

# Event flows modeling

## Crimes are random processes

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- birth and death in demography
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## Flow characteristics

Communication model : 2 counting processes  
 - emission/reception process

### Throughput

$$\lambda = \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{t} N_t.$$

Volume, Streaming  
 Link capacity...

### Latency

$$\mathbb{E}(T_{n+1} - T_n)$$

Response time  
 Time constraints

### Jitter

$$\mathbb{V}ar(T_{n+1} - T_n)$$

Variability of inter-arrivals  
 Periodic behavior

### Loss rates

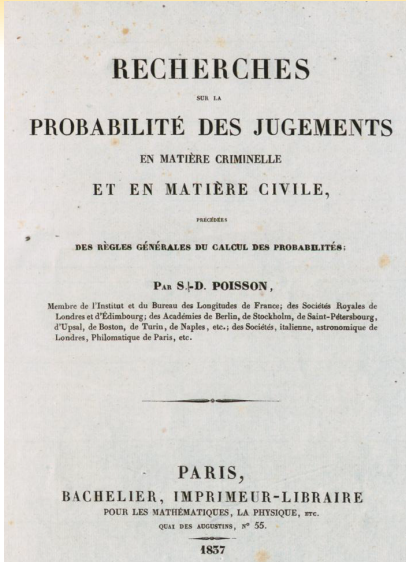
Communication reliability  
 Perturbed events

$$\lambda_{emission} - \lambda_{reception}$$

## Justice management

**RECHERCHES**  
SUR LA  
**PROBABILITÉ DES JUGEMENTS**  
EN MATIÈRE CRIMINELLE  
ET EN MATIÈRE CIVILE,  
PRÉCÉDÉES

## Justice management(2)



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celui des accusés, a aussi augmenté d'une manière progressive (1). Voici des résultats extraits de ces documents, et que l'on pourra comparer à ce qui a lieu dans notre pays. Les nombres suivants se rapportent seulement à l'Angleterre et au pays de Galles. Ils répondent à trois périodes de chacune sept années, finissant en 1818, 1825, 1832.

	NOMBRE des accusés.	NOMBRE des condamnés.	RAPPORT du second nombre au 1 <sup>er</sup> .	CONDAMNÉS à mort.	EXÉCUTÉS.	CONDAMNÉS à un emprisonnement de deux ans ou au-dessous.
1 <sup>re</sup> période,	64538	41054	0,636...	5802	635	27168
2 <sup>e</sup>	93718	63418	0,677...	7770	579	42713
3 <sup>e</sup>	127910	90240	0,705...	9729	414	58757



# Justice management

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## RECHERCHES

4755, 5081, 5018, 5552, 5582, 5296;

les nombres correspondants des condamnés, sous l'empire d'une même législation criminelle, se sont élevés à

882, 967, 948, 871, 854, 766,

pour les crimes de la première espèce, et à

3155, 3581, 3288, 3680, 3641, 3564,

pour ceux de la seconde. De là, on déduit

0,4649, 0,5071, 0,4961, 0,4725, 0,4657, 0,4598,

pour les rapports des nombres de condamnés à ceux des accusés de crimes contre les personnes, et

0,6655, 0,6654, 0,6552, 0,6628, 0,6523, 0,6552,

pour les rapports des nombres de condamnés à ceux des accusés de crimes contre les propriétés; où l'on voit que les uns et les autres n'ont pas beaucoup varié d'une année à une autre, mais que les derniers excèdent notablement les premiers.

En prenant pour  $\mu$  et  $a_5$  les sommes des nombres d'accusés et de condamnés dans le cas des crimes contre les personnes, et pour  $\mu'$  et  $a'_5$  leurs sommes dans le cas des crimes contre les propriétés, nous aurons

$$\mu = 11016, \quad a_5 = 5268, \quad \mu' = 51284, \quad a'_5 = 20509;$$

d'où il résulte ces deux rapports :

$$\frac{a_5}{\mu} = 0,4782, \quad \frac{a'_5}{\mu'} = 0,6556,$$

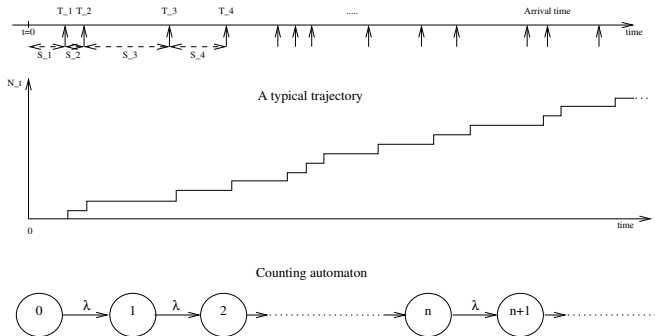
donc le second surpasse le premier d'un peu plus du tiers de celui-ci. Au moyen de ces nombres, on trouve

$$0,4782 \approx \alpha(0,00675)$$

pour les limites ( $\alpha$ ) de l'inconnue  $R_3$ , relative aux crimes contre les personnes, et

$$0,6556 \approx \alpha(0,00580),$$

# Counting process



# Macroscopic modeling

## Definition (Macroscopic definition)

A continuous time stochastic process  $\{N_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+}$  is a counting Poisson process with intensity  $\lambda$  iff

- 1  $N_0 = 0$
- 2  $\{N_t\}_{t \in \mathbb{R}^+}$  have independent increments
- 3 The number of events occurring in a time interval  $]a, b]$  is Poisson distributed with parameter  $\lambda(b - a)$ ;

$$\mathbb{P}(N_b - N_a = k) = e^{-\lambda(b-a)} \frac{(\lambda(b-a))^k}{k!}.$$

## Properties

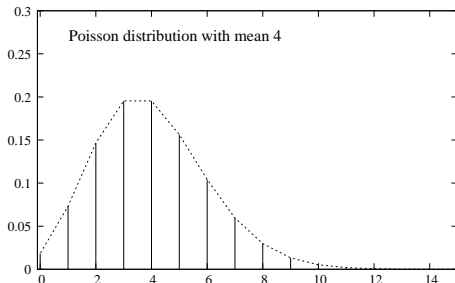
- Increments are stationary : homogeneous in time
- Linearity  $\mathbb{E}(N_b - N_a) = \lambda(b - a)$
- $\lambda$  = intensity or throughput of the process  
number of events per unit of time

## Poisson distribution $\mathcal{P}(\lambda)$

$X$  random variable Poisson distributed with parameter  $\lambda$

$$\mathbb{P}(X = k) = e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}.$$

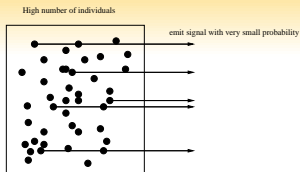
$$\mathbb{E}X = \lambda; \quad \text{Var}X = \lambda.$$



If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent random variable Poisson distributed with mean  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  then

$$X + Y \sim \mathcal{P}(\lambda + \mu).$$

# Interpretation



$N$  elements, each of them  $p$  = probability of signal emission  
 $X$  total number of emissions: binomial distribution  $\mathcal{B}(N, p)$ .

$\mathbb{E}X = Np \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lambda$  mean number of emissions.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbb{P}(X = k) &= \binom{N}{k} p^k (1-p)^{N-k}; \\
 &= \underbrace{\frac{N(N-1)\cdots(N-k+1)}{N \cdot N \cdots N}}_{\rightarrow 1} \underbrace{\left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{N}\right)^k}_{\rightarrow 1} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \underbrace{\left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{N}\right)^N}_{\rightarrow e^{-\lambda}}; \\
 &\simeq e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}.
 \end{aligned}$$

for very large  $N$ ,  $X$  is asymptotically Poisson distributed

# Flow analysis

## Traffic generated by a huge amount of individuals $\Rightarrow$ Poisson process

- requests arrival on a web server
- arrivals of phone calls
- routed packets in a network
- cars on a road network
- ...

## How to detect non-Poisson flows

- Time dependence or correlation (burstyness, periodicity, ...)
- Mean  $<$  Variance : too much variability
- smoothers of the traffic (peak avoidance strategies)
- ...

# Microscopic modeling

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- 3 On a very small interval  $]t, t + dt]$  we have :

$$\mathbb{P}(N_{t+dt} - N_t = 1) = \lambda dt + o(dt)$$

$$\mathbb{P}(N_{t+dt} - N_t = 0) = 1 - \lambda dt + o(dt)$$

$$\mathbb{P}(N_{t+dt} - N_t \geq 2) = o(dt)$$

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## Differential system

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$$\begin{aligned} p_n(t + dt) &= \mathbb{P}(N_{t+dt} = n) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(N_{t+dt} = n | N_t = n) \mathbb{P}(N_t = n) \text{ nothing happens} \\ &\quad + \mathbb{P}(N_{t+dt} = n | N_t = n - 1) \mathbb{P}(N_t = n - 1) \text{ one arrival} \\ &\quad + \mathbb{P}(N_{t+dt} = n | N_t < n - 1) \mathbb{P}(N_t < n - 1) \text{ more than one arrival} \\ &\quad \text{independent increments} \\ &= \mathbb{P}(N_{t+dt} - N_t = 0) p_n(t) \text{ nothing happens} \\ &\quad + \mathbb{P}(N_{t+dt} - N_t = 1) p_{n-1}(t) \text{ one arrival} \\ &\quad + \mathbb{P}(N_{t+dt} - N_t \geq 2) \mathbb{P}(N_t < n - 1) \text{ more than one arrival} \\ &= (1 - \lambda dt + o(dt)) p_n(t) + (\lambda dt + o(dt)) p_{n-1}(t) + o(dt) \\ &= p_n(t) + \lambda(p_{n-1}(t) - p_n(t)) dt + o(dt) \end{aligned}$$

recurrent differential equations

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# Interarrivals

Let  $t$  be a fixed time and let  $T_t$  be the time to the next arrival after time  $t$ .

$$\mathbb{P}(T_t \geq s) = \mathbb{P}(N_{t+s} - N_t = 0) = e^{-\lambda s}.$$

$T_t$  is exponentially distributed with rate  $\lambda$

The inter-arrival process  $\{A_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is a sequence of independent exponentially distributed random variable with rate  $\lambda$

# Exponential distribution

Density, rate  $\lambda$  :

$$f(x) = \lambda e^{-\lambda x}$$

Cumulative distribution function

$$F(x) = 1 - e^{-\lambda x}$$

Mean, Variance

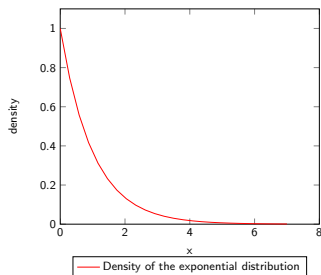
$$\mathbb{E}X = \frac{1}{\lambda}, \quad \text{Var}X = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

Hazard rate

$$h(x) = \lambda$$

Laplace transform

$$\mathcal{L}(t) = \mathbb{E}e^{-tX} = \frac{\lambda}{t + \lambda}$$



Memoryless property

$$\mathbb{P}(X > t + s | X > t) = \mathbb{P}(X > s)$$

# Equivalence of definitions

## Theorem (Global vision)

**Macroscopic, microscopic and independent exponentially distributed inter-arrivals** are equivalent definitions of a Poisson process

Proof : classical books

# Maximum Entropy Process

## Spread of Points

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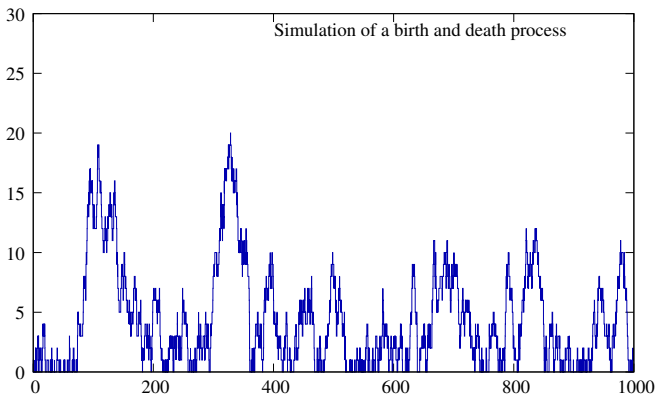
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# Poisson Clumping heuristic



# Non-homogeneity

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$$\mathbb{P}(N_b - N_a = k) = e^{-(\Lambda(b) - \Lambda(a))} \frac{(\Lambda(b) - \Lambda(a))^k}{k!}.$$

- embedded periodicity
- exceptional period
- ...

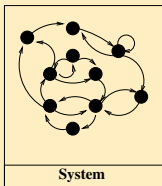
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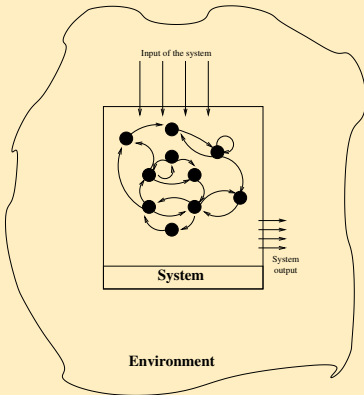
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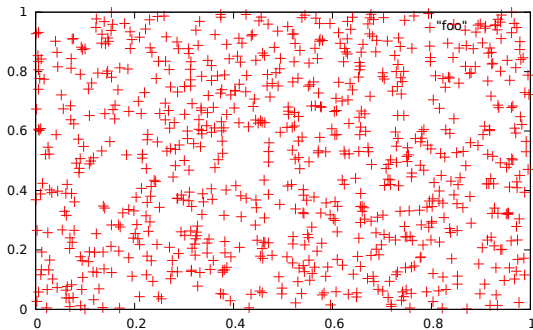
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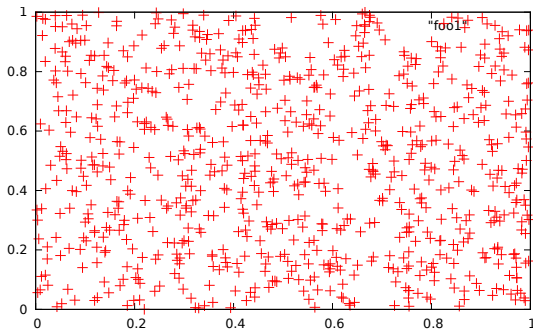
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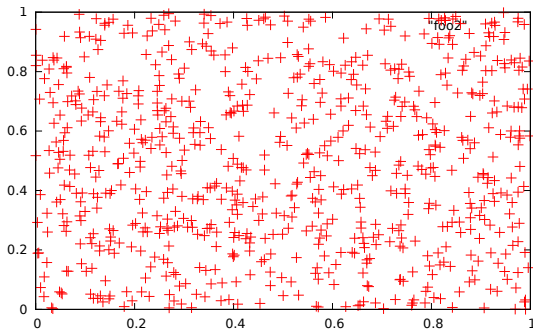
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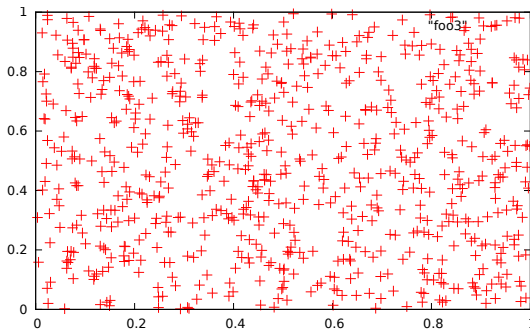
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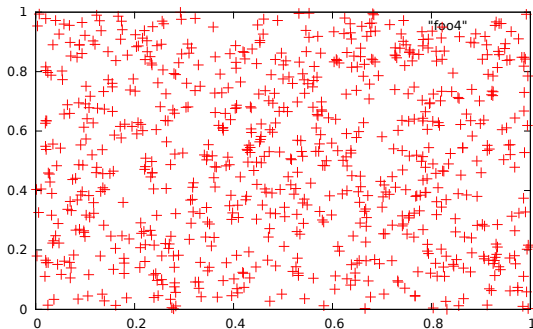
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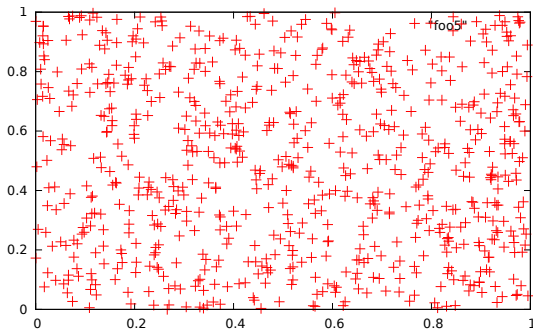


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# Synthesis

## Base model

- 1 reference model  $\Rightarrow$  deviation
- 2 refinement  $\Rightarrow$  model extension
- 3 multi-scale analysis (algebra for superposition, composition,...)
- 4 statistical methods  $\Rightarrow$  Poisson regression

## Geomedia questions

- 1 Are RSS flow relevant of Poisson models ?
- 2 Scales of homogeneity ?
- 3 Development of the algorithms ?
- 4 ..