

# IEOR 4106 Lec 11

More on the

Poisson process:

Partitioning Poisson rvs  
and Poisson processes

A renewal (point) process is  
a sequence of points

$$0 < t_1 < t_2 < \dots < \dots < \dots$$
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} t_n = \infty$$

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Such that

the interarrival times  $X_n = t_n - t_{n-1}$ ,  $n \geq 1$   
are iid  $(t_0 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 0)$

$$F(x) = P(X \leq x), x \geq 0 \quad \lambda \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{E(X)}$$

# Elementary Renewal Theorem (ERT)

for the counting process  $\{N(t), t \geq 0\}$

$N(t) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{the number of points (arrivals) that occur during } (0, t)$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N(t)}{t} = \lambda \left( = \frac{1}{E(X)} \right) \text{ w.p. 1}$$

$$\left( \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{E(N(t))}{t} = \lambda \right)$$

a Poisson process is PP( $\lambda$ )  
a renewal process with

$F(x) = 1 - e^{-\lambda x}$ ,  $x \geq 0$ , the  
exponential distribution  
at rate  $\lambda$ .

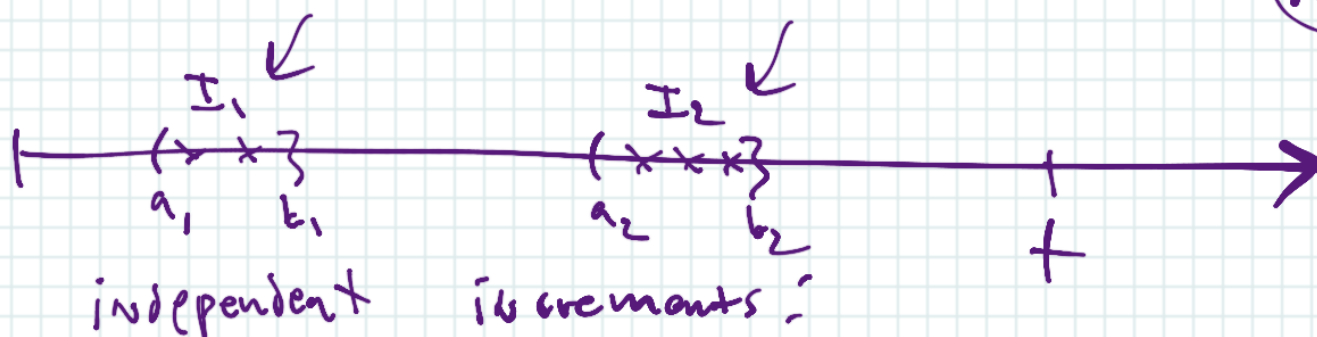
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For a PP( $\lambda$ ) ( $N(t): t \geq 0$ ) has  
both stationary and independent  
increments; the increments have a Poisson dist.<sup>o</sup>

$$P(N(s+t) - N(s) = k) = P(N(t) = k) = e^{-\lambda t} \frac{(\lambda t)^k}{k!}, \quad k \geq 0$$

$E(N(t)) = \lambda t$ ,  $t \geq 0$  Poisson dist., mean  $\lambda t$

$$(N(0) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 0)$$



$N(I_1)$  and  $N(I_2)$  are independent  
vs.

Stationary increments: for each fixed  $t \geq 0$ ,

$N(s+t) - N(s)$  has the same distribution  
for all  $s \geq 0$ ; same as  $N(t)$ .



Fact: If, for a counting process  
( $N(t): t \geq 0$ )

it has both stationary & independent increments,

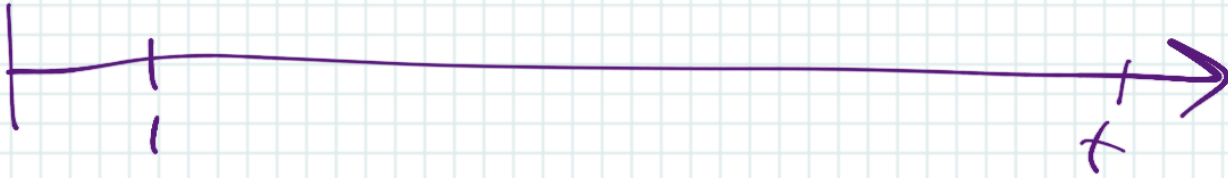
then the point process is a  
PP( $\lambda$ ) (some  $\lambda > 0$ )

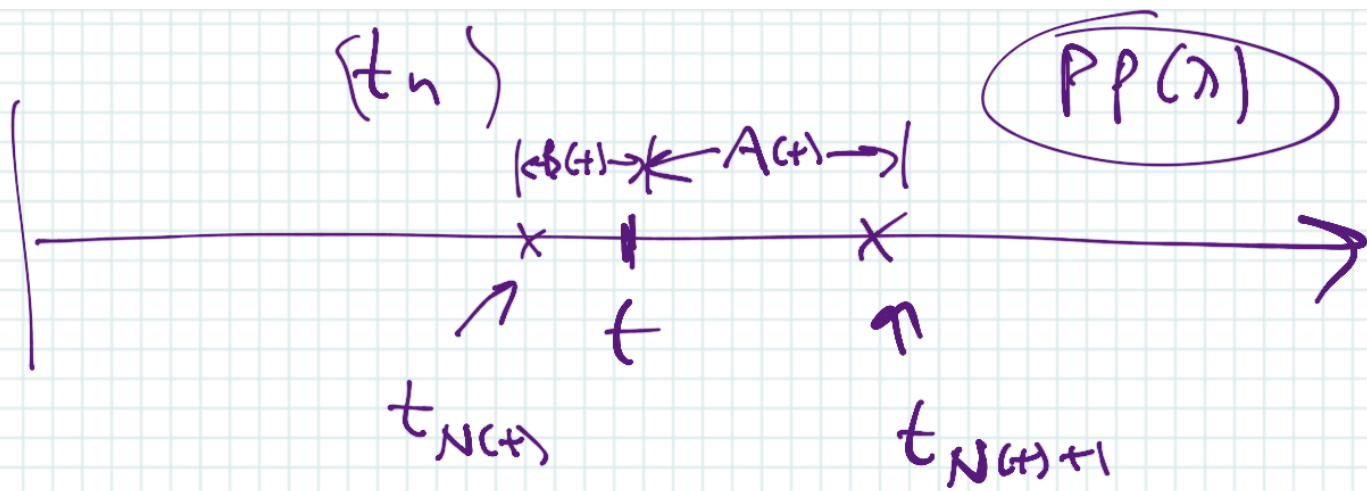
Most point processes  $\{t_n : n \geq 1\}$

do not have either property

Suppose, for example we have a renewal process

with  $F(x) = P(X \leq x) = x$ ,  $x \in (0, 1)$   
unit  $(0, 1)$  dist.





$$X_{N(t)+1} = t_{N(t)+1} - t_{N(t)}$$

length of the interarrival time

Covering  $t$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} A(t) &= t_{N(t)+1} - t \\ B(t) &= t - t_{N(t)} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$A(t) \sim \exp(\lambda)$   
and is independent of  $B(t)$   
memoryless property



$$X_{N(t)+1} = B(t) + A(t)$$

is larger than just

a typical  $X_n$  (iid  $\exp(\lambda)$ )

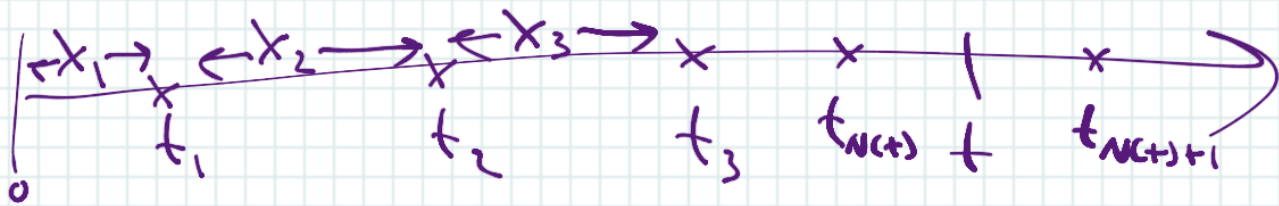
Suppose

$$\{X_n\} = \{1, 2, 1, 3, \dots, \dots\}$$

$X_n =$  lifetime of  $n^{\text{th}}$  lightbulb

$A(t) =$  remaining  
lifetime of the bulb  
you find burning at  
time  $t$

$B(t) =$  age of the bulb



# Partitioning of Poisson r.v.s, and Poisson processes

①

Suppose  $X \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$

$$P(X=k) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}, \quad k \geq 0$$

$$X \xrightarrow{p} X_1 = \sum_{i=1}^X I\{B_i=1\}$$

$$\xrightarrow{2=1-p} X_2 = \sum_{i=1}^X I\{B_i=0\}$$

Let

$B_1, B_2, \dots$   
be iid Bernoulli( $p$ )  
r.v.s

$$X = X_1 + X_2$$

Then  $X_1 \sim \text{Poisson}(p\lambda)$

$X_2 \sim \text{Poisson}(z\lambda)$   $z=1-p$

and they are independent rvs!

Proof:

must show

$$P(X_1=k, X_2=l) =$$

$$e^{-d\lambda} \frac{(d\lambda)^k}{k!} \times e^{-d\lambda} \frac{(d\lambda)^l}{l!}$$

$$P(X_1=k, X=k+l)$$

$$k \geq 0, l \geq 0$$

$$= P(X_1=k | X=k+l) P(X=k+l)$$

(algebra)

$$(X = X_1 + X_2)$$

$$\binom{k+l}{k} p^k z^l e^{-d} \frac{d^{k+l}}{(k+l)!}$$

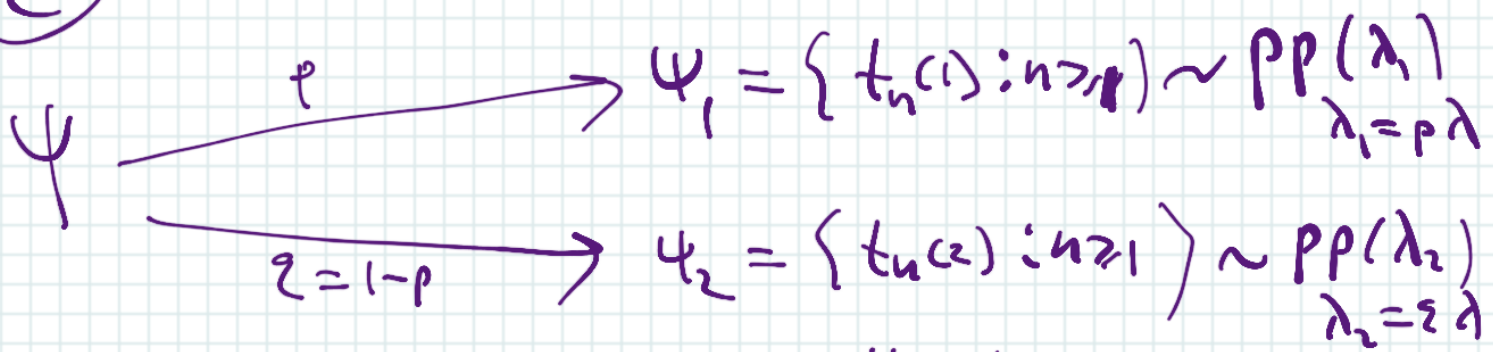
$$d = p\lambda + z\lambda$$

$(p+z=1)$

# Partitioning of a $PP(\lambda)$

$$\Psi = \{t_n : n \geq 0\}$$

②



and  $\Psi_1, \Psi_2$  are independent

② Can be shown to follow from ①

$$(N_1(t))$$

$$(N_2(t))$$

$$E(N_1(t_0) \mid N_2(t_0) = 10^6)$$

$$= E(N_1(t_0)) = \lambda_1(t_0) = p\lambda(t_0)$$

Consider  $t_n = n$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , deterministic renewal process



$$N_2(t_0) = 8$$

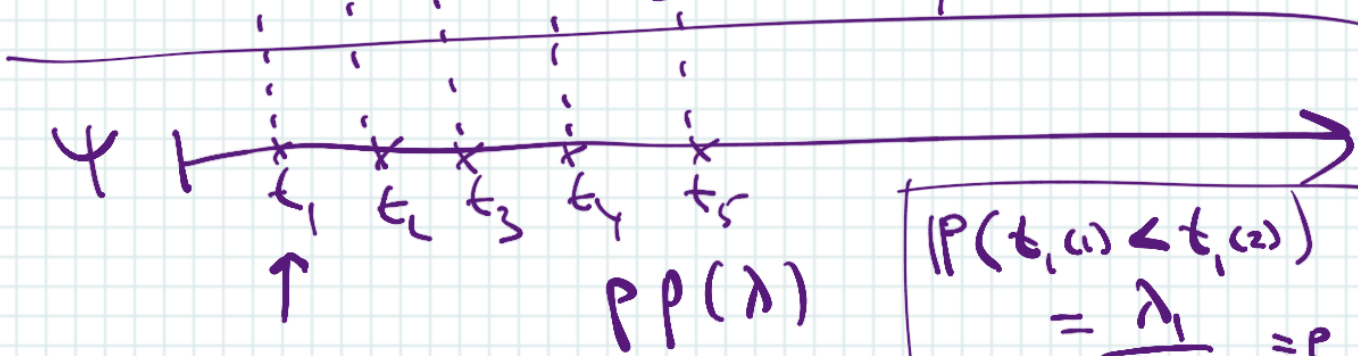
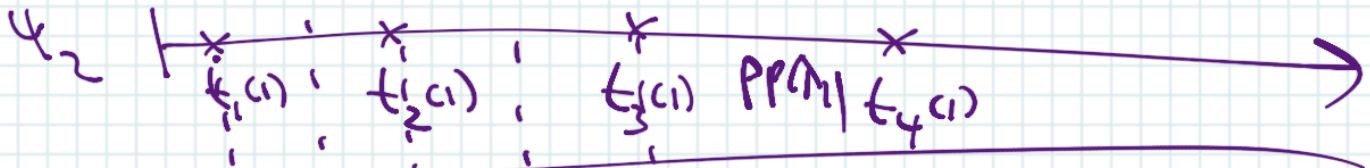
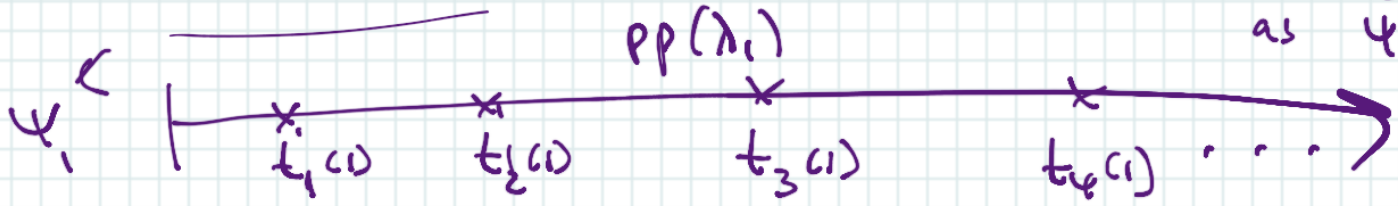
In general, does not hold for renewal processes

always,

$$(N_1(n) = n - N_2(n)) \Rightarrow N_1(t_0) = 2$$



Superposition: putting  $\psi_1, \psi_2$  back together as  $\psi$



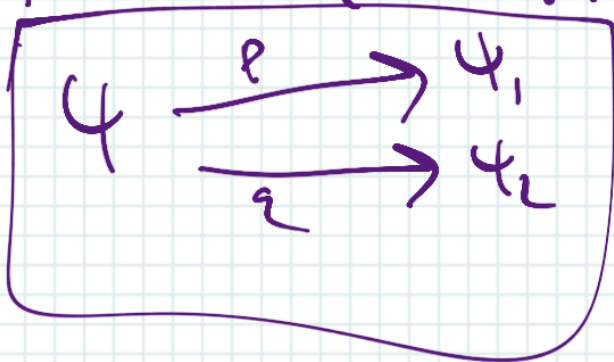
$$\begin{aligned}
 P(t_{1(c_1)} < t_{1(c_2)}) \\
 &= \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} = p
 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\Psi$  denote the Superposition  
of two independent PP

$$\boxed{\Psi_1 \sim \text{PP}(\lambda_1)} \leftarrow$$

$$\boxed{\Psi_2 \sim \text{PP}(\lambda_2)} \leftarrow$$

Then  $\Psi \sim \text{PP}(\lambda)$       $\lambda = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2$



$$p = \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2} \quad q = \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}$$



# Order Statistics of $n$ iid $U(0, t)$

$t > 0$

Suppose  $V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n$  are iid  $n \geq 1$

$U(0, t)$

$$P(V \leq s) = \frac{s}{t}, \quad 0 < s < t$$

density  $f(s) = \frac{1}{t}, \quad 0 < s < t,$

Put them in ascending order

$$V_{(1)} < V_{(2)} < \dots < V_{(n)}$$

Joint density of  $(V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n)$

$$f(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n) = \frac{1}{t^n} = h(s_1)h(s_2)\dots h(s_n)$$

$s_i \in (0, t)$   
 $1 \leq i \leq n$

(product of  $n$  iid)

→ Joint density of  $(V_{(1)}, V_{(2)}, \dots, V_{(n)})$

$$h(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n) = \frac{n!}{t^n}$$

$0 < s_1 < s_2 < \dots < s_n < t$

(There are  $n!$   
 $= n(n-1)(n-2)\dots 1$   
ways to  
permute the  $V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n$   
to obtain the identical  
ordering  $(V_{(1)}, \dots, V_{(n)})$ )

Suppose  $t=1$

$$V_1 = .4, V_2 = .72$$

$$(V_{(1)}, V_{(2)}) = (.4, .72)$$

$$V_1 = .72, V_2 = .4$$

$$(V_{(1)}, V_{(2)}) = (.4, .72)$$

for both

$$V_1 = .4, V_2 = .72, V_3 = .89$$

$$(V_{(1)}, V_{(2)}, V_{(3)}) = (.4, .72, .89)$$

$$V_1 = .72, V_2 = .4, V_3 = .89$$

$$V_1 = .89, V_2 = .72, V_3 = .4 \text{ etc.}, 3! = 6 \text{ possibilities}$$

Thm: for a PP( $\lambda$ )

( $t > 0$ )

conditional on

$$N(t) = n$$

The joint distribution of

$$\rightarrow (t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) \quad 0 < t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_n < t$$

is that of the order statistics

$$(V_{(1)}, V_{(2)}, \dots, V_{(n)}) \text{ of } n$$

i.i.d.  $\text{unif}(0, t)$  r.v.s  $V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n$

$$t_1 = V_{(1)}, t_2 = V_{(2)}, t_3 = V_{(3)} \dots, t_n = V_{(n)}$$

Joint density of  $(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n) \mid N(t) = n$

$$\text{is } \frac{n!}{t^n} = h(s_1, \dots, s_n) \\ 0 < s_1 < s_2 < \dots < s_n < t,$$

Same as the joint density of

$(V_{(1)}, V_{(2)}, \dots, V_{(n)})$  order statistics

of  $V_1, \dots, V_n$  iid  $\text{Unif}(0, t)$   
r.v.s.