Homework 1

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Problem 1

In class we discussed the Binomial distribution. Another discrete distribution is the Poisson distribution.

- a.) Look online and in your book collection to read about the Poisson distribution. Is f(y|lambda) a pdf or pmf? pmf
- b.) What is the expected value E(y)? Prove it. see attached pdf
- c.) What is the variance var(y)? Prove it. see attached pdf
- d.) The number of mistakes a letter stuffing robot makes in an hour can be considered to be a Poisson random variable. Let the random variable Y have a Poisson distribution with parameter lambda=2.3.
 - What is the probability that the robot makes 2 mistakes in an hour?

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dpois(2, lambda = 2.3)
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[1] 0.2651846

• What is the probability the robot makes at least 2 mistakes in an hour?

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1 - sum(dpois(0:2, lambda = 2.3))
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[1] 0.4039612

- What is the probability that the robot makes 2.3 mistakes in an hour?
- What is the probability that the robot makes 0 mistakes in an hour?
- What is the probability that the robot makes less than 6 mistakes in an hour?