

Q1.2

x, y are two independent variable.
To prove $x+y$ is also a poisson random variable.

$$\Pr(x+y=k) = \sum_{i=0}^k \Pr(x+y=k, x=i)$$

Because x and y are independent poisson variable:

$$\Pr(x+y=k) = \sum_{i=0}^k \Pr(y=k-i) \Pr(x=i)$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{e^{-\lambda_y} \lambda_y^{k-i}}{(k-i)!} \cdot \frac{e^{-\lambda_x} \lambda_x^i}{i!}$$

$$= e^{-\lambda_y} \cdot e^{-\lambda_x} \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{\lambda_y^{k-i}}{(k-i)!} \cdot \frac{\lambda_x^i}{i!}$$

$$= e^{-\lambda_y} \cdot e^{-\lambda_x} \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{\lambda_y^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} \cdot \frac{\lambda_x^i}{i!}$$

$$= \frac{e^{-(\lambda_x + \lambda_y)}}{k!} \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{k!}{i!(k-i)!} \lambda_y^{k-i} \lambda_x^i$$

According to binomial theorem:

$$\sum_{i=0}^k \frac{k!}{i!(k-i)!} \cdot \lambda_y^{k-i} \cdot \lambda_x^i = (\lambda_x + \lambda_y)^k$$

$$\Pr(x+y=k) = \frac{e^{-(\lambda_x + \lambda_y)}}{k!} \cdot (\lambda_x + \lambda_y)^k$$

So that $x+y$ is a poisson variable.