

$$L = P\{N_1 = n_1, N_2 = n_2, \dots, N_k = n_k \mid \lambda\}$$

$$= f_{N_1, N_2, \dots, N_k}\{n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k\} \text{ using } \lambda \text{ as parameter}$$

$$f(n_i | \lambda) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{n_i}}{n_i!}$$

$$L(\lambda | n_1, \dots, n_k) = \prod_{i=1}^k f(n_i | \lambda)$$

$$L(\lambda | n_1, \dots, n_k) = \prod_{i=1}^k \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{n_i}}{n_i!}$$

$$l(\lambda | n_1, \dots, n_k) = \log(L(\lambda | n_1, \dots, n_k))$$

$$l(\lambda | n_1, \dots, n_k) = \sum_{i=1}^k \log\left(\frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^{n_i}}{n_i!}\right)$$

$$l(\lambda | n_1, \dots, n_k) = \sum_{i=1}^k (\log e^{-\lambda} + n_i \log \lambda - \log n_i!)$$

$$l(\lambda | n_1, \dots, n_k) \propto \sum_{i=1}^k -\lambda + n_i \log \lambda$$

Thus, as λ is the one which has maximum likelihood,

$$l'(\lambda | n_1, \dots, n_k) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -k + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k n_i}{\lambda} \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k n_i}{\lambda}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^k n_i}{k}$$