

4. **Continuous Assessment Item from Tutorial 9.** Suppose the waiting times (in hours) for a customer arriving in a queue shop (timed immediately after the previous customer or after time 0 in the case of the very 1st customer) is distributed as exponential  $\text{Exp}(6)$ . Use **R** to simulate the arrival times of the customers within a 2 hour period. Suppose you ended up with  $k$  customers arriving in the 2 hour period, use **R** to calculate  $P[S_k \leq 2]$ , where  $S_k$  is the sum of the  $k$  waiting times.

**Solution.** We have  $S_k = \sum_{i=1}^k X_i$  where  $X_i$  is the inter-arrival time for the  $i$ th customer after the previous customer has arrived. We need  $k$  so that  $S_k$  is just before the 2 hour period and  $S_{k+1}$  goes beyond the 2 hour period.

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> x <- rgamma(16,1,6)
> x
 [1] 0.59167531 0.08647379 0.04389924 0.10699758 0.29643131 0.07937847
 [7] 0.02615994 0.33352886 0.03324224 0.14549770 0.08301197 0.48229953
[13] 0.13082738 0.12944352 0.08818443 0.01123021
> cumsum(x)
 [1] 0.5916753 0.6781491 0.7220484 0.8290459 1.1254772 1.2048557 1.2310156
 [8] 1.5645445 1.5977867 1.7432844 1.8262964 2.3085959 2.4394233 2.5688669
[15] 2.6570513 2.6682815
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So in my case  $k = 11$ . The 12th arrival arrives after the 2 hour mark.

Now from the section on exponential and gamma random variables,  $S_k$  is distributed as  $\text{Gamma}(k, \lambda)$ . So in my case, I need to find  $P[S_{11} \leq 2]$ . Using **R**,

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> pgamma(2,11,6)
[1] 0.6527706
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that is,  $P[S_{11} \leq 2] = 0.6527706$ .