Poisson Distribtuion

Example: Changes in airport procedures require considerable planning. Arrival rates of aircraft are important factors that must be taken into account. Suppose small aircraft arrive at a certain airport, according to a Poisson process, at the rate of 6 per hour. Thus the Poisson parameter for arrivals for a period of hours is λ = 6.

(a) What is the probability that exactly 4 small aircraft arrive during a 1-hour period?

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Probability that exactly 4 small aircraft arrive during a 1-hour periods: 0.1339

(b) What is the probability that at least 4 arrive during a 1-hour period?

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x = [0, 1, 2, 3]  # Let x deontes number of aircrafts
arrive during a 1-hour period
prob = 1 - round(sum(poisson.pmf(x, mu)), 4)  # Compute probabilites correspondin
g to random variable x
print('Probability that at least 4 arrive during al-hour period:', prob)
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Probability that at least 4 arrive during al-hour period: 0.8488

(c) If we define a working day as 12 hours, what is the probability that at least 75 small aircraft arrive during a day?

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Probability that at least 75 small aircraft arrive during a day: 0.3773

Geometric Distribution

Example: In a certain manufacturing process it is known that, on the average, 1 in every 100, items is defective. What is the probability that the fifth item inspected is the first defective item found?

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from scipy.stats import geom p = 1/100 # Probability of defective x = 5 # Let x deontes number of attempts to detect firs t defective item prob = round(geom.pmf(x, p), 4) # Compute probabilites corresponding to random variable x
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The probability that the fifth item inspected is the first defective item found : 0.0096

Example: At "busy time" a telephone exchange is very near capacity, so callers have difficulty placing their calls. It may be of interest to know the number of attempts necessary in order to gain a connection. Suppose that we let p = 0.05 be the probability of a connection during busy time. We are interested in knowing the probability that 5 attempts are necessary for a successful call.

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The probability that 5 attempts are necessary for a successful call: 0.0407

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