

pt46  $X_1, X_2, \dots \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \text{Exp}(\lambda)$ .  $T_2 = X_1 + X_2 \sim f_T(t) = ?$

$$f_T(t) = \int_{S_{\text{supp}}[X]} f^{\text{old}}(x) f^{\text{old}}(t-x) \mathbb{1}_{t-x \in S_{\text{supp}}[X]} dx$$

$$= \int_{x \in (0, \infty)} \lambda e^{-\lambda x} \lambda e^{-\lambda(t-x)} \mathbb{1}_{\substack{t-x \in (0, \infty) \\ x-t \in (-\infty, 0) \\ x \in (-\infty, t)}} dx$$

$(-\infty, t) \cap (0, \infty) = \begin{cases} (0, t) & t \geq 0 \\ \emptyset & t < 0 \end{cases}$

$$= \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda t} \int_0^t dx \mathbb{1}_{t \geq 0} = t \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda t} \mathbb{1}_{t \geq 0}$$

$T_3 = X_1 + X_2 + X_3 \sim f_T(t) = ?$

$$= T_2 + X_3$$

$$f_T(t) = \int_{S_{\text{supp}}[T_2]} f_{T_2}^{\text{old}}(x) f_{X_3}^{\text{old}}(t-x) \mathbb{1}_{t-x \in S_{\text{supp}}[X_3]} dx$$

$$= \int_{x \in (0, \infty)} x \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda x} \lambda e^{-\lambda(t-x)} \mathbb{1}_{\substack{t-x \in (0, \infty) \\ x \in (-\infty, t)}} dx$$

$$= \lambda^3 e^{-\lambda t} \int_0^t x dx \mathbb{1}_{t \geq 0} = \frac{1}{2} t^2 \lambda^3 e^{-\lambda t} \mathbb{1}_{t \geq 0}$$

$$f_{T_4}(t) = \int_0^t \frac{1}{2} x^2 \lambda^3 e^{-\lambda x} \lambda e^{-\lambda(t-x)} \mathbb{1}_{x \in (-\infty, t)} dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \lambda^{3+1} e^{-\lambda t} \int_0^t x^2 dx \mathbb{1}_{t \geq 0}$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \frac{1}{2} \lambda^3 e^{-\lambda t} t^{2+1} \mathbb{1}_{t \geq 0}$$

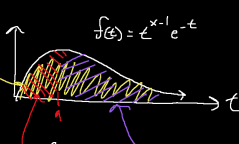
$$\vdots$$

$$f_{T_k}(t) = \frac{1}{(k-1)!} \lambda^k e^{-\lambda t} t^{k-1} \mathbb{1}_{t \geq 0} = \text{Erlang}(k, \lambda)$$

Support of an Erlang =  $(0, \infty)$ , parameter space  $\lambda \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{N}$

We're going to do some boring math now with definitions.

$\Gamma(x) := \int_0^\infty t^{x-1} e^{-t} dt$  This is the "gamma function" and no closed form antiderivative exists. Its values are approximated by a computer.



$$= \underbrace{\int_0^a t^{x-1} e^{-t} dt}_{\gamma(x, a)} + \underbrace{\int_a^\infty t^{x-1} e^{-t} dt}_{\Gamma(x, a)}, \quad a \in (0, \infty)$$

lower incomplete gamma function

upper incomplete gamma function

$$\Rightarrow P(x, a) := \frac{\gamma(x, a)}{\Gamma(x)}, \quad Q(x, a) := \frac{\Gamma(x, a)}{\Gamma(x)} \Rightarrow P(x, a) + Q(x, a) = 1$$

lower regularized gamma function

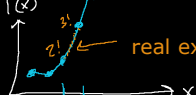
upper regularized gamma function

Why is the gamma function so important? It comes up a lot but there's also another cool reason. Watch:

$$\Gamma(1) = \int_0^\infty t^{1-1} e^{-t} dt = 1, \quad \Gamma(x+1) = \overset{\text{HW}}{=} x \Gamma(x)$$

$$\Gamma(2) = 1 \cdot 1 = 1!, \quad \Gamma(3) = 2 \cdot 1 = 2!, \quad \Gamma(4) = 3 \cdot \Gamma(3) = 3 \cdot 2! = 3!$$

$$\Rightarrow \Gamma(n) = (n-1)!, \quad \Gamma(n+1) = n!$$



real extension to the discrete factorial function

$$X \sim \text{Erlang}(k, \lambda) = \frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda x} x^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} \mathbb{1}_{x > 0} = f(x)$$

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x) = \int_0^x f(y) dy = \int_0^x \frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda y} y^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} \mathbb{1}_{y > 0} dy$$

$$= \frac{\lambda^k}{(k-1)!} \int_0^x y^{k-1} e^{-\lambda y} \mathbb{1}_{y > 0} dy = \frac{\lambda^k}{(k-1)!} \int_0^x y^{k-1} e^{-\lambda y} dy \mathbb{1}_{x > 0}$$

Useful integrals related to the gamma function family:

$$\int_0^\infty t^{x-1} e^{-ct} dt \stackrel{u=ct}{=} \int_0^\infty \left(\frac{u}{c}\right)^{x-1} e^{-u} \frac{1}{c} du = \frac{1}{c^x} \int_0^\infty u^{x-1} e^{-u} du = \frac{\Gamma(x)}{c^x}$$

$$\text{let } u = ct \Rightarrow t = \frac{u}{c} \Rightarrow dt = \frac{1}{c} du, \quad t=0 \Rightarrow u=0, \quad t=\infty \Rightarrow u=\infty, \quad t=a \Rightarrow u=ac$$

$$\int_0^a t^{x-1} e^{-ct} dt \stackrel{u=ct}{=} \int_0^{ac} \left(\frac{u}{c}\right)^{x-1} e^{-u} \frac{1}{c} du = \frac{1}{c^x} \int_0^{ac} u^{x-1} e^{-u} du = \frac{\gamma(x, ac)}{c^x}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{cancel}}{=} \frac{\lambda^k}{(k-1)!} \frac{\gamma(k, \lambda x)}{\lambda^k} = \frac{\gamma(k, \lambda x)}{\Gamma(k)} = P(k, \lambda x)$$

$$\text{If } n \in \mathbb{N} \quad \Gamma(n, a) = \int_a^\infty \underbrace{t^{n-1}}_u \underbrace{e^{-t}}_{dv} dt = [uv]_a^\infty - \int_a^\infty v du$$

$$\frac{du}{dt} = (n-1)t^{n-2} \Rightarrow du = (n-1)t^{n-2} dt, \quad v = \int e^{-t} dt = -e^{-t}$$

$$= [-t^{n-1} e^{-t}]_a^\infty - \int_a^\infty (-e^{-t})(n-1)t^{n-2} dt$$

$$= a^{n-1} e^{-a} + (n-1) \int_a^\infty t^{n-2} e^{-t} dt = a^{n-1} e^{-a} + (n-1) \Gamma(n-1, a)$$

$$= a^{n-1} e^{-a} + (n-1) (a^{n-2} e^{-a} + (n-2) \Gamma(n-2, a))$$

how does this end? It ends when the first argument to the upper incomplete gamma function is 1 i.e.  $\Gamma(1, a)$ :

$$\Gamma(1, a) = \int_a^\infty t^{1-1} e^{-t} dt = \int_a^\infty e^{-t} dt = [-e^{-t}]_a^\infty = 0 - (-e^{-a}) = e^{-a}$$

$$= a^{n-1} e^{-a} + (n-1) a^{n-2} e^{-a} + (n-2)(n-1) a^{n-3} e^{-a} + (n-3)(n-2)(n-1) a^{n-4} e^{-a} + \dots + (n-1)(n-2) \dots (1) a^0 e^{-a}$$

$$= e^{-a} (n-1)! \left( \frac{a^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} + \frac{a^{n-2}}{(n-2)!} + \frac{a^{n-3}}{(n-3)!} + \dots + \frac{a^0}{1!} \right)$$

$$= e^{-a} (n-1)! \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{a^i}{i!} \Leftrightarrow \Gamma(n+1, a) = e^{-a} n! \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{a^i}{i!}$$

$$X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!} \mathbb{1}_{x \in \{0, 1, \dots\}}$$

getting indicator functions correct for CDF's is very difficult so I will ignore it in Math 368

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x) = \sum_{y=0}^x \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^y}{y!} \mathbb{1}_{y \in \{0, 1, \dots\}} = \mathbb{1}_{x \geq 0} \sum_{y=0}^x \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^y}{y!}$$

$$= e^{-\lambda} \sum_{y=0}^x \frac{\lambda^y}{y!} = \frac{1}{x!} e^{-\lambda} x! \sum_{y=0}^x \frac{\lambda^y}{y!} \stackrel{\text{cancel}}{=} \frac{\Gamma(x+1, \lambda)}{x!}$$

$$= \frac{\Gamma(x+1, \lambda)}{\Gamma(x+1)} = Q(x+1, \lambda)$$

This means there is an intimate relationship between the Erlang and the Poisson called the "Poisson process" which we will explore next class.