TMA4265 Stochastic Processes Week 45 – R exercise

Problem 1: Sum of exponentials are gamma distributed[Connected to Problem 2.64 in the book]

1. Make two vectors of independent draws from an exponential distribution with rate parameter $\lambda = 1$. Calculate the empirical mean and variance of the sum of the vectors. Which shape parameter, α , and rate parameter, β , for a Gamma-distribution give the observed mean and variance? Compare to the true values from Problem 2.64 in the book.

Useful functions are rexp(n, rate), mean(x) and var(x).

2. Plot the values in the sum of the vectors in a histogram with probability density on the *y*-axis. Try using different number of simulations and different number of bins in the histogram.

Useful functions are hist(x, breaks, freq)

3. Plot the true density function of the gamma on top of the histogram. Do they fit?

Useful functions are seq(from, to, length.out), dgamma(x, shape, rate) and lines(x, y). Note that some parameters of the seq-function is skipped. So length.out must be written explicitly as in, for example, seq(1, 10, length.out=20).