

Q1.

Messi scores an average of 0.56 goals per game in club competitions. What's the probability of scoring at least 3 goals.

Solution:

Recall that poisson distribution models # of events on average during a set period of time for discrete events. So let

- (1) $X = \# \text{ of goals in one game} \Rightarrow$
- (2) $X \sim \text{poi}(\lambda)$ where $\lambda = \text{avg \# event occurrence}$.
- (3) $\Rightarrow f(x) = e^{-\lambda} \left(\frac{\lambda^x}{x!} \right)$ is the pdf. $\lambda \Rightarrow$
- (4) $E(X) = \lambda$. Hence for our case

$$(5) \quad \lambda = 0.56$$

Then probability of scoring at least 3 goals is

$$\begin{aligned} P(X \geq 3) &= 1 - \underbrace{P(X < 3)}_{\text{applying (3)}} \\ &= 1 - P(X \leq 2) \leftarrow \text{by (3)} \\ &= 1 - \sum_{x=0}^2 \frac{e^{-0.56} \cdot (0.56)^x}{x!} \\ &= 1 - e^{-0.56} \left[\frac{(0.56)^0}{0!} + \frac{(0.56)^1}{1!} + \frac{(0.56)^2}{2!} \right] \\ &= 0.01935 \end{aligned}$$

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