



Poisson distribution:

A random variable  $x$  is said to follow Poisson distribution, if it assume only non negative values of its probability mass function is given by,

$$P[X=x] = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!}, \quad x=0 \text{ to } \infty \text{ and where } \lambda \text{ is a parameter, } \lambda = np.$$

Property:

\* Binomial distribution is a limiting case of Poisson distribution.

\*  $n \rightarrow \infty, p \rightarrow 0$

MGF, mean and variance of Poisson distribution:

MGF:

$$M_x(t) = \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} e^{tx} p(x)$$

$$= \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} e^{tx} \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!}$$

$$= e^{-\lambda} \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{e^{tx} \lambda^x}{x!}$$

$$= e^{-\lambda} \sum_{x=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda e^t)^x}{x!}$$

$$= e^{-\lambda} \left[ \frac{(\lambda e^t)^0}{0!} + \frac{(\lambda e^t)^1}{1!} + \frac{(\lambda e^t)^2}{2!} + \dots \right]$$

$$= e^{-\lambda} \left[ 1 + \frac{\lambda e^t}{1!} + \frac{(\lambda e^t)^2}{2!} + \dots \right]$$

$$= e^{-\lambda} [e^{\lambda e^t}] \quad \left[ \because e^x = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots \right]$$

$$= e^{-\lambda + \lambda e^t}$$

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$$m_x(t) = e^{(e^t - 1)\lambda}$$

mean:

$$E(x) = \left[ \frac{d}{dt} m_x(t) \right]_{t=0}$$

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$$= \left[ e^{(e^t - 1)\lambda} \cdot \lambda e^t \right]_{t=0}$$

$$= \lambda e^{(e^0 - 1)\lambda}$$

$$= \lambda e^0$$

$$E(x) = \lambda$$

Variance:

$$\text{var}(x) = E(x^2) - [E(x)]^2$$

$$E(x^2) = \left[ \frac{d^2}{dt^2} m_x(t) \right]_{t=0}$$

$$= \left[ \frac{d}{dt} \left[ \lambda e^t e^{(e^t - 1)\lambda} \right] \right]_{t=0}$$

$$= \lambda \left[ e^t e^{(e^t - 1)\lambda} \cdot \lambda e^t + e^{(e^t - 1)\lambda} \cdot e^t \right]_{t=0}$$

$$= \lambda \left[ e^{(1-1)\lambda} \cdot \lambda + e^{(1-1)\lambda} \right]$$

$$= \lambda [\lambda + 1]$$

$$E(x^2) = \lambda^2 + \lambda$$

$$\therefore \text{var}(x) = \lambda^2 + \lambda - \lambda^2 = \lambda$$

$$m_x(t) = e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)}$$

$$\text{mean} = \lambda$$

$$\text{variance} = \lambda$$

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Q. If a poisson variate  $P(X=2) = 9P(X=4) + 90P(X=6)$ , find mean and variance.

Soln.

$$P.D: P(X=x) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!}$$

$$\text{Given, } P(X=2) = 9P(X=4) + 90P(X=6)$$

$$\frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^2}{2!} = 9 \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^4}{4!} + 90 \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^6}{6!}$$

$$\div e^{-\lambda} \quad \frac{\lambda^2}{2} = \frac{9\lambda^4}{24} + \frac{90\lambda^6}{720}$$

$$\div \lambda^2 \quad \frac{1}{2} = \frac{9\lambda^2}{24} + \frac{90\lambda^4}{720}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{3\lambda^2}{8} + \frac{\lambda^4}{8}$$

$$\lambda^4 + 3\lambda^2 = 4$$

$$\lambda^4 + 3\lambda^2 - 4 = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 + \lambda^2 + 4\lambda + 4 = 0 \text{ and}$$

$$\lambda = -1$$

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} 1 & 1 & 0 & 3 & -4 \\ & 0 & 1 & 1 & 4 \\ \hline & 1 & 1 & 4 & 4 \\ & & & & 0 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore \lambda = -1, 2, -2$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 2$$

$$\text{mean} = \text{variance} = 2$$

Q. If the mgf is  $e^{4(e^t-1)}$ , find  $P(X=\mu+\sigma)$  where  $\mu$  and  $\sigma^2$  are mean and variance of poisson distribution.

Soln.

$$\text{Given, } M_X(t) = e^{4(e^t-1)}$$

$$e^{\lambda(e^t-1)} = e^{4(e^t-1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 4$$

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$$\text{mean} = \lambda = 4 \Rightarrow \text{mean} = \mu$$
$$\lambda = \mu$$

$$\therefore \mu = 4$$

$$\text{variance} : \lambda = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{variance} = \sigma^2$$

$$\lambda = \sigma^2$$

$$\therefore \sigma^2 = 4$$

$$\sigma = 2$$

$$\text{Now, } P(X = \mu + \sigma) = P(X = 4 + 2) = P(X = 6)$$

$$\text{P.D: } P(X = x) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!}, \quad x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$P(X = 6) = \frac{e^{-4} 4^6}{6!}$$

$$= \frac{(0.018) 4096}{720}$$

$$P(X = 6) = 0.102$$

3] The number of monthly breakdown of a computer is a random variable having Poisson distribution with mean equal to 1.8. Find the probability that this computer will function for a month with only one breakdown.

Soln.

$$\text{P.D: } P[X = x] = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!}$$

$$\text{Given, mean } \lambda = 1.8$$

$$\therefore P[X = x] = \frac{e^{-1.8} (1.8)^x}{x!}$$

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$$P[X=1] = \frac{e^{-1.8} (1.8)^1}{1!}$$
$$= 0.165 \times 1.8$$

$$P[X=1] = 0.297$$

4]. If 3% of electric bulbs manufactured by a company are defective. Find the probability that in the sample of 100 bulbs exactly 5 bulbs are defective.

Soln.

$$PD: P(X=x) = \frac{e^{-\lambda} \lambda^x}{x!}$$

$$\text{Given, } n=100, p=3\% = 0.03$$

$$\lambda = np$$
$$= 100(0.03)$$

$$\lambda = 3$$

$$\text{Now, } P(X=5) = \frac{e^{-3} (3)^5}{5!}$$

$$= \frac{(0.05)(243)}{120}$$

$$= \frac{12.150}{120}$$

$$= 0.101$$

5]. A manufacturer of pins knows that 2% of the product are defective. If he sells pins in boxes of 100 and guarantees that not more than 4 pins will be defective. What is the probability that box will <sup>to</sup> meet guarantee quality?

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Soln.

$$\text{Given } n=100, p=2\% = 0.02$$

$$\lambda = np$$

$$= 100 \times 0.02$$

$$\lambda = 2$$

$$\text{Now, } P(X \leq 4) = 1 - P(X > 4)$$

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$$= 1 - [P(X=0) + P(X=1) + P(X=2) + P(X=3) + P(X=4)]$$

$$= 1 - e^{-2} \left[ \frac{2^0}{0!} + \frac{2^1}{1!} + \frac{2^2}{2!} + \frac{2^3}{3!} + \frac{2^4}{4!} \right]$$

$$= 1 - e^{-2} \left[ 1 + 2 + \frac{4}{2} + \frac{8}{6} + \frac{16}{24} \right]$$

$$= 1 - 0.135 \left[ \frac{3+6+6+4+2}{3} \right]$$

$$= 1 - 0.135 \left[ \frac{21}{3} \right]$$

$$= 1 - 0.135 (7)$$

$$= 1 - 0.945$$

$$= 0.055$$

HW

7. A car hire firm has 2 cars which it hires out day by day. The number of demands for a car on each day is distributed with mean 15.

Calculate the proportion of days in which

- neither car is used
- some demand is refused.

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