

# Chapter 1

## Appendices

### 1.1 Probability Basis

#### 1.1.1 Random Variables

##### Extreme Value (EV) distributions

Let  $\mathbf{X} = [X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n]^T$  denote a random vector, with its smallest value denoted by  $X_{\min}$  and its largest value denoted by  $X_{\max}$ . If the distribution of  $\mathbf{X}$  is known, one can also find the distribution of  $X_{\min}$  and  $X_{\max}$ .

For the special case when  $X_i$ s are iid, one can obtain simple expressions for the distribution of  $X_{\min}$  and  $X_{\max}$ .

Let  $f_X(x)$  and  $F_X(x)$  denote the PDF and CDF of the  $X_i$ s, the minimum value is larger than  $x$  means than  $\{X_{\min} > x\} = \{X_1 > x \cap X_2 > x \cap \dots \cap X_n > x\}$  To derive the CDF of  $X_{\min}$

$$F_{X_{\min}}(x) = \Pr(X_{\min} \leq x) \quad (1.1)$$

$$= 1 - \Pr(X_{\min} > x) \quad (1.2)$$

$$= 1 - \Pr(X_1 > x \cap X_2 > x \cap \dots \cap X_n > x) \quad (1.3)$$

$$= 1 - \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(X_i > x) \quad (1.4)$$

$$= 1 - [1 - F_X(x)]^n \quad (1.5)$$

The PDF of  $X_{\min}$  is

$$f_{X_{\min}}(x) = \frac{dF_{X_{\min}}(x)}{dx} \quad (1.6)$$

$$= n f_X(x) [1 - F_X(x)]^{n-1} \quad (1.7)$$

To derive the CDF of  $X_{\max}$ , we could start from the fact that  $\{X_{\max} \leq x\} = \{X_1 \leq x \cap \dots \cap X_n \leq x\}$ :

$$F_{X_{\max}}(x) = \Pr(X_{\max} \leq x) \quad (1.8)$$

$$= \Pr(X_1 \leq x \cap \dots \cap X_n \leq x) \quad (1.9)$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^n \Pr(X_i \leq x) \quad (1.10)$$

$$= [F_X(x)]^n \quad (1.11)$$

The PDF of  $X_{\max}$  is

$$f_{X_{\max}}(x) = \frac{dF_{X_{\max}}(x)}{dx} = n f_X(x) [F_X(x)]^{n-1} \quad (1.12)$$

The results can be generalized to the  $k^{\text{th}}$  largest value in  $\mathbf{X}$  denoted by  $Y_k$ : the CDF of  $Y_k$  is

$$F_{Y_k}(x) = \sum_{j=k}^n C_n^j (F_X(x))^j (1 - F_X(x))^{n-j} \quad (1.13)$$

The underlying  $X_i$ s are often unknown, and the above solutions are therefore not directly applicable. However, extreme value distributions that arise as asymptotic solutions of the above for  $n \rightarrow \infty$  provide a useful model in these cases.

It can be shown that the solutions given above in Eqs Eq. 1.1, Eq. 1.6, Eq. 1.8, Eq. 1.12 converge to one of three distribution types, depending on the distribution of the  $X_i$ s.

The type I EV distribution for maxima is named Gumbel distribution.

### 1.1.2 Random Process

#### Bernoulli Process

A Bernoulli process is a finite or infinite sequence of independent random variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots$ , such that

- for each  $i$ , the value of  $X_i$  is either 0 or 1;
- for all values of  $i$ , the probability  $p$  is the same.

In other words, Bernoulli process is a sequence of independent identically distributed Bernoulli trials. The summary of Bernoulli process and its associated distributions are shown in Figure 1.2

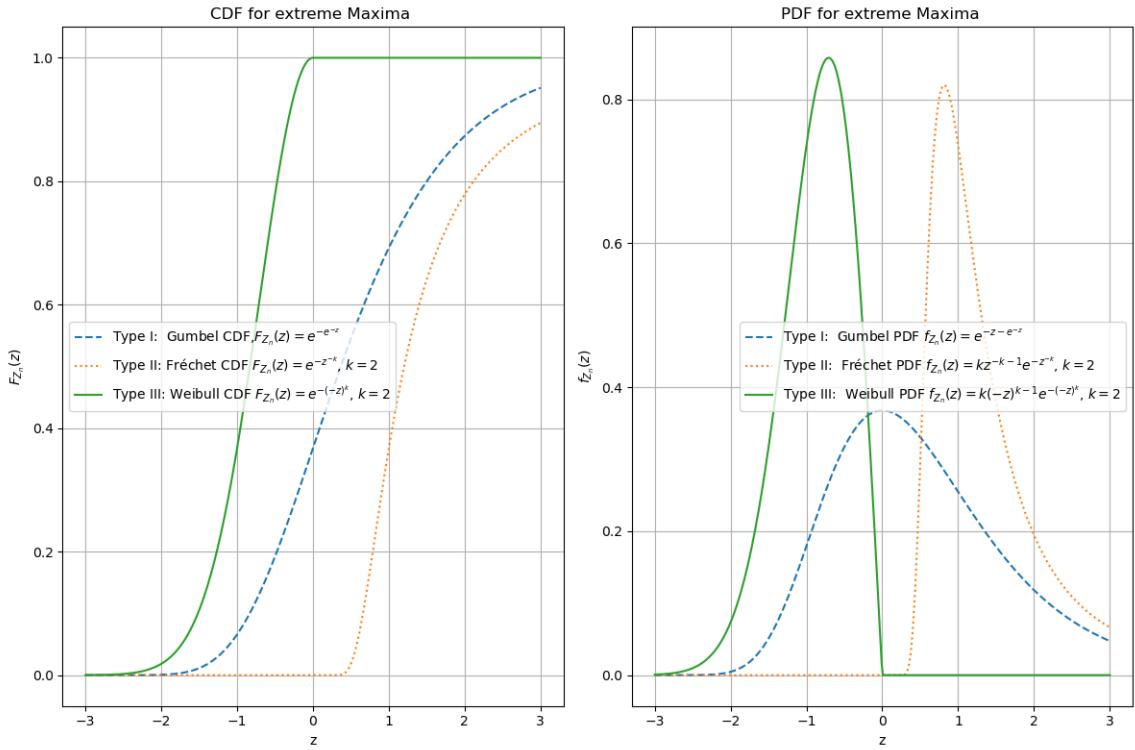


Figure 1.1: Extreme Value distribution for Maximum

## Poisson Process

The homogeneous Poisson process can be defined as a counting process with rate  $\lambda > 0$  and follows the three properties

- Independent occurrences: In two non-overlapping intervals, the corresponding numbers of occurrences must be statistically independent of each other
- Occurrences proportional to duration: In an interval  $(t, t + \Delta t)$ , the probability of exactly one occurrence is asymptotically proportional to the interval length  $\Delta t$  as  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$
- Occurrences do not coincide: The probability of two or more occurrences within a sufficiently small interval  $(t, t + \Delta t)$  must be orders of magnitude lower than the probability of one occurrence

For the homogeneous Poisson Process, the mean rate of occurrence  $\lambda$  is constant with time or locations, whereas for nonhomogeneous case,  $\lambda$  is the function of time or location.

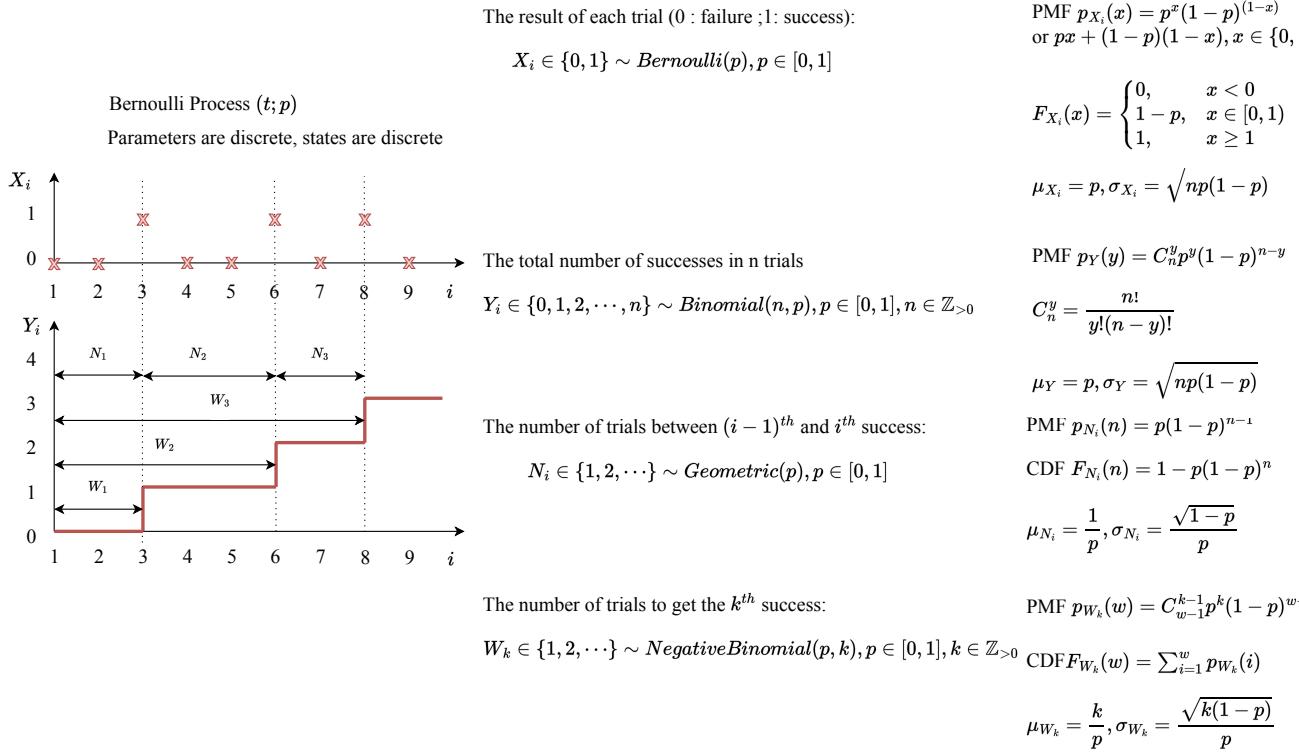


Figure 1.2: Bernoulli Process and its associated Probability Distribution

### Compound Poisson Process

A compound Poisson process with rate  $\gamma > 0$  abd jump size distribution is a continuous-time stochastic process  $\{S(t) : t \geq 0\}$  given by

$$S(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{Y(t)} X_i, \quad (1.14)$$

where the sum is by convention equal to zero as long as  $Y(t) = 0$ . Here  $\{Y(t), t \geq 0\}$  is a Poisson process with rate  $\gamma$  and  $\{X_i; i \geq 1\}$  are independent and identically distributed random variables with distribution function  $f_{X_i}$ , which is also independent of  $\{Y(t), t \geq 0\}$ . The summary of Compound Poisson Process in shown in Figure 1.4 Compound poisson Process builds on the Poisson process by adding randomness to the event magnitudes. The Poisson porcess models the timing of the events, while the compound Poisson Process accounts for both the timing and the accumulated effect of events.

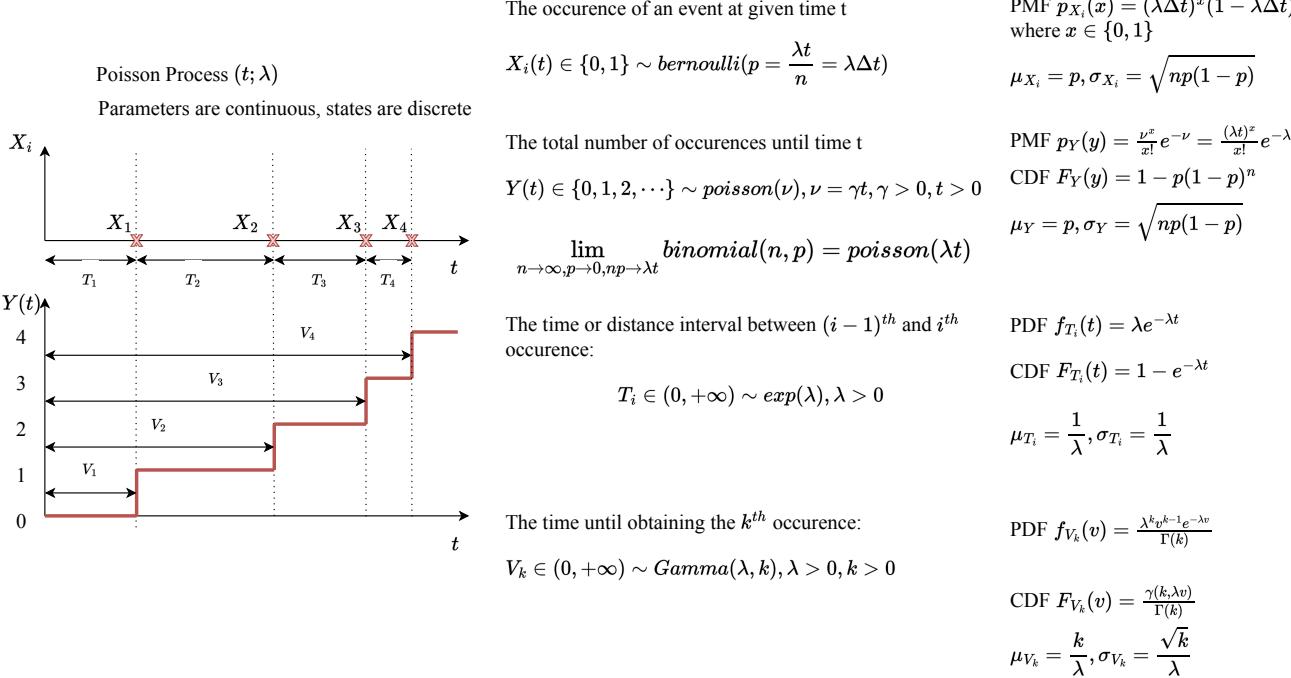


Figure 1.3: Poisson Process and its associated Probability Distribution

## Gamma Process

The gamma process  $\Gamma(t; \gamma, \lambda)$  is a process which measures the number of occurrences of independent gamma-distributed variables over a span of time.

The gamma distribution is a two-parameter continuous probability distributions family. The exponential, Erlang and chi-squared distributions are special cases of the gamma distributions. The two parameters are the shape parameter  $\gamma > 0$  and the rate parameter  $\lambda > 0$  (or equivalently the scale parameter  $\theta = \frac{1}{\lambda}$ ). Assume the random variable  $X \sim \Gamma(\gamma, \lambda)$ , then the probability density function is

$$f_X(x; \gamma, \lambda) = \frac{x^{\gamma-1} e^{-\lambda x} \lambda^\gamma}{\Gamma(\gamma)}, \text{ for } x > 0 \quad (1.15)$$

The gamma function  $\Gamma(\cdot)$  is the extension of factorial function to complex numbers. It is defined for all complex numbers  $z$  except non-positive integers.

$$\Gamma(z) = \begin{cases} (z-1)!, & z \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0} \\ \int_0^\infty t^{z-1} e^{-t} dt, & \Re(z) > 0 \end{cases} \quad (1.16)$$

For the gamma process: the increment distribution is following the gamma

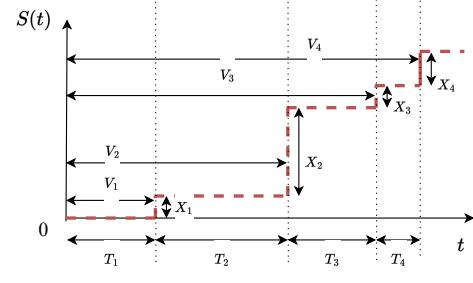
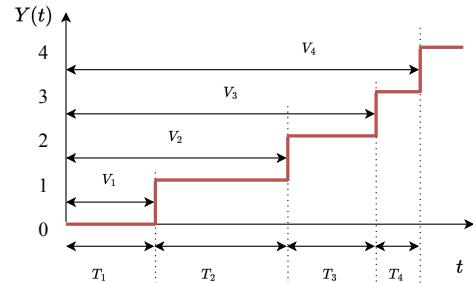
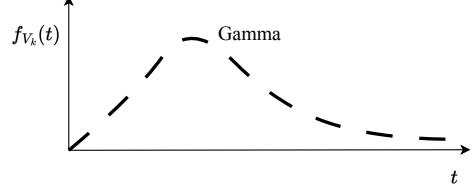
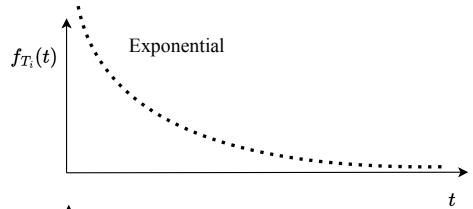
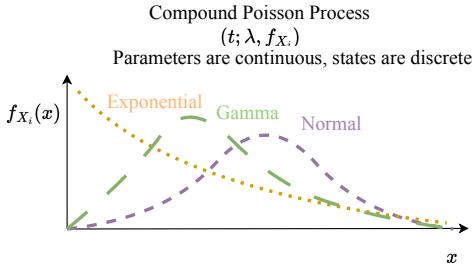
distribution.

$$S(t + \Delta t) - S(t) \sim \Gamma(\gamma \Delta t, \lambda) \quad (1.17)$$

It is used to model phenomena where the cumulative total grows smoothly over time, e.g. Modelling degradation and aging in systems due to wear and tear.

In contrast the compound Poisson Process models the phenomena where discrete random events contribute to a cumulative sum, e.g. total rainfall, aggregate claims in insurance, financial losses.

The gamma process is a random process consisting of independently distributed gamma distributions where  $Y(t)$  represents the number of event occurrences from time 0 to time  $t$ . The gamma distribution has shape parameter  $\gamma$  and rate parameter  $\lambda$ , often written as  $\Gamma(\gamma, \lambda)$ ,  $\gamma > 0$  and  $\lambda > 0$ . The gamma process is often written as  $\Gamma(t; \gamma, \lambda)$  where  $t$  represents the time from 0. The process is a pure-jump increasing Levy process with intensity measure  $v(x) = \gamma x^{-1} e^{(-\lambda x)}$  for all positive  $x$ . Thus jumps whose size lies in the interval  $[x, x + dx]$  occur as a Poisson process with intensity  $v(x)dx$ . The parameter  $\gamma$  controls the rate of jump arrivals and the scaling parameter  $\gamma$  inversely controls the jump size. It is assumed the process starts from a value 0 at  $t=0$ , i.e.  $Y(0) = 0$



The magnitude of  $i^{th}$  event  
 $X_i \in (0, +\infty)$  could follow any specified distribution,  
e.g. continuous dist.: normal, gamma (exponential is a  
special case of gamma distribution); or discrete dist.

If  $X_i$  is gamma distribution with shape parameter  $a$   
and rate parameter  $b$

$$X_i \in (0, +\infty) \sim \Gamma(a, b), a > 0, b > 0$$

$$\text{PDF: } f_X(x) = \frac{x^{a-1} e^{-x/b}}{b^a \Gamma(a)}$$

$$\text{CDF: regularized incomplete gamma function } F_X(x) = \frac{\gamma(a, x/b)}{\Gamma(a)}$$

$$\text{lower incomplete gamma function } \gamma(a, x/b) = \int_0^{x/b} t^{a-1} e^{-t} dt$$

$$\Gamma(a) = \int_0^\infty t^{a-1} e^{-t} dt$$

$$\mu_X = ab, \sigma_X = \sqrt{ab}$$

The time or distance between  $(i-1)^{th}$  and  $i^{th}$  success:

$$T_i \in (0, +\infty) \sim \exp(\lambda), \lambda > 0$$

$$\text{PDF } f_{T_i}(t) = \lambda e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$\text{CDF } F_{T_i}(t) = 1 - e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$\mu_{T_i} = \frac{1}{\lambda}, \sigma_{T_i} = \frac{1}{\lambda}$$

The time until obtaining the  $k^{th}$  success:Erlang dist.

$$V_k \in (0, +\infty) \sim \Gamma(k, \lambda), \lambda > 0, k = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\text{PDF } f_{V_k}(t) = \frac{\lambda^k t^{k-1} e^{-\lambda t}}{\Gamma(k)} = \frac{\lambda^k t^{k-1} e^{-\lambda t}}{(k-1)!}$$

In numpy

$V_k = np.random.gamma(\text{shape} = k, \text{scale} = 1/\lambda)$

$$\text{CDF } F_{V_k}(t) = \frac{\gamma(k, \lambda t)}{\Gamma(k)} = \frac{\int_0^t \tau^{k-1} e^{-\tau} d\tau}{(k-1)!}$$

$$\mu_{V_k} = \frac{k}{\lambda}, \sigma_{V_k} = \frac{\sqrt{k}}{\lambda}$$

The total number of successes until time  $t$

$$\text{PMF } p_Y(y) = \frac{\nu^y}{y!} e^{-\nu} = \frac{(\lambda t)^y}{y!} e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$Y(t) \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\} \sim \text{poisson}(\nu), \nu = \lambda t, \lambda > 0, t > 0$$

$$\text{CDF } F_Y(y) = 1 - p(1-p)^y$$

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow \infty, p \rightarrow 0, y p \rightarrow \lambda t} \text{binomial}(y, p) = \text{poisson}(\lambda t)$$

The accumulated total amount until time  $t$

$$S(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{Y(t)} X_i \in (0, +\infty) \sim CPP(t; \nu, F_X(x)), \nu = \lambda t, \lambda > 0, t > 0$$

$$\mathbb{E}[S(t)] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[S(t)|Y(t)]] = \mathbb{E}[Y(t)\mathbb{E}[X(t)]] = \lambda t \mathbb{E}[X_i]$$

$$\mathbb{D}[S(t)] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{D}[S(t)|Y(t)]] + \mathbb{D}[\mathbb{E}[S(t)|Y(t)]] = \mathbb{E}[\sigma_X^2 Y(t)] + \mathbb{D}[\mu_X Y(t)] = \sigma_X^2 \mu_Y + \mu_X^2 \sigma_Y^2 = \lambda t \sigma_X^2$$

$$S|_{Y(t)=y} = \sum_{i=1}^y X_i \sim \Gamma(ya, b) \quad f_{S|_{Y=t}}(x) = (f_X * \dots * f_X)(x) = \frac{b^{ya} x^{ya-1} e^{-bx}}{\Gamma(ya)}$$

$$f_S(x) = \sum_{y=0}^{\infty} p_Y(y) f_{S|_{Y=y}}(x) = e^{-\lambda t} + \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda t)^y}{y!} e^{-\lambda t} \frac{b^{ya} x^{ya-1} e^{-bx}}{\Gamma(ya)} = e^{-\lambda t} + \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda t)^y b^{ya} x^{ya-1}}{y! \Gamma(ya)} e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$W(x, z) = \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^y}{y! \Gamma(zy)} \quad f_S(x) = e^{-\lambda t} + \frac{e^{-\lambda t-bx}}{x} \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda t(bx)^a)^y}{y! \Gamma(ya)} = e^{-\lambda t} + \frac{e^{-\lambda t-bx}}{x} W(\lambda t(bx)^a)$$

$$F_S(s) = \int_0^s f_S(x) dx = e^{-\lambda t} + \int_0^s \frac{e^{-\lambda t-bx}}{x} \sum_{y=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda t(bx)^a)^y}{y! \Gamma(ya)} dx$$

Figure 1.4: Compound Process Process and its associated Probability Distribution

Gamma Process  $\Gamma(t; \gamma, \lambda)$

Parameters are continuous, states are continuous.  $S(t)$  is continuous (no jump)

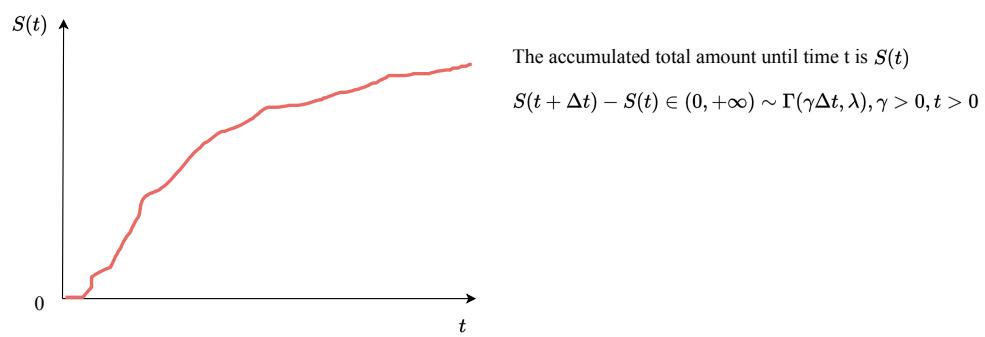


Figure 1.5: Gamma Process and its associated Probability Distribution