda z} \quad \Leftarrow \text{Gamma}\end{aligned}$$

NOTE: The sum of  $n$  independent exponential random variables with parameter  $\lambda$  is a random variable with a Gamma distribution with parameters  $n$  and  $\lambda$ .

# Workshop2- Ex. 2

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be independent standard normal random variables. That is,  $N(0, 1)$ .

Find the distribution of the ratio:  $Z = Y/X$ .

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$$\begin{aligned}F_Z(z) &= P(Y/X \leq z) = P(Y \leq zX, X \geq 0) + P(Y \geq zX, X < 0) \\&= P(Y \leq zX, X \geq 0) + P(-Y \leq z(-X), -X \geq 0) \\&= 2P(Y \leq zX, X \geq 0) \\&= 2 \int_0^\infty \int_{-\infty}^{xz} f_X(x) f_Y(y) dy dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \int_{-\infty}^{xz} e^{-x^2/2} e^{-y^2/2} dy dx\end{aligned}$$

Differentiating, we get

$$\begin{aligned}f_Z(z) &= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty e^{-x^2/2} e^{-(xz)^2/2} x dx = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty e^{-x^2(1+z^2)/2} x dx \\&= \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty e^{-u(1+z^2)} du = \frac{1}{\pi(1+z^2)} \quad \Leftarrow \text{Cauchy}\end{aligned}$$