

- c. (7 points) A Poisson random variable with a parameter of  $\lambda \geq 1000$ , can be approximated by a normal. The approximating normal should match the mean and the variance of the Poisson. Let  $X \sim \text{Poi}(1000)$ . What is an approximation for  $P(990 < X < 1000)$ . Give your answer to two decimal places.

$$\mu = E[X] = \lambda$$

$$\sigma^2 = \text{Var}(X) = \lambda$$

$$X \sim N(\lambda, \lambda)$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(990 < X < 1000) &= P(X < 1000) - P(X < 990) \\ &= \Phi\left(\frac{1000 - \lambda}{\sqrt{\lambda}}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{990 - \lambda}{\sqrt{\lambda}}\right) \\ &= 0.5 - \left(1 - \Phi\left(\frac{10}{\sqrt{\lambda}}\right)\right) \\ &= 0.5 - \left(1 - \Phi\left(\frac{10}{\sqrt{1000}}\right)\right) \\ &= 0.5 - (1 - \Phi(0.32)) \\ &= 0.5 + 0.627 - 1 \approx 0.12 \end{aligned}$$

- d. (6 points) The probit function,  $\Phi^{-1}(x)$  is the inverse of the CDF of a standard normal. It maps from probabilities to the standard normal CDF input that would produce said probability. For example, you can confirm using the Standard Normal Table that  $\Phi(0.1) = 0.5398$ , so  $\Phi^{-1}(0.5398) = 0.1$ . Give a closed form expression, using the probit function, for an approximation of K.

$$X \sim N(\lambda, \lambda) \quad \lambda = 15 \times 10^6$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X > 10^4 K) &= 1 - P(X < 10^4 K) \\ &= 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{10^4 K - \lambda}{\sqrt{\lambda}}\right) \\ &= 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{10^4 K - \lambda}{\sqrt{\lambda}}\right) \\ &= 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{10^4 K - \lambda}{\sqrt{\lambda}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

$$1 - \Phi\left(\frac{10^4 K - \lambda}{\sqrt{\lambda}}\right) < p$$

$$\Phi\left(\frac{10^4 K - \lambda}{\sqrt{\lambda}}\right) > 1 - p$$

$$\frac{10^4 K - \lambda}{\sqrt{\lambda}} > \Phi^{-1}(1 - p)$$

Websites solve this problem constantly.

$$10^4 K - \lambda > \sqrt{\lambda} \Phi^{-1}(1 - p)$$

$$K > \frac{\sqrt{\lambda} \Phi^{-1}(1 - p) + \lambda}{10^4}$$