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- “Hint”: Spring: March, April, May. Summer: June, July August.
- f) Find the probability that the third dementor attack of a calendar year occurs during summer.
  - g) Find the probability that the fifth dementor attack of a calendar year occurs during summer.
  - h) Find the probability that the fifth dementor attack of a calendar year occurs after Halloween (October 31). That is, find the probability that the fifth dementor attack of a calendar year occurs during the last two month of the calendar year.

1. Suppose  $X$  follows a Gamma distribution with mean  $\mu = 20$  and standard deviation  $\sigma = 10$ .

- a) What are the parameters of this Gamma distribution,  $\alpha$  and  $\theta$ ?

$$\mu = 20 = \alpha \theta. \quad \sigma^2 = 100 = \alpha \theta^2.$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \alpha = 4, \quad \theta = 5.$$

- b) Find  $P(X \leq 25)$ .

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$$\begin{aligned} P(X \leq 25) &= P(T_4 \leq 25) = \int_0^{25} \frac{1}{\Gamma(4) \cdot 5^4} \cdot t^{4-1} \cdot e^{-t/5} dt \\ &= \int_0^{25} \frac{1}{3! \cdot 5^4} \cdot t^3 \cdot e^{-t/5} dt = \dots \end{aligned}$$

OR

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \leq 25) &= P(T_4 \leq 25) = P(X_{25} \geq 4) = 1 - P(X_{25} \leq 3) \\ &= 1 - P(\text{Poisson}(5) \leq 3) = 1 - 0.265 = \mathbf{0.735}. \end{aligned}$$

OR (Spoiler)

$$P(X \leq 25) = P(T_4 \leq 25) = P\left(\frac{2T_4}{5} \leq 10\right) = P(\chi^2(8) \leq 10) = \dots$$

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> pgamma(25,4,1/5)
[1] 0.7349741
> 1-ppois(3,5)
[1] 0.7349741
>
> ### spoiler
> pchisq(2*25/5,2*4)
[1] 0.7349741
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$x^2$	$x^\square$	$\log_\square$	$\sqrt{\square}$	$\sqrt[\square]{\square}$	$\leq$	$\geq$	$\frac{\square}{\square}$	$\cdot$	$\div$	$x^\circ$	$\pi$
$(\square)'$	$\frac{d}{dx}$	$\frac{\partial}{\partial x}$	$\int$	$\int_\square^\square$	lim	$\Sigma$	$\infty$	$\theta$	$(f \circ g)$	$H_2O$	$\begin{pmatrix} \square & \dots & \square \\ \square & \ddots & \square \\ \square & \dots & \square \end{pmatrix}$

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$$\int_0^{25} \frac{1}{6 \cdot 5^4} x^{4-1} e^{-\frac{x}{5}} dx$$
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$$\int_0^{25} \frac{1}{6 \cdot 5^4} x^{4-1} e^{-\frac{x}{5}} dx = -\frac{6e^5 + 236}{6e^5} \quad (\text{Decimal: } 0.73497\dots)$$
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=GAMMA.DIST(25,4,5,1) 0.734974

=1-POISSON.DIST(3,5,1) 0.734974

Spoiler:

=CHISQ.DIST(2\*25/5,2\*4,1) 0.734974



c) Find  $P(10 \leq X \leq 30)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} P(10 \leq X \leq 30) &= P(10 \leq T_4 \leq 30) = \int_{10}^{30} \frac{1}{\Gamma(4) \cdot 5^4} \cdot t^{4-1} \cdot e^{-t/5} dt \\ &= \int_{10}^{30} \frac{1}{3! \cdot 5^4} \cdot t^3 \cdot e^{-t/5} dt = \dots \end{aligned}$$

OR

$$\begin{aligned} P(10 \leq X \leq 30) &= P(10 \leq T_4 \leq 30) = P(T_4 \geq 10) - P(T_4 > 30) \\ &= P(X_{10} \leq 3) - P(X_{30} \leq 3) = P(\text{Poisson}(2) \leq 3) - P(\text{Poisson}(6) \leq 3) \\ &= 0.857 - 0.151 = \mathbf{0.706}. \end{aligned}$$

OR (Spoiler)

$$\begin{aligned} P(10 \leq X \leq 30) &= P(10 \leq T_4 \leq 30) = P(4 \leq \frac{2 T_4}{5} \leq 12) \\ &= P(4 \leq \chi^2(8) \leq 12) = \dots \end{aligned}$$

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> pgamma(30,4,1/5)-pgamma(10,4,1/5)
[1] 0.7059196
> ppois(3,2)-ppois(3,6)
[1] 0.7059196
>
> ### spoiler
> pchisq(2*30/5,2*4)-pchisq(2*10/5,2*4)
[1] 0.7059196
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Solution

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$$\int_{10}^{30} \frac{1}{6 \cdot 5^4} x^{4-1} e^{-\frac{x}{5}} dx = -\frac{38e^4 + 366}{6e^6} \quad (\text{Decimal: } 0.70591\dots)$$

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=GAMMA.DIST(30,4,5,1)-GAMMA.DIST(10,4,5,1)

0.70592

=POISSON.DIST(3,2,1)-POISSON.DIST(3,6,1)

0.70592



2. During a radio trivia contest, the radio station receives phone calls according to Poisson process with the average rate of five calls per minute.

$X_t$  = number of phone calls in  $t$  minutes.                      Poisson( $\lambda t$ )  
 $T_k$  = time of the  $k$ th phone call.                                      Gamma,  $\alpha = k$ .  
 five calls per minute                       $\Rightarrow$        $\lambda = 5$ .

- a) Find the probability that we would have to wait less than two minutes for the ninth phone call.

$$P(T_9 < 2) = P(X_2 \geq 9) = 1 - P(X_2 \leq 8) = 1 - P(\text{Poisson}(10) \leq 8) = 1 - 0.333 = \mathbf{0.667}.$$

OR

$$P(T_9 < 2) = \int_0^2 \frac{5^9}{\Gamma(9)} t^{9-1} e^{-5t} dt = \int_0^2 \frac{5^9}{8!} t^8 e^{-5t} dt = \dots$$

- b) Find the probability that the ninth phone call would arrive during the third minute.

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(2 < T_9 < 3) &= P(T_9 > 2) - P(T_9 > 3) = P(X_2 \leq 8) - P(X_3 \leq 8) \\
 &= P(\text{Poisson}(10) \leq 8) - P(\text{Poisson}(15) \leq 8) = 0.333 - 0.037 = \mathbf{0.296}.
 \end{aligned}$$

OR

$$P(2 < T_9 < 3) = \int_2^3 \frac{5^9}{\Gamma(9)} t^{9-1} e^{-5t} dt = \int_2^3 \frac{5^9}{8!} t^8 e^{-5t} dt = \dots$$

3. Dementor attacks in Champaign County are relatively rare. Suppose they occur according to a Poisson process with the average rate of 0.4 attacks per month.

- a) Find the probability that at most 2 dementor attacks occur in Champaign County in three months.

$$\text{three months} \Rightarrow \lambda = 3 \cdot 0.4 = 1.2.$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \leq 2) &= P(X=0) + P(X=1) + P(X=2) \\ &= \frac{1.2^0 \cdot e^{-1.2}}{0!} + \frac{1.2^1 \cdot e^{-1.2}}{1!} + \frac{1.2^2 \cdot e^{-1.2}}{2!} \\ &\approx 0.3012 + 0.3614 + 0.2169 = \mathbf{0.8795}. \end{aligned}$$

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> ppois(2,3*0.4)
[1] 0.8794871
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=POISSON.DIST(2,3\*0.4,1) 0.879487

- b) Find the probability that exactly 3 dementor attacks occur in Champaign County in one year. (1 year = 12 months)

$$1 \text{ year} = 12 \text{ months} \Rightarrow \lambda = 12 \cdot 0.4 = 4.8.$$

$$P(X=3) = \frac{4.8^3 \cdot e^{-4.8}}{3!} \approx \mathbf{0.1517}.$$

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> dpois(3,12*0.4)
[1] 0.1516907
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=POISSON.DIST(3,12\*0.4,0) 0.151691



- c) Find the probability that there will be exactly 9 attack-free months ( months without any dementor attacks ) in one year.

Let  $W$  = the number of attack-free months (out of 12).

Then  $W$  has Binomial distribution,  $n = 12$ ,

$$p = P(\text{attack-free month}) = \frac{0.4^0 \cdot e^{-0.4}}{0!} = 0.6703 \quad (\text{Poisson, } \lambda = 0.40).$$

$$P(W=9) = {}_{12}C_9 \cdot (0.6703)^9 \cdot (1-0.6703)^3 \approx \mathbf{0.2154}.$$

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> p = dpois(0,0.4)
> p                                =POISSON.DIST(0,0.4,0)      0.67032
[1] 0.67032
> dbinom(9,12,p)                  =BINOM.DIST(9,12,0.67032,0)  0.215397
[1] 0.2153973
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OR

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=BINOM.DIST(9,12,POISSON.DIST(0,0.4,0),0)      0.215397
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$X_t$  = number of dementor attack in  $t$  months.      Poisson( $\lambda t$ )

$T_k$  = time of the  $k$ th dementor attack.      Gamma,  $\alpha = k$ .

the average rate of 0.4 attacks per month       $\Rightarrow \lambda = 0.4$ .

- d) Find the probability that the first dementor attack of a calendar year occurs in March.  
That is, find  $P(2 < T_1 < 3)$ .

March = 3<sup>rd</sup> month.

Need  $P(2 < T_1 < 3)$ .

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> pexp(3,0.4)-pexp(2,0.4)
[1] 0.1481348
> pgamma(3,1,0.4)-pgamma(2,1,0.4)
[1] 0.1481348
> ppois(0,2*0.4)-ppois(0,3*0.4)
[1] 0.1481348
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$$\begin{aligned} P(2 < T_1 < 3) &= P(T_1 > 2) - P(T_1 > 3) = P(X_2 \leq 0) - P(X_3 \leq 0) \\ &= P(\text{Poisson}(0.8) \leq 0) - P(\text{Poisson}(1.2) \leq 0) = 0.449 - 0.301 = \mathbf{0.148}. \end{aligned}$$

OR

$$\begin{aligned} P(2 < T_1 < 3) &= \int_2^3 \frac{0.4^1}{\Gamma(1)} t^{1-1} e^{-0.4t} dt = \int_2^3 0.4 e^{-0.4t} dt \\ &= e^{-0.8} - e^{-1.2} \approx 0.148135. \end{aligned}$$

OR

January		February		March	
no attacks	$\cap$	no attacks	$\cap$	attack(s)	
$\frac{0.4^0 e^{-0.4}}{0!}$	$\times$	$\frac{0.4^0 e^{-0.4}}{0!}$	$\times$	$1 - \frac{0.4^0 e^{-0.4}}{0!}$	
0.67032	$\times$	0.67032	$\times$	0.32968	$\approx \mathbf{0.148}.$

- e) Find the probability that the first dementor attack of a calendar year occurs before summer. That is, find  $P(T_1 < 5)$ .

“Hint”: Spring: March, April, May. Summer: June, July August.

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> pexp(5,0.4)
[1] 0.8646647
> pgamma(5,1,0.4)
[1] 0.8646647
> 1-ppois(0,5*0.4)
[1] 0.8646647
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$$P(T_1 < 5) = P(X_5 \geq 1) = 1 - P(\text{Poisson}(2.0) \leq 0) = 1 - 0.135 = \mathbf{0.865}.$$

$$\text{OR} \quad P(T_1 < 5) = 1 - P(T_1 > 5) = 1 - P(X_5 \leq 0) = \dots$$

OR

$$\begin{aligned} P(T_1 < 5) &= \int_0^5 \frac{0.4^1}{\Gamma(1)} t^{1-1} e^{-0.4t} dt = \int_0^5 0.4 e^{-0.4t} dt \\ &= 1 - e^{-2.0} \approx 0.864665. \end{aligned}$$

- f) Find the probability that the third dementor attack of a calendar year occurs during summer.

June = 6<sup>th</sup> month, August = 8<sup>th</sup> month.

Need  $P(5 < T_3 < 8)$ .

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> pgamma(8,3,0.4)-pgamma(5,3,0.4)
[1] 0.2967727
> ppois(2,5*0.4)-ppois(2,8*0.4)
[1] 0.2967727
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$$\begin{aligned} P(5 < T_3 < 8) &= P(T_3 > 5) - P(T_3 > 8) = P(X_5 \leq 2) - P(X_8 \leq 2) \\ &= P(\text{Poisson}(2.0) \leq 2) - P(\text{Poisson}(3.2) \leq 2) = 0.677 - 0.380 = \mathbf{0.297}. \end{aligned}$$

OR

$$P(5 < T_3 < 8) = \int_5^8 \frac{0.4^3}{\Gamma(3)} t^{3-1} e^{-0.4t} dt = \int_5^8 \frac{0.4^3}{2} t^2 e^{-0.4t} dt \approx 0.296773.$$

OR

$$\begin{aligned} &P(2 \text{ attacks in 5 months}) \times P(\text{at least 1 attack in the next 3 months}) \\ &+ P(1 \text{ attack in 5 months}) \times P(\text{at least 2 attacks in the next 3 months}) \\ &+ P(0 \text{ attacks in 5 months}) \times P(\text{at least 3 attacks in the next 3 months}) \\ &= \frac{2.0^2 e^{-2.0}}{2!} \times \left( 1 - \frac{1.2^0 e^{-1.2}}{0!} \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{2.0^1 e^{-2.0}}{1!} \times \left( 1 - \frac{1.2^0 e^{-1.2}}{0!} - \frac{1.2^1 e^{-1.2}}{1!} \right) \\ &\quad + \frac{2.0^0 e^{-2.0}}{0!} \times \left( 1 - \frac{1.2^0 e^{-1.2}}{0!} - \frac{1.2^1 e^{-1.2}}{1!} - \frac{1.2^2 e^{-1.2}}{2!} \right) \\ &= 0.27067 \times 0.69881 + 0.27067 \times 0.33737 + 0.13534 \times 0.12051 \approx \mathbf{0.2968}. \end{aligned}$$

- g) Find the probability that the fifth dementor attack of a calendar year occurs during summer.

Need  $P(5 < T_5 < 8)$ .

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> pgamma(8,5,0.4)-pgamma(5,5,0.4)
[1] 0.1667345
> ppois(4,5*0.4)-ppois(4,8*0.4)
[1] 0.1667345
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$$\begin{aligned} P(5 < T_5 < 8) &= P(T_5 > 5) - P(T_5 > 8) = P(X_5 \leq 4) - P(X_8 \leq 4) \\ &= P(\text{Poisson}(2.0) \leq 4) - P(\text{Poisson}(3.2) \leq 4) = 0.947 - 0.781 = \mathbf{0.166}. \end{aligned}$$

OR

$$P(5 < T_5 < 8) = \int_5^8 \frac{0.4^5}{\Gamma(5)} t^{5-1} e^{-0.4t} dt = \int_5^8 \frac{0.4^4}{24} t^4 e^{-0.4t} dt \approx 0.166734.$$

OR

$$\begin{aligned} &P(4 \text{ attacks in } 5 \text{ months}) \times P(\text{at least } 1 \text{ attack in the next } 3 \text{ months}) \\ &+ P(3 \text{ attacks in } 5 \text{ months}) \times P(\text{at least } 2 \text{ attacks in the next } 3 \text{ months}) \\ &+ P(2 \text{ attacks in } 5 \text{ months}) \times P(\text{at least } 3 \text{ attacks in the next } 3 \text{ months}) \\ &+ P(1 \text{ attack in } 5 \text{ months}) \times P(\text{at least } 4 \text{ attacks in the next } 3 \text{ months}) \\ &+ P(0 \text{ attacks in } 5 \text{ months}) \times P(\text{at least } 5 \text{ attacks in the next } 3 \text{ months}) \\ &= \dots \end{aligned}$$

- h) Find the probability that the fifth dementor attack of a calendar year occurs after Halloween (October 31). That is, find the probability that the fifth dementor attack of a calendar year occurs during the last two month of the calendar year.

Need  $P(10 < T_5 < 12)$ .

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> pgamma(12,5,0.4)-pgamma(10,5,0.4)
[1] 0.1525782
> ppois(4,10*0.4)-ppois(4,12*0.4)
[1] 0.1525782
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$$\begin{aligned} P(10 < T_5 < 12) &= P(T_5 > 10) - P(T_5 > 12) = P(X_{10} \leq 4) - P(X_{12} \leq 4) \\ &= P(\text{Poisson}(4.0) \leq 4) - P(\text{Poisson}(4.8) \leq 4) = 0.629 - 0.476 = \mathbf{0.153}. \end{aligned}$$

OR

$$P(10 < T_5 < 12) = \int_{10}^{12} \frac{0.4^5}{\Gamma(5)} t^{5-1} e^{-0.4t} dt = \int_{10}^{12} \frac{0.4^4}{24} t^4 e^{-0.4t} dt \approx 0.152578.$$

OR

$$\begin{aligned} &P(4 \text{ attacks in } 10 \text{ months}) \times P(\text{at least } 1 \text{ attack in the next } 2 \text{ months}) \\ &+ P(3 \text{ attacks in } 10 \text{ months}) \times P(\text{at least } 2 \text{ attacks in the next } 2 \text{ months}) \\ &+ P(2 \text{ attacks in } 10 \text{ months}) \times P(\text{at least } 3 \text{ attacks in the next } 2 \text{ months}) \\ &+ P(1 \text{ attack in } 10 \text{ months}) \times P(\text{at least } 4 \text{ attacks in the next } 2 \text{ months}) \\ &+ P(0 \text{ attacks in } 10 \text{ months}) \times P(\text{at least } 5 \text{ attacks in the next } 2 \text{ months}) \\ &= \dots \end{aligned}$$