

Derivation of the Distribution of the Compound Poisson Process $S(t)$

We consider the compound process:

$$S(t) = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_{N(t)}$$

where: $N(t)$ is a Poisson process with rate λ , due to exponential interarrival times. $\{X_i\}$ are i.i.d. exponential random variables with rate μ . $N(t)$ and X_i are independent.

1. Conditional Distribution

Given $N(t) = n$, the sum

$$S(t) \mid N(t)=n = X_1 + \dots + X_n$$

follows a **Gamma(n, μ)** distribution with density:

$$f(s \mid n) = \frac{\mu^n s^{n-1} e^{-\mu s}}{(n-1)!}, s > 0.$$

The Poisson probability mass function is:

$$P(N(t)=n) = e^{-\lambda t} (\lambda t)^n / n!.$$

2. Unconditional Density of $S(t)$

Using the law of total probability:

$$f_{S(t)}(s) = \sum f(s|n) P(N(t)=n).$$

Evaluating this series yields the closed-form Bessel density:

$$f_{S(t)}(s) = \exp(-(\lambda t + \mu s)) \cdot (\lambda t / \sqrt{(\lambda t + \mu s)}) \cdot I_0(2\sqrt{(\lambda t + \mu s)}),$$

where I_0 is the modified Bessel function of the first kind.

3. Atom at Zero

Since $S(t)=0$ only when the Poisson count is zero:

$$P(S(t)=0) = e^{-\lambda t}.$$

4. Laplace Transform (Moment Generating Tool)

The Laplace transform of $S(t)$ is:

$$L(v) = E[e^{-vS(t)}] = \exp(-\lambda t \cdot v / (\mu + v)).$$

This expression confirms that $S(t)$ is a Poisson–Gamma mixture, also known as the Bessel distribution.