

# STA 5364, Report 1.12

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## Report 1.12

Suppose  $X \sim \text{Exponential}(\lambda)$  is independent of  $Y \sim \text{Exponential}(\eta)$ . Use these distributions to illustrate each of the results in (1.3.1) - (1.3.10). Note that in the case of the sums, the result is the so called Erlang distribution.

### 1.3.1

Consider  $X$ , which is a positive random variable with survival function  $S(x) = e^{-\lambda x}$ . Let  $Y = 1/X$  be a transformation of the random variable  $X$ . Using the method of transformations, we have that

$$f_X(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, \quad x > 0, \quad X = \frac{1}{Y}, \quad \frac{dx}{dy} = -\frac{1}{y^2} \implies \left| \frac{dx}{dy} \right| = \frac{1}{y^2}.$$

So then we have,

$$\begin{aligned} f_Y(y) &= \frac{\lambda}{y^2} e^{-\frac{\lambda}{y}}, \quad y > 0 \\ \implies G_Y(y) &= \int_0^y \frac{\lambda}{t^2} e^{-\frac{\lambda}{t}} dt \\ &= \int_{\infty}^{\frac{\lambda}{y}} e^{-u} du, \quad \left( u = \frac{\lambda}{t}, \quad du = -\frac{\lambda}{t^2} dt \right) \\ &= e^{-\frac{\lambda}{y}}, \quad y > 0. \end{aligned}$$

So now having  $G_Y(y)$ ,  $S(y) = 1 - G_Y(y) = 1 - e^{-\frac{\lambda}{y}} \implies S(1/y) = 1 - G_X(y) = 1 - (1 - e^{-\lambda y}) = G_Y(y)$ .

### 1.3.2

We are aiming use the case of two exponential competing risks  $X, Y$ , and their minimum  $\min\{X, Y\}$ , with CDF's  $F, G$ , and  $U$  respectively, that for  $w \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\bar{U}(w) = \bar{F}(w)\bar{G}(w).$$

To find the joint survival function  $\bar{U}(w)$ , we employ the survival functions of  $X$  and  $Y$ , with  $w \in \mathbb{R}$ ,

$$\bar{U}(w) = \bar{F}_X(w)\bar{G}_Y(w) = e^{-\lambda w} e^{-\eta w} = e^{-w(\lambda+\eta)}, \quad w > 0.$$

This yields the survival function for  $\min\{X, Y\}$ .

### 1.3.3

We can also use the distributions of  $X$  and  $Y$  to illustrate the density of  $\min\{X, Y\}$ . Consider the survival function and its relationship to the CDF of  $\min\{X, Y\}$ . So we have that  $\bar{U}(w) = e^{-w(\lambda+\eta)} \implies U(w) = 1 - e^{-w(\lambda+\eta)}$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
u(w) &= \frac{d}{dw} 1 - e^{-w(\lambda+\eta)} \\
&= (\lambda + \eta)e^{-w(\lambda+\eta)} \\
&= e^{-\eta w} \lambda e^{-\lambda w} + e^{-\lambda w} \eta e^{-\eta w} \\
&= f(w)\bar{G}(w) + g(w)\bar{F}(w).
\end{aligned}$$

### 1.3.4

Finding the hazard rate for  $U = \min\{X, Y\}$ , we have that

$$h_U(w) = \frac{u(w)}{\bar{U}(w)} = \frac{f(w)\bar{G}(w) + g(w)\bar{F}(w)}{\bar{F}(w)\bar{G}(w)} = \frac{f(w)}{\bar{F}(w)} + \frac{g(w)}{\bar{G}(w)}.$$

So then, this would yield

$$h_U(w) = \frac{e^{-\eta w} \lambda e^{-\lambda w} + e^{-\lambda w} \eta e^{-\eta w}}{e^{-w(\lambda+\eta)}} = \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda w}}{e^{-\lambda w}} + \frac{\eta e^{-\eta w}}{e^{-\eta w}} = \lambda + \eta.$$

### 1.3.5

For the random variable  $\max\{X, Y\}$ , the CDF  $K$  is

$$K(w) = F(w)G(w).$$

Therefore, we have that

$$K(w) = (1 - e^{-\lambda w})(1 - e^{-\eta w}) = 1 - e^{-\eta w} - e^{-\lambda w} + e^{-(\lambda+\eta)w}.$$

### 1.3.6

Then, we have that the density of  $\max\{X, Y\}$  can be found using  $K$ . So we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
k(w) &= \frac{d}{dw} K(w) = \eta e^{-\eta w} + \lambda e^{-\lambda w} - (\lambda + \eta)e^{-(\lambda+\eta)w} \\
&= \eta e^{-\eta w} + \lambda e^{-\lambda w} - (\lambda + \eta)e^{-(\lambda+\eta)w} \\
&= \lambda e^{-\lambda w}(1 - e^{-\eta w}) + \eta e^{-\eta w}(1 - e^{-\lambda w}) \\
&= f(w)G(w) + g(w)F(w).
\end{aligned}$$

### 1.3.7

For the hazard rate of  $\max\{X, Y\}$ , we have that it is

$$h_K(w) = \frac{k(w)}{\bar{K}(w)} = \frac{f(w)G(w) + g(w)F(w)}{1 - F(w)G(w)}.$$

Therefore, we have that

$$h_K(w) = \frac{(1 - e^{-\lambda w})(1 - e^{-\eta w})}{1 - (\lambda e^{-\lambda w}(1 - e^{-\eta w}) + \eta e^{-\eta w}(1 - e^{-\lambda w}))}.$$

1.3.8

The reverse hazard function  $h_{rev}(w)$  of  $\max\{X, Y\}$  can be written as

$$h_{rev}(w) = \frac{k(w)}{K(w)} = \frac{f(w)}{F(w)} + \frac{g(w)}{G(w)}.$$

Thus, it can be written in terms of the hazard functions of  $X$  and  $Y$ ,

$$h_{rev}(w) = \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda w}}{(1 - e^{-\lambda w})} + \frac{\eta e^{-\eta w}}{(1 - e^{-\eta w})}.$$

1.3.9

Let  $Z = X + Y$ , where  $Z$  has CDF  $T$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} T(w) &= \int_0^\infty F(w-u)dG(u) \\ &= \int_0^w F(w-u)dG(u) \\ &= \int_0^w (1 - e^{-\lambda(w-u)}) \left( \frac{d}{du}(1 - e^{-\eta w}) \right) \\ &= \int_0^w (1 - e^{-\lambda(w-u)}) \eta e^{-\eta u} du \\ &= \eta \int_0^w (e^{-\eta u} - e^{-\lambda(w-u)} e^{-\eta u}) du \\ &= \eta \int_0^w e^{-\eta u} du - \eta \int_0^w e^{-\lambda w} e^{(\lambda-\eta)u} du \\ &= \eta \left[ \frac{-1}{\eta} e^{-\eta u} \right]_0^w - \eta e^{-\lambda w} \int_0^w e^{(\lambda-\eta)u} du \\ &= 1 - e^{-\eta w} - \eta e^{-\lambda w} \left[ \frac{1}{\lambda - \eta} (e^{(\lambda-\eta)u}) \right]_0^w \\ &= 1 - e^{-\eta w} - \frac{\eta}{\lambda - \eta} (1 - e^{-(\lambda-\eta)w}), \quad \lambda \neq \eta. \end{aligned}$$

1.3.10

Given the CDF's of  $F$ ,  $G$ , and  $K$  are continuous,

$$t(w) = \int_0^w f(w-u)g(u)du.$$

So then we have that

$$t(w) = \int_0^w \lambda e^{-\lambda(w-u)} \eta e^{-\eta u} du.$$

We can simplify the integral step by step:

$$\begin{aligned}t(w) &= \lambda\eta \int_0^w e^{-\lambda(w-u)} e^{-\eta u} du \\&= \lambda\eta \int_0^w e^{-\lambda w} e^{\lambda u} e^{-\eta u} du \\&= \lambda\eta e^{-\lambda w} \int_0^w e^{(\lambda-\eta)u} du \\&= \lambda\eta e^{-\lambda w} \left[ \frac{1}{\lambda-\eta} e^{(\lambda-\eta)u} \right]_0^w, \quad \lambda \neq \eta \\&= \lambda\eta e^{-\lambda w} \left( \frac{1}{\lambda-\eta} (e^{(\lambda-\eta)w} - 1) \right) \\&= \frac{\lambda\eta}{\lambda-\eta} (e^{-\eta w} - e^{-\lambda w}), \quad \lambda \neq \eta.\end{aligned}$$