

# BiostatisticsMidterm-tk2886

## Problem 1

a). Assumptions that must be true to use the Poisson Distribution to model the number of infections per month:

1. Events occur one at a time; two or more events cannot occur exactly at the same time and location;
2. The occurrence of an event in a given period is independent of the occurrence of an event in a non-overlapping period;
3. The expected number of events during any period is constant.

b).

b) Suppose the number of infections per month follows a Poisson distribution. What is the probability that in the next month the hospital's patients will have exactly 2 unexplained infections? Include the formula and all the key steps in your calculations. (5 points)

Formula:  $P(X=x) = f(x) = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}, x=0, 1, 2, \dots, n$

$\lambda = 7$ , rate of unexplained infection among patients per month

Calculate:  $P(X=2) = \frac{7^2 e^{-7}}{2!} = 0.0223$

We may use R code to get the same value.

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prob = dpois(2, 7)
prob
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## [1] 0.02234111
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The probability that in the next month the hospital's patients will have exactly 2 unexplained infections is: 0.0223411.

## Problem 2

Formula: Bayes Theorem

$$P(B_i|A) = \frac{P(A|B_i)P(B_i)}{P(A|B_1)P(B_1) + P(A|B_2)P(B_2) + \dots + P(A|B_k)P(B_k)}$$

D = developed CHD

C = Initial serum cholesterol levels above 200

$$P(D) = 0.25, \quad P(D^c) = 1 - 0.25 = 0.75$$

$$P(C|D) = 0.60$$

$$P(C|D^c) = 0.16$$

Interested in:

$$P(D^c|C^c) = \frac{P(D^c \cap C^c)}{P(C^c)} = \frac{P(C^c|D^c)P(D^c)}{P(C^c|D^c)P(D^c) + P(C^c|D)P(D)}$$

$$P(C^c|D^c) = 1 - P(C|D^c) = 0.84$$

$$P(C^c|D) = 1 - P(C|D) = 0.40$$

$$\frac{(.84)(.75)}{(.84)(.75) + (.40)(.25)} = \frac{.63}{.63 + .1} = \boxed{0.8630 \approx 0.86}$$

The probability that a random chosen subject will not develop CHD, given that he had an initial serum cholesterol level below or equal 200 is: **0.86**.

## Problem 4

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dbinom(4, 10, 0.5) + dbinom(6, 10, 0.5)
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## [1] -Inf
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