

**Definition 13.1.1** (1D Poisson process). A sequence of arrivals in continuous time is a *Poisson process* with rate  $\lambda$  if the following conditions hold:

1. The number of arrivals in an interval of length  $t$  is distributed  $\text{Pois}(\lambda t)$ .
2. The numbers of arrivals in disjoint time intervals are independent.

$$E = \lambda t$$

$$N(t) \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda t) : P(N(t) = k) = \frac{(\lambda t)^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda t}$$

expected times of arrivals in one unit time.

Let  $N(t)$  be number of arrivals in  $(0, t]$ .

$N(t_2) - N(t_1)$  is # arrivals in  $(t_1, t_2]$ .

Let  $T_j$  be the time of  $j$ th arrival

$T_1 > t$  is same as  $N(t) = 0$ .

$$\Rightarrow P(T_1 > t) = P(N(t) = 0) = e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$\Rightarrow T_1 \sim \text{Expo}(\lambda)$$

$$T \sim \text{Expo}(\lambda) : f_T(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$$

$$\Rightarrow T_j - T_{j-1} \sim \text{Expo}(\lambda)$$

$$F_T(x) = 1 - e^{-\lambda x}$$

$$T_j \sim \text{Gamma}(j, \lambda)$$

$$F_{\lambda T}(x) = P(\lambda T \leq x) = P(T \leq \frac{x}{\lambda})$$

$$= F_T(\frac{x}{\lambda}) = 1 - e^{-x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda T \sim \text{Expo}(1)$$

**Theorem 13.2.1** (Conditional counts). Let  $(N(t) : t > 0)$  be a Poisson process with rate  $\lambda$ , and  $t_1 < t_2$ . The conditional distribution of  $N(t_1)$  given  $N(t_2) = n$  is

$$N(t_1) \mid N(t_2) = n \sim \text{Bin}\left(n, \frac{t_1}{t_2}\right).$$

$\frac{n}{t_2}$   
 $\frac{1}{t_1}$

凡散落在  $(0, t_2]$  上的概率每处均等  $= \frac{1}{t_2}$ .  
 散落在  $(0, t_1]$  上的概率为  $\frac{t_1}{t_2}$

Proof:  $P(t_1 = x | t_2 = n) = \frac{P(N(t_1)=x) P(N(t_2-t_1)=n-x)}{P(N(t_2)=n)}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{\frac{(\lambda t_1)^x}{x!} e^{-\lambda t_1} \frac{[\lambda(t_2-t_1)]^{n-x}}{(n-x)!} e^{-\lambda(t_2-t_1)}}{\frac{(\lambda t_2)^n}{n!} e^{-\lambda t_2}} \\
 &= \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!} \left(\frac{t_1}{t_2}\right)^x \left(\frac{t_2-t_1}{t_2}\right)^{n-x} \\
 &= \binom{n}{x} \left(\frac{t_1}{t_2}\right)^x \left(1 - \frac{t_1}{t_2}\right)^{n-x} \\
 &\sim \text{Bin}(n, \frac{t_1}{t_2})
 \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 13.2.2.** In a Poisson process of rate  $\lambda$ , conditional on  $N(t) = 1$ , the first arrival time  $T_1$  has the  $\text{Unif}(0, t)$  distribution.

Proof:  $P(T_1 \leq s | N(t) = 1) = \frac{P(N(s)=1) P(N(t-s)=0)}{P(N(t)=1)}$

c.d.f.  $= \frac{\lambda s e^{-\lambda s} e^{-\lambda(t-s)}}{\lambda t e^{-\lambda t}} = \frac{s}{t}$

**Theorem 13.2.3** (Conditional times). In a Poisson process of rate  $\lambda$ , conditional on  $N(t) = n$ , the joint distribution of the arrival times  $T_1, \dots, T_n$  is the same as the joint distribution of the order statistics of  $n$  i.i.d.  $\text{Unif}(0, t)$  r.v.s.

order statistics of  $\text{Unif}(0,1)$  are Beta.  
 so  $\frac{T_j}{t} \sim \text{Beta}(j, n-j+1)$ .

**Theorem 13.2.6** (Superposition). Let  $(N_1(t) : t > 0)$  and  $(N_2(t) : t > 0)$  be independent Poisson processes with rates  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ , respectively. Then the combined process  $N(t) = N_1(t) + N_2(t)$  is a Poisson process with rate  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2$ .

**Theorem 13.2.8** (Probability of type-1 event before type-2 event). Consider two independent Poisson processes: a Poisson process of type-1 arrivals, with rate  $\lambda_1$ , and a Poisson process of type-2 arrivals, with rate  $\lambda_2$ . In the superposition of these two processes, the probability of the first arrival being type-1 is  $\lambda_1/(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$ .



*Proof:*  $T \sim \text{Expo}(\lambda_1)$   $V \sim \text{Expo}(\lambda_2)$ .

$$\tilde{T} = \lambda_1 T \sim \text{Expo}(1) \quad \tilde{V} = \lambda_2 V \sim \text{Expo}(1).$$

$$P(T \leq V) = P\left(\frac{\tilde{T}}{\lambda_1} \leq \frac{\tilde{V}}{\lambda_2}\right)$$

$$= P\left(\frac{\tilde{T}}{\tilde{T} + \tilde{V}} \leq \frac{\tilde{V}}{\tilde{T} + \tilde{V}} \cdot \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_2}\right)$$

$\tilde{T}, \tilde{V} \sim \text{Gamma}(0,1) \Rightarrow \frac{\tilde{T}}{\tilde{T} + \tilde{V}} \sim \text{Beta}(1,1) \text{ i.e. } \text{Unif}(0,1).$

$$= P\left(U \leq (1-U) \cdot \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_2}\right)$$

$$= P\left(U \leq \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}$$

**Theorem 13.2.11** (Projection of superposition into discrete time). Consider the superposition  $(N(t) : t > 0)$  of two independent Poisson processes with rates  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ . For  $j = 1, 2, \dots$ , let  $I_j$  be the indicator of the  $j$ th event being from the Poisson process with rate  $\lambda_1$ . Then the  $I_j$  are i.i.d.  $\text{Bern}(\lambda_1/(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2))$ .

$$\text{Bernoulli distribution: } f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}, & \text{if } x=1 \\ \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}, & \text{if } x=0 \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 13.2.12** (Exponential mixture of Poissons is Geometric). Suppose that  $X \sim \text{Expo}(\lambda)$  and  $Y|X = x \sim \text{Pois}(x)$ . Then  $Y \sim \text{Geom}(\lambda/(\lambda + 1))$ .

*Proof.* As with the competing risks theorem, we embed  $X$  and  $Y$  into Poisson processes. Consider two independent Poisson processes, a process of failures arriving at rate 1 and another of successes arriving at rate  $\lambda$ . Let  $X$  be the time of the first success; then  $X \sim \text{Expo}(\lambda)$ . Let  $Y$  be the number of failures before the time of the first success. By the definition of a Poisson process with rate 1,  $Y|X = x \sim \text{Pois}(x)$ . Therefore  $X$  and  $Y$  satisfy the conditions of the theorem.  $\lambda=1 \quad t=x.$

To get the marginal distribution of  $Y$ , strip out the continuous-time information! In discrete time we have i.i.d. Bernoulli trials with success probability  $\lambda/(\lambda + 1)$ , and  $Y$  is defined as the number of failures before the first success, so by the story of the Geometric distribution,  $Y \sim \text{Geom}(\lambda/(\lambda + 1))$ . ■

**Theorem 13.2.13** (Gamma mixture of Poissons is Negative Binomial). Suppose that  $X \sim \text{Gamma}(r, \lambda)$  and  $Y|X = x \sim \text{Pois}(x)$ . Then  $Y \sim \text{NBin}(r, \lambda/(\lambda + 1))$ .

*Proof.* Consider two independent Poisson processes, a process of failures arriving at rate 1 and another of successes arriving at rate  $\lambda$ . Let  $X$  be the time of the  $r$ th success, so  $X \sim \text{Gamma}(r, \lambda)$ . Let  $Y$  be the number of failures before the time of the  $r$ th success. Then  $Y|X = x \sim \text{Pois}(x)$  by definition of Poisson process. We have that  $Y$  is the number of failures before the  $r$ th success in a sequence of i.i.d. Bernoulli trials with success probability  $\lambda/(\lambda + 1)$ , so  $Y \sim \text{NBin}(r, \lambda/(\lambda + 1))$ . ■

$$f(Y) = \binom{Y+r-1}{Y} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda+1}\right)^r \left(\frac{1}{\lambda+1}\right)^Y$$

Negative Binomial 在第  $r$  次成功时, 实验的失败数  $X$

$$f(k; r, p) = \frac{\binom{k+r-1}{r-1}}{p^r \cdot (1-p)^k}$$

最后一次前共  $k+r-1$  次  
其中  $r-1$  次失败.