

# 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  $\lambda$ , due to exponential interarrival times.  $\{X_i\}$  are i.i.d. exponential random variables with rate  $\mu$ .  $N(t)$  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**( $n, \mu$ ) distribution with density:

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

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:

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

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.