

Derivation of the Distribution of the Compound Poisson Process (St.)

consider the compound process;

$$S(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{N(t)} X_i$$

where,

$N(t)$ is a poisson process with rate λ .

X_i are iid exponential random variables with rate μ .

$N(t)$ and (X_i) are independent.

Given $N(t) = n$, we have

$$S(t) | N(t) = n = x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n$$

since each $X_i \sim \text{Exp}(\mu)$, their sum follows a Gamma distribution.

$$S(t) | N(t) = n \sim \text{Gamma}(n, \mu)$$

with density,

$$f_{S(t)}(s) = \frac{\mu^n s^{n-1} e^{-\mu s}}{(n-1)!}, \quad s > 0$$

Also the poisson pmf is,

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

Using the law of total probability;

$$f_{S(t)}(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_{S(t)}(n) P(N(t) = n).$$

Substituting :

$$f_{S(t)}(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu^n s^{n-1} e^{-\mu s}}{(n-1)!} \cdot \frac{e^{-\lambda t} (\lambda t)^n}{n!}$$

Let $k=n-1$, then the series becomes;

$$f_{S(t)}(s) = e^{-(\lambda t + \mu s)} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda t + \mu s)^k}{k! (k+1)!} s^k (\lambda t)$$

Using the known Bessel function identity;

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(xy)^k}{k! (k+1)!} = \frac{I_1(2\sqrt{xy})}{\sqrt{xy}}$$

We obtain the closed form;

$$f_{S(t)}(s) = e^{-(\lambda t + \mu s)} \frac{\lambda t}{\sqrt{\lambda t + \mu s}} I_1(2\sqrt{\lambda t + \mu s}), s > 0$$

The only way $s(t) = 0$ is if $N(t) = 0$, thus:

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

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

$$L_{S(t)}(v) = E[e^{-v S(t)}]$$

$$= e^{-\lambda t} \left(1 - \frac{\mu v}{\mu + v}\right)$$

$$= e^{-\lambda t} \left(\frac{\mu}{\mu + v}\right)$$