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## 9. Exercise: Poisson practice

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### Exercise: Poisson practice

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Consider a Poisson arrival process with rate  $\lambda$  per hour. To simplify notation, we let  $a = P(0, 1)$ ,  $b = P(1, 1)$ , and  $c = P(2, 1)$ , where  $P(k, 1)$  is the probability of exactly  $k$  arrivals over an hour-long time interval.

What is the probability that we will have “at most one arrival between 10:00 and 11:00 and exactly two arrivals between 10:00 and 12:00”? Your answer should be an algebraic function of  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  in standard notation.

$(a*c)+(b^2)$

✓ Answer:  $a*c+b^2$

STANDARD NOTATION

### Solution:

The event of interest can happen in two ways:

(i) Zero arrivals during the first hour and two arrivals over the second hour; this has probability  $ac$ .

(ii) One arrival during each one of the two hours; this has probability  $b^2$ .

Thus, the answer is  $ac + b^2$ . (Note that for both scenarios, we have used independence to find the associated probabilities.)

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**i** Answers are displayed within the problem



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For me, it helped to draw out all possibilities for the second part: two intervals (bars separating intervals,...

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Why not  $a^2 \cdot c$  for the first event?

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💬 Hint

This video [Reliability][1] could help, although this exercise is really simple to use it. But if the problem b...

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? [Staff]homogeneity across the two intervals?

I didnt get the answer right. When I looked at the solution, the probability assumed for the two intervals(...

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?  $0 \leq k \leq 2$ ?

I don't see that specified anywhere.

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? What about the alternative case for 2 arrivals between 10-12?

The option provided in the answer is only one of the cases that can occur, there can be 2 arrivals in the fi...

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