

1.4.1 → Poisson Process

→ defn → Stochastic process = a collection of RVs

→ Counting process, or $N(t), t \geq 0$

→ This is a stochastic process where RVs have values that are non-decreasing & non-negative integers

→ for time $t \geq 0$, a counting process counts the # of events that occur after time 0 up to (including) time t .

→ $N(t) = \# \text{events that occur in interval } [0, t]$

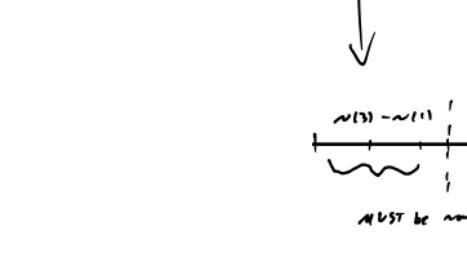
→ $N(0) = 0$

→ $N(t)$ is an integer

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→ $N(t+h) \geq N(t) \text{ for } h > 0$

→ The increment $N(t+h) - N(t) = N(h)$ represents the # of events that occur in the time interval $(t, t+h)$



→ Poisson process → counting process where each increment

is a Poisson RV & non-overlapping increments are independent of each other

→ For Poisson process N w/ rate function $\lambda(t)$

→ the increment $N(t+h) - N(t) \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda = \int_t^{t+h} \lambda(u) du)$

→ If the rate function is constant (i.e. $\lambda(t)=\lambda$), then N is a homogeneous Poisson Process

→ $N(t+h) - N(t) \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda h)$

→ If the rate function $\lambda(t)$ varies w/ t , the process N is a non-homogeneous Poisson process

→ If increments $N(t+h) - N(t) = N(h)$ are i.i.d., the distribution of the # of events within time t is unaffected by the # of events before or at time t

$$\begin{aligned} P(N(t+h) - N(t) = x | N(t) = n) &= \frac{P[N(t+h) - N(t) = x \cap N(t) = n]}{P(N(t) = n)} \\ &= \frac{P[N(t+h) - N(t) = x] P[N(t) = n]}{P(N(t) = n)} \\ &= P[N(t+h) - N(t) = x] \\ &\quad \text{if } N(t) \text{ is non-overlapping} \end{aligned}$$

→ Examples

→ Buses arrive at a stop at a Poisson rate of $\lambda = 4$ per hour \Rightarrow homogeneous Poisson Process

$$\rightarrow P(N(1/8) = 2) = \frac{e^{-4} (4)^2}{2!} = 0.3843$$

$$\hookrightarrow \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda = 1/8 \cdot 4)$$

$$\rightarrow P(N(0.5) = 1 \cap N(1) = 2) = \frac{P(N(0.5) = 1 \cap N(1) = 2)}{P(N(0.5) = 1)}$$

$$\downarrow \quad \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda = 1/2 \cdot 4)$$

$$= \frac{P(N(0.5) = 1) P(N(1) = 2)}{P(N(0.5) = 1)} = e^{-2} \frac{(4)^2}{2!} = 0.0321$$

$$\hookrightarrow \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda = 0.5 \cdot 4)$$

→ Taxis arrive according to Poisson w/ rate function $\lambda(t) = 3t$

$$\rightarrow P(N(0.5) - N(0.2) = 2) = 1 - P(N(0.5) - N(0.2) = 0)$$

$$\downarrow \quad \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda = \int_{0.2}^{0.5} 3t dt) = 1 - \left[e^{-0.3} \frac{(3)^0}{0!} + e^{-0.3} \frac{(3)^1}{1!} \right]$$

$$\hookrightarrow \sim \text{Poisson}(2)$$

$$= 0.0403$$

$$\rightarrow P(N(0.5) = 5 \cap N(1) = 2) = \frac{P(N(0.5) - N(0.2) = 3 \cap N(0.2) = 2)}{P(N(0.2) = 2)}$$

$$\downarrow \quad \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda = 0.3 \cdot 3)$$

$$= \frac{P(N(0.5) - N(0.2) = 3) P(N(0.2) = 2)}{P(N(0.2) = 2)} = e^{-0.9} \frac{(3)^3}{3!} = 0.0038$$

$$\hookrightarrow \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda = 0.3 \cdot 3)$$

→ Assignment

→ Q1) $N(t) \sim \text{Poisson}(t, \lambda = 3)$

$$P(N(2) = 2) = P(N(2) = 0, 1, 2)$$

$$\downarrow \quad \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda = 2)$$

$$= e^{-2} \left[\frac{2^0}{0!} + \frac{2^1}{1!} + \frac{2^2}{2!} \right]$$

$$\downarrow \quad = 0.0619$$

→ Q2) $N(t) \sim \text{PP}(rate = 3)$

$$E[N(1) \cdot N(3)] = E[N(1) \cdot \{N(3) - N(1)\}]$$

dependent

$$= E[N(1) \cdot \{N(3) - N(1)\} + N(1)^2]$$

$$\downarrow \quad \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda = \int_1^3 3 dt) = 1 - \left[e^{-0.3} \frac{(3)^0}{0!} + e^{-0.3} \frac{(3)^1}{1!} \right]$$

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$$\rightarrow E[N(1) \cdot N(3)] = E[N(1)] E[N(3)] + E[N(1)]^2 = 3 \cdot 6 + [3 + 3^2] = 30$$

$$\hookrightarrow \sim \text{Poisson}(30)$$

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→ Q1) $N(t) \sim \text{PP}(rate = 3)$

$$P(N(2) = 2) = e^{-6} \frac{6^2}{2!} = 0.0467$$

$$\hookrightarrow \sim \text{Exp}(2)$$

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→ Q1) $N(t) \sim \text{Poisson}(t, \lambda = 3) \Rightarrow$ homogeneous

$$P(N(1) = 5 \cap N(2) = 10) = \frac{P(N(1) = 5 \cap N(2) = 10)}{P(N(2) = 10)}$$

$$\downarrow \quad \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda = 10)$$

$$= \frac{P(N(1) = 5 \cap N(2) - N(1) = 5)}{P(N(2) = 10)}$$

$$\downarrow \quad \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda = 10 - 5)$$

$$= \frac{P(N(1) = 5) P(N(2) - N(1) = 5)}{P(N(2) = 10)}$$

$$\downarrow \quad \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda = 5)$$

$$= \frac{e^{-5} \frac{5^5}{5!}}{e^{-10} \frac{10^{10}}{10!}}$$

$$\downarrow \quad = 0.1368$$

OR

$$N(2) = 10 \Rightarrow X_2 \sim \text{Uniform}(0, 2)$$

$$\downarrow \quad = \frac{1-0}{2-0} = 1/2$$

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→ $Y \sim \text{Bin}(n=10, p=1/2)$

$$\hookrightarrow Y \sim \text{Bin}(n=5, p=1/2)$$

$$\rightarrow P(Y=5) = \binom{10}{5} \frac{1}{2}^5 \frac{1}{2}^5 = 0.1368$$

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