

This sounds like a Poisson Process. If the probability of observing a plane in 3 hours is 0.6, then

$$1 - e^{-\lambda t} = 0.6 \approx 0.916 \quad (1)$$

where  $t$  is a 3-hour period and  $\lambda$  is an expected value.

The probability of observing a plane in 1 hour is approximately equal to 0.26.

$$p = 1 - e^{-0.916 \frac{1}{3} t} \approx 0.26 \quad (2)$$

We can derive the same result using another approach. The probability of not observing a plane in 3 hours equals to the multiplication of probabilities not observing a plane in each hour:

$$(1 - p)(1 - p)(1 - p) = 0.4 \quad (3)$$

Therefore,

$$p \approx 0.26 \quad (4)$$