

# Problem 1

The random variable  $\xi$  has Poisson distribution with the parameter  $\lambda$ . If  $\xi = k$  we perform  $k$  Bernoulli trials with the probability of success  $p$ . Let us define the random variable  $\eta$  as the number of successful outcomes of Bernoulli trials. Prove that  $\eta$  has Poisson distribution with the parameter  $p\lambda$ .

## Definitions

1. The function  $e^x$  can be expressed as:

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

2. A random variable  $X$  with Poisson distribution and parameter  $\lambda$  is defined by:

$$\Pr(X = x) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^x}{x!}$$

3. If we perform  $k$  Bernoulli trials with the probability of success  $p$ , the probability of having exactly  $s$  successful outcomes is given by:

$$\frac{k!}{s!(k-s)!} p^s (1-p)^{(k-s)}$$

4. The relation between a joint probability and a conditional probability of two events is given as:

$$\Pr(A, B) = \Pr(A | B) \Pr(B)$$

## Proof

By definition (2), the probability that  $\xi = k$  is given by:

$$\Pr(\xi = k) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \quad (5)$$

By definition (3), the conditional probability of having  $\eta = s$  for a given value of  $k$  is:

$$\Pr(\eta = s | \xi = k) = \frac{k!}{s!(k-s)!} p^s (1-p)^{(k-s)} \quad (6)$$

The actual probability of having  $\eta = s$  can be obtained by marginalizing out the random variable  $\xi$  from the joint probability:

$$\Pr(\eta = s) = \sum_{k=s}^{\infty} \Pr(\eta = s, \xi = k) \quad (7)$$

Note that, since we can't have more successful outcomes than trials, we start the summation from  $k = s$  on equation (7).

$$\Pr(\eta = s) = \sum_{k=s}^{\infty} \Pr(\eta = s | \xi = k) \Pr(\xi = k) \quad (8)$$

$$\Pr(\eta = s) = \sum_{k=s}^{\infty} \left( \frac{k!}{s!(k-s)!} p^s (1-p)^{k-s} \right) \left( e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \right) \quad (9)$$

$$\Pr(\eta = s) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{p^s}{s!} \sum_{k=s}^{\infty} \left( \frac{k!}{(k-s)!} (1-p)^{k-s} \right) \left( \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \right) \quad (10)$$

$$\Pr(\eta = s) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{p^s}{s!} \sum_{k=s}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^k (1-p)^{k-s}}{(k-s)!} \quad (11)$$

$$\Pr(\eta = s) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{p^s}{s!} \sum_{k=s}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^s}{\lambda^s} \frac{\lambda^k (1-p)^{k-s}}{(k-s)!} \quad (12)$$

$$\Pr(\eta = s) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{p^s}{s!} \sum_{k=s}^{\infty} \lambda^s \frac{\lambda^{k-s} (1-p)^{k-s}}{(k-s)!} \quad (13)$$

Removing  $\lambda^s$  from the summation and making  $n = k - s$ , we can rewrite the equation as:

$$\Pr(\eta = s) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{p^s}{s!} \lambda^s \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^n (1-p)^n}{n!} \quad (14)$$

$$\Pr(\eta = s) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{p^s}{s!} \lambda^s \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^n (1-p)^n}{n!} \quad (15)$$

$$\Pr(\eta = s) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{(p\lambda)^s}{s!} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda(1-p))^n}{n!} \quad (16)$$

By definition (1), this leads to:

$$\Pr(\eta = s) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{(p\lambda)^s}{s!} e^{\lambda(1-p)} \quad (17)$$

$$\Pr(\eta = s) = e^{-\lambda + \lambda(1-p)} \frac{(p\lambda)^s}{s!} \quad (18)$$

$$\Pr(\eta = s) = e^{-(p\lambda)} \frac{(p\lambda)^s}{s!} \quad (19)$$

Which is equivalent to having parameter  $p\lambda$  in the definition (2), using  $\eta = s$ , instead of  $X = x$ .

**Thus, equation (19), shows us that  $\eta$  has Poisson distribution with the parameter  $p\lambda$ .**

QED

## Problem P2

A strict reviewer needs  $t_1$  minutes to check assigned application to Deep|Bayes summer school, where  $t_1$  has normal distribution with parameters  $\mu_1 = 30$ ,  $\sigma_1 = 10$ . While a kind reviewer needs  $t_2$  minutes to check an application, where  $t_2$  has normal distribution with parameters  $\mu_2 = 20$ ,  $\sigma_2 = 5$ . For each application the reviewer is randomly selected with 0.5 probability. Given that the time of review  $t = 10$ , calculate the conditional probability that the application was checked by a kind reviewer.

## Definitions

1. Bayes' rule:

$$\Pr(A | B) = \frac{\Pr(B|A) \Pr(A)}{\Pr(B)}$$

2. The relation between a joint probability and a conditional probability of two events is given as:

$$\Pr(A, B) = \Pr(A | B) \Pr(B)$$

3. If random variable  $X$  is normally distributed ( $X \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \sigma)$ ):

$$\Pr(X = x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

## Solution

- Two random variables:
  - Time to check the application:  $T$
  - Assigned reviewer:  $R$
- Reviewer  $R$ :
  - Strict reviewer  $R = 1$ :
    - $\Pr(R = 1) = 0.5$
  - Kind reviewer  $R = 2$ :
    - $\Pr(R = 2) = 0.5$
- $t_1 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_1 = 30, \sigma_1 = 10)$
- $t_2 \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu_2 = 20, \sigma_2 = 5)$
- Question: "what's the conditional probability that the application was checked by a kind reviewer, given that the time of review was  $t = 10$ ?"
  - $\Pr(R = 2 | T = 10) = ?$

By definition (1):

$$\Pr(R = 2 | T = 10) = \frac{\Pr(T=10|R=2) \Pr(R=2)}{\Pr(T=10)} \quad (4)$$

By enumerating the possibilities for the random variable  $R$ , we have:

$$\Pr(T = 10) = \Pr(T = 10, R = 1) + \Pr(T = 10, R = 2) \quad (5)$$

Which, by definition (2) is equivalent to:

$$\bullet \Pr(T = 10) = \Pr(T = 10 \mid R = 1) \Pr(R = 1) + \Pr(T = 10 \mid R = 2) \Pr(R = 2) \quad (6)$$

$$\bullet \Pr(T = 10) = \Pr(T = 10 \mid R = 1)(0.5) + \Pr(T = 10 \mid R = 2)(0.5) \quad (7)$$

$$\bullet \Pr(T = 10) = \frac{1}{2}(\Pr(T = 10 \mid R = 1) + \Pr(T = 10 \mid R = 2)) \quad (8)$$

From (4) and (8), we have:

$$\bullet \Pr(R = 2 \mid T = 10) = \frac{\Pr(T=10|R=2) \Pr(R=2)}{\frac{1}{2}(\Pr(T=10|R=1) + \Pr(T=10|R=2))} \quad (9)$$

$$\bullet \Pr(R = 2 \mid T = 10) = \frac{2 \Pr(T=10|R=2) \Pr(R=2)}{\Pr(T=10|R=1) + \Pr(T=10|R=2)} \quad (10)$$

$$\bullet \Pr(R = 2 \mid T = 10) = \frac{2 \Pr(T=10|R=2)(0.5)}{\Pr(T=10|R=1) + \Pr(T=10|R=2)} \quad (11)$$

$$\bullet \Pr(R = 2 \mid T = 10) = \frac{\Pr(T=10|R=2)}{\Pr(T=10|R=1) + \Pr(T=10|R=2)} \quad (12)$$

By definition (3):

$$\bullet \Pr(T = 10 \mid R = 1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}10^2} e^{-\frac{(10-30)^2}{2 \cdot 10^2}} = \frac{1}{10\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(-20)^2}{200}} = \frac{1}{10\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{400}{200}} = \frac{1}{10\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-2} \quad (13)$$

$$\bullet \Pr(T = 10 \mid R = 2) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}5^2} e^{-\frac{(10-20)^2}{2 \cdot 5^2}} = \frac{1}{5\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(-10)^2}{2 \cdot 25}} = \frac{1}{5\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{100}{50}} = \frac{1}{5\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-2} \quad (14)$$

$$\bullet \Pr(T = 10 \mid R = 2) = 2 \cdot \Pr(T = 10 \mid R = 1) \quad (15)$$

From (12) and (15), we have:

$$\bullet \Pr(R = 2 \mid T = 10) = \frac{2 \cdot \Pr(T=10|R=1)}{\Pr(T=10|R=1) + 2 \cdot \Pr(T=10|R=1)} \quad (16)$$

$$\bullet \Pr(R = 2 \mid T = 10) = \frac{2 \cdot \Pr(T=10|R=1)}{3 \cdot \Pr(T=10|R=1)} \quad (17)$$

$$\bullet \Pr(R = 2 \mid T = 10) = \frac{2}{3} \quad (18)$$

**Thus, the conditional probability that the application was checked by a kind reviewer, given that the time of review  $t = 10$  is  $2/3 \approx 67\%$ .**