



# Chapter 5 Poisson Processes

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# Chapter 5: Poisson Processes



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# 5.1 Poisson Processes



Simeon Denis Poisson, 1781-1840

# 5.1 Poisson Processes



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## 5.1.1 Fundamentals of the Poisson Processes

Applications of Poisson processes:

- ◆ Teletraffic management: Model of data packages arriving
- ◆ Web search: Model of Web pages' refreshing
- ◆ Reliability engineering: Model of software reliability
- ◆ .....

### 1. Three Definitions:

Definition 1



## 5.1.1 Fundamentals of the Poisson Processes

### ◆ *Definition.1* Poisson process

A counting process  $N(t)$  is said to be a **Poisson process** with mean rate (or intensity)  $\lambda$  (or  $\nu$ ) if

- (i)  $N(t)$  has **stationary independent increment**.
- (ii)  $N(0)=0$ .
- (iii) The number in any time interval of length  $\tau$  is **Poisson distributed** with mean  $\lambda\tau$ , That is,

$$P\{N(t+\tau) - N(t) = k\} = \frac{(\lambda\tau)^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda\tau}$$



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- ◆  $N(t + \tau) - N(t)$  is called a Poisson increment process.

$$X(t) = N(t + \tau) - N(t)$$

$$C_{XX}(t_1, t_2) = \begin{cases} \lambda(t_1 + \tau - t_2) & \text{for } 0 < t_2 - t_1 < \tau \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The Poisson increment process is covariance stationary.



## 5.1.1 Fundamentals of the Poisson Processes

Poisson process implies:

- ◆ Independence between events in nonoverlapping intervals.
- ◆ The number of events in any interval of length  $\lambda$  is Poisson distributed with mean  $\lambda\tau$
- ◆ Average number of packets generated in the interval of length 1 is  $\lambda$





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Definition 2:

recall counting processes:

If the interarrival times ( are independent, identically distributed random variables) obey an exponential distribution, the process is called a **Poisson process**.



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### ◆ Definition 3:

A counting process  $\{ N(t) \mid t \geq 0 \}$  is said to be a **Poisson Process** with **rate**  $\lambda > 0$  if,

- i.  $N(0) = 0$
- ii. The process has stationary and independent increments.
- iii.  $N(t)$  satisfies

$$P\{X(t+h) - X(t) = 1\} = \lambda h + o(h)$$

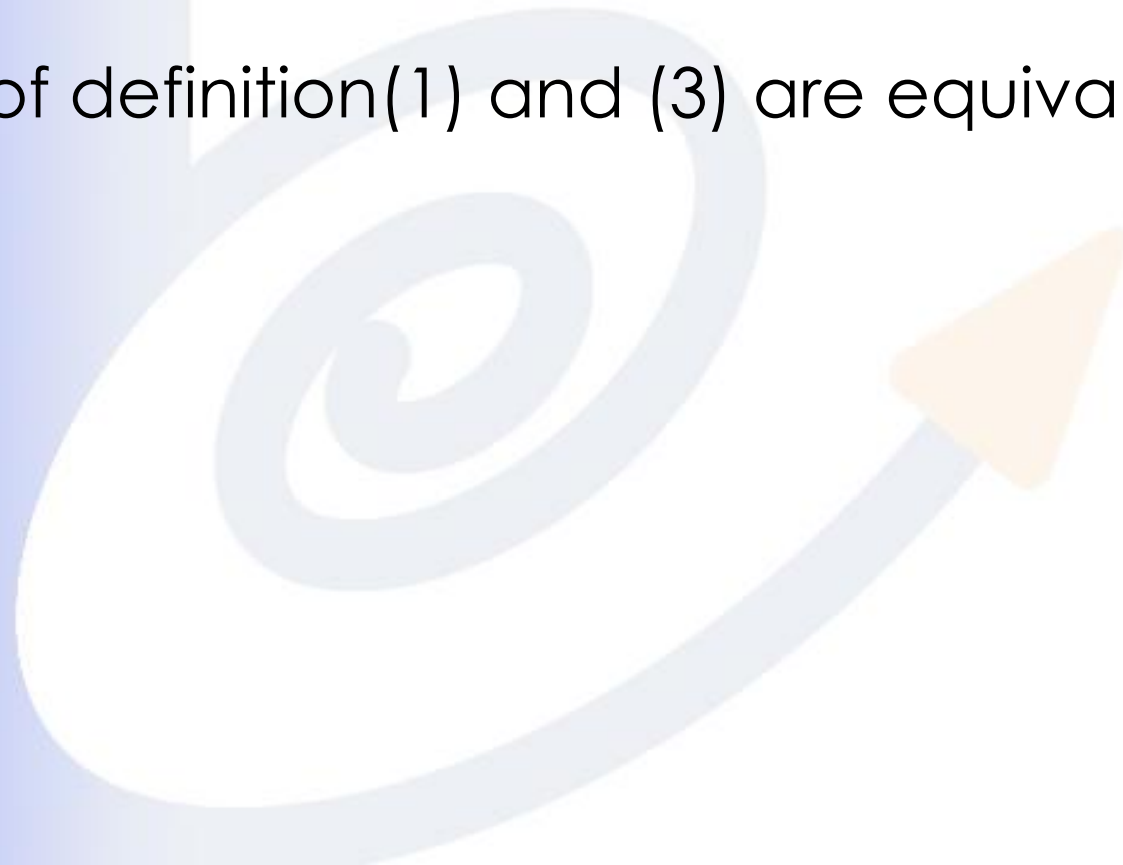
$$P\{X(t+h) - X(t) \geq 2\} = o(h)$$

A function  $f(\cdot)$  is said to be  $o(h)$  if  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h)}{h} = 0$



## 5.1.1 Fundamentals of the Poisson Processes

- ◆ Definitions (1), (2) and (3) are equivalent.
- ◆ Proof definition(1) and (3) are equivalent:



definition(1) and (3) are equivalent



The derivation of differential equations for  $P_n(t)$ ,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

the interval  $(0, t + h) = (0, t) \cup [t, t + h)$

$P_n(t + h)$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , can be computed as:

- a) the probability of  $n$  arrivals during  $(0, t)$  and no arrivals during  $[t, t + h)$ ;
- b) the probability of  $n - 1$  arrivals during  $(0, t)$  and one arrival during  $[t, t + h)$ ;
- c) the probability of  $x \geq 2$  arrivals during  $[t, t + h)$  and  $n - x$  arrivals during  $(0, t)$ .

These are three mutually exclusive and exhaustive possibilities. They give:

$$\begin{aligned} P_n(t + h) &= P_n(t)(1 - \lambda h - o(h)) + P_{n-1}(t) \lambda h + o(h) \\ &= P_n(t)(1 - \lambda h) + P_{n-1}(t) \lambda h + o(h) \end{aligned}$$

Rearranging and dividing by  $h$  gives:

definition(1) and (3) are equivalent



$$\frac{P_n(t+h) - P_n(t)}{h} = -\lambda P_n(t) + \lambda P_{n-1}(t) + \frac{o(h)}{h}, \quad n \geq 1, \quad t \geq 0$$

Taking the limit as  $h \rightarrow 0^+$ , gives the differential equations (actually claim the two-sided limit is justified):

$$P'_n(t) = -\lambda P_n(t) + \lambda P_{n-1}(t), \quad n \geq 1, \quad t \geq 0.$$

Applying similar reasoning to the case  $n = 0$ , we have

$$P'_0(t) = -\lambda P_0(t), \quad \text{for } t \geq 0.$$

$P_0(0) = 1$  (there have been no arrivals at all), so the last equation comes to us complete with initial condition.

Its unique solution is  $P_0(t) = e^{-\lambda t}$ .

$P_n(0) = 0$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . Using the just computed expression for  $P_0(t)$ , we obtain:

$$P'_1(t) = -\lambda P_1(t) + \lambda e^{-\lambda t}, \quad P_1(0) = 0.$$

definition(1) and (3) are equivalent



This is a non-homogeneous equation.

first find the general solution of the corresponding homogeneous equation:

$$P_1'(t) = -\lambda P_1(t) \quad \rightarrow \quad P_1(t) = C_1 e^{-\lambda t}.$$

Replace the constant by a function of  $t$ :  $z(t)$ .

To determine  $z(t)$  by inserting into the **original** equation:

$$z'(t) e^{-\lambda t} - \lambda z(t) e^{-\lambda t} = -\lambda z(t) e^{-\lambda t} + \lambda e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$z'(t) = \lambda \quad \rightarrow \quad z(t) = C_2 + \lambda t$$

$$P_1(t) = (C_2 + \lambda t) e^{-\lambda t}, \quad P_1(0) = 0.$$

Finally: 
$$P_1(t) = \lambda t e^{-\lambda t}.$$

Repeat the construction for  $P_2(t)$ ,  $P_3(t)$ , ... etc., and a final induction proof lets us conclude that:

definition(1) and (3) are equivalent



$$P_n(t) = \frac{(\lambda t)^n}{n!} e^{-\lambda t}$$

the probability of exactly  $n$  arrivals during  $(0, t)$ .

It is easy to verify that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_n(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda t)^n}{n!} e^{-\lambda t} \equiv 1$$

From this, we can also compute the probabilities of at least  $N$  arrivals, or at most  $N$  arrivals, etc.

$\lambda$  is an expected arrival rate.

$E(n, t)$  denote the expected number of arrivals during  $(0, t)$ .

$$E(n, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n \cdot P_n(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n \frac{(\lambda t)^n}{n!} e^{-\lambda t} = \lambda t$$

## 2. Moments of Poisson processes



◆ Mean value function:  $E[N(t)] = \lambda t$

*arrival rate*  $\lambda = E[N(t)] / t$

$\lambda$  is the expected number of arrivals in unit time.

◆ Variance function:  $Var[N(t)] = \lambda t$

◆ Correlation function  $R(t, t + \tau) = E[N(t)N(t + \tau)]$

$$= E\left[N(t)\{\overline{N(t + \tau) - N(t)} + N(t)\}\right]$$

$$= E[N(t)]E[N(t + \tau) - N(t)] + E[N^2(t)]$$

$$= \lambda^2 t \tau + (\lambda t)^2 + \lambda t$$

Method 2:

$$R(t_1, t_2) = Cov(t_1, t_2) + E[N(t_1)]E[N(t_2)]$$

$$= Var[N(t_1)] + \lambda^2 t_1 t_2 = \lambda^2 t_1 t_2 + \lambda t_1, \quad t_1 < t_2$$





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- ◆ Covariance function:

$$Cov_N[t_1, t_2] = \lambda \min(t_1, t_2)$$

$$Cov(t_1, t_2) = R(t_1, t_2) - m(t_1)m(t_2) = \lambda t_1, \quad t_1 < t_2$$

Poisson process is not a stationary process itself.

- ◆ Characteristic function:

$$\phi(u) = E[e^{iuN(t)}] = \exp\{\lambda t(e^{iu} - 1)\}$$

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## 5.1.2 Some Properties of the Poisson Processes

1.  $N_1(t), N_2(t), \dots, N_n(t)$  are independent Poisson processes, with mean values  $\lambda_1 t, \lambda_2 t, \dots, \lambda_n t$ , respectively.

$N(t) = N_1(t) + N_2(t) + \dots + N_n(t)$  is also a Poisson process with mean  $(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_n)t$ .

(p54, Decomposition of Poisson Process)

2.  $N_1(t), N_2(t)$  are two independent Poisson processes with mean  $\lambda_1 t$  and  $\lambda_2 t$  respectively.

$N(t) = N_1(t) - N_2(t)$  is not a Poisson process; instead, it has the probability distribution,

$$P\{N_1(t) - N_2(t) = n\} = e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)t} \left(\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_2}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}} I_n(2\sqrt{\lambda_1 \lambda_2} t)$$

where  $I_n(\cdot)$  is a modified Bessel function of order  $n$ .



## 5.1.2 Some Properties of the Poisson Processes

◆ Proof:

$$Pr\{N(t) = n\} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} Pr\{N_1(t) = n+k\} Pr\{N_2(t) = k\}$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda_1 t} (\lambda_1 t)^{n+k}}{(n+k)!} \frac{e^{-\lambda_2 t} (\lambda_2 t)^k}{k!}$$

$$= e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)t} \left(\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_2}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\sqrt{\lambda_1 \lambda_2} t\right)^{2k+n}}{k!(n+k)!}$$

$$= e^{-(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)t} \left(\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_2}\right)^{\frac{n}{2}} I_n(2\sqrt{\lambda_1 \lambda_2} t) \quad I_n(z) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(z/2)^{2k+n}}{k! \Gamma(n+k+1)}$$

$$\Gamma(\alpha) = \int_0^{\infty} x^{\alpha-1} e^{-x} dx$$

$$\Gamma(n+1) = n\Gamma(n) = n!$$



## 5.1.2 Some Properties of the Poisson Processes

3. If the Poisson process  $N(t)$  with mean  $\nu t$  is filtered such that every occurrence of the event is not counted, the process has a constant probability  $p$  of being counted. Then the resulting counting process is also a Poisson process with mean  $p \nu t$ .

Proof: (p54, Decomposition of Poisson Process)

$$\Pr\{M(t) = n | N(t) = n + r\} = \binom{n+r}{n} p^n q^r,$$

where  $p + q = 1$

$$\Pr\{N(t) = n + r\} = e^{-\nu t} \frac{(\nu t)^{n+r}}{(n+r)!}$$

$$\Pr\{M(t) = n\} = \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \binom{n+r}{n} p^n q^r \cdot e^{-\nu t} \frac{(\nu t)^{n+r}}{(n+r)!}$$



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$$Pr\{M(t) = n\} = e^{-\nu t} \frac{(p\nu t)^n}{n!} \sum_{r=0}^{\infty} \frac{(q\nu t)^r}{r!}$$

$$= e^{-\nu t} \frac{(p\nu t)^n}{n!} e^{q\nu t} = e^{-p\nu t} \frac{(p\nu t)^n}{n!}$$



## 5.1.2 Some Properties of the Poisson Processes

4. Let  $X$  be the number of occurrences of an event that takes place in accordance with a Poisson process with intensity  $\nu$ . Find the number  $X$  that has the largest probability in a specified time  $t$ .

$$\Pr\{X = 0\} < \Pr\{X = 1\} < \dots < \Pr\{X = r - 1\} \\ \leq \Pr\{X = r\} > \Pr\{X = r + 1\} > \dots$$

$$\frac{\Pr\{X = r + 1\}}{\Pr\{X = r\}} = \frac{e^{-\nu t} (\nu t)^{r+1} / (r+1)!}{e^{-\nu t} (\nu t)^r / r!} = \frac{\nu t}{r+1}$$

$$r \geq \nu t - 1 \quad r = [\nu t]$$





## 5.1.2 Some Properties of the Poisson Processes

### Example 1:

Analysis of records obtained in the Gulf of Mexico indicates that tropical storms come to the Gulf in accordance with a Poisson process with intensity 0.68 per year. Obtain the number of storms having the highest probability in a 5-year period.

$$\nu = 0.68$$

$$t = 5$$

$$r = [\nu t] = [0.68 \times 5] = 3$$



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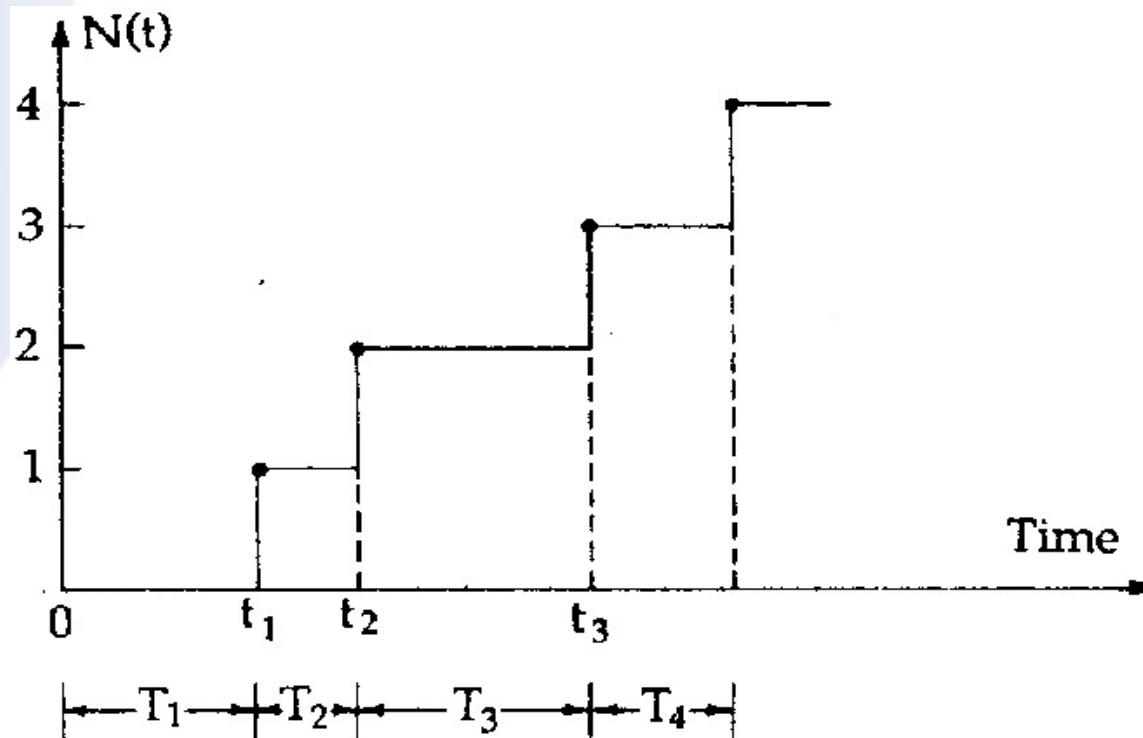
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## 5.1.3 Interarrival Times and Waiting Times

1. Interarrival Times  $T_n$  : the time intervals between two successive occurrences of random events. (p51)

♦  $T_1, T_2, T_3, \dots$  a random variables sequence.



$$T_1 = t_1, T_2 = t_2 - t_1, T_3 = t_3 - t_2, \dots$$

Interarrival times



## 5.1.3 Interarrival Times and Waiting Times

So that  $\lambda$  is the expected number of arrivals in unit time, or the **arrival rate**.

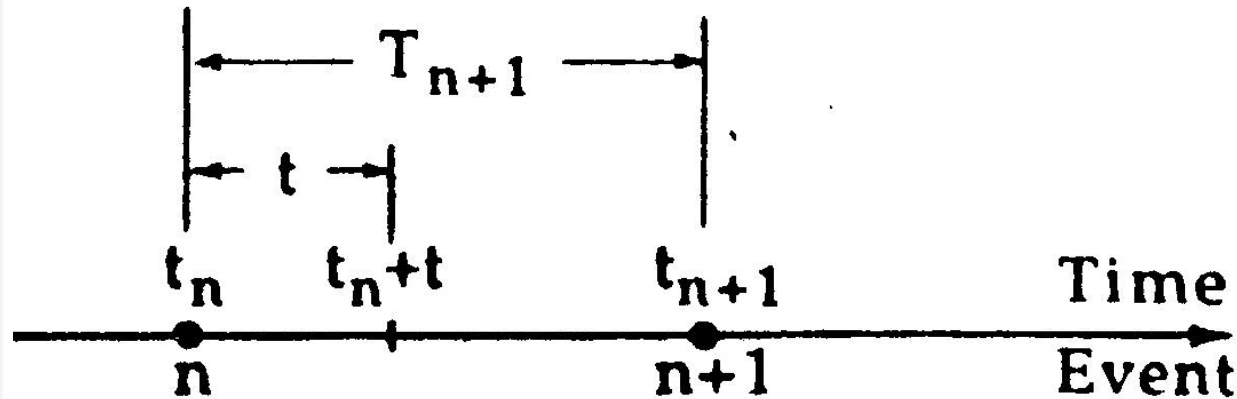
What is the relationship between  $\lambda$  and inter-arrival times ?

**Theorem:** the interarrival times of a Poisson process with intensity  $\lambda$  are independent, identically distributed exponential random variables with mean  $1/\lambda$



## 5.1.3 Interarrival Times and Waiting Times

Proof:



$$\begin{aligned} P\{N(T_{n+1}) > t\} &= P\{N(t_n + t) = n \mid N(t_n) = n\} \\ &= P\{N(t_n + t) - N(t_n) = 0 \mid N(t_n) = n\} \\ &= P\{N(t_n + t) - N(t_n) = 0\} \quad (\text{independent increments}) \\ &= P\{N(t) = 0\} \quad (\text{stationary increments}) = e^{-\lambda t} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore F_{T_i}(t) = P\{T_i \leq t\} = 1 - e^{-\lambda t}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\therefore f_{T_i}(t) = \lambda e^{-\lambda t}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots$$

## 5.1.3 Interarrival Times and Waiting Times



- ◆ Independent and stationary increments  
⇒ independent interarrival times





## 5.1.3 Interarrival Times and Waiting Times

Example:

◆ How often do Web pages change?

If changes to a page follow a Poisson process of rate  $\lambda$ ,

Its change intervals follow the distribution  $\lambda e^{-\lambda t}$

Example:

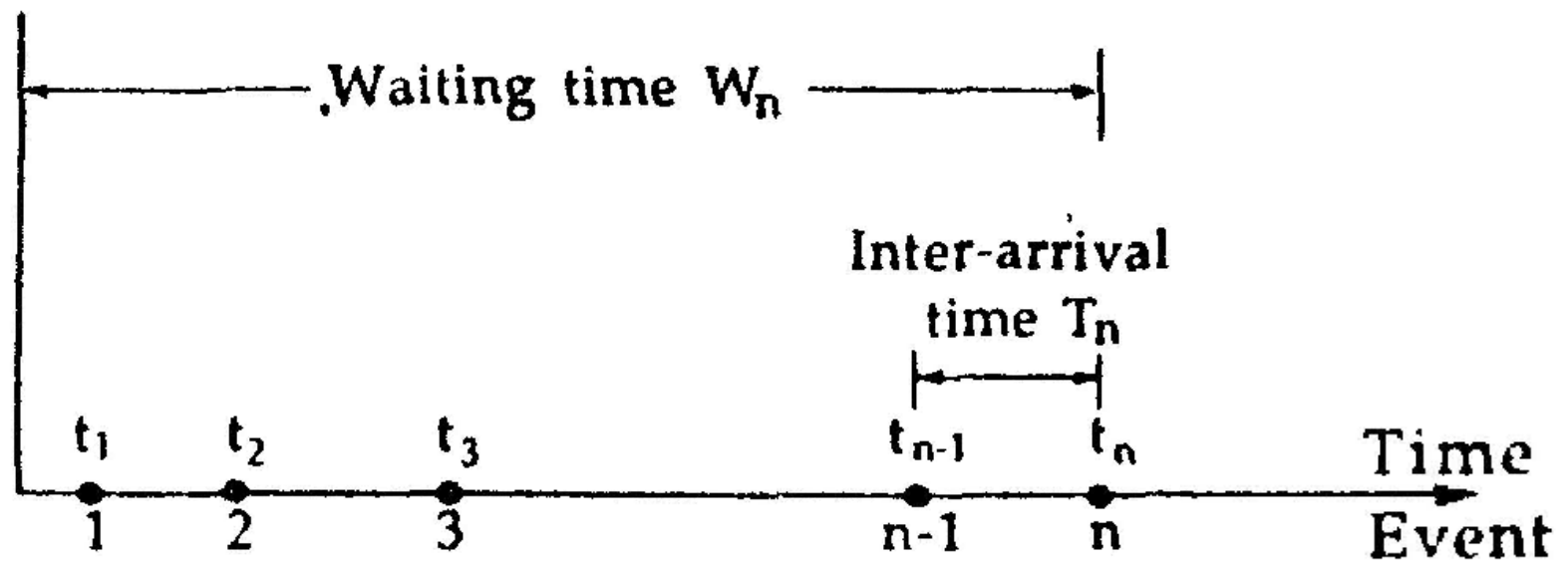
$\lambda = 0.1$  (once every 10 days on average)

Optimal refresh strategy for crawling the Web.



## 5.1.3 Interarrival Times and Waiting Times

2. Waiting Time  $W_n$  ( $S_n$  in textbook, arrival sequence  $\{S_n\}$ ): the time up to a specific number of occurrences of the event from  $t = 0$ . (p51)



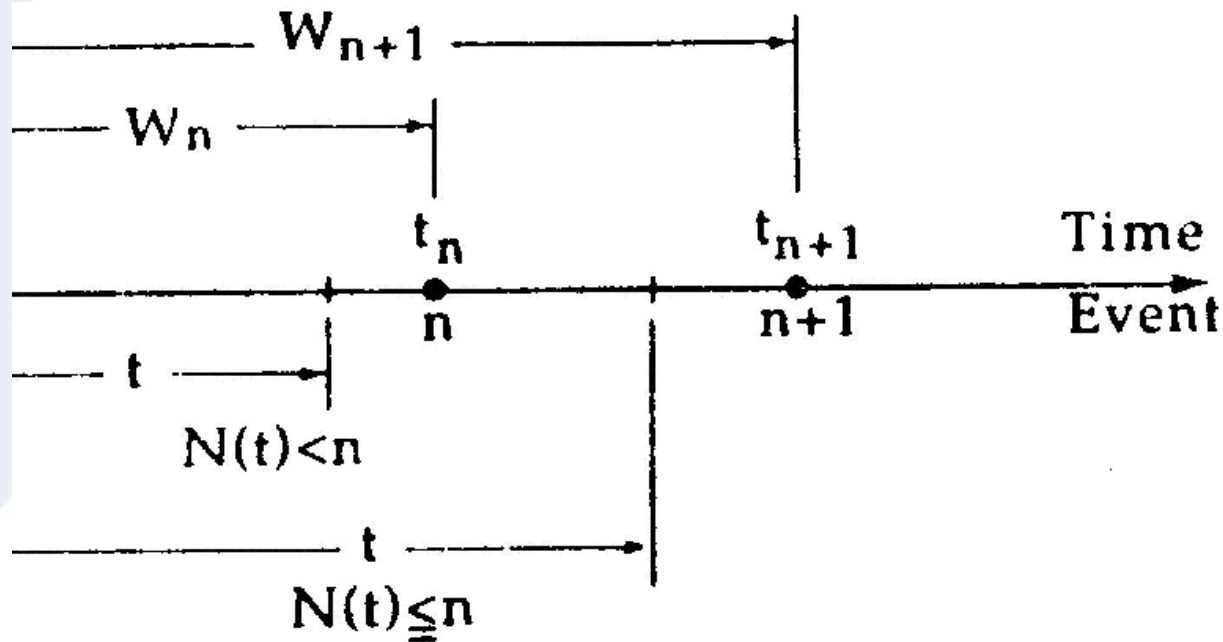
$$W_n = T_1 + T_2 + \cdots + T_n$$

$$T_n = W_n - W_{n-1}$$



## 5.1.3 Interarrival Times and Waiting Times

Relationship of waiting time and events:



$$Pr\{N(t) < n\} = Pr\{W_n > t\}$$

$$Pr\{N(t) \leq n\} = Pr\{W_{n+1} > t\}, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$





## 5.1.3 Interarrival Times and Waiting Times

Relationship of waiting time and event:

$$\Pr\{N(t) \geq n\} = \Pr\{W_n \leq t\} = F_{W_n}(t)$$

$$\Pr\{N(t) > n\} = \Pr\{W_{n+1} \leq t\} = F_{W_{n+1}}(t)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Pr\{N(t) = n\} &= \Pr\{N(t) \geq n\} - \Pr\{N(t) > n\} \\ &= F_{W_n}(t) - F_{W_{n+1}}(t), \quad n = 1, 2, 3, \dots\end{aligned}$$

$$\Pr\{N(t) = 0\} = \Pr\{W_1 > t\} = 1 - F_{W_1}(t)$$



## 5.1.3 Interarrival Times and Waiting Times

Distribution of Waiting Time:

$$Pr\{W_n \leq t\} = Pr\{N(t) \geq n\} = \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda t} \frac{(\lambda t)^j}{j!}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{W_n}(t) &= -\sum_{j=n}^{\infty} \lambda e^{-\lambda t} \frac{(\lambda t)^j}{j!} + \sum_{j=n}^{\infty} \lambda e^{-\lambda t} \frac{(\lambda t)^{j-1}}{(j-1)!} \\ &= \lambda e^{-\lambda t} \frac{(\lambda t)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} \end{aligned}$$

Gamma or Erlang distribution with parameters

$n$  and  $\lambda$



## 5.1.3 Interarrival Times and Waiting Times

### 3. The conditional distribution of arrival time

Problem: What is the probability that exactly  $m$  events occur in the interval  $[0, t]$  given that exactly  $n$  events occur in the interval  $[0, t + \tau]$  ;  $m=0,1,\dots,n$  ? (p52, Past Arrival Times)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & P\{N(t) = m \mid N(t + \tau) = n\} \\
 &= P\{N(t) = m, N(t + \tau) = n\} / P\{N(t + \tau) = n\} \\
 &= P\{N(t) = m, N(t + \tau) - N(t) = n - m\} / P\{N(t + \tau) = n\} \\
 &= P\{N(t) = m\}P\{N(\tau) = n - m\} / P\{N(t + \tau) = n\} \text{ (independent increments)} \\
 &= \frac{(\lambda t)^m}{m!} e^{-\lambda t} \frac{(\lambda \tau)^{n-m}}{(n-m)!} e^{-\lambda \tau} / \frac{(\lambda(t + \tau))^n}{n!} e^{-\lambda(t+\tau)} \text{ (stationary increments)} \\
 &= \frac{n!}{m! (n-m)!} \frac{t^m \tau^{n-m}}{(t + \tau)^n} = \binom{n}{m} \left( \frac{t}{t + \tau} \right)^m \left( \frac{\tau}{t + \tau} \right)^{n-m}
 \end{aligned}$$

It is a binomial distribution with parameters  $p = \frac{\tau}{t + \tau}$  and  $n$ .



## 5.1.3 Interarrival Times and Waiting Times

For  $n=m=1$ ,

$$P\{N(t) = 1 \mid N(t + \tau) = 1\} = \frac{t}{t + \tau}$$

The random time to the Poisson event occurring in  $[0, t]$  is uniformly distributed over this interval.

Past Arrival Times Given  $N(t) = n$  :

that is joint density function of  $W_1, W_2, \dots, W_n$  given  $N(t) = n$ .



## 5.1.3 Interarrival Times and Waiting Times

### Order statistic:

Let  $Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n$  be i.i.d. random variables with common density  $f$ , and  $Y_{(1)}, Y_{(2)}, \dots, Y_{(n)}$  are the corresponding  $n$  order statistics ( $Y_{(i)}$  is the  $i$ th smallest of  $\{Y_i\}$ ).

The joint density of  $\{Y_{(i)}\}$  is given by

$$f_{Y_{(1)}, \dots, Y_{(n)}}(y_1, \dots, y_n) = n! \prod_{i=1}^n f(y_i) \quad 0 < y_1 < \dots < y_n$$

If  $f$  follows the uniform density over  $(0, t)$ , then

$$f_{Y_{(1)}, \dots, Y_{(n)}}(y_1, \dots, y_n) = n! / t^n \quad 0 < y_1 < \dots < y_n$$



## 2.1.3 Interarrival Times and Waiting Times

Joint density function of  $W_1, W_2, \dots, W_n$  given  $N(t)=n$  is

$$f_{W_1, \dots, W_n | N(t)}(t_1, \dots, t_n | n) = n! / t^n \quad 0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n < t.$$

### Theorem:

A total of  $n$  random events occurs in time  $t$  in accord with a Poisson process with intensity  $\nu$ . Then the waiting times  $W_1, W_2, \dots, W_n$

are equivalent to the ordered sample of a random variable that has a uniform distribution between 0 and  $t$ .

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Generating Interarrival Times of a Poisson by Computer Simulation: (p52, Example 2.2.1)

Generate the exponential variable  $X$  with parameter  $\nu$ .

(i) generate  $U \sim U(0,1)$ , so  $1-U \sim U(0,1)$

(ii)  $X = -(1/\nu)\log(U)$ ,  $X \sim F$ ,  $F_X(x) = 1 - e^{-\nu x}$ ,  $x \geq 0$

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## 5.1.4 Generating a Poisson Process



### Poisson in Microsoft Excel:

#### ◆ POISSON (x, mean, cumulative)

x: 事件数。

Mean: 期望值。

Cumulative: 为一逻辑值，确定所返回的概率分布形式。如果 cumulative 为 TRUE，函数 POISSON 返回泊松累积分布概率，即随机事件发生的次数在 0 到 x 之间（包含 0 和 1）；如果为 FALSE，则返回泊松概率密度函数，即，随机事件发生的次数恰好为 x。

◆ 假设 cumulative = FALSE,  $\text{POISSON} = \frac{\nu^x}{x!} e^{-\nu}$

◆ 假设 cumulative = TRUE,  $\text{POISSON} = \sum_{k=0}^x \frac{\nu^k}{k!} e^{-\nu}$

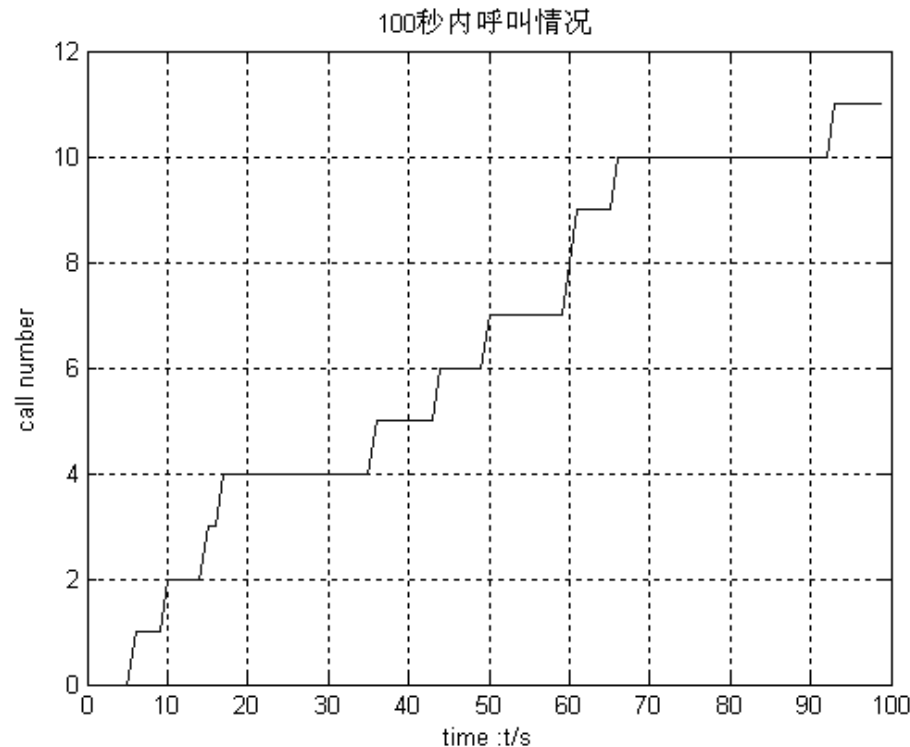
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### 4. Poisson in Matlab:

◆ 泊松整数序列发生器函数:  $x = \text{poissrnd}(lm)$

$lm = 0.12$



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## 5.2.1 Nonhomogeneous Poisson Processes

**Definition 1:** A Poisson process with an intensity that is a nonnegative function of time,  $\lambda(t)$ , is defined as a nonhomogeneous Poisson process.

**Definition 2:** A counting process  $\{N(t), t \geq 0\}$  is called a nonhomogeneous Poisson process with nonnegative intensity function  $\lambda(t)$  if it has properties (p56)

- i)  $N(0)=0$ ,
- ii)  $\{N(t), t \geq 0\}$  has independent increments,
- iii)  $P\{X(t+h) - X(t) = 1\} = \lambda(t)h + o(h)$
- iv)  $P\{X(t+h) - X(t) \geq 2\} = o(h)$

**Definition 1 and definition 2 are equivalent.**



## 5.2.1 Nonhomogeneous Poisson Processes

◆  $\lambda(t)$  is called the intensity function.

◆ Distribution:

$$P\{N(t) = n\} = \frac{\left\{\int_0^t \lambda(s) ds\right\}^n}{n!} \exp\left\{-\int_0^t \lambda(s) ds\right\}$$

$$E[N(t)] = \text{Var}[N(t)] = \int_0^t \lambda(s) ds = m_N(t)$$

$$P\{N(t) = n\} = \frac{\{m_N(t)\}^n}{n!} \exp\{-m_N(t)\}$$



## 5.2.1 Nonhomogeneous Poisson Processes

- ◆ Correlation function:

$$R(t, \tau) = E[N(t)N(t + \tau)] = E\{N(t)[N(t + \tau) - N(t) + N(t)]\}$$

$$R(t, \tau) = E[N(t)]E[N(t + \tau) - N(t)] + E[N^2(t)]$$

$$= \int_0^t \lambda(t) dt \int_0^{t+\tau} \lambda(t) dt + \int_0^t \lambda(t) dt$$

$$= \int_0^t \lambda(t) dt \left\{ 1 + \int_0^{t+\tau} \lambda(t) dt \right\}$$

- ◆ The increment process of a nonhomogeneous Poisson process is no longer stationary.



## 5.2.1 Nonhomogeneous Poisson Processes

Example: Based on **a large statistical sample** it is known that the number of cars which arrive for petrol week-days between **6:00 and 12:00** at a particular filling station can be described by an nonhomogeneous Poisson process, **the intensity function** is

$$\nu(t) = 10 + 35.4(t - 6)e^{-\frac{1}{8}(t-6)^2}, 6 \leq t \leq 12$$

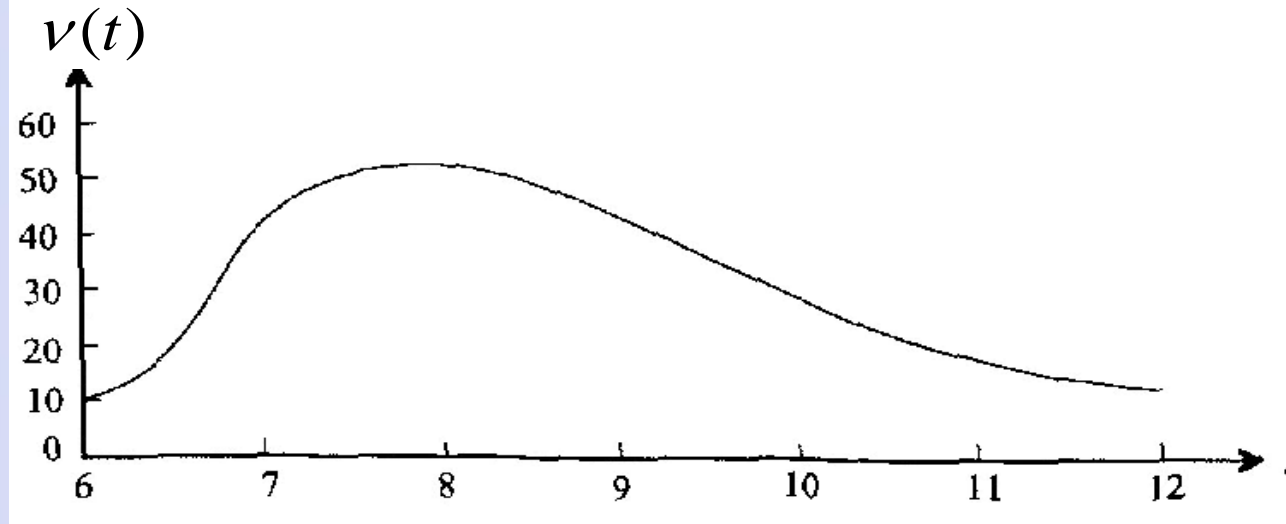
- 1) How many cars **on average arrive** for petrol week-days between 6:00 and 12:00?
- 2) What is the probability that **at least 90 cars** arrive for petrol week-days between 7:00 and 9:00?



## 5.2.1 Nonhomogeneous Poisson Processes



Sln:



1) The average number is

$$\begin{aligned} E[N(t)] &= \int_0^t v(s) ds = \int_6^{12} v(s) ds \\ &= \int_6^{12} \left[ 10 + 35.4te^{-\frac{1}{8}t^2} \right] dt \\ &= \left[ 10t + 141.6(1 - e^{-\frac{1}{8}t^2}) \right] \Big|_6^{12} = 200 \end{aligned}$$



## 5.2.1 nonhomogeneous Poisson Processes

2) During the time interval [7:00, 9:00] the random number of arriving cars is Poisson distributed with parameter

$$\int_7^9 \nu(t) dt = [10t + 141.6(1 - e^{-\frac{1}{8}t^2})] \Big|_1^3 = 99$$

That is, on average 99 cars arrive for petrol between 7:00 and 9:00. The desired probability is

$$P\{N(9) - N(7) \geq 90\} = \sum_{n=90}^{\infty} \frac{99^n}{n!} e^{-99}$$

$$\approx 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{90 - 99}{\sqrt{99}}\right)$$

$$\approx 1 - 0.1827 = 0.8173$$



## 5.2.1 nonhomogeneous Poisson Processes

### **Generating arrival times of a nonhomogeneous Poisson**

process with intensity function  $\nu(t)$ : (Example 2.3.1)

i) Generate a Poisson ( $N_1(t)$ ) arrival sequence  $\{T_i\}$  with intensity  $\nu$ ,

$$\nu \geq \nu(t), \text{ for all } t \geq 0$$

ii) The arrival at  $T_i$  will be counted as an arrival of  $N_1(t)$  with probability  $\nu(T_i)/\nu$ .

◆ The counted process is a nonhomogeneous Poisson process

with intensity function  $[\nu(T_i)/\nu]\nu = \nu(T_i)$ .



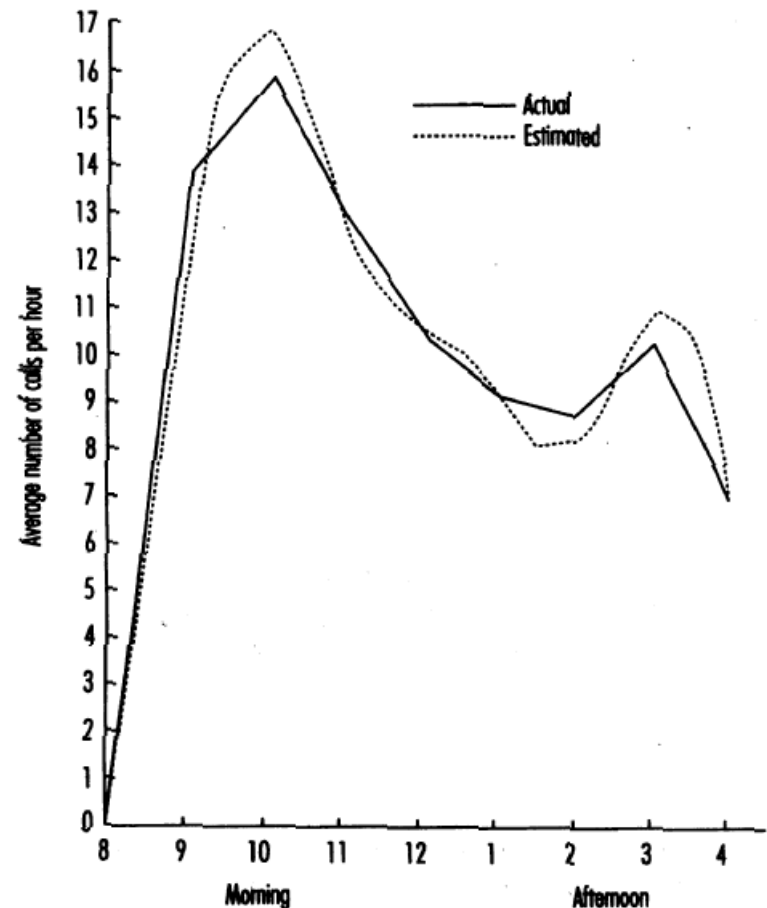
## 5.2.1 nonhomogeneous Poisson Processes

### Modeling Arrivals to a Computer System (p63, Example 2.3.6)

$$\lambda(t) = 8.924 - 1.584 \cos \frac{\pi t}{1.51} + 7.897 \sin \frac{\pi t}{3.02} - 10.434 \cos \frac{\pi t}{4.53} + 4.293 \cos \frac{\pi t}{6.04}$$

The computer system is designed for online analysis of electrocardiograms.

Arrival data is analyzed for developing an input process for subsequent uses in computer simulation and analytical model building.



## 5.2.1 nonhomogeneous Poisson Processes



A multiserver queue with nonhomogeneous Poisson arrivals and exponential service times:  $M(t)/M/s$   
(p65, Example 2.3.8)

“Introduction to Queue”

# 5.2 Generalization of the Poisson Processes



## OUTLINE:

5.2.1 Nonhomogeneous Poisson Processes

5.2.2 Compound Poisson Processes



## 5.2.2 Compound Poisson Processes

**Definition:** A stochastic process  $Y(t)$  is called a compound Poisson process if it is the sum of random variables  $X_n$

given by

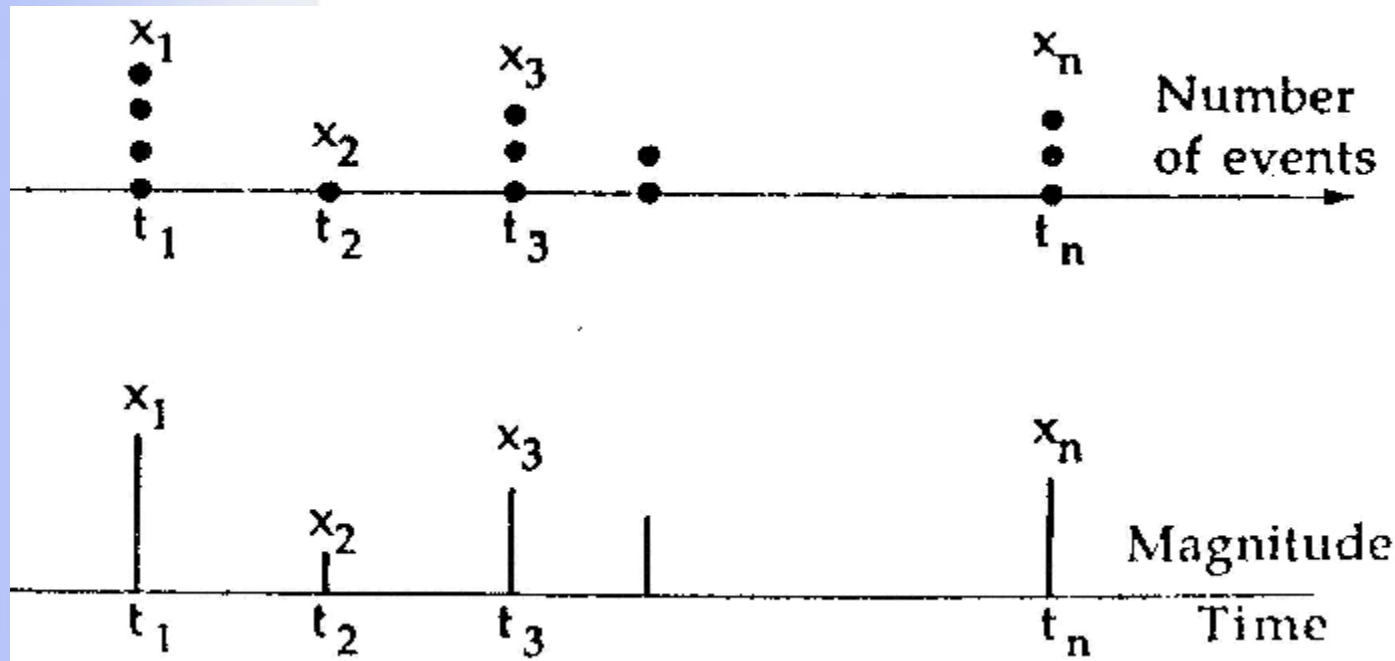
$$Y(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{N(t)} X_n$$

where  $N(t)$  is a Poisson process with intensity  $\lambda$  and  $X_n$  are independent random variables with identical distribution.



## 5.2.2 Compound Poisson Processes

$X_n$  may be continuous random variables or discrete random variables.



$$Y(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{N(t)} X_n$$

$Y(t)$  has independent increment.

If  $N(t)$  is a homogenous Poisson process,  $Y(t)$  has stationary increment. (p73)





## 5.2.2 Compound Poisson Processes

Characteristic function  $\Phi_Y(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{N(t)} X_n$

$$\phi_Y(u) = E[e^{iuY(t)}] = E\{E[e^{iuY(t)} | N(t)]\}$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E[e^{iuY(t)} | N(t) = n] P(N(t) = n)$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E[\exp(iu \sum_{k=1}^n X_k)] P(N(t) = n)$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \phi_X^n(u) \frac{(vt)^n}{n!} e^{-vt} = e^{-vt} e^{vt\phi_X(u)}$$

$$= e^{\{vt[\phi_X(u)-1]\}}$$

Conditional expectation:

$$E[Y | X = x]$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y dF_{Y|X}(y | x)$$

$$= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y f(y | x) dy$$

$$= \sum_j y_j P(y_j | x_i)$$

$E[Y | X = x]$  is a random function of  $x$

$$E\{E[Y | X]\} = E(Y)$$



## 5.2.2 Compound Poisson Processes

Moments of compound Poisson processes:

$$E[Y(t)] = \frac{1}{i} \left[ \frac{d\phi_Y(u)}{du} \right]_{u=0} = \frac{1}{i} \nu t \phi'_x(0) = \nu t E[x]$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[Y^2(t)] &= \frac{1}{i^2} \left[ \frac{d^2\phi_Y(u)}{du^2} \right]_{u=0} \\ &= \frac{1}{i^2} \left[ \nu t \phi''_x(0) + (\nu t)^2 \{ \phi'_x(0) \}^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

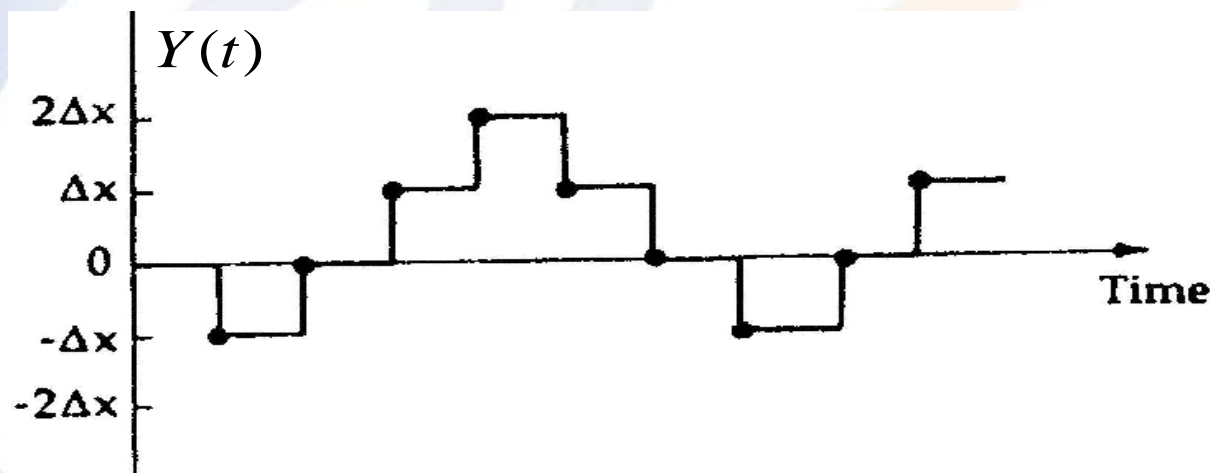
$$\text{Var}[Y(t)] = \nu t E[x^2]$$

$$\text{Cov}[Y(s), Y(t)] = \nu (\min s, t) E[X^2]$$



## 5.1.1 Random Walk

- ◆ A simple example about one-dimension random walk
- ◆ The particle moves a fixed distance  $+\Delta x$  or  $-\Delta x$  with equal probability of positive or negative direction at each step on a straight line path. And each step completes in  $\Delta t$  second.
- ◆ Time history of particle movement:





## 5.2.2 Compound Poisson Processes

- ◆ Brownian motion is a ceaseless random fluctuating motion of a microscopic particle suspended in a fluid or gas.
- ◆ Random walk — a simplified random movement of a particle in one dimension.

*Example:* Consider the Brownian motion of a particle on a line starting at

$Y = 0$  at time  $t = 0$ .

**Assume that** random impacts with other particles occur following a Poisson process with intensity  $\nu$ .

**Assume that** a particle moves either  $+a$  or  $-a$  at each impact with equal probability.



## 5.2.2 Compound Poisson Processes

$Y(t)$  denotes the location of the particle at time  $t$ , then

$$Y(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{N(t)} X_n$$

where  $X_n$  are independent identically distributed random variables with probability  $P\{X_n=a\}=P\{X_n=-a\}=1/2$ .

The characteristic function of  $X_n$  is

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_X(u) &= E[e^{iuX}] \\ &= P(X=a)e^{iua} + P(X=-a)e^{-iua} \\ &= \cos au\end{aligned}$$



## 5.2.2 Compound Poisson Processes

The characteristic function of  $Y(t)$  is

$$\phi_Y(u) = e^{\{vt[\phi_X(u)-1]\}} = \exp\{vt[\cos au - 1]\}$$

$$\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots$$

$$a \rightarrow 0, \quad \phi_Y(u) = \exp\{vt[-(au)^2 / 2]\} = \exp\{-\frac{1}{2}va^2tu^2\}$$

$$v \rightarrow \infty, \quad \text{and } va^2 = \sigma^2 = \text{constant},$$

$$\phi_Y(u) = \exp\{-\frac{1}{2}\sigma^2tu^2\}$$

$$Y(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{N(t)} X_n$$

$$\phi_X(u) = \cos au$$



## 5.2.2 Compound Poisson Processes

$Z(t) \sim N(0, \sigma^2 t)$ , Find the characteristic function of  $Z(t)$ .

$$\exp\left\{-\left(\frac{z}{s}\right)^2\right\} \quad z \xleftrightarrow{F} u \quad \sqrt{\pi} s \exp\left\{-\left(\frac{us}{2}\right)^2\right\}, \quad s > 0$$

$$\phi_Z(u) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{iuz} p(z) dz = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2 t}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left\{-\frac{z^2}{2\sigma^2 t}\right\} e^{iuz} dz$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2 t}} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \exp\left\{-\frac{z^2}{2\sigma^2 t}\right\} e^{-i(-u)z} dz, \quad s = \sqrt{2\sigma^2 t}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2 t}} \sqrt{\pi} \sqrt{2\sigma^2 t} \exp\left\{-\left(\frac{-u\sqrt{2\sigma^2 t}}{2}\right)^2\right\}$$

$$= \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 t u^2\right\}$$

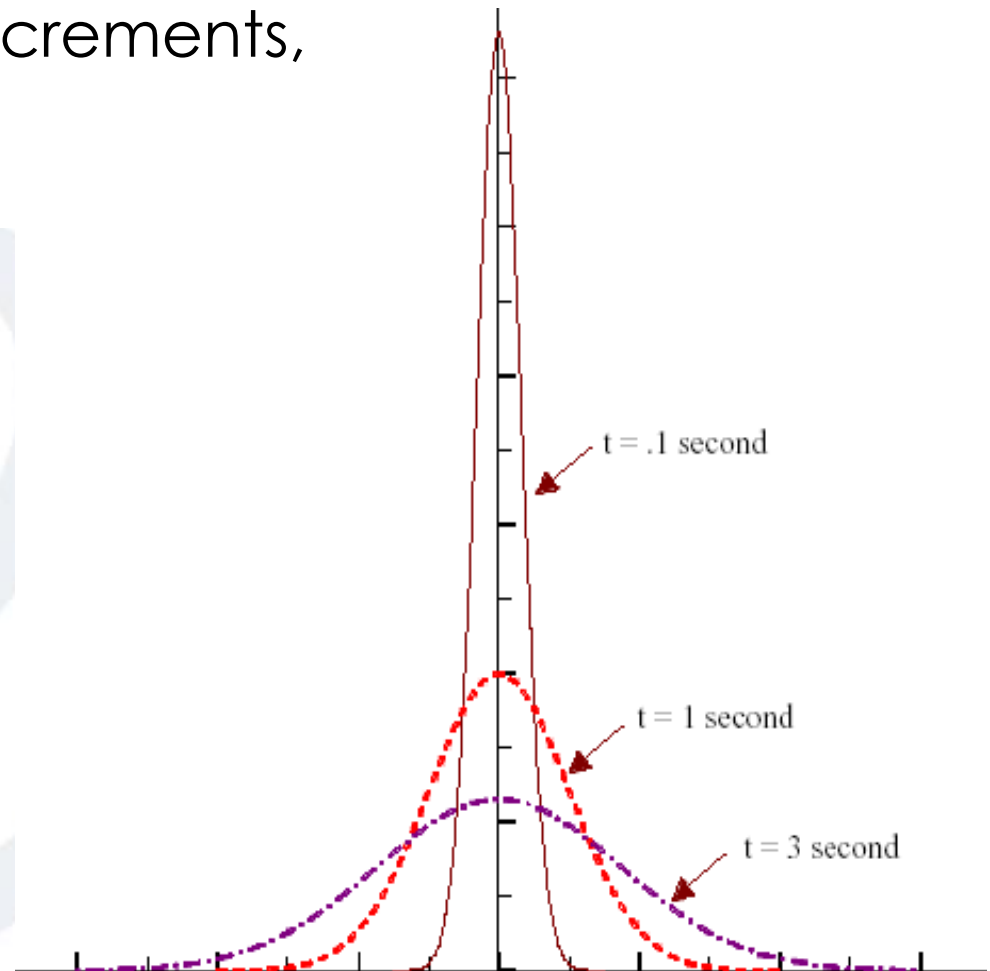
$$\phi_Y(u) = \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 t u^2\right\}$$



## 5.2.2 Compound Poisson Processes

Thus,  $Y(t)$  is a normal distribution that has stationary independent increments,

$$Y(t) \sim N(0, \sigma^2 t)$$





# Exercises



1. The number of cars which pass a certain intersection daily between 12:00 and 14:00 follows a homogeneous Poisson process with intensity 40 per hour. Among these there are 0.8% which disregard the STOP-sign. What is the probability that at least one car disregards the STOP-sign between 12:00 and 13:00?
2. An electronic system is subject to two types of shocks which arrive independently of each other according to homogeneous Poisson processes with intensities 0.002[per hour] and 0.01 [ per hour]. A shock of type 1 always causes a system failure, a shock of type 2 causes a system failure with probability 0.4. What is the probability that the



- ◆ A nonhomogeneous Poisson process  $N(t)$  has intensity function (mean arrival rate)  $\lambda(t) = 1 + 2t$  for  $t \geq 0$ . Initially  $N(0) = 0$ .
  - (a) Find the mean function.
  - (b) Find the correlation function.

# Home Work



Problems:

2,

4(example 2.3.2),

6,

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For presentation:

Problems: 10, 11

P69, example 2.3.11

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