

HW #3. Stat 544.

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

$$(1) \quad X = \# \text{ of goals in one game} \Rightarrow$$

$$(2) \quad X \sim \text{poi}(\lambda) \quad \text{where} \quad \lambda = \text{avg \# event occurrence.}$$

$$(3) \quad \Rightarrow f(x) = e^{-\lambda} \left(\frac{\lambda^x}{x!} \right) \quad \text{is the pdf. } \lambda \Rightarrow$$

$$(4) \quad E(X) = \lambda. \quad \text{Hence for our case}$$

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

then probability of scoring at least 3 goals is

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

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