

# Poisson Process Examples

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## Example 1

Suppose you are watching an NBA game. You estimate that each team scores 1 field goal every minute on average. You want to know the probability that there are no field goals made during the first 6 minutes of the game.

This is a **poisson process** with a rate of  $\lambda = 1$  and amount of time  $t = 6$ . Let  $X$  be a random variable that represents the number of field goals made by a team after  $t$  time intervals.

We can model this process like this:

$$Prob(X = 0, t = 6) = \frac{1^0 e^{-6*1}}{0!} = e^{-6} \approx 0.00248$$

Now to get the porbability of both teams not score we just square the probability of one team not scoring.

*Final Answer : 0.00000614*