

# Reinforcement 2

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# Today

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Quant Interview  
(with cupcakes)

Poker Information  
Theory

Magic Puppy Drugs

Linear Regression

Is that Poisson?

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# Quant Interview - Bonus

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c) You look at three cupcakes (without replacement). Two are blue.

# Quant Interview: Bonus

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- c. A hypergeometric is a random variable for the number of successes if you remove items **without** replacement from a fixed population. If  $X \sim \text{Hypergeom}(t, k, n)$ , the PMF is

$$P(X = x) = \frac{\binom{k}{x} \binom{t-k}{n-x}}{\binom{t}{n}}$$

Where:

- $t$  is the population size,
- $k$  is the number of “success” items in the population,
- $n$  is the number of draws (without replacement),
- $X$  counts the number of successes observed in those  $n$  draws.

Three cupcakes are drawn without replacement and two are blue. What is the probability that the majority were blue?

# Poker Information Theory

# Probability for Computer Science

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## Reference

- Notation Reference
- Core Probability Reference
- Random Variable Reference
- Python Reference
- Calculus Reference
- Calculators
- Language Model Tool

## Part 1: Core Probability

- Probability
- Equally Likely Outcomes
- Axioms of Probability
- Probability of **or**
- Conditional Probability
- Law of Total Probability
- Bayes' Theorem
- Independence
- Probability of **and**
- De Morgan's Law
- Log Probabilities
- Many Coin Flips
- Counting
- Combinatorics
- Stories
- Bacteria Evolution
- Google Rain Prediction
- Random Walks
- Binomial with Different Probs
- Netflix Genres
- Poker

Isabel 100

Flopp Turn River

2♠ 2♦ 9♣ 6♥ A♠

Continue

Three of a Kind, 2's

2♣ 10♦

You 100

Fabian 100

Jade 100

Emir 100

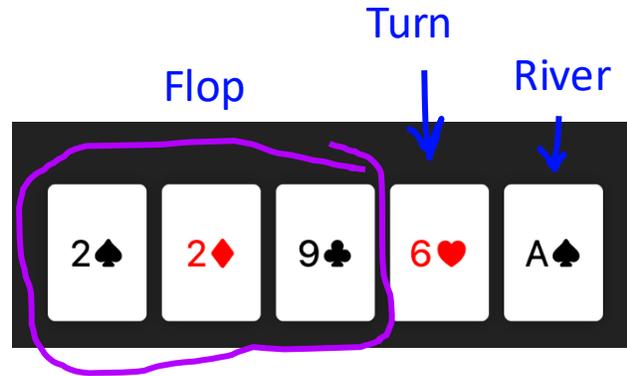
Nisha 100

Let  $X$  be a random variable for the set of 7 cards at the end. What is  $H(X)$  after each event?

There are 52 unique cards. Each card is equally likely.

# Poker Entropy

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$$H(\text{pre flop}) = 21.014$$

$$H(\text{pre turn}) = 10.078$$

$$H(\text{pre river}) = 5.524$$

$$H(\text{post river}) = 0$$

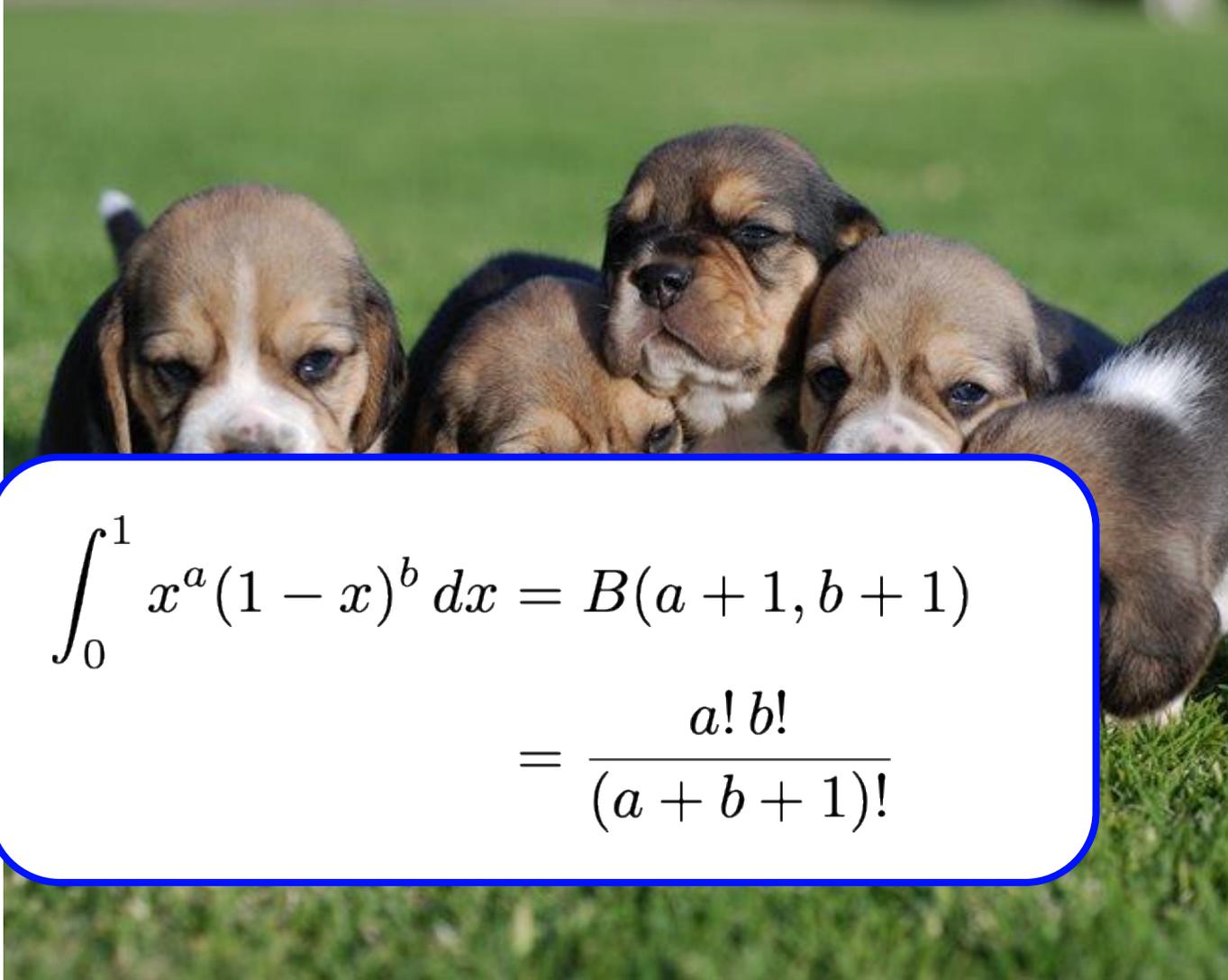
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$$\int_0^1 x^a (1-x)^b dx = B(a+1, b+1)$$
$$= \frac{a! b!}{(a+b+1)!}$$

A magical-drug for puppies has gone through clinical trial. It worked for 5 puppies but did not work for 1. Prior to the study you had a uniform belief for the probability the drug would work.

If you now give the drug to 10 new puppies, what is the prob. that it works exactly 8 out of the 10 times?



# Linear Regression P-Value

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Train a linear regression model and get parameters.

You have a set of 50 data points  $(x, y)$  where  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ .

You fit a linear regression model which gives you a fit

$$\hat{y} = \theta_0 + \theta_1 \cdot x$$

You are surprised to see that  $\theta_1 = 2$ . You want to claim that this value of  $\theta_1$  is significantly high. What is the probability of seeing a value of  $\theta_1 \geq 2$ , given there is no relationship between  $x$  and  $y$ ? Estimate your answer using sampling. Provide pseudo-code:

# Linear Regression P-Value

More sophisticated pseudocode than what we might expect on an exam.

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THRESHOLD = 2.0
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def bootstrapping(x, y):
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    N = len(x)
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    count_extreme = 0
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    for i in range(10000):
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        # resample independently
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        x_boot = sample(x, 50, replace=True)
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        y_boot = sample(y, 50, replace=True)
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        # pseudo code
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        theta0, theta1 = LinearRegression().fit(x_boot, y_boot)
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        if theta1 >= THRESHOLD:
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            count_extreme += 1
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    return count_extreme / 10000
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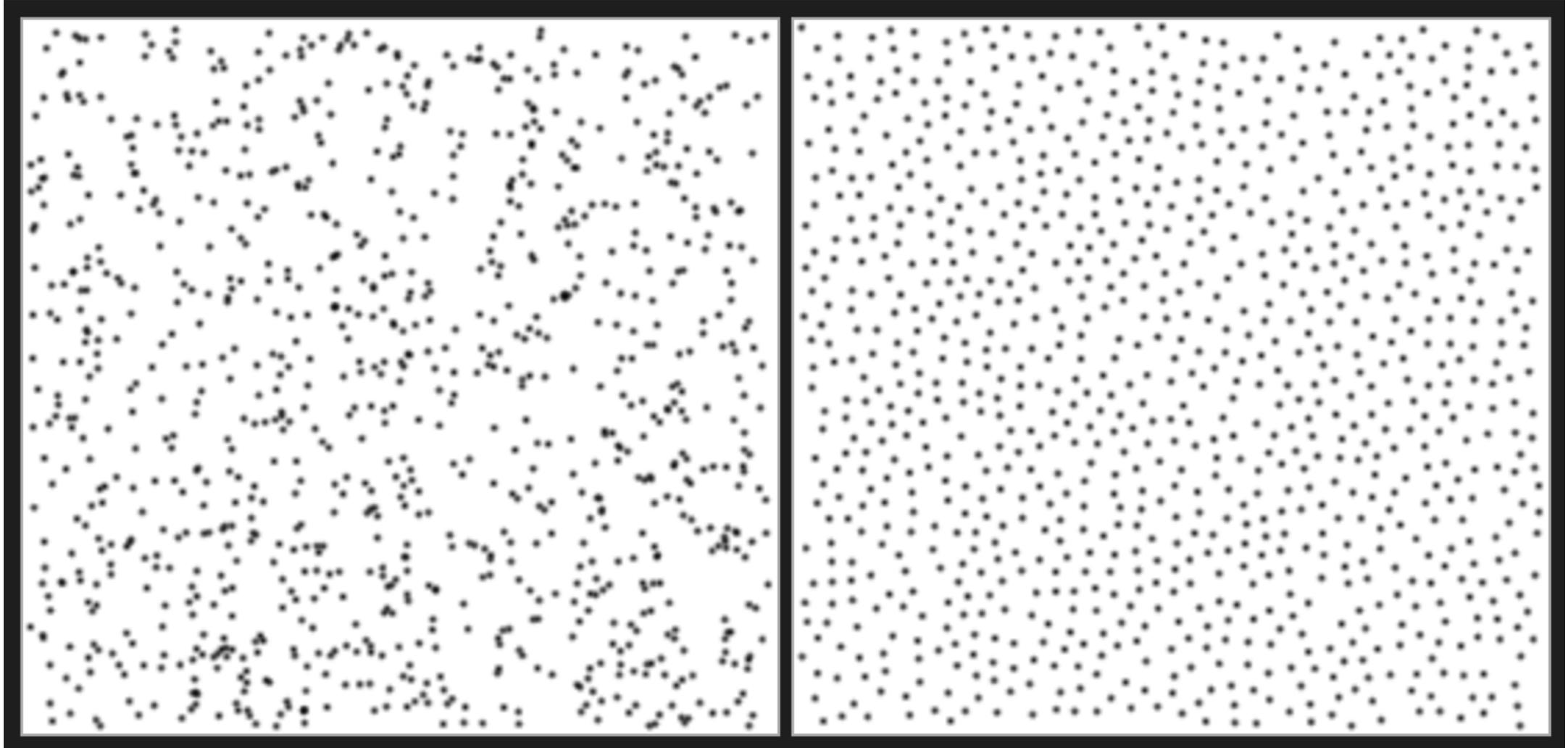
Very important !! Even on exam !!



Which One Is Poisson?

# Which one is Poisson? Justify with Math...

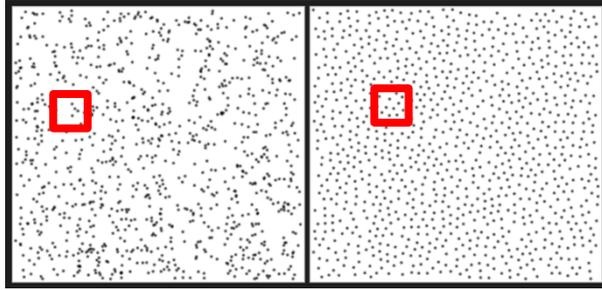
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Same number of points...

# Which one is Poisson? Sampling Solution

Squares that are 1x1

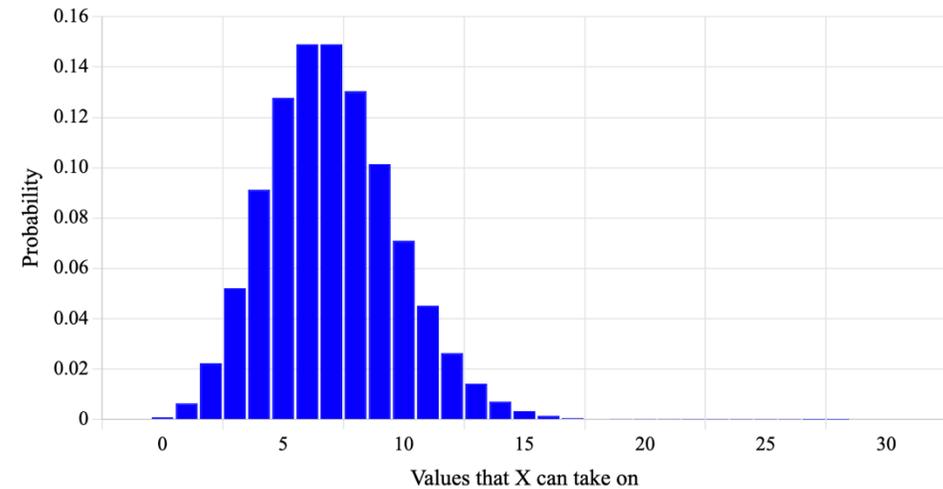
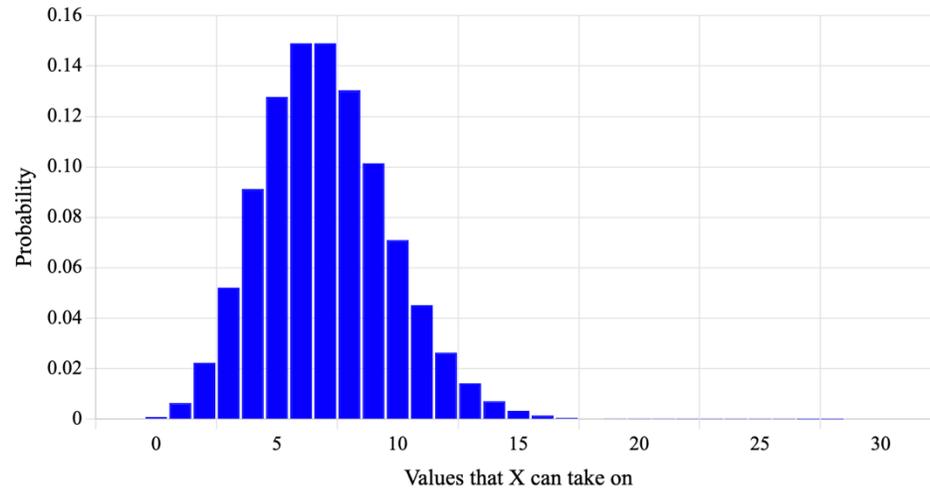


True rate = 7 points per unit size

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

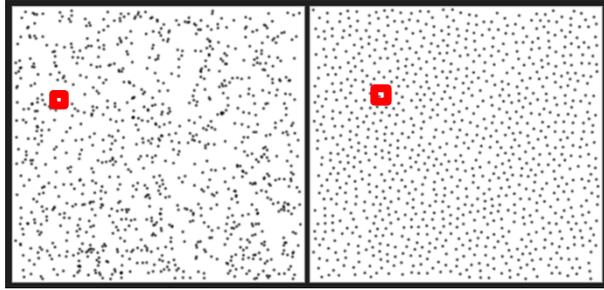
Observed (for both)

Parameter  $\lambda$ :



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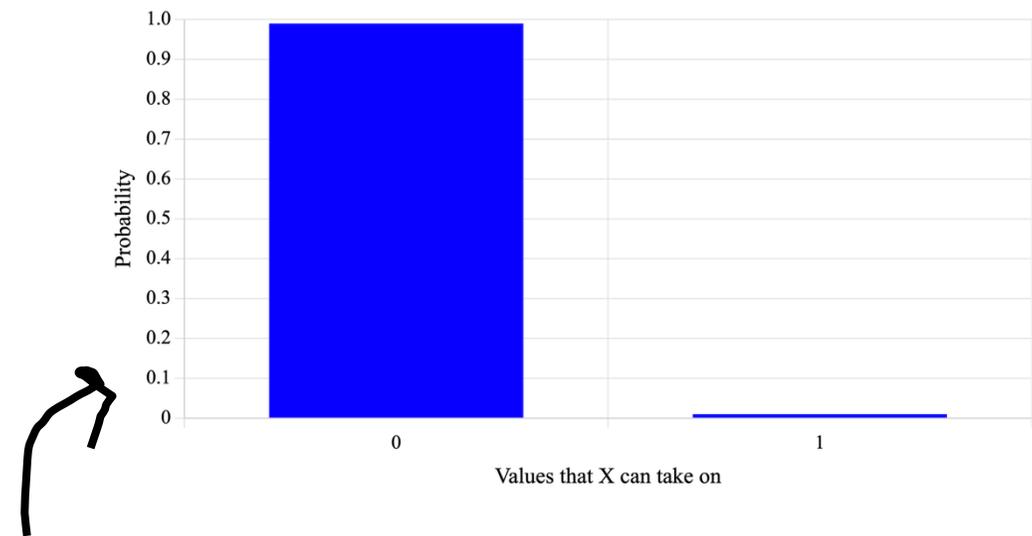
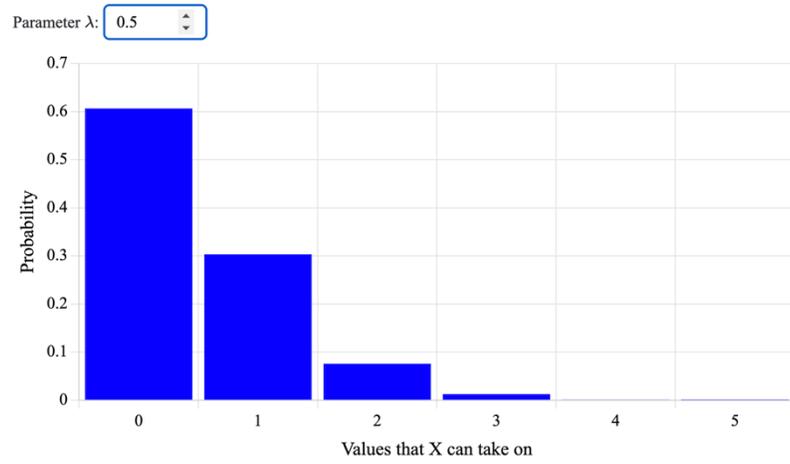
Squares that are .01 x .01



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Observed (for right)



↶ Bonus, calculate the KL divergence between these two distributions

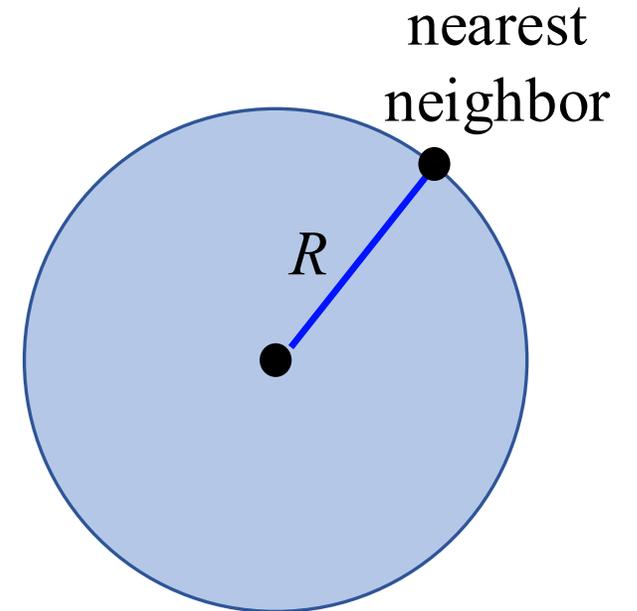
# Which one is Poisson? Nearest Neighbor Distance

Let  $R$  be the distance to the nearest neighbor of a point

$$\begin{aligned}P(R < r) &= 1 - P(\text{Zero points in radius } R) \\ &= 1 - P(X = 0)\end{aligned}$$

Let  $X$  be the number of points in radius  $R$ .  $X \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda = 7 \cdot \pi \cdot r^2)$

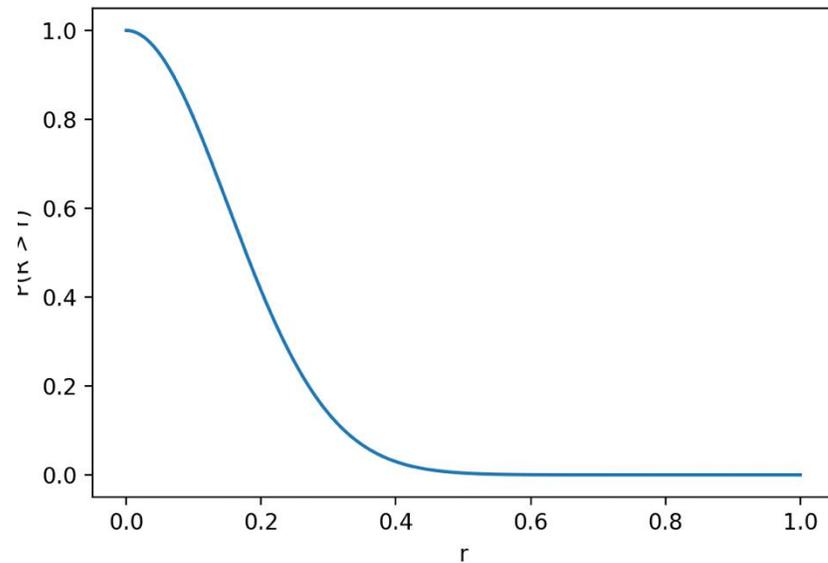
$$\begin{aligned}&= 1 - \frac{(7\pi r^2)^0 e^{-7\pi r^2}}{0!} \\ &= 1 - e^{-7\pi r^2}\end{aligned}$$



# Which one is Poisson? Nearest Neighbor Distance

$$P(R > r) = 1 - e^{-7\pi r^2}$$

Theory and picture on the left:



Picture on the right:

