

② The number of tornadoes in the US follows a Poisson distribution where rate parameter ( $\lambda$ ) = 6 tornadoes per year.

③ We want probability of fewer than 3 tornadoes in the US next year.

Here,  $X \sim \text{Pois}(6)$

We want  $P(X < 3) = P(X \leq 2)$

Using the formula,  $P(X=x) = \frac{\lambda^x \cdot e^{-\lambda}}{x!}$  and  $P(X \leq x) = P(X=0) + \dots + P(X=x)$

$$P(X \leq x) = \sum_{x=0}^x \frac{\lambda^x \cdot e^{-\lambda}}{x!} \quad \text{So, } P(X \leq 2) = \sum_{x=0}^2 \frac{6^x \cdot e^{-6}}{x!}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \leq 2) &= \frac{6^0 \cdot e^{-6}}{0!} + \frac{6^1 \cdot e^{-6}}{1!} + \frac{6^2 \cdot e^{-6}}{2!} \\ &= e^{-6} + 6e^{-6} + \frac{36e^{-6}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$= 7 \cdot e^{-6} + 18 \cdot e^{-6} = 25 \cdot e^{-6} = 0.062$$

Hence, the probability that the USA will have less than 3 tornadoes next year is 0.062.