

2.28. The number of hours between successive trains is T which is uniformly distributed between 1 and 2. Passengers arrive at the station according to a Poisson process with rate 24 per hour. Let X denote the number of people who get on a train. Find (a) EX , (b) $\text{var}(X)$.

(a) S is the time when the train arrives. $S \sim \text{Uni}(1, 2)$.
 $N(t)$: the number of passengers arrived at the station by time t .
 The number of passengers on the train $X = N(S)$. By assumption $N(t) \sim \text{Poi}(24t)$.

$$E[X|S=t] = E[N(t)|S=t] \stackrel{S \& N(t) \text{ independent}}{=} E[N(t)] = 24t.$$

$$(*) \quad E[X|S] = E[N(S)|S] = 24S$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &= \int_{t=-\infty}^{\infty} E[X|S=t] \cdot f_S(t) dt = \int_{t=1}^2 E[X|S=t] \cdot 1 dt \\ &= \int_1^2 24t dt = 12(t^2)_1^2 = 12(4-1) = \underline{\underline{36}} \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\text{Var}(X|S=t) = \text{Var}(N(t)|S=t) \stackrel{N(t) \& S \text{ independent}}{=} \text{Var}(N(t)) \stackrel{N(t) \sim \text{Poi}(24t)}{=} 24t$$

$$(**) \quad \text{Var}(X|S) = \text{Var}(N(S)|S) = 24S$$

Conditional variance formula.

$$\text{Var}(X) = E[\text{Var}(X|S)] + \text{Var}(E[X|S]).$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = E[24S] + \text{Var}(24S)$$

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$$S \sim \text{Uni}(1, 2)$$

$$= 24 \underbrace{E[S]}_{\frac{3}{2}} + 24^2 \underbrace{\text{Var}(S)}_{\frac{1}{12} \cdot (2-1)^2 = \frac{1}{12}} = 3 \cdot 12 + \frac{2^2 \cdot 12^2}{12} = 36 + 48 = \underline{\underline{84}}$$