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X = number of patients arriving
for treatment at an ER.
per hour

$X \sim \text{Poisson} (\lambda = 5 \text{ per hour})$

$$P(X=x) = \frac{\lambda^x e^{-\lambda}}{x!}$$

$$a) P(X=4) = \frac{5^4 e^{-5}}{4!} =$$

$$b) P(X \geq 4) = P(X=4) + P(X=5) \\ + P(X=6) + \dots$$

or

$$P(X \geq 4) = 1 - P(X \leq 3)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 1 - \left\{ P(X=0) + P(X=1) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + P(X=2) + P(X=3) \right\} \\
 &= 1 - \left\{ \frac{5^0 e^{-5}}{0!} + \frac{5^1 e^{-5}}{1!} + \frac{5^2 e^{-5}}{2!} \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + \frac{5^3 e^{-5}}{3!} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

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c) $E(X) = \lambda$

= 5 per hour

60 mins \rightarrow 5 arrivals

45 mins \rightarrow ? arrivals

So we are using the Poisson Process

$$\lambda_{45 \text{ min}} = \frac{5(45)}{60} = 3.75$$

So if we were asked to find probability of 4 arrivals in 45 minute period

$$P(X=4) = \frac{4^{3.75} e^{-3.75}}{4!}$$

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