

Solutions to Problem 1.

- a. In this situation, time-stationary means that demand is not time-dependent (i.e., no seasonal demand), and the market for A, B, C is not time-dependent (i.e., not increasing or decreasing).
- b. Let Y_t = total sales up to week t . Y_t follows a Poisson process with arrival rate $10 + 10 = 20$.

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr\{Y_1 > 30\} &= 1 - \Pr\{Y_1 \leq 30\} \\ &= 1 - \sum_{j=0}^{30} \frac{e^{-20(1)}(20(1))^j}{j!} \approx 0.013 \end{aligned}$$

- c. Let $Y_{A,t}$ = total sales of A up to week t , $Y_{B,t}$ = total sales of B up to week t , and $Y_{C,t}$ = total sales of C up to week t . $Y_{A,t}$ follows a Poisson process with arrival rate $20(0.2) = 4$, $Y_{B,t}$ follows a Poisson process with arrival rate $20(0.7) = 14$, and $Y_{C,t}$ follows a Poisson process with arrival rate $20(0.1) = 2$.

Expected sales in 1 month:

$$E[Y_{A,4}] = 4(4) = 16 \quad E[Y_{B,4}] = 14(4) = 56 \quad E[Y_{C,4}] = 2(4) = 8$$

Expected person-hours for 1 month:

$$25E[Y_{A,4}] + 15E[Y_{B,4}] + 40E[Y_{C,4}] = 25(16) + 15(56) + 40(8) = 1560$$

- d. Let $Y_{B,t}^L$ = Louise's total sales of B up to week t . $Y_{B,t}^L$ follows a Poisson process with rate $10(0.7) = 7$.

$$\begin{aligned} \Pr\{Y_{B,2}^L - Y_{B,1}^L > 5 \text{ and } Y_{B,1}^L > 5\} &= \Pr\{Y_{B,2}^L - Y_{B,1}^L > 5\} \Pr\{Y_{B,1}^L > 5\} \quad (\text{independent increments}) \\ &= \Pr\{Y_{B,1}^L > 5\} \Pr\{Y_{B,1}^L > 5\} \quad (\text{stationary increments}) \\ &= \left(1 - \sum_{j=0}^5 \frac{e^{-7(1)}(7(1))^j}{j!}\right)^2 \approx 0.4890 \end{aligned}$$