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Assume a telemarketer's successful sales per hour is a Poisson random variable with  $\lambda = 2$ . What is the probability that the telemarketer makes no sales in 1 hour?

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Correct: Video: Poisson Distribution

**Explanation**
$$P(X = k) = \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda}. \text{ With } \lambda = 2, P(X = 0) = e^{-2} = 0.135$$

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The expectation of a Poisson random variable and its variance are

☒ equal ✓☐ not equal

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Random variable  $X$  is distributed Poisson, and  $P(X = 2) = P(X = 4)$ . Find  $P(X = 3)$ .

0.216865

✓ Answer: 0.2169

0.216865

**Explanation** $P(X = 2) = P(X = 4)$  implies  $\lambda = 2\sqrt{3}$ . Hence  $P(X = 3) = 4\sqrt{3} \cdot e^{-2\sqrt{3}}$ .

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Let  $X$  be distributed Poisson with parameter 1. Find  $P(X \geq 2 \mid X \leq 4)$ .

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✗ Answer: 17/65

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**Explanation**Here  $P(X = i) = e^{-1}/i!$ . Therefore
$$P(X \geq 2 \mid X \leq 4) = \frac{P(X \geq 2 \cap X \leq 4)}{P(X \leq 4)} = \frac{(1/2 + 1/6 + 1/24)e^{-1}}{(1 + 1 + 1/2 + 1/6 + 1/24)e^{-1}}$$
 and the answer follows.

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Assume the number of typo errors on a single page of a book follows Poisson distribution with parameter  $1/3$ . Calculate the probability that on one page there are

- no typo,

✗ Answer: 0.7165313

### Explanation

Recall that for a random variable  $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$  its distribution is given by

$P(X = i) = e^{-\lambda} \cdot \frac{\lambda^i}{i!}$ , for  $i > 0$   $\lambda = 1/3$  here. Thus probability of no typo errors is  
 $P(X = 0) = e^{-\lambda} = e^{-1/3} = 0.7165313$

- exactly two typos,

✗ Answer: 0.039807295

### Explanation

Similarly the probability of exactly two typo errors is

$P(X = 2) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^2}{2!} = e^{-1/3} \frac{(1/3)^2}{2!} = 0.039807295$

- more than one typo?

✗ Answer: 0.0446249

### Explanation

Consider the complement or the probability of at most one typo. This probability is given by  $P(X = 0) + P(X = 1) = e^{-\lambda} + e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda}{1!} = e^{-1/3} + e^{-1/3} \frac{(1/3)}{1!}$ . Thus our required probability is  $1 - (e^{-1/3} + e^{-1/3} \frac{(1/3)}{1!}) = 0.0446249$ .

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If a random variable  $X$  follows Poisson distribution with  $\lambda = 2.5$ , calculate

- $E[X]$



- $E[X^2]$



- $V(X)$



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✓ Correct

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Assume the number of tropical storms making landfall in the Philippines each year follows Poisson distribution with parameter 9. What is the probability that there are less than 6 tropical storms making landfall in Philippines in one year?

✗ Answer: 0.1157

### Explanation

Follows from summing the corresponding Poisson probabilities under  $\lambda = 9$ .

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3/3 points (graded)

A computer manufacturing company produce chips with defect probability 0.001. In a package of 2000 chips, denote the number of defective chips by  $X$ . Use Poisson distribution for approximation:

- The Poisson parameter for  $X$  is:

2



2

- $P(X > 1) = ?$

0.5944



0.5944

- $P(X \leq 3) = ?$

0.855



0.855

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