

1. Use the Poisson Distribution Formula $P(x) = \frac{\mu^x e^{-\mu}}{x!}$ to find the probability that a customer service agent will receive 9 calls in one hour, given that the mean is 12 calls per hour.

2. Suppose that a city planner records over several days how many cars pass under an overpass during rush hour. She finds that on average 375 cars pass under the overpass during rush hour.
 - (a) Find the probability that 375 cars will pass under the overpass during rush hour on any given day.

 - (b) Find the probability that 360 cars will pass under the overpass during rush hour on any given day.

 - (c) Find the probability that 400 cars will pass under the overpass during rush hour on any given day.

3. Suppose that a microbiologist finds the incidence of a certain type of bacteria to be 200 colony-forming units per 100 mL of water in a certain stream.
 - (a) If a person takes a 100 mL sample of water from the stream, what is the probability that it contains 250 colony-forming units?

 - (b) If a person takes a 100 mL sample of water from the stream, what is the probability that it contains at most 250 colony-forming units?

 - (c) If a person takes a 100 mL sample of water from the stream, what is the probability that it contains more than 250 colony-forming units?

4. After a rough winter and many new potholes, it is found that an average of 2 cars per day will get a flat tire driving on a particularly bad stretch of North Ave.
 - (a) Construct a probability distribution table and histogram for this distribution.
[Include all the values of x until $P(x) \approx 0$.]
 - (b) Find the probability that on a given day 5 cars will get a flat tire driving on this piece of road.
 - (c) Find the probability that at most 5 cars get flat tires on a given day.
 - (d) Find the probability that more than 5 cars get flat tires on a given day.
 - (e) Find the probability that during a given *week*, 5 cars will get a flat tire.
[Hint: What is the mean number of cars *per week* that you expect to get flat tires?]
 - (f) Find the probability that during a given week, at most 5 cars will get a flat tire.
 - (g) Find the probability that during a given week, more than 5 cars will get a flat tire. Compare this answer with part (d) and explain why it makes sense.