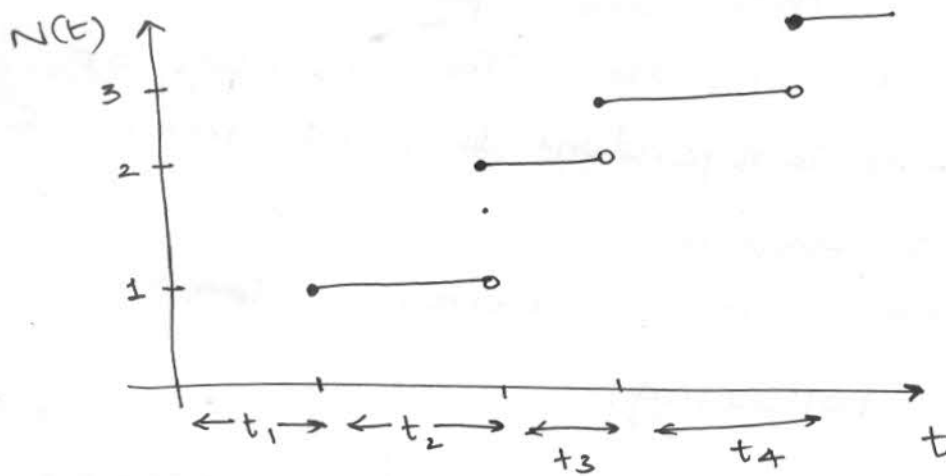


The geometric Brownian motion model of the stock price does not take into account that there is a possibility of sudden price jumps. The Jump diffusion model accounts for such a possibility.

Lets first start with some background that we will need about a random process called the Poisson process  $\{N(t): t \geq 0\}$



$N(t)$  is a random process that represents random arrivals of particles at time  $t$ . There are two kinds of randomness inherent in this. If you fix the time  $t$ , then the number of particles arriving by time  $t$  is a discrete random variable. Also, the inter-arrival times  $t_1, t_2, \dots$  are also continuous random variables. We start with three basic conditions

$$1. N(0) = 0$$

$$2. P(N(t+h)=j | N(t)=i) = \begin{cases} \lambda h + o(h) & \text{if } j = i+1 \\ 1 - \lambda h + o(h) & \text{if } j = i \\ o(h) & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

3.  $N(t-s)$  is independent of  $N(s)$  for  $0 < s < t$

Meaning. The number of particles at time  $t=0$  is 0. There is a possibility of either 1 or no particle arriving in a small interval  $h$ . The possibility of more than one particle arriving in interval  $h$  is negligible. The number of particles arriving in independent disjoint intervals of time are independent.

Using these three simple criteria one can derive the following;

- $N(t)$  is a Poisson r.v. with parameter  $\lambda t$

$$\text{i.e. } P(N(t)=j) = \frac{e^{-\lambda t} (\lambda t)^j}{j!}$$

- The inter-arrival times  $t_i$  are exponential r.v.'s with parameter  $\lambda$

# Jump diffusion model:

Let  $N(t)$  denote the

Let us consider a model for price that superimposes random jumps on a geometric Brownian motion. Let  $N(t)$  denote the number of jumps that occur by time  $t$  where  $N(t)$  is a Poisson process. Also suppose that <sup>when</sup> the  $i^{\text{th}}$  jump occurs the stock price is multiplied by  $J_i$  where  $J_1, J_2, \dots$  are independent random variables having specified probability distribution. Further let this sequence be independent of the time at which the jump occurs.

Thus the price  $S(t)$  is given by

$$S(t) = S^*(t) \prod_{i=1}^{N(t)} J_i, \quad t \geq 0$$

where  $S^*(t)$  is a Brownian motion with volatility  $\sigma$  and drift  $\mu$ . ie to be decided as per risk neutrality.

For risk neutrality, it turns out that

$$S^*(t) = S(0) e^{(r - \frac{\sigma^2}{2} + \lambda - \lambda \mathbb{E}(J))t + \sigma W(t)}$$

$(r - \frac{\sigma^2}{2})$  is replaced by  $r - \frac{\sigma^2}{2} + \lambda - \lambda \mathbb{E}(J)$

$\therefore$  The no-arbitrage price of the

$$\text{option} = \mathbb{E} (e^{-rt} (S(t) - K)^+)$$

$$= e^{-rt} \mathbb{E} [(J(t) S^*(t) - K)^+]$$

where  $J(t) = \prod_{i=1}^{N(t)} J_i$

and  $S^*(t) = S(0) e^{\left[ \left( r - \frac{\sigma^2}{2} + \lambda - \lambda \mathbb{E}(J) \right) t + \sigma W(t) \right]}$

One can use Monte-Carlo to compute the price of the option. ~~use~~ that uses the Jump-diffusion model.