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Poisson Process

Motivation

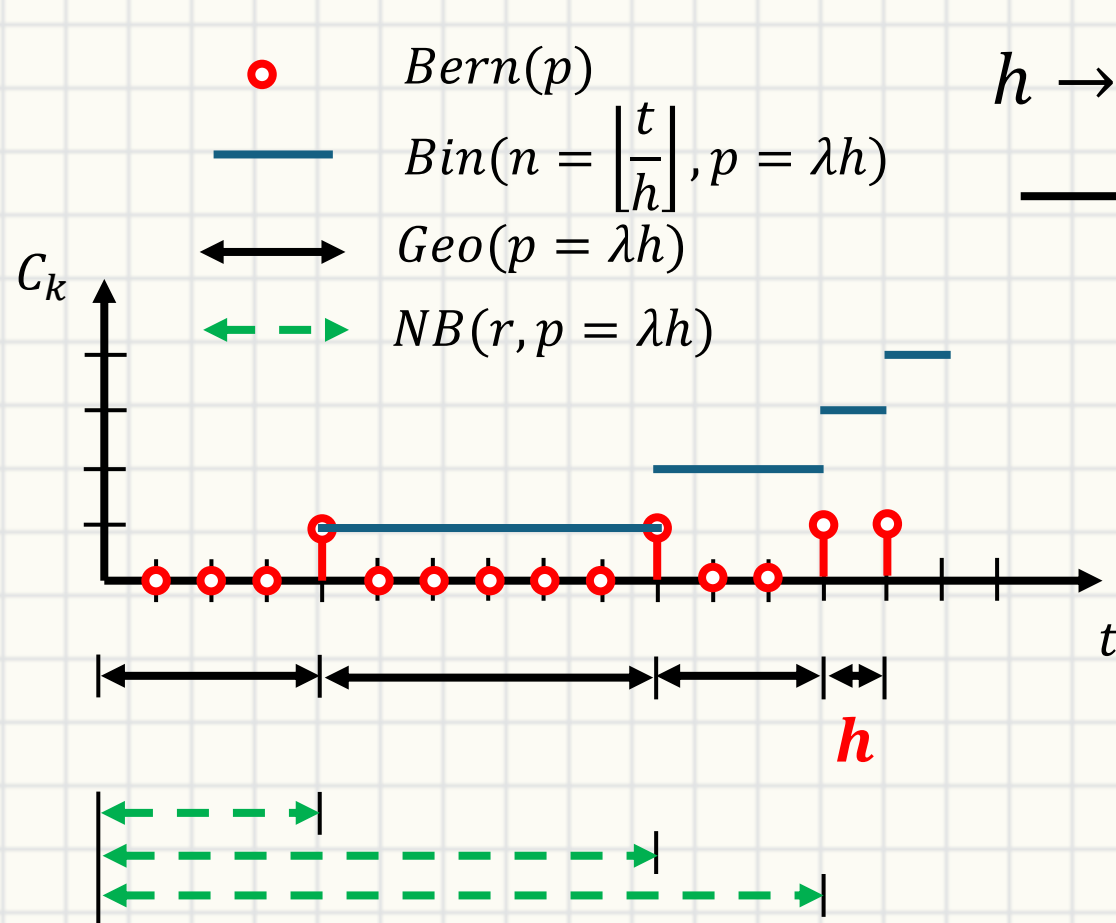
- Model the process of customer coming inside a coffee shop
- The process of incoming calls for customer service
 - If a customer (call) only comes at the λ of every minutes $\rightarrow$ Bernoulli process
 - But what if we want to model the time
 - Define a small h between Bernoulli trials

Bernoulli Process

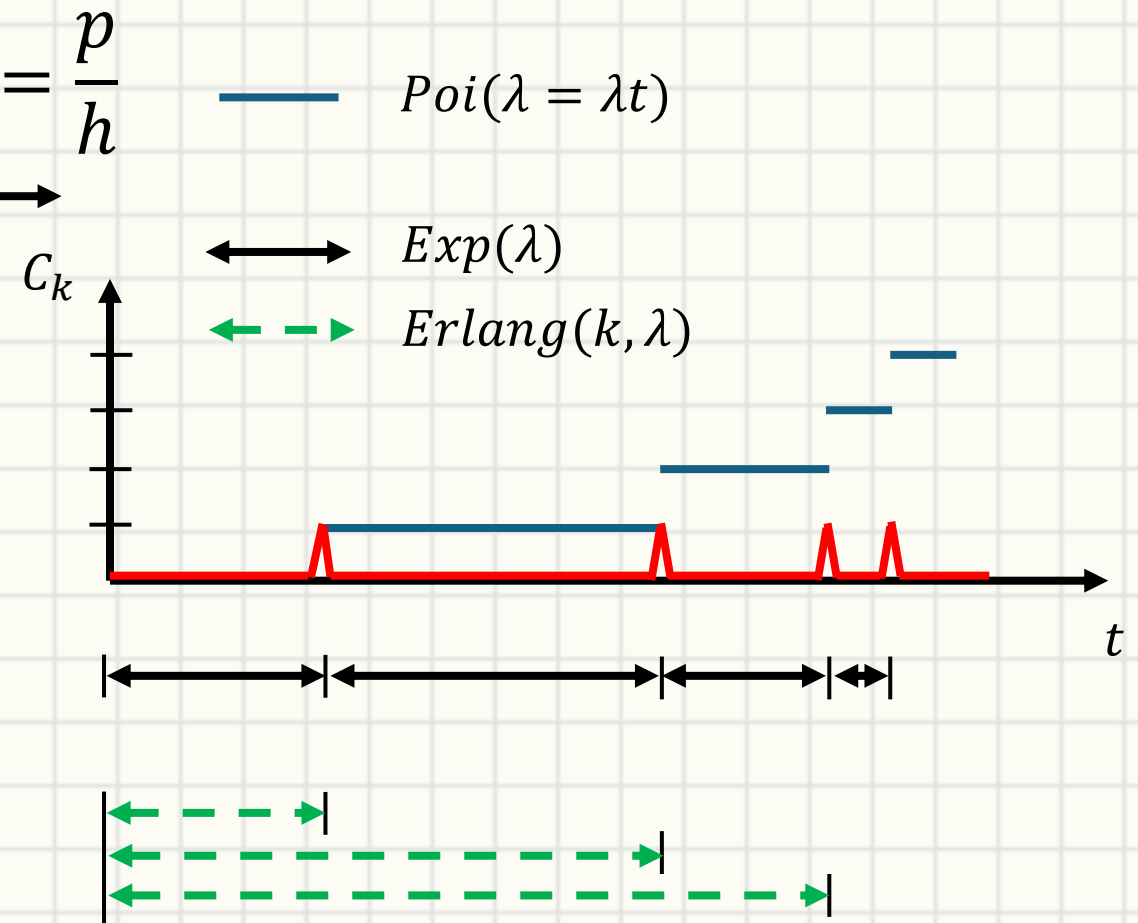
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Poisson Process

- Assume each trial takes h time to complete



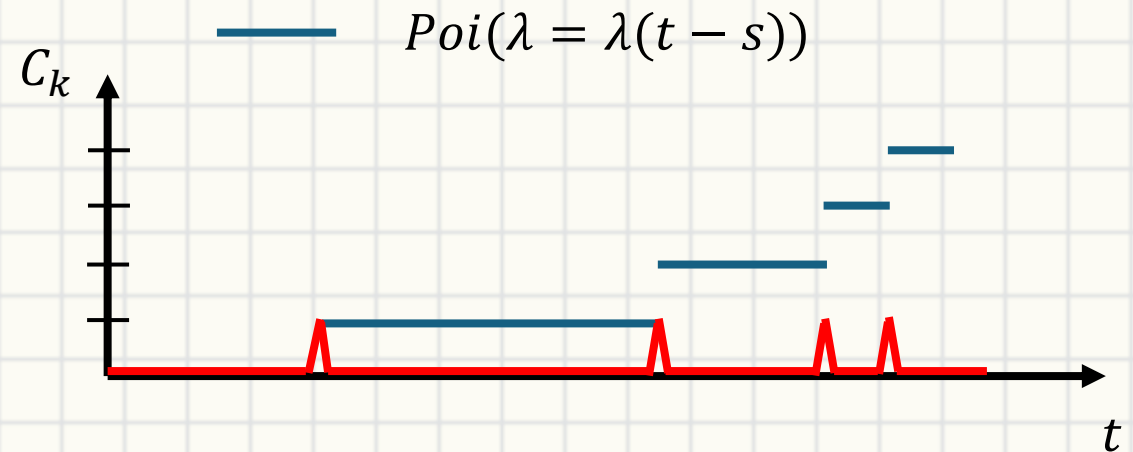
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Definition

A Poisson process with rate λ is a random counting process $N = (N_t: t \geq 0)$ s.t.

- $N_t - N_s$ follows Poisson distribution $Poi(\lambda = \lambda(t - s))$
- For $0 \leq t_1 \leq t_2 \leq \dots \leq t_k$, $N_{t_k} - N_{t_{k-1}}$ the increments are independent with each other



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Calls arrive to a support center at rate $\lambda = 2$ calls per minute.

Let N_t denotes the number of calls until time t (mins)

- $N_t \sim$
- $P_{N_t}(k) =$
- $P\{ \text{No calls arrive in the first 3.5 minutes} \}$
- $P\{ \text{The third call arrives after time } t = 3. \}$

Erlang Distribution

Definition

Let T_r denotes the time of r^{th} count of a Poisson process

- $T_r = \sum_{i=1}^r U_i$, $U_i \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$
- $F_{T_r}^c(t) = P\{T_r > t\}$: “At most $r - 1$ count by time t ”
- $F_{T_r}^c(t) =$
- $f_{T_r}(t) = -\frac{dF_{T_r}(t)}{dt} =$