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## Statistics of clusters

$a_i$  probability that an event will induce  $i$  subsequent events

$P_i$  probability that a cluster has  $i$  events

use tree analysis, assuming stationarity of  $a_i$ 's.  $P_i$  is polynomial in  $a_j c_j$ .

Jack has data  $P_i, i=1, \dots, 6$  for New Madrid

1. Calculated polynomials by computing random trees & finding unique sets.

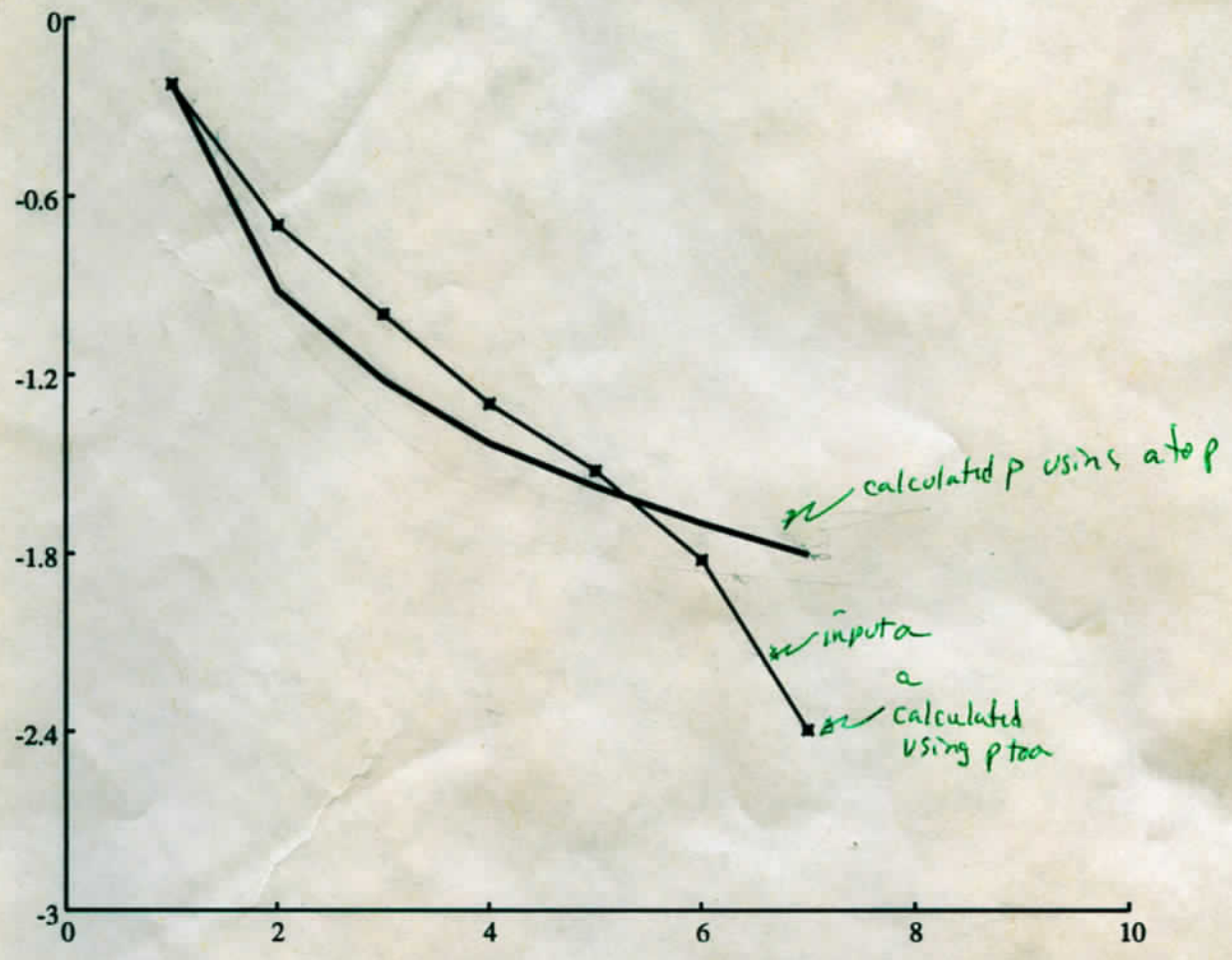
2. Code to evaluate polynomial  $P(a)$  and back-solve it  $a(P)$

3. But Jack's data has random error. Use Poisson-distribution\* to compute alternative datasets, with rates  $r_i$  accordance with the probability that they match Jack's rates.

$$* P_n(r) = \frac{(rT)^n e^{-rT}}{n!}$$

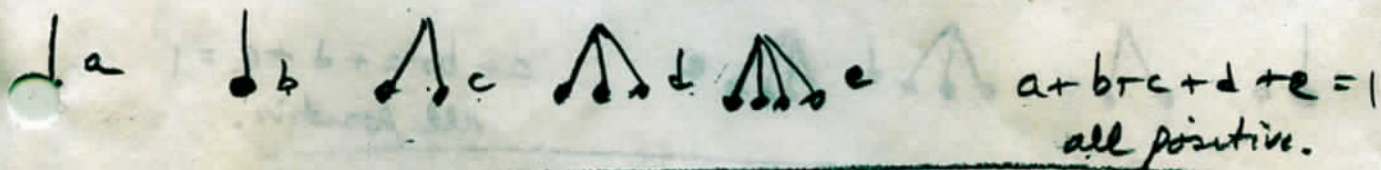
PTOA

$\log_{10} a$



n





ways to get 1



$P(1) = a$

$\therefore a = P_1$

ways to get 2



$P(2) = ab$

$\therefore b = \frac{P_2}{P_1}$

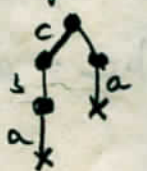
ways to get 3



$P(3) = ab^2 + a^2c$

$c = \frac{P_3 - b^2}{a^2} = \frac{P_3}{P_1^2} - \frac{P_2^2}{P_1^3}$   
 $= \frac{1}{P_1^2} (P_1 P_3 - P_2^2)$

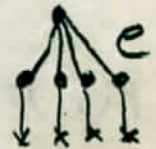
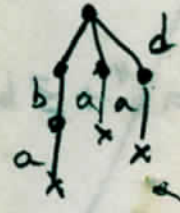
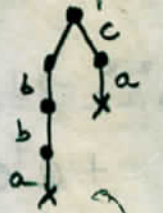
ways to get 4



$P(4) = ab^3 + 2a^2bc + a^3d$

$\therefore d$

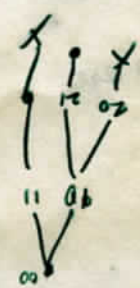
ways to get 5



$P(5) = ab^4 + 3b^2ac + 3da^3b + a^4e + 2c^2a^3$

2 of these

3 of these



$\therefore e$