

Probability and Statistics: Lecture-1

Monsoon-2020

by Pawan Kumar (IIIT, Hyderabad)

on September 11, 2020

» Table of contents

1. Quiz

2. Special Distributions

- * Uniform Distribution
- * Bernoulli Distribution
- * Geometric Distribution
- * Binomial Distribution

Discrete

PMF ← distribution
CDF

→ You may login to Skype for alternative chat

Attend the Quiz on Gradescope!

- (1) Login to gradescope with IIT email
- (2) Submit the Quiz: Online quiz-1.
- (3) Time limit is 5 min.

Quiz starts at ~~9:32~~ 9:33 AM

» Motivation for Uniform Distribution: Distribution of a Die Roll...

» Motivation for Uniform Distribution: Distribution of a Die Roll...

Example: Motivation for Uniform Distribution

Consider rolling a fair die. The possible outcomes are $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$. Then the PMF is given by

$$p(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{6}, & x \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

We note here that $\sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}} p(x) = 1$. We note here that PMF takes uniform values for all values of $X = x$.

» Uniform Distribution...

Definition: Uniform Distribution

Motivated from the previous example, we now define **uniform distribution** on $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ by

$$p(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n}, & x \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

We verify here that $\sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}} p(x) = 1$.

» Bernoulli Distribution

Unfair coin $\frac{p}{1-p}$ H
T

Bernoulli distribution

A random variable X is called a **Bernoulli random variable** with parameter p , denoted by $X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$, if its **PMF** is given by

$$P_X(x) = \begin{cases} p & \text{for } x = 1, \\ 1 - p & \text{for } x = 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

← H, Pass, Success

← T, Fail, Failure

where $0 < p < 1$.

» Bernoulli Distribution

Bernoulli distribution

A random variable X is called a **Bernoulli random variable** with parameter p , denoted by $X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$, if its **PMF** is given by

$$P_X(x) = \begin{cases} p & \text{for } x = 1, \\ 1 - p & \text{for } x = 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where $0 < p < 1$.

* This models random experiments that have two possible outcomes

» Bernoulli Distribution

Bernoulli distribution

A random variable X is called a **Bernoulli random variable** with parameter p , denoted by $X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$, if its **PMF** is given by

$$P_X(x) = \begin{cases} p & \text{for } x = 1, \\ 1 - p & \text{for } x = 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where $0 < p < 1$.

- * This models random experiments that have **two** possible outcomes
- * **Example:** You take a pass-fail exam. You either pass or fail

» Bernoulli Distribution

Bernoulli distribution

A random variable X is called a **Bernoulli random variable** with parameter p , denoted by $X \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$, if its **PMF** is given by

$$P_X(x) = \begin{cases} p & \text{for } x = 1, \\ 1 - p & \text{for } x = 0, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where $0 < p < 1$.

- * This models random experiments that have **two** possible outcomes
- * **Example:** You take a pass-fail exam. You either **pass or fail**
- * **Example:** A coin is tossed, the outcome is either heads or tails

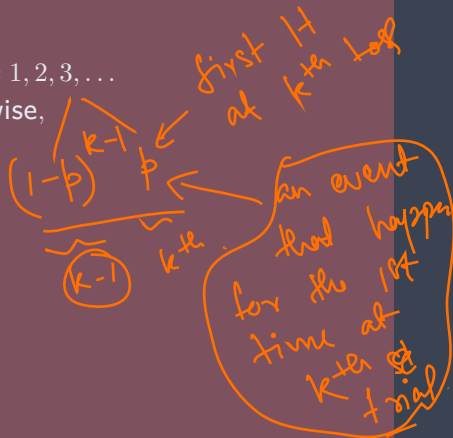
» Geometric Distribution

Definition of Geometric Distribution

A random variable X is called **geometric random variable** with parameter p , denoted by $X \sim \text{Geometric}(p)$, if its **PMF** is given by

$$P_X(k) = \begin{cases} \underline{p(1-p)^{k-1}}, & \text{for } k = 1, 2, 3, \dots \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where $0 < \underline{p} < 1$.



» Geometric Distribution

Definition of Geometric Distribution

A random variable X is called **geometric random variable** with parameter p , denoted by $X \sim \text{Geometric}(p)$, if its **PMF** is given by

$$P_X(k) = \begin{cases} p(1-p)^{k-1}, & \text{for } k = 1, 2, 3, \dots \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where $0 < p < 1$.

* **Example:** Suppose we have an unfair coin with $P(H) = p$.

» Geometric Distribution

Definition of Geometric Distribution

A random variable X is called **geometric random variable** with parameter p , denoted by $X \sim \text{Geometric}(p)$, if its **PMF** is given by

$$P_X(k) = \begin{cases} p(1-p)^{k-1}, & \text{for } k = 1, 2, 3, \dots \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where $0 < p < 1$.

- * **Example:** Suppose we have an unfair coin with $P(H) = p$. We **toss the coin until we obtain first heads**.

» Geometric Distribution

Definition of Geometric Distribution

A random variable X is called **geometric random variable** with parameter p , denoted by $X \sim \text{Geometric}(p)$, if its **PMF** is given by

$$P_X(k) = \begin{cases} p(1-p)^{k-1}, & \text{for } k = 1, 2, 3, \dots \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where $0 < p < 1$.

- * **Example:** Suppose we have an unfair coin with $P(H) = p$. We **toss the coin until we obtain first heads**. Let RV X be the total number of tosses.

» Geometric Distribution

Definition of Geometric Distribution

A random variable X is called **geometric random variable** with parameter p , denoted by $X \sim \text{Geometric}(p)$, if its **PMF** is given by

$$P_X(k) = \begin{cases} p(1-p)^{k-1}, & \text{for } k = 1, 2, 3, \dots \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where $0 < p < 1$.

- * **Example:** Suppose we have an unfair coin with $P(H) = p$. We **toss the coin until we obtain first heads**. Let RV X be the total number of tosses. Then X have **geometric** distribution.

» Geometric Distribution

Definition of Geometric Distribution

A random variable X is called **geometric random variable** with parameter p , denoted by $X \sim \text{Geometric}(p)$, if its **PMF** is given by

$$P_X(k) = \begin{cases} p(1-p)^{k-1}, & \text{for } k = 1, 2, 3, \dots \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$k-1$ failures
Success at k th

where $0 < p < 1$.

- * **Example:** Suppose we have an unfair coin with $P(H) = p$. We **toss the coin until we obtain first heads**. Let RV X be the total number of tosses. Then X have **geometric** distribution.
- * **Caution:** Some books define geometric random variable X as total number of failures before observing first success. Then

k failures
Success at $k+1$

» Geometric Distribution

Definition of Geometric Distribution

A random variable X is called **geometric random variable** with parameter p , denoted by $X \sim \text{Geometric}(p)$, if its **PMF** is given by

$$P_X(k) = \begin{cases} p(1-p)^{k-1}, & \text{for } k = 1, 2, 3, \dots \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where $0 < p < 1$.

- * **Example:** Suppose we have an unfair coin with $P(H) = p$. We **toss the coin until we obtain first heads**. Let RV X be the total number of tosses. Then X have **geometric** distribution.
- * **Caution:** Some books define geometric random variable X as total number of failures before observing first success. Then

$$P_X(k) = \begin{cases} p(1-p)^k, & \text{for } k = 1, 2, 3, \dots \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

» Binomial Distribution

Definition of Binomial Distribution

A random variable X is called **Binomial random variable** with parameters n and p , denoted by $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$, if the **PMF** is given by

» Binomial Distribution

Definition of Binomial Distribution

A random variable X is called **Binomial random variable** with parameters n and p , denoted by $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$, if the **PMF** is given by

$$P_X(k) = \begin{cases} \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} & \text{for } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where $0 < p < 1$.

k heads
in n trials

$$\frac{p}{1} \cdot \frac{1-p}{1} \cdot \frac{p}{1} \cdot \frac{1-p}{1} \cdot \frac{1-p}{1} \cdot \frac{p}{1} \cdot \frac{1-p}{1} \cdot \frac{1-p}{1} \cdot \dots$$

$n-k$
 $(1-p)$

» Binomial Distribution

Definition of Binomial Distribution

A random variable X is called **Binomial random variable** with parameters n and p , denoted by $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$, if the **PMF** is given by

$$P_X(k) = \begin{cases} \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} & \text{for } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where $0 < p < 1$.

- * **Example:** Consider an unfair coin with $P(H) = p$. Consider tossing the coin n times and let X be the total number of heads we observe. Then X is a **Binomial** with parameters n and p .

» Binomial Distribution

Definition of Binomial Distribution

A random variable X is called **Binomial random variable** with parameters n and p , denoted by $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$, if the **PMF** is given by

$$P_X(k) = \begin{cases} \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} & \text{for } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

Handwritten notes:
 $\text{Ber}(p) \left\{ \begin{array}{l} p, x=1 \\ 1-p, x=0 \end{array} \right.$
1 coin toss

where $0 < p < 1$.

- * **Example:** Consider an unfair coin with $P(H) = p$. Consider tossing the coin n times and let X be the total number of heads we observe. Then X is a **Binomial** with parameters n and p .
- * **Binomial** (n, p) is a sum of n independent **Bernoulli** (p) random variables.

» Binomial Distribution

Definition of Binomial Distribution

A random variable X is called **Binomial random variable** with parameters n and p , denoted by $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$, if the **PMF** is given by

$$P_X(k) = \begin{cases} \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} & \text{for } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where $0 < p < 1$.

- * **Example:** Consider an unfair coin with $P(H) = p$. Consider tossing the coin n times and let X be the total number of heads we observe. Then X is a **Binomial** with parameters n and p .
- * **Binomial(n, p) is a sum of n independent Bernoulli(p) random variables.**
- * **If X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are independent Bernoulli(p) random variables, then $X = X_1 + \dots + X_n$ has Bernoulli(n, p) distribution.**

Binomial

» Binomial Distribution

Definition of Binomial Distribution

A random variable X is called **Binomial random variable** with parameters n and p , denoted by $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$, if the **PMF** is given by

$$P_X(k) = \begin{cases} \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k} & \text{for } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

where $0 < p < 1$.

- * **Example:** Consider an unfair coin with $P(H) = p$. Consider tossing the coin n times and let X be the total number of heads we observe. Then X is a **Binomial** with parameters n and p .
- * Binomial(n, p) is a sum of n independent **Bernoulli**(p) random variables.
- * If X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n are independent **Bernoulli**(p) random variables, then $X = X_1 + \dots + X_n$ has **Bernoulli**(n, p) distribution.
- * We verify that $\sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}} p(x) = \sum_{x=0}^n \binom{n}{x} p^x (1-p)^{n-x} = 1$

» Example

Example

Let $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$ and $Y \sim \text{Binomial}(m, p)$ be two independent random variables. We define a random variable $Z = X + Y$. What is the PMF of Z ?

$$\Rightarrow \underline{X} = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n, \text{ where } X_i\text{'s are Bernoulli}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{Y} = Y_1 + Y_2 + \dots + Y_m, \text{ where } Y_i\text{'s are Bernoulli}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Z = X + Y &= \underbrace{X_1 + X_2 + X_3 + \dots + X_n + Y_1 + \dots + Y_m}_{\text{Sum of } m+n \text{ ind. Bernoulli r.v.}} \\ &= \text{Binomial}(m+n, p) = \end{aligned}$$

» Motivation for Poisson Distribution...

» Motivation for Poisson Distribution...

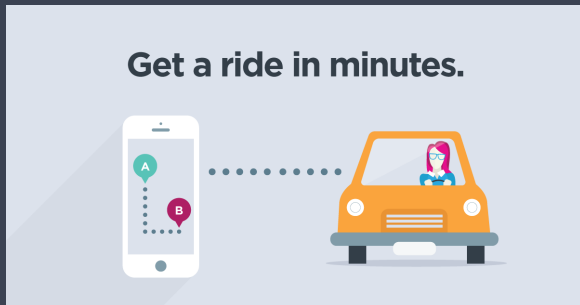
- * Imagine you are an Uber driver

» Motivation for Poisson Distribution...

- * Imagine you are an Uber driver
- * To maximize profit, you want to remain close to an area with more requests
- * How can you use probability to predict requests for car ride?

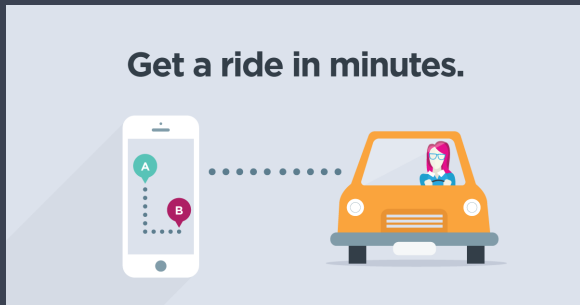
» Motivation for Poisson Distribution...

- * Imagine you are an Uber driver
- * To maximize profit, you want to remain close to an area with more requests
- * How can you use probability to predict requests for car ride?



» Motivation for Poisson Distribution...

- * Imagine you are an Uber driver
- * To maximize profit, you want to remain close to an area with more requests
- * How can you use probability to predict requests for car ride?



Example

Given that there are on average 5 requests for car ride per minute from certain area. What is the probability of k requests from this area in next 1 minute?

» Introduce Poisson Using an Example...

» Introduce Poisson Using an Example...

Example

Given that there are on average 5 requests for car ride per minute from certain area. What is the probability of k requests from this area in next 1 minute?

* What do we know for this problem?

» Introduce Poisson Using an Example...

Example

Given that there are on average 5 requests for car ride per minute from certain area. What is the probability of k requests from this area in next 1 minute?

- * What do we know for this problem? There are requests for car ride!

» Introduce Poisson Using an Example...

Example

Given that there are on average 5 requests for car ride per minute from certain area. What is the probability of k requests from this area in next 1 minute?

- * What do we know for this problem? There are requests for car ride!
- * There are two possibilities: request (1) or no request (0):

» Introduce Poisson Using an Example...

Example

Given that there are on average 5 requests for car ride per minute from certain area. What is the probability of k requests from this area in next 1 minute?

- * What do we know for this problem? There are requests for car ride!
- * There are two possibilities: request (1) or no request (0): binary choices

» Introduce Poisson Using an Example...

Example

Given that there are on average 5 requests for car ride per minute from certain area. What is the probability of k requests from this area in next 1 minute?

- * What do we know for this problem? There are requests for car ride!
- * There are two possibilities: request (1) or no request (0): binary choices
- * Sounds familiar? **Yes!**

» Introduce Poisson Using an Example...

Example

Given that there are on average 5 requests for car ride per minute from certain area. What is the probability of k requests from this area in next 1 minute?

- * What do we know for this problem? There are requests for car ride!
- * There are two possibilities: request (1) or no request (0): binary choices
- * Sounds familiar? **Yes!** Recall: How many heads in n trials?

» Introduce Poisson Using an Example...

Example

Given that there are on average 5 requests for car ride per minute from certain area. What is the probability of k requests from this area in next 1 minute?

- * What do we know for this problem? There are requests for car ride!
- * There are two possibilities: request (1) or no request (0): binary choices
- * Sounds familiar? **Yes!** Recall: How many heads in n trials?
- * The problem here is: we don't have n trials, instead a time interval! So?

» Introduce Poisson Using an Example...

Example

Given that there are on average 5 requests for car ride per minute from certain area. What is the probability of k requests from this area in next 1 minute?

- * What do we know for this problem? There are requests for car ride!
- * There are two possibilities: request (1) or no request (0): binary choices
- * Sounds familiar? **Yes!** Recall: How many heads in n trials?
- * The problem here is: we don't have n trials, instead a time interval! So?
- * **Key idea:** Want to use discrete distribution, so anyhow convert time to discrete intervals

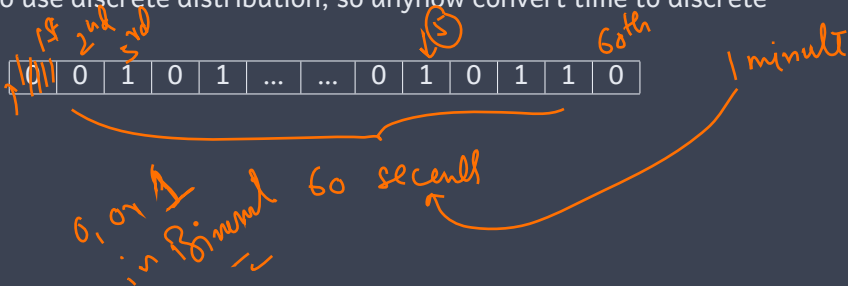


» Introduce Poisson Using an Example...

Example

Given that there are on average 5 requests for car ride per minute from certain area. What is the probability of k requests from this area in next 1 minute?

- * What do we know for this problem? There are requests for car ride!
- * There are two possibilities: request (1) or no request (0): binary choices
- * Sounds familiar? **Yes!** Recall: How many heads in n trials?
- * The problem here is: we don't have n trials, instead a time interval! So?
- * **Key idea:** Want to use discrete distribution, so anyhow convert time to discrete intervals



» Introduce Poisson Using an Example...

Example

Given that there are on average 5 requests for car ride per minute from certain area. What is the probability of k requests from this area in next 1 minute?

- * What do we know for this problem? There are requests for car ride!
- * There are two possibilities: request (1) or no request (0): binary choices
- * Sounds familiar? **Yes!** Recall: How many heads in n trials?
- * The problem here is: we don't have n trials, instead a time interval! So?
- * **Key idea:** Want to use discrete distribution, so anyhow convert time to discrete intervals

0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
---	---	---	---	---	-----	-----	---	---	---	---	---	---

- * break a minute into 60 seconds;

» Introduce Poisson Using an Example...

Example

Given that there are on average 5 requests for car ride per minute from certain area. What is the probability of k requests from this area in next 1 minute?

- * What do we know for this problem? There are requests for car ride!
- * There are two possibilities: request (1) or no request (0): binary choices
- * Sounds familiar? **Yes!** Recall: How many heads in n trials?
- * The problem here is: we don't have n trials, instead a time interval! So?
- * **Key idea:** Want to use discrete distribution, so anyhow convert time to discrete intervals

0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
---	---	---	---	---	-----	-----	---	---	---	---	---	---

- * break a minute into 60 seconds; each second is independent trial with request or no request

» Introduce Poisson Using an Example...

Example

Given that there are on average 5 requests for car ride per minute from certain area. What is the probability of k requests from this area in next 1 minute?

- * What do we know for this problem? There are requests for car ride!
- * There are two possibilities: request (1) or no request (0): binary choices
- * Sounds familiar? **Yes!** Recall: How many heads in n trials?
- * The problem here is: we don't have n trials, instead a time interval! So?
- * **Key idea:** Want to use discrete distribution, so anyhow convert time to discrete intervals

0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
---	---	---	---	---	-----	-----	---	---	---	---	---	---

- * break a minute into 60 seconds; each second is independent trial with request or no request
- * Let X = number of requests in a minute

» Introduce Poisson Using an Example...

Example

Given that there are on average 5 requests for car ride per minute from certain area. What is the probability of k requests from this area in next 1 minute?

- * What do we know for this problem? There are requests for car ride!
- * There are two possibilities: request (1) or no request (0): binary choices
- * Sounds familiar? **Yes!** Recall: How many heads in n trials?
- * The problem here is: we don't have n trials, instead a time interval! So?
- * **Key idea:** Want to use discrete distribution, so anyhow convert time to discrete intervals



*Similar (k, λ)
 $E(X)$*

- * break a minute into 60 seconds; each second is independent trial with request or no request
- * Let X = number of requests in a minute
- * $E[X] = \lambda = 5 = np$, where p is the probability of request

» Introduce Poisson Using an Example...

Example

Given that there are on average 5 requests for car ride per minute from certain area. What is the probability of k requests from this area in next 1 minute?

- * What do we know for this problem? There are requests for car ride!
- * There are two possibilities: request (1) or no request (0): binary choices
- * Sounds familiar? **Yes!** Recall: How many heads in n trials?
- * The problem here is: we don't have n trials, instead a time interval! So?
- * **Key idea:** Want to use discrete distribution, so anyhow convert time to discrete intervals

0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
---	---	---	---	---	-----	-----	---	---	---	---	---	---

- * break a minute into 60 seconds; each second is independent trial with request or no request
- * Let X = number of requests in a minute
- * $E[X] = \lambda = 5 = np$, where p is the probability of request
- * We now identify this problem as $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n = 60, p = 5/60)$

$p = 5/n$

60 bins
5 hits

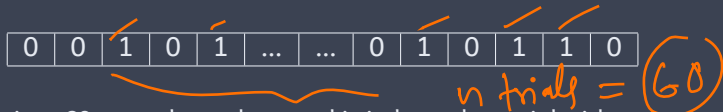
50

» Introduce Poisson Using an Example...

Example

Given that there are on average 5 requests for car ride per minute from certain area. What is the probability of k requests from this area in next 1 minute?

- * What do we know for this problem? There are requests for car ride!
- * There are two possibilities: request (1) or no request (0): binary choices
- * Sounds familiar? **Yes!** Recall: How many heads in n trials?
- * The problem here is: we don't have n trials, instead a time interval! So?
- * **Key idea:** Want to use discrete distribution, so anyhow convert time to discrete intervals



- * break a minute into 60 seconds; each second is independent trial with request or no request
- * Let X = number of requests in a minute
- * $E[X] = \lambda = 5 = np$, where p is the probability of request
- * We now identify this problem as $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n = 60, p = 5/60)$
- * $P(X = k) = \binom{60}{k} \left(\frac{5}{60}\right)^k \left(1 - \frac{5}{60}\right)^{n-k}$

» Motivation for Poisson Distribution...

» Motivation for Poisson Distribution...

Example

Given that there are on average 5 requests for car ride per minute from certain area. What is the probability of k requests from this area in next 1 minute?

- * We identified this problem as $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n = 60, p = 5/50)$

» Motivation for Poisson Distribution...

Example

Given that there are on average 5 requests for car ride per minute from certain area. What is the probability of k requests from this area in next 1 minute?

* We identified this problem as $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n = 60, p = 5/60)$

*
$$P(X = k) = \binom{60}{k} \left(\frac{5}{60}\right)^k \left(1 - \frac{5}{60}\right)^{60-k}$$

* There is a problem!

» Motivation for Poisson Distribution...

Example

Given that there are on average 5 requests for car ride per minute from certain area. What is the probability of k requests from this area in next 1 minute?

- * We identified this problem as $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n = 60, p = 5/60)$
- * $P(X = k) = \binom{60}{k} \left(\frac{5}{60}\right)^k \left(1 - \frac{5}{60}\right)^{60-k}$
- * There is a problem! What is that?

» Motivation for Poisson Distribution...

Example

Given that there are on average 5 requests for car ride per minute from certain area. What is the probability of k requests from this area in next 1 minute?

* We identified this problem as $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n = 60, p = 5/60)$

$$* P(X = k) = \binom{60}{k} \left(\frac{5}{60}\right)^k \left(1 - \frac{5}{60}\right)^{60-k}$$

* There is a problem! What is that? Time is continuous! ✓



» Motivation for Poisson Distribution...

Example

Given that there are on average 5 requests for car ride per minute from certain area. What is the probability of k requests from this area in next 1 minute?

- * We identified this problem as $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n = 60, p = 5/60)$
- *
$$P(X = k) = \binom{60}{k} \left(\frac{5}{60}\right)^k \left(1 - \frac{5}{60}\right)^{60-k}$$
- * There is a problem! What is that? Time is continuous!
- * Since time is continuous, no guarantee that there will be only one request per second

» Motivation for Poisson Distribution...

Example

Given that there are on average 5 requests for car ride per minute from certain area. What is the probability of k requests from this area in next 1 minute?

- * We identified this problem as $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n = 60, p = 5/60)$
- *
$$P(X = k) = \binom{60}{k} \left(\frac{5}{60}\right)^k \left(1 - \frac{5}{60}\right)^{60-k}$$
- * There is a problem! What is that? Time is continuous!
- * Since time is continuous, no guarantee that there will be only one request per second
- * What do we do now?

» Motivation for Poisson Distribution...

Example

Given that there are on average 5 requests for car ride per minute from certain area. What is the probability of k requests from this area in next 1 minute?

- * We identified this problem as $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n = 60, p = 5/60)$
- *
$$P(X = k) = \binom{60}{k} \left(\frac{5}{60}\right)^k \left(1 - \frac{5}{60}\right)^{60-k}$$
- * There is a problem! What is that? Time is continuous!
- * Since time is continuous, no guarantee that there will be only one request per second
- * What do we do now? We can make the interval smaller, take time intervals as milliseconds?

» Motivation for Poisson Distribution...

Example

Given that there are on average 5 requests for car ride per minute from certain area. What is the probability of k requests from this area in next 1 minute?

- * We identified this problem as $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n = 60, p = 5/60)$
- * $P(X = k) = \binom{60}{k} \left(\frac{5}{60}\right)^k \left(1 - \frac{5}{60}\right)^{60-k}$
- * There is a problem! What is that? Time is continuous!
- * Since time is continuous, no guarantee that there will be only one request per second
- * What do we do now? We can make the interval smaller, take time intervals as milliseconds?
- * But there is still no guarantee that there will be only one request per millisecond

» Motivation for Poisson Distribution...

Example

Given that there are on average 5 requests for car ride per minute from certain area. What is the probability of k requests from this area in next 1 minute?

- * We identified this problem as $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n = 60, p = 5/60)$
- *
$$P(X = k) = \binom{60}{k} \left(\frac{5}{60}\right)^k \left(1 - \frac{5}{60}\right)^{60-k}$$
- * There is a problem! What is that? Time is continuous!
- * Since time is continuous, no guarantee that there will be only one request per second
- * What do we do now? We can make the interval smaller, take time intervals as milliseconds?
- * But there is still no guarantee that there will be only one request per millisecond
- * What should we do next?

» Motivation for Poisson Distribution...

Example

Given that there are on average 5 requests for car ride per minute from certain area. What is the probability of k requests from this area in next 1 minute?

- * We identified this problem as $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n = 60, p = 5/60)$
- *
$$P(X = k) = \binom{60}{k} \left(\frac{5}{60}\right)^k \left(1 - \frac{5}{60}\right)^{60-k}$$
- * There is a problem! What is that? Time is continuous!
- * Since time is continuous, no guarantee that there will be only one request per second
- * What do we do now? We can make the interval smaller, take time intervals as milliseconds?
- * But there is still no guarantee that there will be only one request per millisecond
- * What should we do next? Here comes calculus...

» Motivation for Poisson Distribution...

Example

Given that there are on average 5 requests for car ride per minute from certain area. What is the probability of k requests from this area in next 1 minute?

- * We identified this problem as $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n = 60, p = 5/60)$
- * $P(X = k) = \binom{60}{k} \left(\frac{5}{60}\right)^k \left(1 - \frac{5}{60}\right)^{60-k}$
- * There is a problem! What is that? Time is continuous!
- * Since time is continuous, no guarantee that there will be only one request per second
- * What do we do now? We can make the interval smaller, take time intervals as milliseconds?
- * But there is still no guarantee that there will be only one request per millisecond
- * What should we do next? Here comes calculus... to go from discrete to continuous...

» Binomial in the Limit is Poisson Distribution...

» Binomial in the Limit is Poisson Distribution...

Derivation:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X=k) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \binom{n}{k} \left(\frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^k \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{n-k} \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n!}{k! (n-k)!} \frac{\lambda^k}{n^k} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^n \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{-k} \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-k+1)}{n^k} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \left(\frac{e^{-\lambda}}{e^{-\lambda/n}}\right)^n \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{n}\right)^{-k} \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^k}{n^k} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda} = \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda}
 \end{aligned}$$

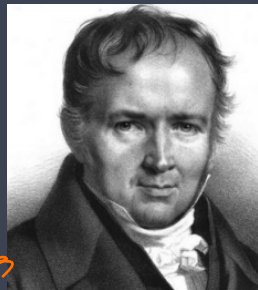
» Definition of Poisson Distribution...

» Definition of Poisson Distribution...

Definition of Poisson

A random variable X is said to be a Poisson random variable with parameter λ , shown as $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$, if its range is $R_X = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$, and its PMF is given by

$$P_X(k) = \begin{cases} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!} & k \in R_X \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



- * Simeon-Denis Poisson, was a French mathematician (1781-1840)
- * He published his first paper at 18, professor at 21
- * He published over 300 papers