

Discussion 10

Fall 2023

1. Poisson Process Arrival Times

Consider a Poisson process $(N_t)_{t \geq 0}$ with rate 1. Let T_k be the time of the k th arrival, $k \geq 1$.

- a. Find $\mathbb{E}(T_3 \mid N_1 = 2)$.
- b. Given $T_3 = s$, where $s > 0$, find the joint distribution of T_1 and T_2 .
- c. Find $\mathbb{E}(T_2 \mid T_3 = s)$.

2. Poisson Process Practice

Let $(N_t)_{t \geq 0}$ be a Poisson process with rate λ . Let T_k , $k \geq 1$ denote the time of the k th arrival. Given $0 \leq s < t$, we write $N(s, t) := N(t) - N(s)$. Compute the following:

- a. $\mathbb{P}(N(1) + N(2, 4) + N(3, 5) = 0)$.
- b. $\mathbb{E}(N(1, 3) \mid N(1, 2) = 3)$.
- c. $\mathbb{E}(T_2 \mid N(2) = 1)$.

3. Poisson Process Warmup

Give an interpretation of the following fact in terms of a Poisson process with rate λ . If N is Geometric with parameter p and $(X_k)_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$ are i.i.d. $\text{Exponential}(\lambda)$, then $X_1 + \cdots + X_N$ has an Exponential distribution with parameter λp .