

# Assignment 5

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1 PROBLEM (UGC/MATH (MATHA\_Dec 2017) Q.119)

Arrival of customers in a shop is a Poisson process with intensity  $\lambda = 2$ . Let  $X$  be the number of customers entering during the time interval  $(1, 2)$ , and let  $Y$  be the number of customers entering during the time interval  $(5, 10)$ . Which of the following is true?

- (A)  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent.
- (B)  $X + Y$  is a Poisson with parameter 6.
- (C)  $X - Y$  is a Poisson with parameter 8.
- (D)  $\Pr(X = 0 \mid X + Y = 12) = \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{12}$

## 2 SOLUTION

$X$  and  $Y$  are Poisson distributions with parameters  $\mu_1 = \lambda \tau_1 = 2 \times 1$  and  $\mu_2 = \lambda \tau_2 = 2 \times 5$  respectively ( $\tau$  is time-interval). Hence the pmfs (probability mass functions) of random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  are given by:

$$p_X(x) = \frac{e^{-2} \cdot 2^x}{x!}, \quad \text{for } x = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (2.0.1)$$

$$p_Y(y) = \frac{e^{-10} \cdot 10^y}{y!}, \quad \text{for } y = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (2.0.2)$$

- (A) In a Poisson process, the occurrences/frequencies of the event do not depend on past or future occurrences. Therefore  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, by definition of Poisson process. Hence option (A) is **correct**.

(B)

**Lemma 2.1.** If  $X$  and  $Y$  are two independent Poisson distributions with parameters  $\mu_1$  and  $\mu_2$  respectively, then the distribution of  $X + Y$  is also Poisson with parameter  $\mu_1 + \mu_2$ .

*Proof.* We have for  $k \geq 0$ , the probability mass function  $p_{X+Y}(k)$  is a convolution of pmfs  $p_X(x)$  and  $p_Y(y)$ :

$$p_{X+Y}(k) = \Pr(X + Y = k) = \Pr(Y = k - X) \quad (2.0.3)$$

$$= \sum_i \Pr(Y = k - i \mid X = i) \times p_X(i) \quad (2.0.4)$$

As  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent:

$$\Pr(Y = k - i \mid X = i) = \Pr(Y = k - i) = p_Y(k - i) \quad (2.0.5)$$

Simplifying (2.0.4)

$$p_{X+Y}(k) = \sum_{i=0}^k p_Y(k - i) \times p_X(i) \quad (2.0.6)$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^k e^{-\mu_2} \frac{\mu_2^{k-i}}{(k-i)!} e^{-\mu_1} \frac{\mu_1^i}{i!} \quad (2.0.7)$$

$$= e^{-(\mu_1 + \mu_2)} \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{k!}{i!(k-i)!} \mu_1^i \mu_2^{k-i} \quad (2.0.8)$$

$$= e^{-(\mu_1 + \mu_2)} \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} \mu_1^i \mu_2^{k-i} \quad (2.0.9)$$

$$p_{X+Y}(k) = \frac{e^{-(\mu_1 + \mu_2)} \cdot (\mu_1 + \mu_2)^k}{k!} \quad (2.0.10)$$

□

As  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent Poisson distributions, using lemma (2.1),  $X + Y$  is a Poisson with parameter  $\mu_1 + \mu_2 = 12 \neq 6$ . Hence option (B) is **incorrect**.

$$p_{X+Y}(k) = \frac{e^{-(12)} \cdot (12)^k}{k!} \quad (2.0.11)$$

(C) The distribution function for  $X - Y$  no longer remains Poisson, as  $X - Y$  will also attain negative values. Hence option (C) is **incorrect**.

(D)

$$\Pr(X = 0 \mid X + Y = 12) = \frac{\Pr(X = 0, Y = 12)}{\Pr(X + Y = 12)} \quad (2.0.12)$$

As  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent, and using (2.0.1), (2.0.2), and (2.0.11), we have:

$$\Pr(X = 0 \mid X + Y = 12) = \frac{\Pr(X = 0) \cdot \Pr(Y = 12)}{\Pr(X + Y = 12)} \quad (2.0.13)$$

$$= \frac{\frac{e^{-2} \times 2^0}{0!} \times \frac{e^{-10} \times 10^{12}}{12!}}{\frac{e^{-12} \times 12^{12}}{12!}} \quad (2.0.14)$$

$$= \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{12} \quad (2.0.15)$$

Hence option (D) is **correct**.

**Ans: (A), (D)**