

**Exercise 2.3.5** Let  $N$  the number of accidents at the factory in a week where  $N \sim \text{Pois}(2)$ . Moreover, let  $X_i$  be the number of injuries in accident  $i$  of the week where  $\mathbb{E}(X_i) = 3$  and  $\text{Var}(X_i) = 4$ . We assume that  $(X_i)_{i=1}^N$  are iid. Since our interest centers on the number of injuries in a week, we define the random sum  $Z = \sum_{i=0}^N X_i$  where  $Z \equiv 0$  when  $N = 0$ . Using the results derived in lecture, we see that

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(Z) &= \mathbb{E}(N)\mathbb{E}(X_1) = (2)(3) = 6 \\ \text{Var}(Z) &= \mathbb{E}(N)\text{Var}(X_1) + [\mathbb{E}(X_1)]^2\text{Var}(N) = (2)(4) + (3)^2(2) = 26\end{aligned}$$

**Problem 2.3.3** Let  $Z = \sum_{i=0}^N \xi_i$  where  $(\xi_i)_{i=1}^n$  are iid with  $\mathbb{P}(\xi_i = \pm 1) = 1/2$  and  $N \sim \text{Geom}(\alpha)$ .

- a  $\mathbb{E}(Z) = \mathbb{E}(N)\mathbb{E}(\xi_1) = \left(\frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha}\right)(0) = 0$   
 $\text{Var}(Z) = \mathbb{E}(N)\text{Var}(\xi_1) + [\mathbb{E}(\xi_1)]^2\text{Var}(N) = \left(\frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha}\right)(1) + [0]^2\left(\frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha^2}\right) = \left(\frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha}\right)$
- b First note that  $Z^3$  can be written as follows

$$Z^3 = \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i^3 + \sum_{i \neq j} \xi_i^2 \xi_j + \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} \xi_i \xi_j \xi_k = \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i + \sum_{i \neq j} \xi_j + \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} \xi_i \xi_j \xi_k$$

Now, notice that  $\mathbb{E}(\xi_i) = \mathbb{E}(\xi_j) = \mathbb{E}(\xi_i \xi_j \xi_k) = 0$ . Hence, regardless of the number of terms in each sum, we have that  $\mathbb{E}(Z^3) = 0$ . Proceeding in same fashion as above, we have

$$\begin{aligned}Z^4 &= \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i^2 + \sum_{i \neq j} \xi_i \xi_j \right) \left( \sum_{i=1}^N \xi_i^2 + \sum_{i \neq j} \xi_i \xi_j \right) \\ &= \left( N + \sum_{i \neq j} \xi_i \xi_j \right) \left( N + \sum_{i \neq j} \xi_i \xi_j \right) \\ &= N^2 + 2N \sum_{i \neq j} \xi_i \xi_j + \left( \sum_{i \neq j} \xi_i \xi_j \right) \left( \sum_{k \neq \ell} \xi_k \xi_\ell \right) \\ &= N^2 + 2N \sum_{i \neq j} \xi_i \xi_j + 2 \sum_{i \neq j} \xi_i^2 \xi_j^2 + \sum_{i \neq j \neq k} \xi_i^2 \xi_j \xi_k + \sum_{i \neq j \neq k \neq \ell} \xi_i \xi_j \xi_k \xi_\ell \\ &= N^2 + 2N \sum_{i \neq j} \xi_i \xi_j + 2 \sum_{i \neq j} 1 + \sum_{j \neq k} \xi_j \xi_k + \sum_{i \neq j \neq k \neq \ell} \xi_i \xi_j \xi_k \xi_\ell \\ &= N^2 + 3N \sum_{i \neq j} \xi_i \xi_j + 2N(N-1) + \sum_{i \neq j \neq k \neq \ell} \xi_i \xi_j \xi_k \xi_\ell\end{aligned}$$

Now, again, regardless of the number of terms in the sum,  $\mathbb{E}[\xi_i \xi_j] = \mathbb{E}[\xi_i \xi_j \xi_k \xi_\ell] = 0$ . Hence, we can write the expectation of  $N$  as follows

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}(Z^4) &= \mathbb{E}[N^2] + 2\mathbb{E}[N(N-1)] = 3\mathbb{E}[N^2] - 2\mathbb{E}[N] = 3[\text{Var}(N) + \mathbb{E}(N)^2] - 2\mathbb{E}(N) \\ &= 3 \left[ \frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha^2} - \frac{(1-\alpha)^2}{\alpha^2} \right] - \frac{2-2\alpha}{\alpha} = \frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha} \left( \frac{3-3+3\alpha-2\alpha}{\alpha} \right) = \frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha}\end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 2.4.5** Let  $U \sim \text{Unif}(0, L)$  for  $L \sim xe^{-x}$ . Then we see that the joint distribution can be expressed as

$$f_{U,L}(u, \ell) = f_{U|L}(u|\ell)f_L(\ell) = \frac{1}{\ell}e^{-\ell} = e^{-\ell}$$

Now, let  $V = L - U$  and  $T = U$ . This corresponds to  $L = U + T$  and  $U = T$ . We can then express the joint distribution of  $(T, V)$  or equivalently  $(U, V)$  as follows.

$$f_{T,V}(t, v) = f_{U,L}(t, v+t) |\det(J)|$$

Where  $J = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial T}{\partial U} & \frac{\partial T}{\partial V} \\ \frac{\partial V}{\partial U} & \frac{\partial V}{\partial L} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Using this, we see that  $|\det(J)| = 1$ . Thus, we can write the final distribution as follows

$$f_{T,V}(t, v) = e^{-(v+t)} \quad \text{where } 0 < u, v < \infty$$

**Problem 2.4.3** Suppose that  $X|\lambda = \ell \sim \text{Pois}(\ell)$  where  $\lambda \sim \text{Exp}(\theta)$ .

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} P(X = n) &= \int_{\ell \in \Lambda} P(X = n|\lambda = \ell) f_{\lambda}(\ell) d\ell \\ &= \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\ell^n e^{-\ell}}{n!} \theta e^{-\ell\theta} d\ell \\ &= \frac{\theta}{n!} \int_0^{\infty} \ell^n e^{-(\theta+1)\ell} d\ell \\ &= \frac{\theta}{n!} \frac{\Gamma(n+1)}{(\theta+1)^{n+1}} \left( \frac{(\theta+1)^{n+1}}{\Gamma(n+1)} \int_0^{\infty} \ell^n e^{-(\theta+1)\ell} d\ell \right) \\ &= \frac{\theta}{(1+\theta)^{n+1}} \quad \text{for } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

(b) Notice here that

$$f_{\lambda|X}(\ell|n) = \frac{f_{\lambda,X}(\ell, n)}{f_X(n)} = \frac{f_{X|\lambda}(n|\ell) f_{\lambda}(\ell)}{f_X(n)}$$

which are all known quantities. Hence, we can write

$$f_{\lambda|X}(\ell|n) = \frac{e^{-\ell} \ell^n}{n!} \theta e^{-\ell\theta} \left( \frac{\theta}{(\theta+1)^{n+1}} \right)^{-1} = \frac{1}{n!} \ell^n e^{-(\theta+1)\ell} (\theta+1)^{n+1} = \frac{\beta^{\alpha}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} \ell^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta\ell}$$

for  $\beta = \theta + 1$  and  $\alpha = n + 1$ . This gives that  $\lambda|X \sim \text{Gamma}(n+1, \theta+1)$

**Problem 2.4.7** We first find the joint distribution of the pair  $(X, Y)$ . Let  $Z = X + Y$  and  $U = X$ . Then this is equivalent to writing  $Y = Z - U$  and  $X = U$ . Then we can express this joint distribution as

$$f_{X,Z}(u, x) = f_{U,Z}(u, z) = f_{(X,Y)}(u, z-u) |\det(J)| \stackrel{\text{indep.}}{=} f_X(u) f_Y(z-u) |\det(J)|$$

where  $J = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial U}{\partial X} & \frac{\partial U}{\partial Y} \\ \frac{\partial Z}{\partial X} & \frac{\partial Z}{\partial Y} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Hence  $|\det(J)| = 1$  and we arrive at

$$f_{X,Z}(u, z) = \alpha e^{-\alpha x} \alpha e^{-\alpha(z-x)} = \alpha^2 e^{-\alpha z}$$

Now, notice that  $Z = X + Y$  is a sum of iid exponential distributions so  $Z \sim \text{Gamma}(2, \alpha)$ . Using this fact, we can write the conditional distribution as follows.

$$f_{X|Z}(x|z) = \frac{f_{X,Z}(x, z)}{f_Z(z)} = \frac{\alpha^2 e^{-\alpha z}}{\alpha^2 / \Gamma(2) z^{2-1} e^{-\alpha z}} = \frac{1}{z}$$

Hence,  $X|Z = z \sim \text{Unif}(0, z)$ .

**Problem 2.5.1** Suppose that  $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$  is a martingale. By the law of total probability we have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[X_{n+2}|X_0, \dots, X_n] &= \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}\{X_{n+2}|X_0, \dots, X_n, X_{n+1}\}|X_0, \dots, X_n] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[X_{n+1}|X_0, \dots, X_n] \\ &= X_n \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 2.5.3** Let  $S_n = \epsilon_1 + \epsilon_2 + \dots + \epsilon_n$  be the sum of  $n$  independent random variables.

Where  $\epsilon_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Exp}(1)$ . Let  $X_n = 2^n \exp(-S_n)$ . We note, we can write this value as  $X_n = \prod_{i=1}^n 2 \exp(-\epsilon_i)$ . To see why  $X_n$  is a martingale, we first note that since  $\epsilon_i \sim \text{Exp}(1)$  that  $S_n > 0$ . Therefore,  $-S_n < 0$  and  $\exp(-S_n) < 1$ . Hence we see that

$$\mathbb{E}|X_n| = \mathbb{E}(X_n) = \mathbb{E}[2^n \exp(-S_n)] \leq \mathbb{E}[2^n] = 2^n < \infty$$

Hence  $\mathbb{E}|X_n| < \infty$  for all  $n$ . To prove the second property, we use the independence of  $\epsilon_i$  as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[X_{n+1}|X_0, \dots, X_n] &= \mathbb{E}[2^{n+1} \exp(-S_{n+1})|X_0, \dots, X_n] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[2^n \exp(-S_n) 2 \exp(-\epsilon_{n+1})|X_0, \dots, X_n] \\ &= X_n \mathbb{E}[2 \exp(-\epsilon_{n+1})|X_0, \dots, X_n] \\ &= X_n \mathbb{E}[2 \exp(-\epsilon_{n+1})] \\ &= X_n \end{aligned}$$