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a)

$$\begin{aligned} E[t] &= \int_0^{\infty} t \frac{1}{\tau} e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{\tau} \left\{ [t\tau e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}}]_0^{\infty} + \int_0^{\infty} \tau e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} dt \right\} \\ &= \frac{1}{\tau} \left\{ 0 + \tau \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} dt \right\} \\ &= -\tau (0-1) = \tau \end{aligned}$$

b).  $\text{Var}[t] = E[t^2] - E[t]^2$

$$\begin{aligned} E[t^2] &= \int_0^{\infty} t^2 \frac{1}{\tau} e^{-\frac{t}{\tau}} dt \\ &= 2\tau^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{Var}[t] = 2\tau^2 - \tau^2 = \tau^2$$

c).  $L(\tau) = \prod_{i=1}^n f(t_i; \tau)$

$$= \frac{1}{\tau^n} \exp\left(-\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{t_i}{\tau}\right)$$

$$L'(\tau) = \log L(\tau)$$

$$= -n \log \tau - \frac{1}{\tau} \sum_{i=1}^n t_i$$

$$\frac{d}{d\tau} L'(\tau) = -\frac{n}{\tau} + \frac{1}{\tau^2} \sum_{i=1}^n t_i = 0$$

$$\therefore n\tau = \sum_{i=1}^n t_i$$

$$\hat{\tau}_e = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n t_i$$

i.e. the mean of the sample.

d), please refer to the attached notebook.

2, 3 are in notebook as well.

4.  $\text{Var}(f) = \text{Var}(x+y)$

$$= \text{Var}(x) + \text{Var}(y) + \text{Cov}(x, y) + \text{Cov}(y, x)$$

$$= V_{xx} + V_{yy} + V_{xy} + V_{yx}$$

$$\therefore V_{xy} = V_{yx} \therefore \text{Var}(f) = V_{xx} + V_{yy} + 2V_{xy}$$