

Then the density functions is:

$$f(z_1) = f'(z_1) = \lambda e^{-\lambda z_1}, \quad z_1 > 0$$

Is an exponential dist for Z_1 with mean $\frac{1}{\lambda}$.

To obtain the distribution of Z_2 given Z_1

$$Pr\{Z_2 > t | Z_1 = s\} = Pr\{0 \text{ events occur in } (s, s+t) | Z_1 = s\} \quad (s < t)$$

$$= Pr\{0 \text{ events occur in } (s, s+t)\}$$

$$= Pr\{X(t) = 0\} \quad \text{"independent increments"}$$

$$\therefore Pr\{Z_2 > t | Z_1 = s\} = e^{-\lambda t} \quad [\text{by stationary increments}]$$

Therefore Z_2 is also an exponential distribution with mean $\frac{1}{\lambda}$ then repeating the same argument yields to:

For $n=1, 2, \dots$, Z_n are independent identically distribution exponential r.v.'s having mean $\frac{1}{\lambda}$.

