

## Expectation Poisson r.v.

Let  $X \sim P(\lambda)$ . Then we have  $E[X] = \lambda$ .

$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &= \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x P(X=x) \\ &= \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} x \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!} \\ &= e^{-\lambda} \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} x \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \lambda e^{-\lambda} \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{x-1}}{(x-1)!} \quad \text{Let } y = x-1$$

$$= \lambda e^{-\lambda} \underbrace{\sum_{y=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^y}{y!}}_{=e^{\lambda}} \quad \text{Taylor series expansion for } e^{\lambda}$$

$$= \lambda e^{-\lambda} e^{\lambda}$$

$$= \lambda$$

□

Similarly, we can prove that

$$E[X^2] = \lambda(\lambda+1) \text{ and } \text{var}(X) = \lambda$$

Reference : Introduction to Mathematical Statistics;  
Hogg, McKean, Craig ; 2019.