

# Assignment 6

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**Question:** The random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent and  $Z = X + Y$ . Find  $f_Y(y)$ . If,

$$f_X(x) = ce^{-cx}U(x) \quad (1)$$

$$f_Z(z) = c^2ze^{-cz}U(z) \quad (2)$$

**Solution:** Given,

$$Z = X + Y \quad (3)$$

So we know if  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent events,

$$f_Z(z) = \int_0^z f_X(x) * f_Y(z - y)dx \quad (4)$$

$$\Rightarrow f_Z(z) = \int_0^z f_X(z - y) * f_Y(y)dy \quad (5)$$

Lets use equation 5 since we have to find  $y$ ,

$$c^2e^{-cz}zU(z) = \int_0^z ce^{-c(z-y)}U(z) * f_Y(y)dy \quad (6)$$

$$\Rightarrow cz = \int_0^z e^{cy} * f_Y(y)dy \quad (7)$$

Now differentiating on both sides w.r.t  $z$  we get,

$$c = e^{cz}f_Y(z) \quad (8)$$

$$\Rightarrow f_Y(z) = ce^{-cz} \quad (9)$$

The above derived equation is  $f_Y(y)$