

So far: random variables, their density or mass function, expected value and variance

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E.g. $X \sim \text{Binomial}(n, p)$ $E(X) = np$
 $X = \#$ "successes" in n independent trials, $\text{Var}(X) = np(1-p)$
 each has prob. p of success
 $P(X=k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$ $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$

Next: Poisson random variable

N simulations

$k=0, 1, \dots, n$

x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N

5, 85, 21, ..., 32

$$\frac{\# x_i = k}{N} \approx P(X=k)$$

$N \rightarrow \infty$

X is called Poisson(λ) if values $\{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ model counts

$$P(X=k) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!} \quad k=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

Poisson(λ) arises as an approximation to Binomial(n, p)
 $n \rightarrow \infty$ $p \rightarrow 0$ so that $np \rightarrow \lambda$

$$X \sim \text{Binomial}(N, p) \quad E[X] = I = Np$$

$$p = \lambda/N$$

$$Y \sim \text{Binomial}(N, \lambda/N) \longleftrightarrow E(X) = N \lambda/N = \lambda$$

$$X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda) \quad E(X) = \lambda$$

Poisson Process

"events"



rate parameter = # "events" / unit time.

cosmic rays / minute = 1.2 (on average)

In 6 minutes, how many do we expect?

length time \times rate = # in interval

$6 \times 1.2 = 7.2$ rays / 6 minute interval

Poisson process \rightarrow # occurring in any interval of time is a Poisson r.v.

λ = rate process

$$\mathbb{P}[\text{in } [0, t] \text{ no events}] = \mathbb{P}[N = 0] = \frac{e^{-\lambda t} (\lambda t)^0}{0!} = e^{-\lambda t}$$

events in $[0, t] \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda t) \hookrightarrow \text{Poisson}(\lambda t)$

$$\mathbb{E}[\text{\# events in } [0, t]] = \lambda t$$

W = time until 1st event

$$\mathbb{P}(W > t) = e^{-\lambda t}$$

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In $[0, t]$ no events

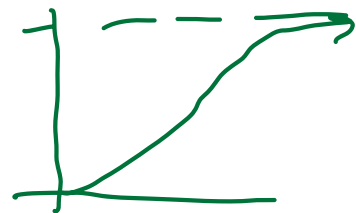
W = waiting time first event

$$F_W(t) = \mathbb{P}(W \leq t) = 1 - e^{-\lambda t}$$

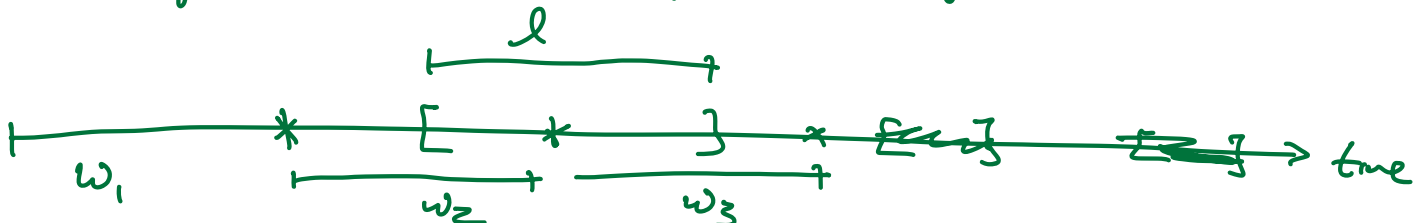
cumulative distribution function

$$\text{density} \hookrightarrow f_W(t) = \lambda e^{-\lambda t} \quad t \geq 0$$

$\exp(\lambda)$ r.v.



Poisson process: let W_1, W_2, \dots $\exp(\lambda)$ r.v.



events in any interval of time $\sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda l)$
 $l = \text{length}$

intervals of time that are disjoint have independent counts of events

$$X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$$

$$E(X) = \lambda$$

$$E(X) = \sum_k k P(X=k)$$

$$V(X)$$



$$P(X=k) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!}$$

$$E(X) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{(k-1)!}$$

$$= \lambda \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{k-1}}{(k-1)!}$$

$$= \lambda \underbrace{\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!}}_1$$

$$= \lambda$$

$$k! = k(k-1) \dots 1$$

$$\frac{k}{k!} = \frac{\cancel{k}}{\cancel{k}(k-1) \dots}$$

$$\text{If } X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$$

$$V(X) = \lambda$$

$$SD(X) = \sqrt{\lambda}$$

$$SD(X) = \sqrt{V(X)}$$

$$D = \# \text{ defects in panel} \iff \text{If Poisson } P(D=k) =$$

If Poisson assumption is correct (ie $D \sim \text{Poisson}(1)$ r.v.)

$$P(D=0) = \frac{e^{-1} 1^0}{0!} = \frac{1}{e} \quad \uparrow E(0) = 1$$

$$10000 D_1, D_2, \dots, D_{10000} \text{ simulations} \iff E[\# D_i's = 0] = \frac{1}{e} 10000$$

$$P(X=k) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^k}{k!}$$

$$P(D=1) = \frac{e^{-1} 1^1}{1!} = \frac{1}{e}$$

$$E[X|R] = R \quad \text{since given } R, X \sim \text{Poisson}(R)$$

FACT

$$E[E[X|R]] = E[X] \quad (\text{proof in slides})$$

then
in case

$$E[X] = E[R] = 1$$

\uparrow $\exp(1)$

Comparing two distributions

$$X \sim \text{Poisson}(1)$$

TWO STEP PROCESS

$$R \sim \exp(1)$$

$$X \sim \text{Poisson}(R)$$

First comparison: simulated from, compared to

$$E[X] = 1$$

$$E[X] = 1$$

$$SD(X) = \sqrt{1} = 1$$

$$Vn(X) > 1$$

Hard: Compute via theory the variance of

Easier: Estimate via simulation the variance of

Easier: How to estimate via simulation the ~~mean~~ expectation of a random variable?

X_1, \dots, X_N simulations from same distribution
how to estimate $E(X) = ?$

$$\bar{X} = \frac{x_1 + \dots + x_n}{N} \approx E(X)$$

Variance: $E((X - EX)^2)$

Sample variance $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})^2$

For next time: approx. via simulation
 2-step distribution simulate the variance of this