

Please provide complete and well-written solutions to the following exercises.
Due on May 22nd before noon.

Homework 6

Exercise 1. Thomas catches fish at times of a Poisson process with rate 2 per hour. 40% of the fish are salmons and 60% are trouts. A salmon weighs an average of 8 pounds with a standard deviation of 2 pounds, and a trout weighs an average of 4 pounds with a standard deviation of 1 pound.

- (i) Find the mean and standard deviation of the total weight of fish he catches in two hours.
- (ii) What is the probability that he will catch exactly 1 salmon and 2 trouts if he fishes for 2.5 hours?

Exercise 2. Let $(S_t)_t$ be the price of stock at time t and suppose that at times of a Poisson process with rate λ the price is multiplied by a random variable X_i with mean μ and variance σ^2 . In other words, we consider $S_t = S_0 \prod_{i=1}^{N(t)} X_i$, where by convention $S_t = S_0$ if $N(t) = 0$. Find $\mathbb{E}[S(t)]$ and $\text{Var}[S(t)]$.

Exercise 3. Two copy editors read a 300-page manuscript. The first found 100 errors, the second found 120, and their lists contain 80 errors in common. Suppose that the author's typos follow a Poisson process with some unknown rate λ per page, while the two copy editors catch errors with unknown probabilities of success p_1 and p_2 . Let X_0 be the number of typos that neither found. Let X_1 and X_2 be the number of typos found only by 1 and only by 2, respectively, and let X_3 be the number of typos found by both.

- (i) Find the joint distribution of (X_0, X_1, X_2, X_3) .
- (ii) Use the previous answer to infer an estimate of p_1, p_2 , and then on the number of undiscovered typos.

Exercise 4. A light bulb has a lifetime that is exponential with a mean of 200 days. When it burns out a janitor replaces it immediately. In addition, there is a handyman who comes at times of a Poisson process at rate .01 and replaces the bulb as "preventive maintenance".

- (i) How often is the bulb replaced?
- (ii) In the long run, what fraction of the replacements are due to failure?

Exercise 5. Consider two independent Poisson processes $(N_1(t))_t$ and $(N_2(t))_t$ with rates λ_1 and λ_2 . What is the probability that the two-dimensional process $(N_1(t), N_2(t))_t$ ever visits the point (m, n) ?

Exercise 6. Let $(N(t))_{t \geq 0}$ be a Poisson process with rate λ . Let T be a stopping time for $(N(t))_t$, that is, a nonnegative random variable such that for all $s \geq 0$ the event $\{T = s\}$ is independent of the process $(N(t+s) - N(s))_{t \geq 0}$.

- (i) Conditioning on $\{T < \infty\}$, show that $(N(t+T) - N(T))_{t \geq 0}$ is a Poisson process with rate λ and is independent of $(N(t))_{t \leq T}$.
- (ii) Let S_1 be the first time that we see three arrivals during a unit of time, that is,

$$S_1 := \inf\{t \geq 0 : N(t) - N(t-1) = 3\}.$$

Show that S_1 is a stopping time.

- (iii) Let S_2 be the first time t such that there is no arrival in the interval $[t, t+1]$. Is S_2 a stopping time? Is $(N(t+S_2) - N(S_2))_{t \geq 0}$ a Poisson process with rate λ ?