

Confidence interval in the Poisson distribution.

X_1, \dots, X_n iid Poisson(λ).

$Y = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim \text{Poisson}(n\lambda)$ and sufficient.

Observe $Y = y_0$

Pivoting cdf: $P(Y \leq y_0 | \lambda_U(y_0)) = \frac{\alpha}{2} = P(Y \geq y_0 | \lambda_L(y_0))$

Let $Z \sim \text{gamma}(\alpha^*, \beta)$

$P(Z \leq z) = P(Y \geq \alpha^*)$

$Z = \sum_{i=1}^{\alpha^*} E_i$, where $E_i = \exp\left(\frac{1}{\beta}\right) = \exp(\lambda)$

For $\lambda_U(y_0)$ we get

$\frac{\alpha}{2} = P(Y \leq y_0) = 1 - P(Y \geq y_0 + 1) = 1 - P(Z \leq z) = P(Z > z)$

Where $Z \sim \text{gamma}\left(y_0 + 1, \frac{1}{\lambda}\right) \Rightarrow 2\lambda Z \sim \chi^2(2(y_0 + 1))$

Z represents the time, and $\frac{1}{\lambda}$ is the expected time between

events. Thereby $\frac{z}{\frac{1}{\lambda}} = n\lambda$ or $z = n$.

Hence

$$\frac{\alpha}{2} = P(Z > z) = P(2\lambda Z > 2\lambda z) = P(\chi^2(2(y_0 + 1)) > 2\lambda n) \Rightarrow \lambda_U(t) = \frac{1}{2n} \chi^2(2(y_0 + 1))_{\frac{\alpha}{2}}$$

For $\lambda_L(y_0)$ we get

$$\frac{\alpha}{2} = P(Y \geq y_0) = P(Z \leq z) = P(2\lambda Z \leq 2\lambda z) = P(\chi^2(2y_0) \leq 2\lambda n) = \lambda_L(y_0) = \frac{1}{2n} \chi^2(2y_0)_{\frac{\alpha}{2}}$$