

Sec 3.5 Poisson Dist

$$X \sim \text{Pois}(\mu)$$

$$P(X=k) = \frac{e^{-\mu} \mu^k}{k!} \quad k=0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

We showed earlier

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} X \sim \text{Pois}(\mu) \\ Y \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda) \end{array} \right\} \text{indep} \quad S = X + Y \sim \text{Pois}(\mu + \lambda)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p) \\ Y \sim \text{Bin}(m, p) \end{array} \right\} \text{indep.}$$

$$X + Y \sim \text{Bin}(n+m, p) \rightarrow \text{Pois}(np + mp)$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k \cdot e^{-\mu} \frac{\mu^k}{k!} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k e^{-\mu} \frac{\mu^k}{k!} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} e^{-\mu} \frac{\mu^k}{(k-1)!} \\ &= \mu e^{-\mu} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} \\ &= \mu e^{-\mu} \left( 1 + \mu + \frac{\mu^2}{2!} + \frac{\mu^3}{3!} + \dots \right) \\ &= \mu e^{-\mu} e^{\mu} = \mu \end{aligned}$$

Trick to find  $\text{Var}(X)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= E(X^2) - E(X)^2 \\ &= \underbrace{E(X^2) - E(X)}_{\text{"}} + E(X) - E(X)^2 \\ &= \underbrace{E(X^2 - X)}_{\text{"}} \\ &= E(X(X-1)) \end{aligned}$$

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**Example 1. The binomial (10, 1/10) distribution.**

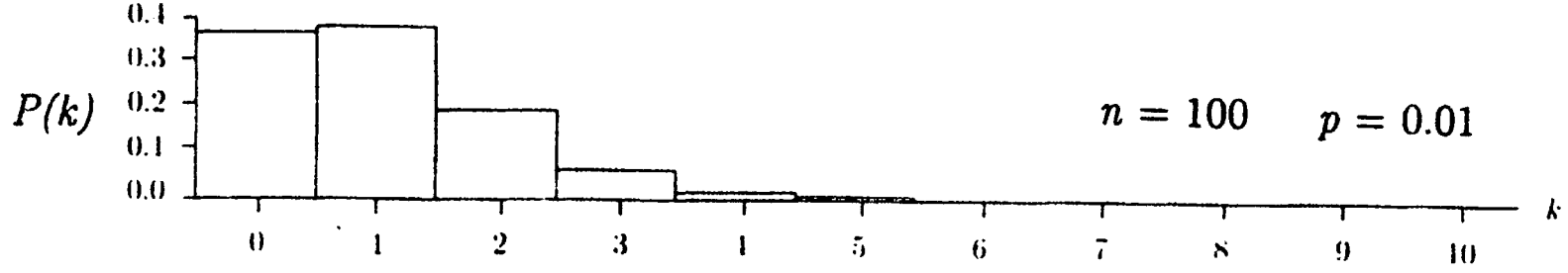
This is the distribution of the number of black balls obtained in 10 random draws with replacement from a box containing 1 black ball and 9 white ones.

Poisson ( $\mu=1$ ) is a limit of binomials  $B(n, \frac{1}{n})$



**Example 2. The binomial (100, 1/100) distribution.**

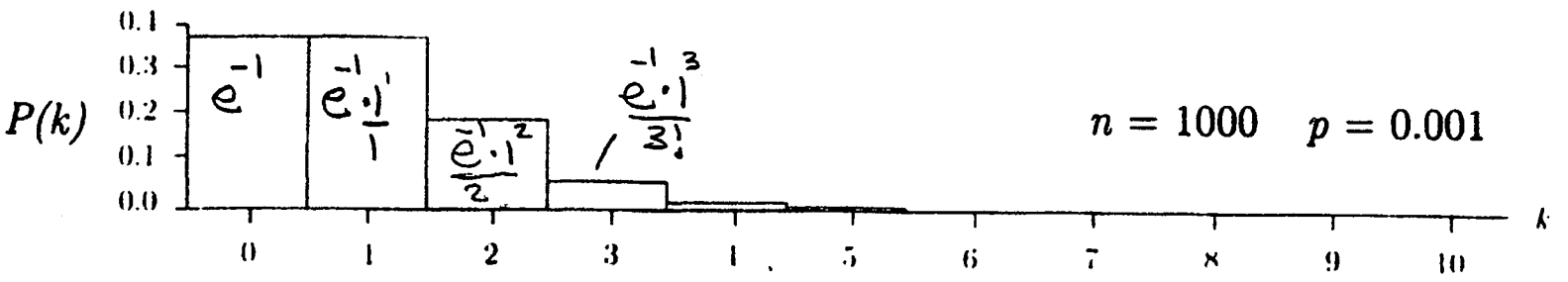
This is the distribution of the number of black balls obtained in 100 random draws with replacement from a box containing 1 black ball and 99 white ones.



**Example 3. The binomial (1000, 1/1000) distribution.**

Now take 1000 random draws with replacement from a box with 1 black ball and 999 white ones. This is the distribution of the number of black balls drawn:

$X \sim \text{Pois}(1)$   
 $P(X=k) = \frac{e^{-1}}{k!}$



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Recall

$$E(g(x)) = \sum_{\text{all } x} g(x) P(x=x)$$

$$E(x(x-1)) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k(k-1) P(x=k)$$

Exam →

$$\frac{e^{-m} m^k}{k!} = m \cdot m^{k-2} \cdot \frac{1}{k!}$$

$$= \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-m} m^{k-2}}{(k-2)!} = m^2 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{m^{k-2}}{(k-2)!} = m^2 e^{-m} (1 + m + \frac{m^2}{2!} + \dots) = m^2$$

$$\text{Var}(x) = m^2 + m - m^2 = m \leftarrow \text{mean} = \text{var for poisson!}$$

$$\text{SD}(x) = \sqrt{m}$$

This makes sense if  $X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p) \approx 1$  p small,  $q \approx 1$

$$\text{SD}(x) = \sqrt{npq} \approx \sqrt{m}$$

I-clicker - see next page.  $m$

### Poisson Random Scatter (PRS)

Thinking of Poisson (m) dist. as the limit of Bin(n, p) for  $n \rightarrow \infty, p \rightarrow 0, np \rightarrow m$ , we see that Poiss(m) can be used to model counts of low probability independent events.

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1. Which of the following can be modeled as a Poisson Random Scatter with intensity  $\lambda > 0$ ?

**a** The number of blueberries in a 3 cubic inch blueberry muffin

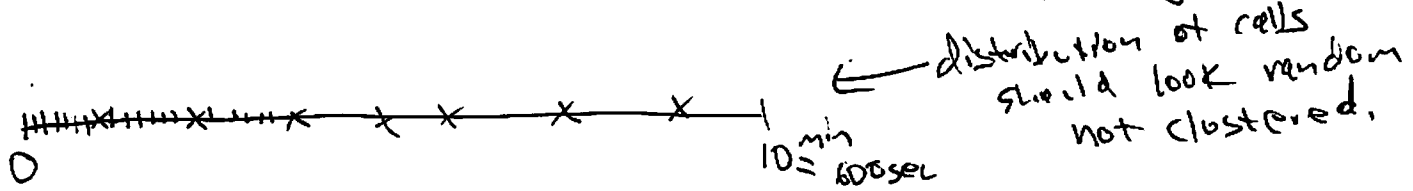
**b** The number of customers entering a bank in a 24 hour period. *- no customers outside of banking hours*

**c** The number of times a day a person feels hungry *- not independent hits*

**d** The number of cigarettes smoked by Professor Lucas per day *-  $\lambda = 0$  since I don't smoke*

**e** more than one of the above

ex The number of calls coming into a hotel reservation center in 10 minutes, say  $\mu = 5$ .



idea divide 10 min into small intervals (say every second)

PRS assumptions

- 1) NO time interval gets more than 1 call, — each interval is a Bernoulli trial, getting a call is success,  $n$  is large so chance a call falls in an interval is small ( $p$  small).
- 2) <sup>Have</sup> independent Bernoulli trials (i.e. calls are indep of each other).

The mean number of calls in 10 minutes

$\mu = np$   
 $\mu = 5$

let  $\lambda = \mu / 10$  be the intensity (rate) of calls / min  
for our PRS.  
↑  
or some unit of time.

ex Blueberry muffin

PRS intensity  $\lambda = 2$  blueberries per cubic inch

A muffin is 3 cubic inches

On average how many blueberries per muffin

$m = \lambda \cdot 3 = 6$  blueberries.

Another muffin (from same large tub of batter)  
Size 4 cubic inches.

Let  $X_2 = \#$  blueberries in second muffin

$$X_2 \sim \text{Pois}(8)$$

Find  $P(5 \text{ blueberries in each muffin})$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= P(X_1=5, X_2=5) = P(X_1=5)P(X_2=5) \\
 &= \left[ e^{-6} \frac{6^5}{5!} \cdot e^{-8} \frac{8^5}{5!} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

Find  $P(10 \text{ blueberries total in both muffins})$

$$P(X_1+X_2=10) = \left[ e^{-14} \frac{14^{10}}{10!} \right]$$