

Problem 1

The following experiment is performed: An observation is made of a Poisson random variable N with parameter λ . Then N independent Bernoulli trials are performed, each with probability p of success. Let Z_1 be the total number of successes observed in N trials.

(a) Formulate Z_1 as a random sum and thereby determine its mean and variance.

(b) Give the formula of the probability mass function of Z_1 .

Problem 2.

A Markov chain X_0, X_1, \dots on states $0, 1, 2$ has the following transition probability matrix:

$$P = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0.1 & 0.2 & 0.7 \\ 0.9 & 0.1 & 0 \\ 0.1 & 0.8 & 0.1 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

and initial distribution $P_0 = \mathbb{P}\{X_0=0\} = 0.3$;

$P_1 = \mathbb{P}\{X_0=1\} = 0.4$, and $P_2 = \mathbb{P}\{X_0=2\} = 0.3$.

Determine $\mathbb{P}\{X_0=0, X_1=1, X_2=2\}$.

Problem 3.

A Markov chain X_0, X_1, X_2, \dots has the transition probability matrix

$$P = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 0 & 1 & 2 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0.7 & 0.2 & 0.1 \\ 0 & 0.6 & 0.4 \\ 0.5 & 0 & 0.5 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

Determine the conditional probability
 $P\{X_2=1, X_3=1 \mid X_1=0\}$

Problem 4

Suppose X_n is a two-state Markov chain whose transition probability matrix is

$$P = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 0 & 1 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & 1-\alpha \\ 1-\beta & \beta \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

Then $Z_n = (X_{n-1}, X_n)$ is a Markov chain having the four states $(0, 0)$, $(0, 1)$, $(1, 0)$ and $(1, 1)$. Determine the first row of the transition probability matrix.