

Example 1:

HPS 3.3

- 3** Find the conditional probability that there are m events in the first s units of time, given that there are n events in the first t units of time, where $0 \leq m \leq n$ and $0 \leq s \leq t$.

That is, Find $P(X(s) = m \mid X(t) = n)$ for $0 \leq m \leq n$ and $0 \leq s \leq t$, where $X(t)$ is a Poisson process with rate λ .

Def $P(A \mid B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$, provided $P(B) > 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(X(s) = m \mid X(t) = n) &= \frac{P(X(s) = m \cap X(t) = n)}{P(X(t) = n)} \\
 &= \frac{P(X(s) = m \cap X(t) - X(s) = n - m)}{P(X(t) = n)} \\
 &\quad \text{since } X(s) \text{ and } X(t) - X(s) \text{ are independent} \\
 &= \frac{P(X(s) = m) \times P(X(t) - X(s) = n - m)}{P(X(t) = n)} \\
 &= \frac{\frac{(\lambda s)^m e^{-\lambda s}}{m!} \times \frac{(\lambda(t-s))^{n-m} e^{-\lambda(t-s)}}{(n-m)!}}{\frac{(\lambda t)^n e^{-\lambda t}}{n!}} \\
 &= \frac{n!}{m!(n-m)!} \times \left(\frac{s}{t}\right)^m \times \left(1 - \frac{s}{t}\right)^{n-m}, \quad \begin{array}{l} 0 \leq m \leq n, \\ 0 \leq s \leq t. \end{array}
 \end{aligned}$$

Given $X(t) = n$, $X(s)$ has a $\text{Binomial}(n, p = \frac{s}{t})$ distribution.

Example 2:

Let $X(t)$ be a Poisson process with rate λ . Let T_1 be the time of the first occurrence.

Find $P(T_1 < s \mid X(t) = 1)$ for $0 \leq s \leq t$.

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{T}_1 \leq s \mid \mathbf{X}(t) = 1) &= \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{X}(s) \geq 1 \mid \mathbf{X}(t) = 1) \\ &= \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{X}(s) = 1 \mid \mathbf{X}(t) = 1) \\ &= \frac{s}{t}, \quad 0 \leq s \leq t. \end{aligned}$$

That is, given that there is one occurrence between 0 and t , the time of that occurrence has a Uniform distribution between 0 and t .

Example 3:

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{T}_1 < s \mid \mathbf{X}(t) = n) &= \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{X}(s) \geq 1 \mid \mathbf{X}(t) = n) \\ &= 1 - \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{X}(s) = 0 \mid \mathbf{X}(t) = n) \\ &= 1 - \left(1 - \frac{s}{t}\right)^n, \quad 0 \leq s \leq t. \end{aligned}$$

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Let $X_1(t)$ and $X_2(t)$ be independent Poisson processes with parameters λ_1 and λ_2 , respectively. Consider the processes $X(t) = X_1(t) + X_2(t)$.

1) $X(0) = X_1(0) + X_2(0) = 0.$

2) Let $0 \leq s < t$. Then

$$X(t) - X(s) = \{X_1(t) - X_1(s)\} + \{X_2(t) - X_2(s)\}$$

has a Poisson distribution with mean

$$\lambda_1(t-s) + \lambda_2(t-s) = (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)(t-s).$$

Let X and Y be independent Poisson random variables with means μ_1 and μ_2 , respectively.

$$M_{X+Y}(t) = M_X(t) \cdot M_Y(t) = e^{\mu_1(e^t - 1)} \cdot e^{\mu_2(e^t - 1)} = e^{(\mu_1 + \mu_2)(e^t - 1)}.$$

OR

$$\begin{aligned} P(X + Y = n) &= \sum_{k=0}^n P(X = k) \cdot P(Y = n - k) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{\mu_1^k \cdot e^{-\mu_1}}{k!} \cdot \frac{\mu_2^{n-k} \cdot e^{-\mu_2}}{(n-k)!} \\ &= \frac{e^{-(\mu_1 + \mu_2)}}{n!} \cdot \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{n!}{k! \cdot (n-k)!} \cdot \mu_1^k \cdot \mu_2^{n-k} = \frac{(\mu_1 + \mu_2)^n \cdot e^{-(\mu_1 + \mu_2)}}{n!}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $X + Y$ has a Poisson distribution with mean $\mu_1 + \mu_2$.

3) Let $0 \leq s_1 < t_1 \leq s_2 < t_2$. Then

$$X(t_1) - X(s_1) = \{X_1(t_1) - X_1(s_1)\} + \{X_2(t_1) - X_2(s_1)\}$$

and

$$X(t_2) - X(s_2) = \{X_1(t_2) - X_1(s_2)\} + \{X_2(t_2) - X_2(s_2)\}$$

are independent.

Let T_1 be the time until the next occurrence in $X_1(t)$.

Then T_1 has an Exponential distribution with rate λ_1 .

Let T_2 be the time until the next occurrence in $X_2(t)$.

Then T_2 has an Exponential distribution with rate λ_2 .

The next occurrence in $X(t)$ will happen at time $T = \min(T_1, T_2)$.

Then $T = \min(T_1, T_2)$ has an Exponential distribution with rate $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2$.

$X(t)$ is a Poisson process with parameter $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2$.

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Let $X(t)$ be a Poisson process with parameter λ .

Suppose that each occurrence in $X(t)$ is independently either “observed” with probability p or “missed” with probability $1 - p$.

Let $Y(t)$ denote the number of “observed” occurrences on $[0, t]$.

Let $W(t)$ denote the number of “missed” occurrences on $[0, t]$.

Suppose that for each occurrence in $X(t)$, a coin with $P(H) = p$ and $P(T) = 1 - p$ is tossed independently.

Let $Y(t)$ denote the number of H's on $[0, t]$.

Let $W(t)$ denote the number of T's on $[0, t]$.

Let m be a nonnegative integer.

$$\begin{aligned} P(Y(t) = m) &= \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} P(X(t) = n \cap Y(t) = m) \\ &= \sum_{n=m}^{\infty} P(X(t) = n) \times P(Y(t) = m \mid X(t) = n) \end{aligned}$$

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1. On a highway, cars pass according to a Poisson process with rate 5 per minute. Trucks pass according to a Poisson process with rate 3 per minute. The two processes are independent. Let $N_C(t)$ and $N_T(t)$ denote the number of cars and trucks that pass in t minutes, respectively. Then $N(t) = N_C(t) + N_T(t)$ is the number of vehicles that pass in t minutes.

- a) Find $P(N_C(3) = 20)$.

$N_C(3)$ has a Poisson distribution with mean $5 \cdot 3 = 15$.

$$P(N_C(3) = 20) = \frac{15^{20} e^{-15}}{20!} = \mathbf{0.0418}.$$

- b) Find $P(N(3) = 20)$.

$N(3)$ has a Poisson distribution with mean $(5 + 3) \cdot 3 = 24$.

$$P(N(3) = 20) = \frac{24^{20} e^{-24}}{20!} = \mathbf{0.0624}.$$

- c) Find $P(N(3) = 20 | N(1) = 8)$.

For a Poisson process $X(t)$ with rate λ , $0 \leq s \leq t$,
 $X(t) - X(s)$ has a Poisson distribution with mean $\lambda(t - s)$,
 $X(t) - X(s)$ and $X(s)$ are independent.

$$P(N(3) = 20 | N(1) = 8) = P(N(3) - N(1) = 12) = \frac{16^{12} e^{-16}}{12!} = \mathbf{0.0661}.$$

- d) Find $P(N(1) = 8 \mid N(3) = 20)$.

For a Poisson process $X(t)$ with rate λ , $0 \leq s \leq t$,

$X(s) \mid X(t) = n$ has a Binomial $(n, p = \frac{s}{t})$ distribution.

$$P(N(1) = 8 \mid N(3) = 20) = \binom{20}{8} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^8 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{12} = \mathbf{0.1480}.$$

- e) Find $P(N_T(3) = 7 \mid N(3) = 20)$.

We know that if X and Y are independent Poisson random variables with means μ_1 and μ_2 , respectively, then $X + Y$ has a Poisson distribution with mean $\mu_1 + \mu_2$.

$$\begin{aligned} P(X = k \mid X + Y = n) &= \frac{P(X = k \cap X + Y = n)}{P(X + Y = n)} = \frac{P(X = k \cap Y = n - k)}{P(X + Y = n)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{\mu_1^k \cdot e^{-\mu_1}}{k!} \cdot \frac{\mu_2^{n-k} \cdot e^{-\mu_2}}{(n-k)!}}{\frac{(\mu_1 + \mu_2)^n \cdot e^{-(\mu_1 + \mu_2)}}{n!}} = \frac{n!}{k! \cdot (n-k)!} \cdot \left(\frac{\mu_1}{\mu_1 + \mu_2}\right)^k \cdot \left(\frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1 + \mu_2}\right)^{n-k}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow X \mid X + Y = n \text{ has a Binomial distribution, } p = \frac{\mu_1}{\mu_1 + \mu_2}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(N_T(3) = 7 \mid N(3) = 20) &= \binom{20}{7} \left(\frac{3}{5+3}\right)^7 \left(\frac{5}{5+3}\right)^{13} \\ &= \binom{20}{7} \left(\frac{3}{8}\right)^7 \left(\frac{5}{8}\right)^{13} = \mathbf{0.1795}. \end{aligned}$$

f) Find $E(N(4)|N_T(3)=7)$.

Hint: $N_T(4) = \{N_T(4) - N_T(3)\} + N_T(3)$.

$$\begin{aligned} E(N(4)|N_T(3)=7) &= E(N_C(4) + N_T(4)|N_T(3)=7) \\ &= E(N_C(4)|N_T(3)=7) + E(\{N_T(4) - N_T(3)\} + N_T(3)|N_T(3)=7) \\ &= E(N_C(4)|N_T(3)=7) + E(\{N_T(4) - N_T(3)\}|N_T(3)=7) \\ &\quad + E(N_T(3)|N_T(3)=7) \end{aligned}$$

$N_C(4)$ and $N_T(3)$ are independent.

$\{N_T(4) - N_T(3)\}$ and $N_T(3)$ are independent.

$$\begin{aligned} &= E(N_C(4)) + E(\{N_T(4) - N_T(3)\}) + E(N_T(3)|N_T(3)=7) \\ &= 5 \cdot 4 + 3 \cdot (4 - 3) + 7 = 20 + 3 + 7 = \mathbf{30}. \end{aligned}$$

Compound Poisson Process:

2. Let $X(t)$ be a Poisson process with rate λ .

Let $S(t) = \sum_{i=1}^{X(t)} Y_i$, where Y_1, Y_2, \dots are independent, identically distributed random variables (independent of $X(t)$) with mean μ and variance σ^2 .

a) Find the mean and the variance of $S(t)$.

Hint 1:
$$E[(S(t))^k] = \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} P(X(t)=x) \cdot E\left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^x Y_i\right)^k\right], \quad k=1, 2.$$

Hint 2:
$$\sigma^2 = \text{Var}(Y) = E(Y^2) - [E(Y)]^2 = E(Y^2) - \mu^2.$$

$$E[S(t)] = \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} P(X(t)=x) \cdot E\left[\sum_{i=1}^x Y_i\right] = \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} P(X(t)=x) \cdot x\mu = \mu E[X(t)] = \mu \lambda t.$$

$$\begin{aligned} E\left[\left(\sum_{i=1}^x Y_i\right)^2\right] &= \sum_{i=1}^x E[Y_i^2] + \sum_{i=1}^x \sum_{j \neq i} E[Y_i Y_j] = x(\sigma^2 + \mu^2) + x(x-1)\mu^2 \\ &= x\sigma^2 + x^2\mu^2. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[(S(t))^2] &= \sum_{x=1}^{\infty} P(X(t)=x) \cdot (x\sigma^2 + x^2\mu^2) = \sigma^2 E[X(t)] + \mu^2 E[(X(t))^2] \\ &= \sigma^2 \lambda t + \mu^2 [(\lambda t)^2 + \lambda t]. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Var}[S(t)] = \sigma^2 \lambda t + \mu^2 [(\lambda t)^2 + \lambda t] - (\mu \lambda t)^2 = (\sigma^2 + \mu^2) \lambda t = \lambda t E(Y^2).$$

- b) A person makes shopping trips according to a Poisson process with rate λ . The number of purchases he makes during each shopping trip is distributed according to a Geometric distribution with probability of “success” p . What are the mean and variance of the number of purchases made by time t ?

$$Y = \text{Geometric}, \quad \mu = \frac{1}{p}, \quad \sigma^2 = \frac{1-p}{p^2}.$$

$$E[S(t)] = \mu \lambda t = \frac{\lambda t}{p},$$

$$\text{Var}[S(t)] = (\sigma^2 + \mu^2) \lambda t = \frac{2-p}{p^2} \lambda t.$$

- c) Suppose that cars arrive to a fair according to a Poisson process with rate λ . The number of passengers (in addition to the driver) in a car has a Binomial ($n = 3, p$) distribution. What are the mean and the variance of the number of people who have arrived by time t ?

Hint: $Y = 1 + \text{Binomial}(n = 3, p) = \text{driver} + \text{passengers}.$

$$Y = 1 + \text{Binomial}, \quad \mu = 1 + 3p, \quad \sigma^2 = 3p(1-p).$$

$$E[S(t)] = \mu \lambda t = (1 + 3p) \lambda t,$$

$$\text{Var}[S(t)] = (\sigma^2 + \mu^2) \lambda t = [3p(1-p) + (1 + 3p)^2] \lambda t = [1 + 9p + 6p^2] \lambda t.$$