

Poisson Distr-n.

Recall: if X_1, \dots, X_n are Poisson random variables with parameters $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n$, then $X := \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ is a Poisson random variable with parameter $\lambda = \lambda_1 + \dots + \lambda_n$.

Problem. Let $X(t)$ and $Y(t)$ be two independent Poisson processes with means λ and μ . Set $Z = X + Y$.

(a) Find $P(Z(3) = 4)$.

(b) Given that $X(1) = 1$, find $P(Z(1) = 3)$.

(c) Given that $Z(1) = 5$, find $P(Y(1) = 3)$.

Sol-n's

(a) $Z(t)$ is a Poisson process with param. $\lambda + \mu$, so

$$P(Z(3) = 4) = \frac{(3(\lambda + \mu))^4}{4!} e^{-3(\lambda + \mu)}$$

Rmk: we could come up with the same answer using that $4 = 4+0 = 3+1 = 2+2 = 1+3 = 0+4$ and, hence,

$$\begin{aligned} P(Z(3) = 4) &= P(X(3) = 4) \cdot P(Y(3) = 0) + P(X(3) = 3) \cdot P(Y(3) = 1) \\ &+ P(X(3) = 2) \cdot P(Y(3) = 2) + P(X(3) = 1) \cdot P(Y(3) = 3) + P(X(3) = 0) \cdot P(Y(3) = 4) \\ &= 3^4 e^{-3\lambda} \cdot e^{-3\mu} \left(\frac{\lambda^4}{4!} + \frac{\lambda^3 \mu}{3! \cdot 1!} + \dots + \frac{\mu^4}{4!} \right) \\ &= \frac{3^4 (\lambda + \mu)^4}{4!} \cdot e^{-3(\lambda + \mu)}. \end{aligned}$$

$$(b) P(Z(1)=3 | X(1)=1) = \frac{P(Z(1)=3 \cap X(1)=1)}{P(X(1)=1)} = \frac{P(X(1)=1) \cdot P(Y(1)=2)}{P(X(1)=1)}$$

$$= P(Y(1)=2) = \frac{\mu^2}{2!} e^{-\mu}$$

$$(c) P(Y(1)=3 | Z(1)=5) = \frac{P(Y(1)=3 \cap Z(1)=5)}{P(Z(1)=5)}$$

$$= \frac{P(Y(1)=3) \cdot P(X(1)=2)}{P(Z(1)=5)} = \frac{\frac{\mu^3}{3!} \cdot \frac{\lambda^2}{2!} \cdot e^{-\mu} \cdot e^{-\lambda}}{\frac{(\lambda+\mu)^5}{5!} e^{-\lambda-\mu}} = \frac{5!}{2! \cdot 3!} \cdot \frac{\lambda^2 \mu^3}{(\lambda+\mu)^5}$$

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Suppose that on average 10 people move into a city per week. Assume this is a Poisson process.

(a) Find the probability that 2 people move into the city the next day.

(b) Find the probability that the time until the next arrival is more than 2 days.

(c) Find the expected time until the 100th arrival.

(d) Estimate the probability that 500th arrival happens after more than one year.

Sol-n:

$$(a) P(X(\frac{1}{7})=2) = \frac{(\frac{10}{7})^2}{2!} e^{-\frac{10}{7}} \approx 0.245.$$

(b) Let T_n be the time between the $(n-1)^{st}$ and n^{th} arrivals. Then $P(T_1 > t) = 1 - P(X(t) \geq 1) = e^{-\lambda t}$ or $e^{-\frac{10}{7}t}$ in our case. This gives $P(T > 2) = e^{-\frac{20}{7}} = 0.06$.

(c) T_1, T_2, \dots, T_{100} are i.i.d. random variables with mean $\frac{1}{\lambda} = \frac{7}{10}$. Thus, $E(T_1 + T_2 + \dots + T_{100}) = 100 E(T_1) = 70$ days or 70 weeks.

(d) Let $T = T_1 + \dots + T_{500}$, as T_i 's are i.i.d. random variables and $500 \gg 0$ (is a large number), we apply the CLT:

$$\frac{T - n\mu}{\sqrt{n}\sigma(T_i)} \approx \frac{T - 500 \cdot 0.1}{\sqrt{500} \cdot 0.1} \stackrel{\frac{1}{\sigma} = \frac{1}{10}}{\sim} N(0, 1).$$

As there are 52 weeks in a year, we need

$$T > 52 \text{ or } Z > \frac{52 - 500 \cdot 0.1}{\sqrt{500} \cdot 0.1} = 0.894$$

Finally, $P(Z > 0.894) = 1 - P(Z \leq 0.894) = 0.186$

Brownian Motion.

HW problem. Let $B(t)$ be a standard Brownian motion.

(a) Find $P(B(4) > 1)$.

(b) Find $P(B(4) > 1 \wedge B(7) - B(4) < 2)$.

(c) Find $P(B(4) > 3 \mid B(2) = 1)$.

Sol-n:

(a) $P(B(4) > 1) = P(Z > \frac{1}{2}) = 1 - P(Z \leq \frac{1}{2}) = 1 - 0.691 = 0.309$.
 $\sim N(0, 4)$

(b) $P(B(4) > 1 \wedge B(7) - B(4) < 2) = P(B(4) > 1) \cdot P(B(7) - B(4) < 2)$
 $= 0.309 \cdot P(Z < \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}) = 0.309 \cdot 0.876 = 0.271$

$\sim N(0, 3)$

(c) $P(B(4) > 3 \mid B(2) = 1) =$

$= P(B(4) - B(2) > 2 \mid B(2) = 1) =$

$= P(B(4) - B(2) > 2) = 1 - P(Z \leq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}) = 0.079$
 $\sim N(0, 2)$

Use Ito's formula to compute the differentials.

1. $X(t, B(t)) = B^2(t)$.

$$dX(t, B(t)) = 2B(t)dB(t) + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 dt = dt + 2B(t)dB(t)$$

2. $X(t, B(t)) = \ln(t + B^3(t))$

$$dX(t, B(t)) = \left(\frac{1}{t+B^3(t)} + \frac{6B(t) \cdot t + 6B^4(t) - 9B^4(t)}{(t+B^3(t))^2} \right) dt +$$

$$\frac{\partial X}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{t+B^3(t)} + \frac{3B^2(t)}{t+B^3(t)} dB(t)$$

$$\frac{\partial X}{\partial B(t)} = \frac{3B^2(t)}{t+B^3(t)}$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 X}{\partial B(t)^2} = \frac{6B(t)(t+B^3(t)) - 9B^4(t)}{(t+B^3(t))^2}$$

Let $X(t)$ be the price of a stock at time t . If the current price is \$40 and we assume it can be modelled by a geom. Brownian motion with a drift parameter of 0.15 and volatility 0.6, find

(a) the probability that the price of the stock after 3 years is more than \$80.

(b) If the yearly interest rate is 3% and we want to sell an option to buy the stock for \$70 in 3 years, what should the price of the option be so there is no arbitrage opportunity?

Sol-n: Recall that geometric Brownian motion is given by $X(t) = C \cdot e^{\mu t + \sigma B(t)}$. From the data given, we have $X(t) = 40 e^{0.15t + 0.6 B(t)}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a) \quad P(X(3) > 80) &= P(40 e^{0.15 \cdot 3 + 0.6 \cdot B(3)} > 80) = \\
 &= P(e^{0.45 + 0.6 B(3)} > 2) = P(0.45 + 0.6 B(3) > \ln 2) = \\
 &= P(B(3) > \frac{\ln 2 - 0.45}{0.6}) \stackrel{B(3) \sim N(0, 3)}{=} P(B(1) > \frac{\ln 2 - 0.45}{\sqrt{3} \cdot 0.6}) =
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 1 - P(Z < 0.234) = 0.409$$

The sol-n of the Black-Scholes eq-n (for the call option) corresponding to the geom. Brownian motion is

$$C(S, t) = S \cdot \Phi(d_1) - E e^{-r(T-t)} \Phi(d_2), \text{ where}$$

$$d_1 = \frac{\ln(S/E) + (r + \frac{\sigma^2}{2})(T-t)}{\sigma \sqrt{T-t}}$$

In our case (the initial time is $t=0$ and initial price of the stock $S=40$):

$$C(40, 0) = 40 \Phi(0.6\sqrt{3} - 0.972) - 70 e^{-0.09} \Phi(-0.972) =$$

$$= 40 \Phi(0.0672) - 63.98 \Phi(-0.972) = 40 \cdot 0.527 -$$

$$- 63.98 \cdot 0.166 = \$10.459$$

$$\left(d_2 = \frac{\ln(40/70) + (0.03 - \frac{0.36}{2}) \cdot 3}{0.6\sqrt{3}} = -0.972 \right)$$