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$$\begin{aligned} P(X = 4) &= e^{-2} \frac{2^4}{4!} \\ &= 0.09022 \end{aligned}$$

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What is the probability that we observe 5 births in a 6 seconds?

$$P(X = x) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^x}{x!}$$

$$P(X = 5) = e^{-4} \frac{4^5}{5!}$$

$$= 0.15629$$