

Math 562 (Math. Stats)

Example 1:

1) $X \sim \text{Exp}(\theta)$
 $f(x) = \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-x/\theta}, x > 0$

$$\int \frac{1}{\theta} e^{-x/\theta}$$

and $Y = \ln X$,

Want to find pdf of Y .

Start by identifying domain:

$$\text{Dom}(Y) = (-\infty, \infty)$$

$$\ln(x) \in (-\infty, \infty), \forall x > 0$$

Then for any $y \in (-\infty, \infty)$

$$\begin{aligned} P[Y \leq y] &= P[\ln X \leq y] \\ &= P[X \leq e^y] \\ &= 1 - e^{-(1/\theta)e^y} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_Y(y) &= -e^{-(1/\theta)e^y} \left(-\frac{1}{\theta} e^y \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{\theta} e^{-\frac{1}{\theta} e^y} \right) e^y \end{aligned}$$

Example 2:

If we have $X_1, \dots, X_n \sim \text{Exp}(\theta)$, iid.
 and $Y = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$.

What is the distribution of Y ?

(Rule of thumb:
 with sum of ind.
 variables,
 easiest to work
 with mgf)

$$\begin{aligned} M_Y(t) &= E[e^{tY}] = E[e^{t \sum X_i}] = E[e^{tx_1 + tx_2 + \dots}] \\ &= E[e^{tx_1} e^{tx_2} \dots e^{tx_n}] = E[e^{tx_1}] E[e^{tx_2}] \dots E[e^{tx_n}] \\ &= (E[e^{tx_1}])^n \quad (\text{because iid}) \\ &= \frac{1}{(1 - \theta t)^n} \sim \text{GAM} \left(\begin{matrix} \alpha & \theta \\ \theta & n \end{matrix} \right) \end{aligned}$$

(See \star_2)