

Show all your work. Late homework will not be accepted without prior approval by email.

1. (a) Prove $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{x}{n}\right)^n = e^x$ for any real number x . This limit was used in deriving the Poisson density.
(b) Show the exponential series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$ converges for all real x .
2. A typist has a 1% chance of typing a word incorrectly.
(a) Use the Binomial distribution to find the probability of typing 2 or fewer words incorrectly on a page of 250 words. Calculate the answer to 4 decimal places.
(b) Redo (a) using the Poisson distribution.
3. People arrive at a variety store once every 5 minutes or so.
(a) What is the probability nobody arrives in the next 10 minutes?
(b) What is the probability at least 3 people arrive in the next 20 minutes?
(c) What is the expected number of arrivals in a 10 hour day?
(d) The probability density function for the time T until the first person arrives is $f_T(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$, $x > 0$. Find the probability the first customer of the day arrives within the first 15 minutes.
(e) Find the probability nobody arrives within the first 15 minutes.
(f) Find $M_T(t)$, $E(T)$ and $\text{Var}(T)$.

Bonus. Assume everyone in a population of size n buys one lottery ticket each week. Use these hints to find the probability someone will win twice before you win once.

- (a) Let X be the event that you win in week X and nobody has won twice. Find $P(X=x)$, $x = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$.
- (b) Show the probability you win once before someone else wins twice is $\frac{1}{n+1} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$.
- (c) What happens to $\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$? What can you conclude about the lottery?