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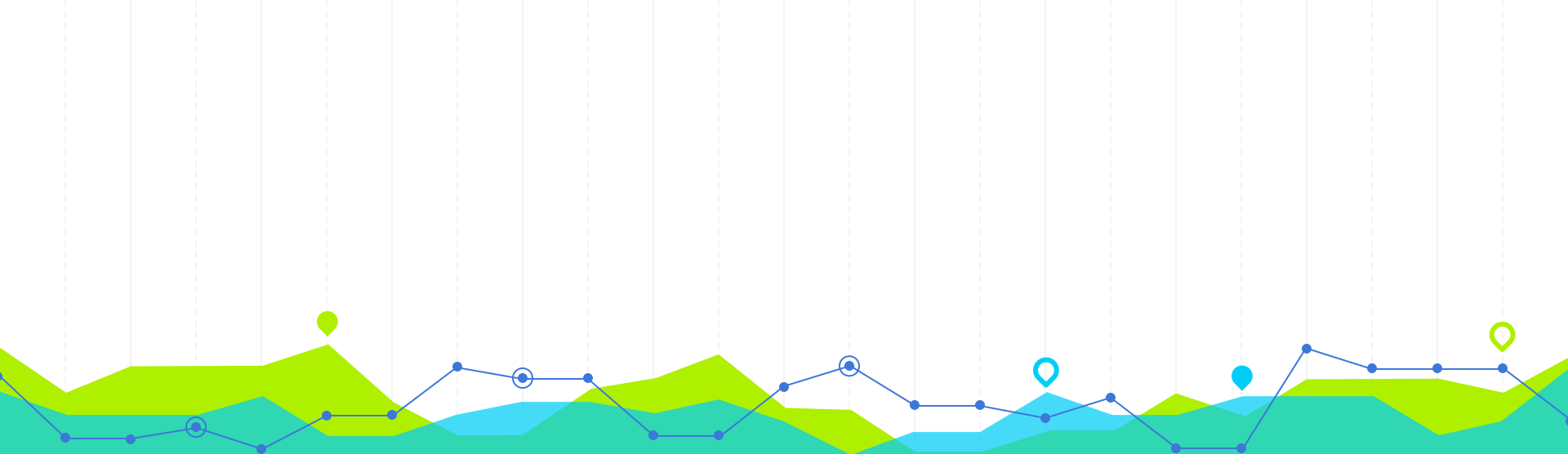


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- Expectations and parameters for a random variable and two dimensional random variables
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Discrete Distributions: Exercises

Binomial Distribution and Hypergeometric Distribution

Chapter 6

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1. A box contains 10 balls, of which 3 are red, 2 are yellow, and 5 are blue. Five balls are randomly selected with replacement.
 - (a) Calculate the probability that less than 2 of the selected balls are red.
 - (b) Assume now that the five balls are randomly selected without replacement. Compute the previous probability.



Exercise 1 a)

10 balls $\begin{cases} 3 \text{ red} \\ 2 \text{ yellow} \\ 5 \text{ blue} \end{cases} \rightarrow \text{extract } 5 \text{ (with replacement)}$

a)

Binomial Distribution

$X \equiv \# \text{ of red balls selected (in 5 possible)}$

$$p = P(\text{red ball}) = \frac{3}{10} = 0.3$$

$$X \sim \text{Bin}(5, 0.3)$$

$$f_X(x) = \binom{5}{x} 0.3^x \cdot 0.7^{5-x} \quad (x = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)$$

$$P(X < 2) = f_X(0) + f_X(1) = \binom{5}{0} 0.3^0 \cdot 0.7^5 + \binom{5}{1} 0.3^1 \cdot 0.7^4 \approx 0.528$$

Binomial Distribution

- The *Binomial random variable* is defined as the number of successes in n trials, each of which has the probability of success p .
- The *Binomial random variable*: X = number of successes in n trials. One can show that the probability function is given by

$$f_X(x) = \binom{n}{x} \times p^x (1-p)^{n-x}, \quad x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n$$

where

$$\binom{n}{x} = \frac{n!}{x!(n-x)!}$$

is the number of x combinations from a set with n elements and $k! = k \times (k-1) \times \dots \times 2 \times 1$.

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Properties:

- 1 $E(X) = np$,
- 2 $Var(X) = np(1-p)$
- 3 $M_X(t) = [(1-p) + pe^t]^n$

Exercise 1 b)

b)

Hypergeometric Distribution

Without replacement

$X \equiv$ # of red balls selected (in 5 possible)

$$\Theta = P(\text{red ball}) = \frac{3}{10} = 0.3$$

$X \sim \text{Hypergeometric}(10, 3, 5)$

\uparrow \uparrow \uparrow m draws
 N balls M red balls

$$f_x(x) = \frac{\binom{7}{5-x} \binom{3}{x}}{\binom{10}{5}} \quad (x = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)$$

$$P(X < 2) = f_x(0) + f_x(1) = \frac{\binom{7}{5} \binom{3}{0}}{\binom{10}{5}} + \frac{\binom{7}{4} \binom{3}{1}}{\binom{10}{5}} = 0.5$$

Hypergeometric Distribution

Consider a finite population of size N that contains exactly M objects with a specific feature. The hyper-geometric distribution is a discrete probability distribution that describes the probability of k successes in n draws (to get k objects with the referred feature), without replacement.

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$$X \sim \text{Hypergeometric}(N, M, n)$$

$$P(X = k) = \begin{cases} \frac{\binom{N-M}{n-k} \binom{M}{k}}{\binom{N}{n}}, & k = \max\{0, n - (N - M)\}, \dots, \min\{n, M\} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Properties: If $X \sim \text{Hypergeometric}(N, M, n)$, then

- ① $E(X) = n \times \frac{M}{N}$
- ② $\text{Var}(X) = n \frac{M}{N} (1 - \frac{M}{N}) \frac{N-n}{N-1}$
- ③ There is no closed form solution for $M_X(t)$

2. Prove that if $X_1 \sim B(n_1, p)$ and $X_2 \sim B(n_2, p)$ and X_1 and X_2 are independent random variables, then $X_1 + X_2 \sim B(n_1 + n_2, p)$
- (Hint:** Recall that if $X \sim B(n, p)$, then $M_X(t) = [(1 - p) + pe^t]^n$.)



Exercise 2

$$\begin{aligned} X_1 &\sim \text{Bin}(n_1, p) & m_{X_1}(t) &= [(1-p) + pe^t]^{n_1} \\ X_2 &\sim \text{Bin}(n_2, p) & m_{X_2}(t) &= [(1-p) + pe^t]^{n_2} \\ X_1 &\perp X_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} m_{X_1+X_2}(t) &= E(e^{t(X_1+X_2)}) = E(e^{tX_1} e^{tX_2}) = \\ &\xrightarrow{\text{because } X_1 \perp X_2} E(e^{tX_1}) E(e^{tX_2}) = m_{X_1}(t) m_{X_2}(t) \\ &= [(1-p) + pe^t]^{n_1} \times [(1-p) + pe^t]^{n_2} = \end{aligned}$$

$$= [(1-p) + pe^t]^{n_1+n_2} \rightarrow \text{M.G.F. of a Bin}(n_1+n_2, p) \text{ random variable}$$

Therefore $X_1 + X_2 \sim \text{Bin}(n_1+n_2, p)$, $Q \in \mathbb{D}$

Moment generating function:

$$M_X(t) = E(e^{tX})$$

3. Let $X \sim B(n, p)$ and $X^* \sim B(n, 1 - p)$, show that $P(n - X^* = x) = P(X = x)$.



Exercise 3

$$X \sim \text{Bin}(m, p) \quad f_x(x) = \binom{m}{x} p^x (1-p)^{m-x}$$
$$X^* \sim \text{Bin}(m, 1-p) \quad f_{x^*}(x^*) = \binom{m}{x^*} (1-p)^{x^*} p^{m-x^*}$$

By definition

$$\begin{aligned} P(m - X^* = x) &= P(X^* = m - x) = f_{x^*}(m - x) \\ &= \binom{m}{m-x} (1-p)^{m-x} p^{m-(m-x)} = \\ &= \binom{m}{m-x} (1-p)^{m-x} p^x = \\ (*) &= \binom{m}{x} p^x (1-p)^{m-x} = f_x(x) = P(X=x), \quad Q \in \mathbb{D} \end{aligned}$$

(*) Auxiliary calculation:

$$\binom{m}{m-x} = \frac{m!}{(m-x)![m-(m-x)]!} = \frac{m!}{(m-x)! x!} = \frac{m}{x!(m-x)!} = \binom{m}{x}$$

4. Just prior to jury selection for O. J. Simpson's murder trial in 1995, a poll found that about 20% of the adult population believed Simpson was innocent (after much of the physical evidence in the case had been revealed to the public). Ignore the fact that this 20% is an estimate based on a subsample from the population; for illustration, take it as the true percentage of people who thought Simpson was innocent prior to jury selection. Assume that the 12 jurors were selected randomly and independently from the population
- (a) Find the probability that the jury had at least one member who believed in Simpson's innocence.
 - (b) Find the probability that the jury had at least two members who believed in Simpson's innocence.
 - (c) What is the expected value and the variance of the number of jurors, in a sample of 12 jurors, who believed in Simpson's innocence?



Exercise 4 a)

$X \equiv$ # of jurors that believe in Simpson's innocence

$$X \sim \text{Bin}(12, 0.2) \quad f_x(x) = \binom{12}{x} 0.2^x \times 0.8^{12-x} \quad (x = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 12)$$

a)

$$P(X \geq 1) = 1 - P(X < 1) = 1 - f_x(0) = 1 - \binom{12}{0} 0.2^0 \times 0.8^{12} \approx 0.9313$$

Exercise 4 b)

b)

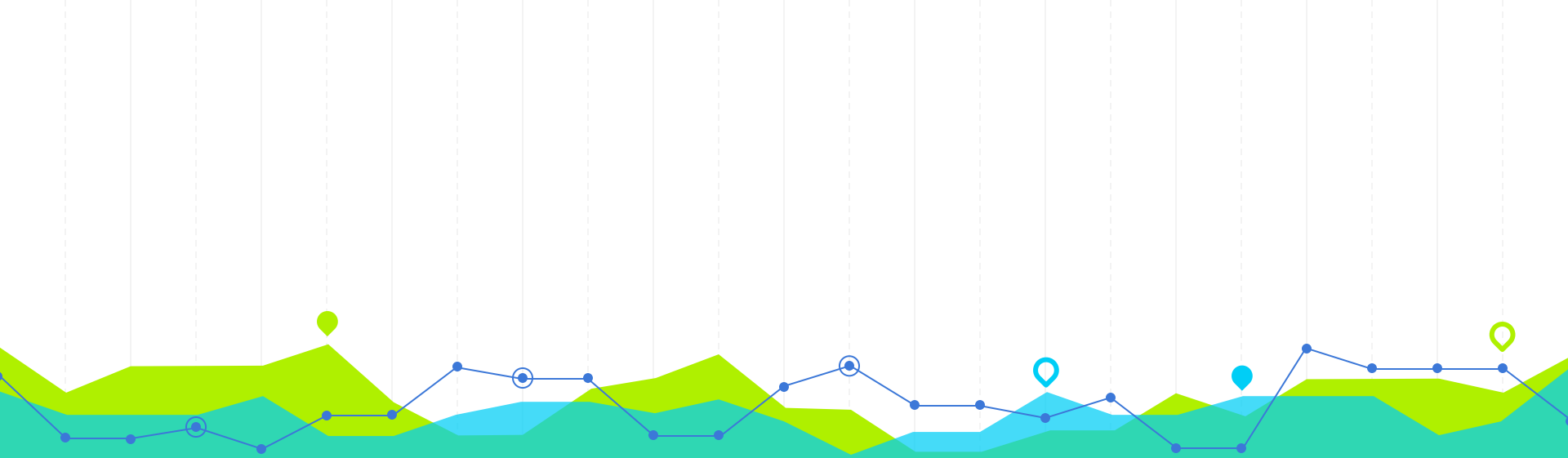
$$\begin{aligned} P(X \geq 2) &= 1 - P(X < 2) = 1 - P(X \leq 1) = 1 - (f_X(0) + f_X(1)) = \\ &= 1 - \left(\binom{12}{0} 0.2^0 \times 0.8^{12} + \binom{12}{1} 0.2^1 \times 0.8^{11} \right) \approx 0.7551 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 4 c)

$$c) \quad X \sim \text{Bin}(n, p) \rightarrow E(X) = n p ; \quad \text{Var}(X) = n p (1-p)$$

$$E(X) = 12 \times 0.2 = 2.4$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = 12 \times 0.2 \times 0.8 = 1.92$$



Discrete Distributions: Exercises

Geometric Distribution and Negative Binomial Distribution

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5. A student takes a multiple choice test with 20 questions, each with 4 choices and only one is correct.

- (a) Assume that the student blindly guesses and gets one question correct. Find the probability that the reader has to read no more than 4 questions until we get the right one.
- (b) Assume that the student blindly guesses and gets two question correct. Find the probability that the reader has to read 10 questions until he gets the second question that is correct.



Exercise 5 a)

$m = 20$ questions

$p = \text{Prob}(\text{correct answer in one question}) = 0.25$

a)

$X \equiv$ # of questions until the first correct answer

$$X \sim \text{Geo}(0.25) \quad f_x(x) = 0.75^{x-1} \times 0.25 \quad (x = 1, 2, \dots)$$

$$P(X \leq 4) = \sum_{x=1}^4 f_x(x) = 0.25 \sum_{x=1}^4 0.75^{x-1} = 0.25 (0.75^0 + 0.75^1 + 0.75^2 + 0.75^3) \approx 0.683$$

Note: This answer assumes that the reader can check any question more than one time.
The geometric distribution assumes unlimited possible trials (but here we have 20)

Geometric Distribution

- If X is the random variable that counts the number of trials until a success! and the 1st success occurs on the x^{th} trial (the first $x - 1$ trials are failures), then X follows a geometric distribution with a probability of success p .

$$X \sim \text{Geo}(p)$$

$$P(X = x) = (1 - p)^{x-1}p, \quad x = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

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Exercise 5 b)

b)

$Y \equiv$ # of questions until the second correct answer

$$Y \sim NB(2, 0.25) \quad f_Y(y) = \binom{y-1}{1} 0.25^2 \cdot 0.75^{y-2}, \quad y = 2, 3, \dots$$

$$f_Y(10) = \binom{9}{1} 0.25^2 \cdot 0.75^8 \approx 0.0563$$

Negative Binomial Distribution

- If the k^{th} success is to occur on the x^{th} trial, there must be $k - 1$ successes on the first $x - 1$ trials, and the probability for this is

$$P(X = x) = \binom{x-1}{k-1} p^k (1-p)^{x-k}, \quad x = k, k+1, k+2, \dots$$

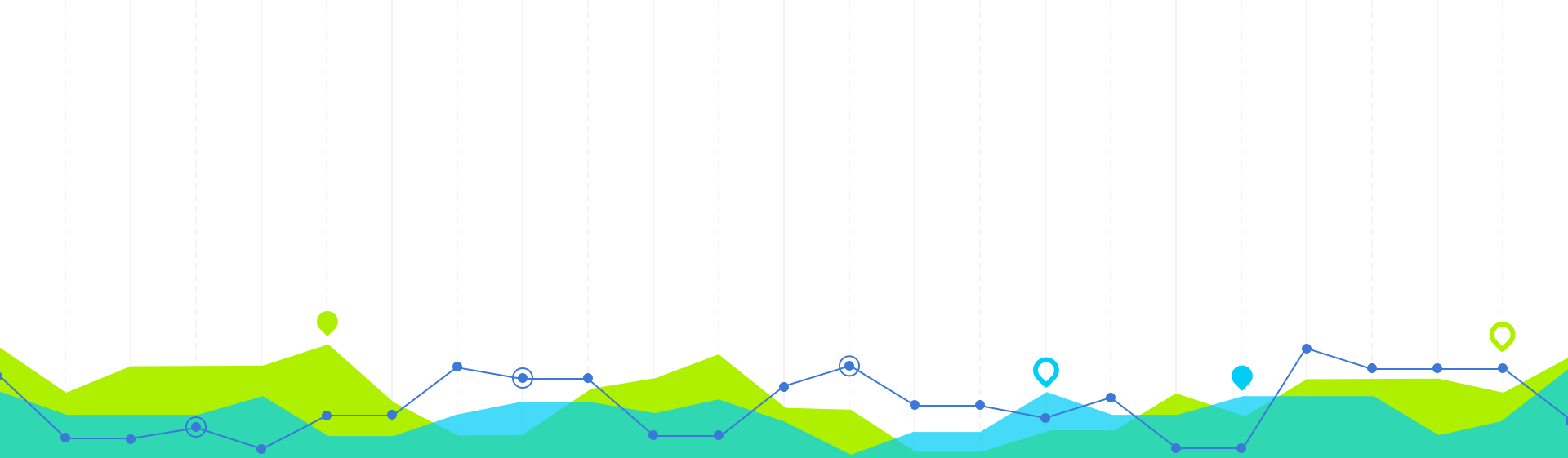
where X follows a negative binomial distribution with parameters k and p

$$X \sim NB(k, p)$$

Properties:

- ① $E(X) = \frac{k}{p}$
- ② $Var(X) = \frac{k}{p} \left(\frac{1}{p} - 1 \right)$
- ③ $M_X(t) = \left(\frac{pe^t}{1-e^t(1-p)} \right)^k$

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Poisson Distribution
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6. Past Experience indicates that an average number of 6 customers per hour stop for petrol at a petrol station. Assuming that the number of customers that stop for petrol at a petrol station is a Poisson random variable:
- (a) What is the probability of having 3 customers stopping in any hour?
 - (b) What is the probability of having 3 customers or less stopping in any hour?
 - (c) What is the expected value, and standard deviation of the distribution.



Poisson Distribution

The Poisson random variable is a discrete rv that describes the number of occurrences within a randomly chosen unit of time or space. For example, within a minute, hour, day, kilometer.

The Poisson probability function is a discrete function defined for non-negative integers. If X is a Poisson random variable with parameter λ , we write $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$. The Poisson distribution with parameter $\lambda > 0$, it is defined by

$$f_X(x) = P(X = x) = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}, x = 0, 1, 2, ..$$

Properties:

- ① $E(X) = \text{Var}(X) = \lambda$.
- ② $M_X(t) = e^{\lambda(e^t - 1)}$.
- ③ If $X_i \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_i)$ and the X_i are independent random variables, then $\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim \text{Poisson}(\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i)$.

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Exercise 6 a)

$X \equiv$ customers in one hour $E(X) = 6$

$$X \sim \text{Poi}(6) \quad f_X(x) = \frac{e^{-6} 6^x}{x!} \quad (x = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$$

a)

$$f_X(3) = \frac{e^{-6} 6^3}{3!} \approx 0.089$$

Exercise 6 b)

b)

$$\begin{aligned} F_X(3) &= \sum_{x=0}^3 f_X(x) = \sum_{x=0}^3 \frac{e^{-6} 6^x}{x!} = e^{-6} \left(\frac{6^0}{0!} + \frac{6^1}{1!} + \frac{6^2}{2!} + \frac{6^3}{3!} \right) \\ &= e^{-6} \left(\frac{6^0}{0!} + \frac{6^1}{1!} + \frac{6^2}{2!} + \frac{6^3}{3!} \right) \approx 0.1512 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 6 b)

e)

$$X \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda) \rightarrow E(X) = \text{Var}(X) = \lambda$$

$$\sigma_X = \sqrt{\text{Var}(X)} = \sqrt{\lambda}$$

$$E(X) = \text{Var}(X) = 6$$

$$\sigma_X = \sqrt{6}$$

7. The average number of trucks arriving on any one day at a truck depot in a certain city is known to be 2.
- (a) If we assume a Poisson distribution, what is the probability that on a given day fewer than 2 trucks will arrive at this depot?
 - (b) Assume that in a set of 10 random days the number of trucks arriving at the truck depot is independent in each day. Compute the probability of having fewer than 2 trucks arriving at the truck depot each day, for 5 days.



Exercise 7 a)

$X \equiv$ # of trucks arriving at the depot in one day

$$E(X) = 2$$

a)

$$X \sim \text{Poi}(2) \quad f_X(x) = \frac{e^{-2} 2^x}{x!} \quad x = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X < 2) &= \underbrace{P(X \leq 1)}_{F_X(1)} = f_X(0) + f_X(1) = \\ &= \frac{e^{-2} 2^0}{0!} + \frac{e^{-2} 2^1}{1!} \simeq 0.41 \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 7 b)

b)

$Y \equiv$ # of days (in 10 possible days) with fewer than 2 trucks arriving at the depot

$$n = 10$$

$$p = P(X < 2) = F_X(1) \simeq 0.41$$

$$Y \sim \text{Bin}(10, 0.41) \quad f_Y(y) = \binom{10}{y} 0.41^y (1-0.41)^{10-y} \quad (y = 0, 1, \dots, 10)$$

$$f_Y(5) = \binom{10}{5} 0.41^5 0.59^5 \simeq 0.209$$

Thanks!

Questions?

