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# Point Process

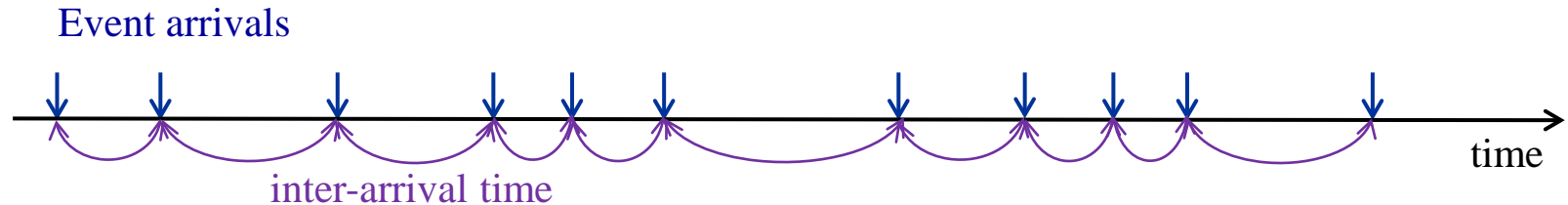
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# Temporal Point Process

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- Temporal (1-dimension) Point Process
  - Example: Poisson process



- Homogeneous

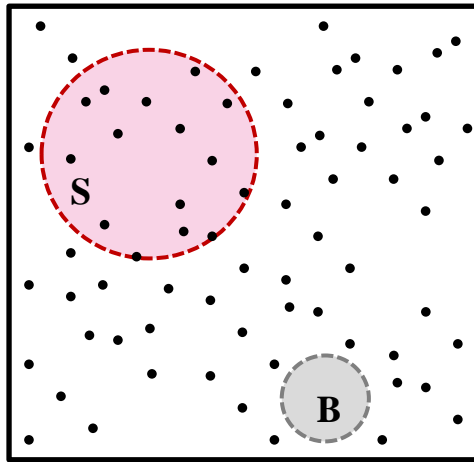
$$\Pr\{N(t) = n\} = \frac{(\lambda t)^n}{n!} e^{-\lambda t}$$

- In-homogeneous

$$\Pr\{N(t) = n\} = \frac{\left(\int_0^t \lambda(u) du\right)^n}{n!} e^{-\int_0^t \lambda(u) du}$$

# Spatial Point Process

- Spatial (2-dimensions) Point Process



- ✓ For given area  $S$ , how many points ( $N(S)$ ) are there?
- ✓ For given area  $B$ , is there any point or not ( $V(B)$ )?
  - $V(B) \in \{0, 1\}$  is vacancy in area  $B$
- ✓ Thinning
  - For a point process with intensity  $\lambda$ , when either retaining each point with probability  $q$  or deleting it with probability  $1-q$ , independently other points, the new process is a point process with intensity  $q\lambda$

- Applications

- Location modeling of some objects
  - Trees in a forest
  - Birds nests
  - Stars in galaxy
  - Galaxies in space

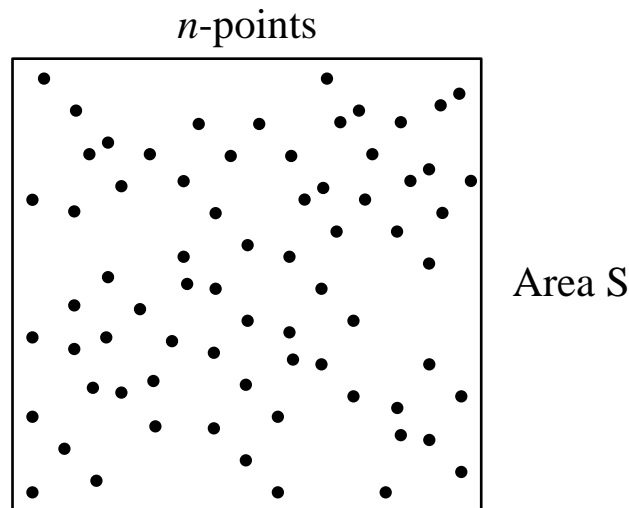
# Spatial Poisson Process (1)

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- Homogeneous

- $\Pr\{N(S) = n\} = \frac{(\lambda|S|)^n}{n!} e^{-\lambda|S|}$

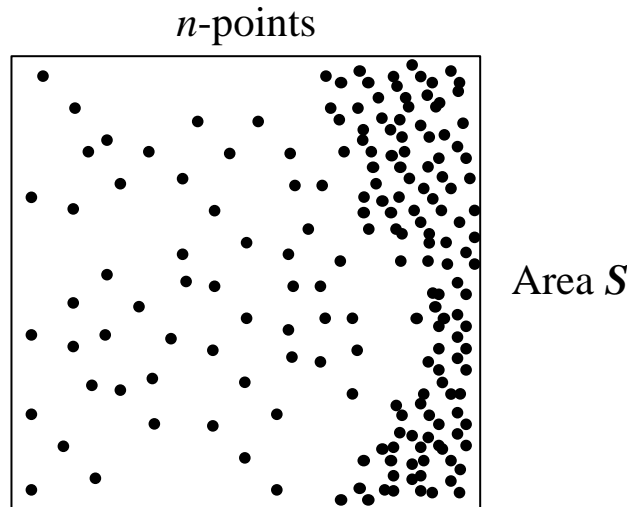
- $|S|$  represents the area size
    - Locations of  $n$ -points in  $S$  are independent and uniformly distributed random variable



# Spatial Poisson Process (2)

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- In-homogeneous

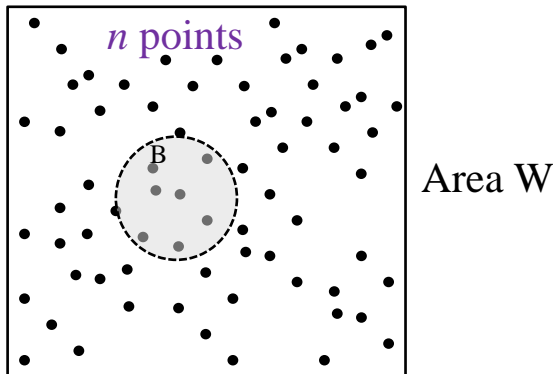


$$- \Pr\{N(S) = n\} = \frac{(\int \int_S \lambda(x,y) dx dy)^n}{n!} e^{-\int \int_S \lambda(x,y) dx dy}$$

- Where  $\lambda(x,y) dx dy$  is the probability that a point occurs in the region  $\{(x, x + dx), (y, y + dy)\}$

# Spatial Poisson Process (3)

- Consider a Poisson point process in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with uniform intensity (homogeneous)  $\beta > 0$
- Given that  $N(W) = n$ , the condition distribution of  $N(B)$  for  $B \subseteq W$  is binomial



$$\begin{aligned}
 & \Pr\{N(B) = k | N(W) = n\} \\
 &= \frac{\Pr\{N(B)=k\}\Pr\{N(W\setminus B)=n-k\}}{\Pr\{N(W)=n\}} \\
 &= \frac{\frac{(\cancel{\lambda|B|})^k}{k!} \cancel{e^{-\lambda|B|}} \frac{(\cancel{\lambda|W\setminus B|})^{n-k}}{(n-k)!} \cancel{e^{-\lambda|W\setminus B|}}}{\frac{(\cancel{\lambda|W|})^n}{n!} \cancel{e^{-\lambda|W|}}} \\
 &= \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} \left(\frac{|B|}{|W|}\right)^k \left(\frac{|W|-|B|}{|W|}\right)^{n-k} \\
 &= \frac{\binom{n}{k} \left(\frac{|B|}{|W|}\right)^k \left(1 - \frac{|B|}{|W|}\right)^{n-k}}{\text{binomial distribution}}
 \end{aligned}$$

# Spatial Poisson Process (4)

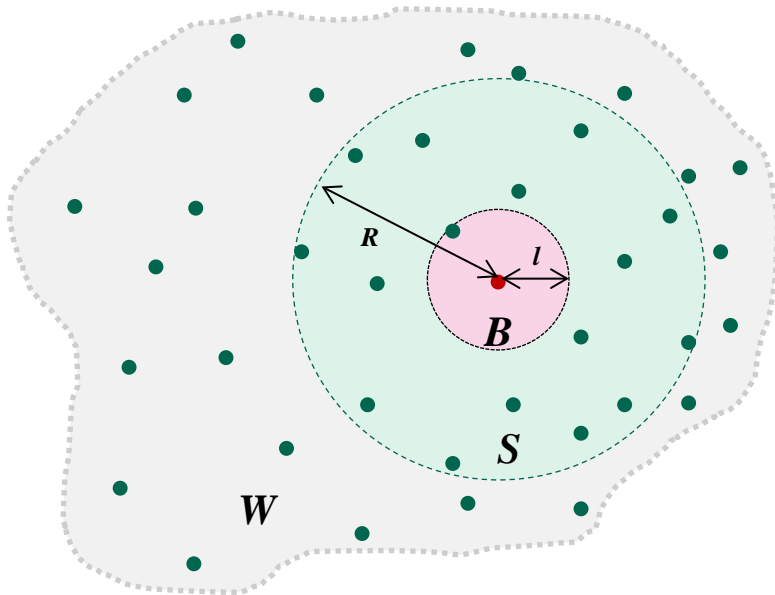
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## < Example >

Consider a city where police cars are distributed according to a Poisson process with an intensity of  $\lambda$  [cars per square meters]. Assume that an incident requiring police presence occurs somewhere in the city.

What is the probability density function of distance  $L$  between the location of incident and the nearest police car?

# Spatial Poisson Process (5)



- $\Pr\{N(W) = n\} = \frac{(\lambda|W|)^n}{n!} e^{-\lambda|W|}$
- $\Pr\{N(S) = k\} = \frac{(\lambda\pi R^2)^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda\pi R^2}$

- $\Pr\{L \leq l\} = 1 - \Pr\{L > l\}$
- $\Pr\{L > l\}$  is the probability that there is no point in area  $B$  with size  $\pi l^2$
- $\Pr\{L > l\} = \Pr\{N(B) = 0\} = e^{-\lambda|B|} = e^{-\lambda\pi l^2}$
- $\Pr\{L \leq l\} = 1 - e^{-\lambda\pi l^2}$
- PDF of  $L$  :  $f_L(l) = 2\pi\lambda l e^{-\lambda\pi l^2}$