

λ=7.5

■ The probability can be approximated by  $\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}/k!$  with

$$\underline{\lambda} = \underline{2500 \times 0.001} = \underline{2.5}$$
 times of errors,

where 2.5 is the expected number of the errors that would occur in the 2500 typings.

(Q: What should the  $\lambda$ 's be for 5000 typings, 7500 typings, and  $\underline{10000}$  typings?)  $\sqrt{\lambda=5}$ **λ=10** 

□ So,  $P(X = k) \approx (2.5)^k e^{-2.5}/k!$ , for k=0,1,2,3,4, and

$$1 - P(X \le 4) \approx 1 - \sum_{k=0}^{4} \frac{(2.5)^k e^{-2.5}}{\frac{k!}{4}} = 0.1088.$$
Elity Mass Function

C.F. (\*) in LNp.5-33

D: which one is easier

➤ Probability Mass Function

Theorem. Let

obtain or calculate by hand?

$$\underline{f(k)} = \begin{cases} \frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!}, & k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

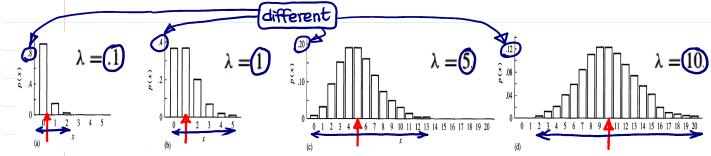
then, f(k) is a pmf.

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proof. LNp.5-6, (i) & (ii) are straightforward. For (iii),

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f(k) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!} = e^{-\lambda} \left( \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \right) = e^{-\lambda} \cdot e^{\lambda} = 1.$$
 [LNp.5-31, 2nd expression]

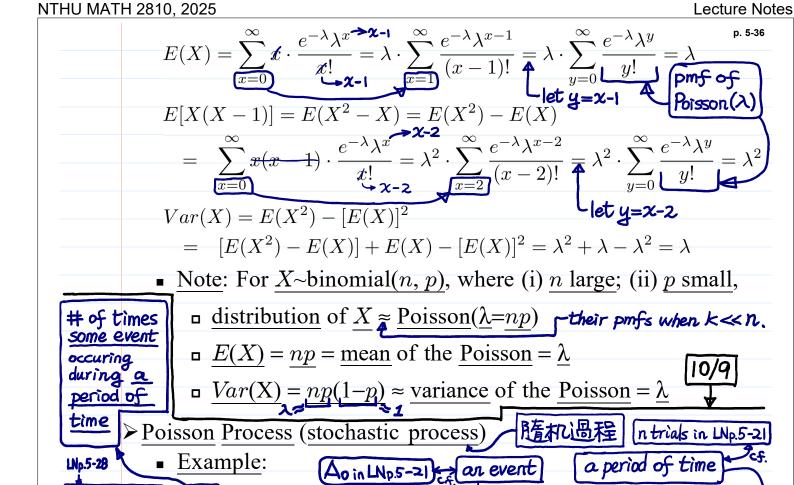
- □ The pmf is called the *Poisson* pmf with parameter  $\lambda$ . The distribution is named after Simeon Poisson, who derived the approximation of Poisson pmf to binomial pmf.
- □ The  $\lambda$  (≈ $np_n$ ) can be interpreted as the average occurrence frequency. ~ 频率: 次數 (check the X's in LNp.5-34)



Theorem. The mean and variance of Poisson( $\lambda$ ) is

intuitive interpretation  $\mu \stackrel{\bullet}{=} \lambda$  and  $\sigma^2 = \lambda$ . proof.

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 $\{X_n: n=1,2,...\}$ 

{Xt: te[a,b]}

(1) # of earthquakes occurring during some fixed time span

(2) # of people entering a bank during a time period