

Stat 134 lec 15

Warmup: 10:00-10:10

Lucy and two friends each have a  $p$ -coin and toss it independently at the same time.

a) What is the probability it takes Lucy more than  $n$  tosses to get heads?

$X = \#$  tosses until Lucy gets heads

$X \sim \text{Geom}(p)$  on  $1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$P(X > n) = q^n p + q^{n+1} p + \dots = q^n p \left[ 1 + q + q^2 + \dots \right] = \frac{q^n p}{1 - q} = \boxed{q^n}$$

b) What is the probability that the first person to get a head has to toss more than  $n$  times.

$$P(\min(x_1, x_2, x_3) > n)$$



$$= P(x_1 > n, x_2 > n, x_3 > n)$$

$$= \underbrace{P(x_1 > n)}^3 \text{ by independence and } x_1, x_2, x_3 \sim \text{Geom}(p),$$

$$= \boxed{q^{3n}} = \left( q^3 \right)^n$$

Fact  $X \sim \text{Geom}(p)$   
iff  $P(X > n) = q^n$

It follows that

$$\min(x_1, x_2, x_3) \sim \text{Geom}\left(1 - q^3\right)$$

Announcement: midterm review materials are on website.  
Will start review Friday.

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sec 3.1 Geometric distribution ( $\text{Geom}(p)$ )

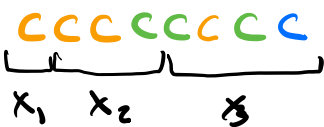
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Coupon collector's problem

You have a collection of boxes each containing a coupon. There are  $n$  different coupons. Each box is equally likely to contain any coupon independent of the other boxes.

$X$  = # boxes needed to get all  $n$  different coupons.

ex  $n=3$   $X = X_1 + X_2 + X_3$



$\sim \text{Geom}(\frac{2}{3})$   
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a) What is the distribution of  $X_1, X_2, X_3$ ?  
Are they independent? - yes

b) What is  $E(X) = \frac{1}{\frac{2}{3}} + \frac{1}{\frac{1}{3}} + \frac{1}{\frac{1}{3}} = 3 \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} \right)$

$\text{Var}(X_i) = \frac{q}{p^2}$

c) What is  $\text{Var}(X)$ ?  $\frac{\frac{3}{3}}{\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2} + \frac{\frac{3}{3}}{\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2} + \frac{\frac{3}{3}}{\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2} = 3 \left( 0 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{2}{1^2} \right)$

Solve for n coupons:

$$X_1 = \# \text{ boxes to } 1^{\text{st}} \text{ coupon} \sim \text{geom}\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$$

$$X_1 + X_2 = \# \text{ boxes to } 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ coupon so } X_2 \sim \text{geom}\left(\frac{n-1}{n}\right)$$

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$$X_1 + \dots + X_n = \# \text{ boxes to } n^{\text{th}} \text{ coupon so } X_n \sim \text{geom}\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)$$

$X = X_1 + \dots + X_n$  sum of indep geom with diff. p.

$$E(X) = E(X_1) + E(X_2) + E(X_3) + \dots + E(X_n)$$

$\frac{1}{1/n} \quad \frac{1}{(n-1)/n} \quad \frac{1}{(n-2)/n} \quad \dots \quad \frac{1}{1/n}$

$$E(X) = n \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n} \right)$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = n \left( \frac{10}{n^2} + \frac{1}{(n-1)^2} + \dots + \frac{n-1}{1^2} \right)$$

Today

- ① Finish sec 3.4 Minimum of independent geometrics
- ② sec 3.5 Poisson distribution
- ③ Poisson random scatter (PRS) **AKA**  
**Poisson Process**

① sec 3.4 Minimum of independent geometrics

Adam, Beth and John independently flip a  $p_1, p_2, p_3$  coin respectively, let  $X = \# \text{ trials until Adam, Beth or John get a heads.}$

ex	A	TTT	$X_1 \sim \text{Geom}(p_1)$
	B	TTT	$X_2 \sim \text{Geom}(p_2)$
	J	TTT	$X_3 \sim \text{Geom}(p_3)$
		$\underbrace{\hspace{2em}}$	
		$x=3$	

a) what is probability Adam, Beth or John get a head?

$$\begin{aligned} P &= \text{Prob}(A \text{ or } B \text{ or } J \text{ get heads}) \\ &= 1 - \text{Prob}(A, B, J \text{ don't get heads}) \\ &= 1 - q_1 q_2 q_3 \end{aligned}$$

b) what distribution is  $X$ ?

$$X = \min(x_1, x_2, x_3) \sim \text{Geom}(1 - q_1 q_2 q_3)$$

② sec 3.5 Poisson distribution (Pois( $\mu$ ))

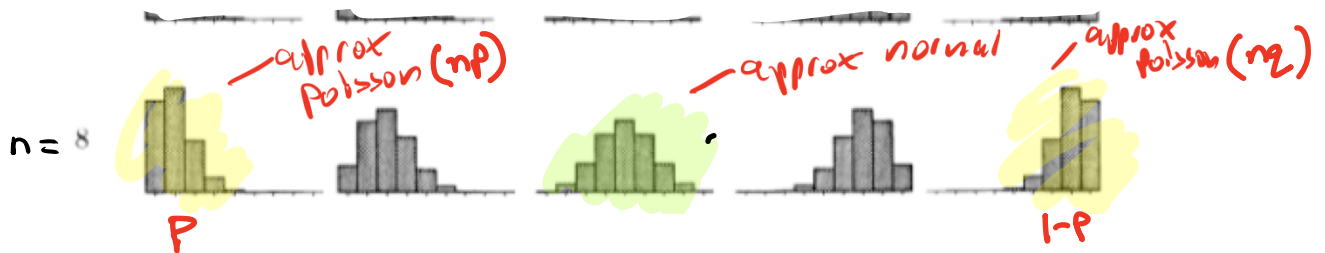
$$X \sim \text{Pois}(\mu)$$

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

Intuitively, we know  $E(X) = \mu$  and  $\text{Var}(X) = \mu$

since,

$$\text{Bin}(n,p) \rightarrow \text{Pois}(\mu) \quad \text{when} \quad \begin{matrix} n \rightarrow \infty \\ p \rightarrow 0 \\ np \rightarrow \mu. \end{matrix}$$



Also we expect  $npq \rightarrow \mu q \approx \mu$  so  $\text{var}(X)$  should be  $\mu$ . See appendix for a proof.

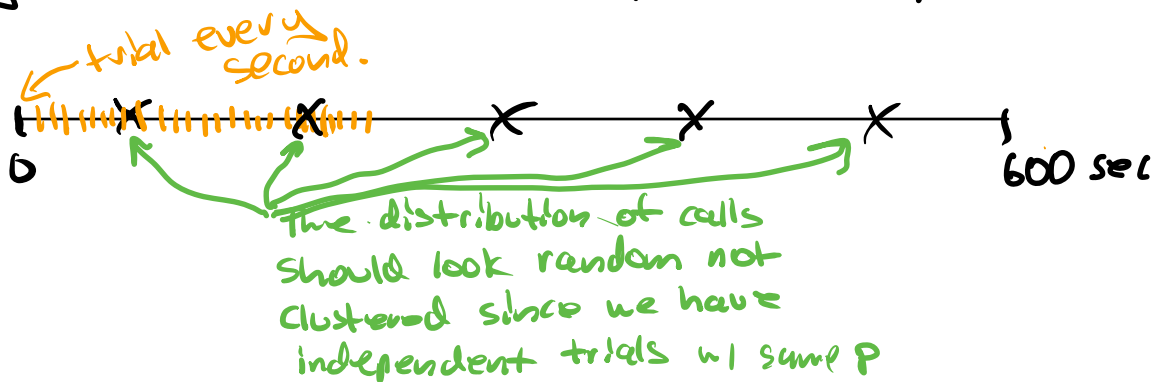
$$\begin{aligned} \text{ex Let } X &\sim \text{Pois}(\mu) &= \text{Var}(X) + (E(X))^2 \\ \text{Find } E(X(X+1)) &= E(X^2) + E(X) = \mu + \mu^2 + \mu \\ &= \boxed{2\mu + \mu^2} \end{aligned}$$

$x^2 + x$

### (3) Poisson Random Scatter (PRS)

A random scatter of points in a time line is an example of a Poisson random scatter.

ex  $X$  = number of calls coming into a hotel reservation center in 600 seconds. Choose an interval of time so no time interval gets more than one call (ex seconds),



### PRS assumption

- 1) No time interval gets more than one call
- 2) Have  $n$  iid Bernoulli  $P$  trials with  $\mu = np$  large  $n$ , small  $P$ .  
(i.e. all calls are independent of each other with the same probability)

Let  $X = \# \text{ calls in } \underbrace{t \text{ seconds}}_{\text{time of } n \text{ trials}}$

Then  $X \sim \text{Pois}(\mu) \leftarrow \text{limit of Bin}(n, p)$  as  $\begin{matrix} n \rightarrow \infty \\ p \rightarrow 0 \\ np \rightarrow \mu \end{matrix}$

Say on average there are  $\mu = 5$  calls in 600 seconds

Let  $\lambda$  be the rate (or intensity) of calls per second

ex  $\lambda = \frac{5}{600}$  calls/sec in above example.

Since  $\lambda$  is the same every time interval (PRS assumptions)  $\mu = \lambda t$ .

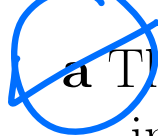
$\lambda$  has units calls/sec so  $\mu = \lambda t$  has units calls in  $t$  sec

ex  $\mu = \lambda t = \frac{5}{600} \cdot 600 = 5$  calls in 600 sec.

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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 patients entering a doctor's office in a 24 hour period.



c The number of times a day a person feels hungry



d The number of air pulses counted every second from cars driving over an empty rubber hose lying across a highway between noon and 1pm.




e more than one of the above

at diff. times and 3am.



air pulses  
come in pairs from front and back tires. This is not random scatter.





## Appendix

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

Then  $E(X) = \mu$  and

$$\text{Var}(X) = \mu$$

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Recall  $e^\mu = 1 + \mu + \frac{\mu^2}{2!} + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\mu^k}{k!}$  Taylor series.

$$E(X) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k \cdot P(X=k) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k e^{-\mu} \frac{\mu^k}{k!}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k e^{-\mu} \frac{\mu^{k-1} \mu}{(k-1)! k}$$

$$= \mu e^{-\mu} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu^{k-1}}{(k-1)!}$$

$$= \mu e^{-\mu} \underbrace{\left(1 + \mu + \frac{\mu^2}{2!} + \dots\right)}_{e^\mu} = \boxed{\mu}$$

(note  $0 \cdot e^{-\mu} \frac{\mu^0}{0!} = 0$ )

Next we show  $\text{var}(X) = \mu$ :

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

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

$\begin{matrix} \parallel \\ -\mu \cdot k \\ e^{-\mu} \mu^k \\ \cancel{k(k-1)(k-2)!} \end{matrix}$

$$= e^{-\mu} \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{\mu^k}{(k-2)!}$$

$\parallel e^{-\mu}$

$$= e^{-\mu} \mu^2 \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} \frac{\mu^{k-2}}{(k-2)!} = \mu^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Var}(X) = \mu^2 + \mu - \mu^2 = \boxed{\mu}$$

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