

Link b/w Poisson (Counting) Distr. & Exponentially Distributed Waiting Times

width of time (or Distance) window = w

Ave (wait) = ave (distance between events) = μ_T (T = "time")

Y : pdf $f(y) = \frac{1}{\mu_T} e^{-y/\mu_T}$

$\Pr(0 \text{ 'events'}) = \Pr(Y > w) = \text{cdf}(w) = e^{-\frac{1}{\mu_T} \cdot w} = \text{Poisson Prob}(0, \mu_c = w/\mu_T)$
 $c = \text{'count'}$

$\Pr(1 \text{ 'event'}) = \Pr[1^{\text{st}} \text{ event somewhere in } (0, w)] \cdot \Pr[\text{no further event}]$

$$= \int_0^w \text{pdf}(s) \cdot e^{-[w-s]/\mu_T} ds$$

$$= \int_0^w \frac{1}{\mu_T} e^{-s/\mu_T} \cdot e^{-\frac{w-s}{\mu_T}} ds = \frac{1}{\mu_T} e^{-\frac{w}{\mu_T}} \int_0^w ds = \frac{w}{\mu_T} e^{-\frac{w}{\mu_T}}$$

etc etc etc

$$= \text{Poisson Prob}(c=1, \mu_c = \frac{w}{\mu_T})$$