

# ④ Poisson

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Ex: if  $\alpha = 0,5$

\* The sample space of a Poisson R.V is exactly the same as that of a geometric R.V.

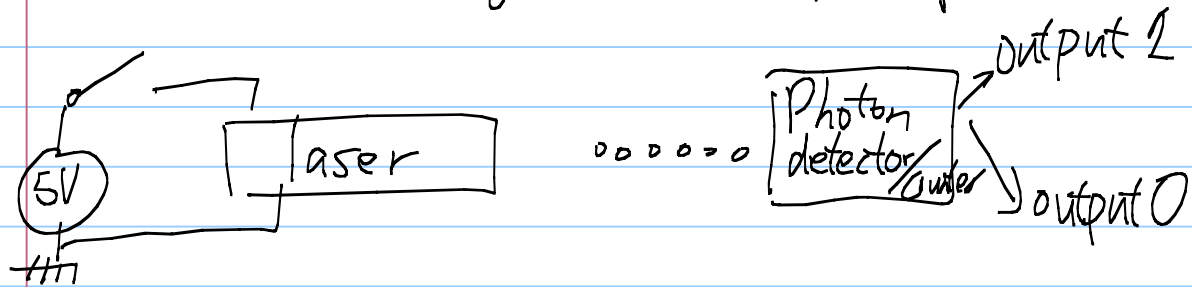
\* Poisson random variable is used to model the experiment that ①

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\* Poisson is quite common, especially in physics.



A laser that can be turned on (5V)  
or off (0V)

Once it is on, in average  
1000 photons/msec.

A photon detector count the number  
of photons  $X$  in 0.1 msec. And output  
0 or 1 depending on  $X$ .

If there is no "ambient noise"

(but in reality, we choose  
instead.

What is the prob that the output

is 0 even if the laser is ON.

Ans:

Q: Suppose we reduce the interval to

$0.01 \text{ msec}$   
 $\gamma$  is the # of photons in  
 $0.01 \text{ msec}$ .

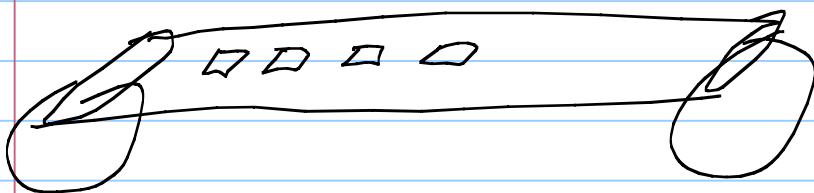
$P(\text{Output} = 0 \mid \text{the laser is ON})$   
 $= ?$

Ans:

Namely: sending at rate  $\frac{1}{0.1 \text{ msec}} = 10 \text{ k}$ , the error prob  $\approx 10^{-16}$  if we increase the rate to look.

the bit error rate increases to 1%.  
a trade-off between communication speed  
and the error rate.

Ex: A factory uses X-ray to test  
the defective chips sequentially  
[X-ray]



We know that in average we will find  
3 defective chips every 20 minutes.

Let  $X$  be the number of defective  
chips found from 1-2:30 pm

$$Q: P(X \leq 6) = ?$$

Ans:

Q:  $E(X) = ?$

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$$Q: E(X(X-1)) = ?$$

Ans:

$$Q: E(X^2) = ? \quad \text{Var}(X) = ?$$

Ans:

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