

## EFFICIENT SEQUENTIAL PLANS FOR NONHOMOGENEOUS POISSON PROCESS

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*Abstract.* Consider a nonhomogeneous Poisson process with unknown intensity function  $\lambda(s)$ ,  $s \geq 0$ . The work answers the question: what are efficient sequential plans for this process? The efficiency is understanding in the sense of Cramer-Rao-Wolfowitz inequality.

Results obtained in this paper generalize theorems proved by Trybuła [7] for Poisson process with constant intensity.

### 1. CRAMER-RAO-WOLFOWITZ INEQUALITY AND WALD'S IDENTITIES FOR NONHOMOGENEOUS POISSON PROCESS

Let  $X_s$ ,  $s \geq 0$ , be nonhomogeneous Poisson process with intensity function  $\lambda: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ , [2]. By  $\mathcal{X}$  we denote the space of functions  $x: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathcal{N}$ ;  $\mathcal{N}$  — the set of nonnegative, integer numbers; constant in intervals and for which  $x(0) = 0$ ,  $x(s) = x(s-) + 0 \vee 1$ .

$\mathcal{B}$  is the smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra of subsets of  $\mathcal{X}$ , containing the sets  $\{x \in \mathcal{X}: x(s) = k, s \geq 0, k \in \mathcal{N}\}$ ,  $\mathcal{B}_t$  — the smallest  $\sigma$ -algebra containing the sets

$$\{x \in \mathcal{X}: x(s) = k, s \leq t, k \in \mathcal{N}\}.$$

Process  $X_s$  generates a measure  $\mu_\lambda$  in the space  $(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{B})$ , [3]. An unknown intensity function  $\lambda$  belongs to some function space  $A$ .

A Markov stopping time is a random variable  $\tau: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow [0, \infty]$  which satisfies the following conditions:

$$\begin{aligned} \{x \in \mathcal{X}: \tau(x) \leq t\} &\in \mathcal{B}_t, \forall t \geq 0; \\ \mu_\lambda(\{x \in \mathcal{X}: \tau(x) < \infty\}) &= 1, \forall \lambda \in A. \end{aligned}$$

A Markov stopping time  $\tau$  generates a  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{B}_\tau$ .

By  $\mu_\lambda^\tau$  we denote the measure  $\mu_\lambda$  restricted to the  $\sigma$ -algebra  $\mathcal{B}_\tau$ .

We can formulate the following proposition, which is a consequence of theorem 19.7, [4].

PROPOSITION 1. We assume that

$$\int_0^t \lambda(s) ds < \infty, \quad \forall t \geq 0.$$

Let  $\mu_1$  denote a measure generated by Poisson process with intensity equal to 1. If a Markov stopping time  $\tau$  satisfies the condition

$$\int_0^{\tau(x)} (1 - \sqrt{\lambda(s)})^2 ds < \infty \quad \mu_\lambda\text{-almost surely,}$$

then the measure  $\mu_\lambda^\tau$  is absolutely continuous with respect to the measure  $\mu_1^\tau$  and

$$(1) \quad \frac{d\mu_\lambda^\tau}{d\mu_1^\tau}(x) = \exp\left(\int_0^{\tau(x)} \ln \lambda(v) dx(v) + \int_0^{\tau(x)} -1 - \lambda(v) dv\right) \\ = \begin{cases} \prod_{j=1}^{N_\tau(x)} \lambda(t_j) \exp\left(\tau - \int_0^\tau \lambda(v) dv\right) & \text{if } N_\tau > 0, \\ \exp\left(\tau - \int_0^\tau \lambda(v) dv\right) & \text{if } N_\tau = 0. \end{cases}$$

$N_\tau(x)$  denotes a number of jumps of a realization  $x$  in the interval  $[0, \tau]$ ,  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{N_\tau}$  — the times of jumps of a realization  $x$  in observed interval  $[0, \tau]$ .

Proof. For any stopping time  $\tau$  let us introduce stopped Poisson process  $\tilde{X}_s = X_{s \wedge \tau}$ . This process generates a measure  $\tilde{\mu}_\lambda$  in the space  $(\mathcal{X}, \tilde{\mathcal{B}})$ , where  $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}$  is the  $\sigma$ -algebra, generated by the sets

$$\{x \in \mathcal{X}: x(s \wedge \tau) = k, s \geq 0, k \in \mathcal{N}\}.$$

By theorem 6 [6] we have  $\tilde{\mathcal{B}} = \mathcal{B}_\tau$  and  $\mu_\lambda^\tau = \tilde{\mu}_\lambda$ . The compensator  $A_t$  of the process  $X_t$  has the form

$$\int_0^t \lambda(s) ds.$$

So, from lemma 18.9 [4] we infer that the compensator  $\tilde{A}_t$  of the process  $\tilde{X}_t$  has the form  $\tilde{A}_t = A_{t \wedge \tau}$ .

Theorem 19.7 [4] allows us to conclude that  $\mu_\lambda^\tau = \tilde{\mu}_\lambda \leq \tilde{\mu}_1 = \mu_1^\tau$  and taking  $t = \infty$  we obtain formula (1).

Definition 1. A sequential plan is a pair  $(\tau, f(\tau, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{N_\tau}, N_\tau))$  where  $\tau$  is a Markov stopping time and  $f(\tau, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{N_\tau}, N_\tau)$  is an estimator of the parameter  $h(\lambda)h: A \rightarrow R$ .

In the sequel, by  $\nabla_\lambda g(\lambda)$  we denote a directional derivative at the point  $\lambda$  in the direction  $\lambda$  of the mapping  $g$ .

Now we can formulate the theorem about inequality of Cramer-Rao-Wolfowitz type.

**THEOREM 1.** Let  $(\tau, f(\tau, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{N_\tau}, N_\tau))$  be a sequential plan for nonhomogeneous Poisson process with unknown intensity function, where  $f(\tau, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{N_\tau}, N_\tau)$  is unbiased estimator for the functional  $h(\lambda)$ , that means

$$E_{\mu_\lambda} f(\tau, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{N_\tau}, N_\tau) = h(\lambda)$$

and

$$\text{Var}_{\mu_\lambda} f(\tau, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{N_\tau}, N_\tau) < \infty.$$

We also assume that the function  $d\mu_\lambda^\tau/d\mu_1^\tau$  satisfies some regularity conditions, which guarantee the following equations:

$$(2) \quad \int_{\mathcal{X}} \nabla_\lambda \frac{d\mu_\lambda^\tau}{d\mu_1^\tau}(x, \lambda) d\mu_1(x) = 0,$$

$$(3) \quad \begin{aligned} \nabla_\lambda \int_{\mathcal{X}} f(\tau, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{N_\tau}, N_\tau) \frac{d\mu_\lambda^\tau}{d\mu_1^\tau}(x, \lambda) d\mu_1(x) \\ = \int_{\mathcal{X}} f(\tau, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{N_\tau}, N_\tau) \nabla_\lambda \frac{d\mu_\lambda^\tau}{d\mu_1^\tau}(x, \lambda) d\mu_1(x). \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$(4) \quad \text{Var}_{\mu_\lambda} f(\tau, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{N_\tau}, N_\tau) \geq \frac{[\nabla_\lambda h(\lambda)]^2}{\int_{\mathcal{X}} [\nabla_\lambda \ln \frac{d\mu_\lambda^\tau}{d\mu_1^\tau}(x, \lambda)]^2 d\mu_\lambda(x)}$$

where

$$(5) \quad \nabla_\lambda \ln \frac{d\mu_\lambda^\tau}{d\mu_1^\tau}(x, \lambda) = N_\tau(x) - \int_0^\tau \lambda(v) dv.$$

The equality in (4) holds at some  $\lambda$  if and only if

$$(6) \quad \begin{aligned} f(\tau, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{N_\tau}, N_\tau) \\ = \frac{\nabla_\lambda h(\lambda)}{\int_{\mathcal{X}} [N_\tau(x) - \int_0^\tau \lambda(v) dv]^2 d\mu_\lambda(x)} (N_\tau(x) - \int_0^\tau \lambda(v) dv) + h(\lambda) \end{aligned}$$

$\mu_1$ -almost surely.

The proof of this theorem is analogous to that in [1] and [4].

**Definition 2.** A sequential plan  $(\tau, f(\tau, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{N_\tau}, N_\tau))$  is called an efficient plan if in formula (4) the equality holds for each  $\lambda \in A$ .

Let  $\varphi(\tau, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{N_\tau}, N_\tau, \lambda)$  be a function  $\mu_\lambda^\tau$ -integrable. Moreover we

suppose that

$$(7) \quad \nabla_{\lambda} \int_{\mathcal{X}} \varphi(\tau, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{N_{\tau}}, N_{\tau}, \lambda) \frac{d\mu_{\lambda}^{\tau}}{d\mu_1^{\tau}} d\mu_1^{\tau} \\ = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \nabla_{\lambda} \left[ \varphi(\tau, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{N_{\tau}}, N_{\tau}, \lambda) \frac{d\mu_{\lambda}^{\tau}}{d\mu_1^{\tau}} \right] d\mu_1^{\tau}.$$

So we can write:

$$(8) \quad E_{\mu_{\lambda}} [N_{\tau} - \int_0^{\tau} \lambda(v) dv] \varphi(\tau, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{N_{\tau}}, N_{\tau}, \lambda) \\ = \nabla_{\lambda} E_{\mu_{\lambda}} \varphi(\tau, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{N_{\tau}}, N_{\tau}, \lambda) - E_{\mu_{\lambda}} \nabla_{\lambda} \varphi(\tau, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{N_{\tau}}, N_{\tau}, \lambda).$$

If we put  $\varphi(\tau, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{N_{\tau}}, N_{\tau}, \lambda) = 1$  in formula (8), we obtain the first Wald identity:

$$(9) \quad E_{\mu_{\lambda}} N_{\tau} = E_{\mu_{\lambda}} \int_0^{\tau} \lambda(v) dv.$$

If we put

$$\varphi(\tau, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{N_{\tau}}, N_{\tau}, \lambda) = N_{\tau} - \int_0^{\tau} \lambda(v) dv,$$

then from (8) we obtain the second Wald identity:

$$(10) \quad E_{\mu_{\lambda}} [N_{\tau} - \int_0^{\tau} \lambda(v) dv]^2 = E_{\mu_{\lambda}} \int_0^{\tau} \lambda(v) dv.$$

Putting  $\varphi(\tau, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{N_{\tau}}, N_{\tau}, \lambda) = N_{\tau}$  we obtain:

$$(11) \quad E_{\mu_{\lambda}} [N_{\tau} - \int_0^{\tau} \lambda(v) dv] N_{\tau} = \nabla_{\lambda} E_{\mu_{\lambda}} \int_0^{\tau} \lambda(v) dv.$$

Now let

$$\varphi(\tau, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{N_{\tau}}, N_{\tau}, \lambda) = \int_0^{\tau} \lambda(v) dv.$$

Then we have

$$(12) \quad E_{\mu_{\lambda}} [N_{\tau} - \int_0^{\tau} \lambda(v) dv] \int_0^{\tau} \lambda(v) dv = \nabla_{\lambda} E_{\mu_{\lambda}} N_{\tau} - E_{\mu_{\lambda}} \int_0^{\tau} \lambda(v) dv.$$

We can write

$$(13) \quad \text{Var}_{\mu_{\lambda}} N_{\tau} = \text{Var}_{\mu_{\lambda}} \left[ \int_0^{\tau} \lambda(v) dv \right] + 2 \nabla_{\lambda} E_{\mu_{\lambda}} \int_0^{\tau} \lambda(v) dv - E_{\mu_{\lambda}} \int_0^{\tau} \lambda(v) dv.$$

2. EFFICIENCY OF A FIXED-TIME PLAN

Definition 3. A sequential plan  $(\tau, f)$ , where  $\tau$  is equal, with probability 1, to a constant  $t > 0$ , is called a *fixed-time plan*.

THEOREM 2. If some regularity conditions, which guarantee equalities (2), (3), and (7), are satisfied, then a fixed-time plan is efficient.

Proof. Let

$$f(\tau, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{N_t}, N_t) = f(t, N_t) = aN_t + b,$$

$$E_{\mu_\lambda} f(t, N_t) = h(\lambda) = a \int_0^t \lambda(v) dv + b,$$

$$\text{Var}_{\mu_\lambda} f(t, N_t) = a^2 \int_0^t \lambda(v) dv.$$

The lower bound in the Cramer-Rao-Wolfowitz inequality takes the following form:

$$\frac{[\nabla_\lambda h(\lambda)]^2}{E_{\mu_\lambda} \left[ \nabla_\lambda \ln \frac{d\mu_\lambda}{d\mu_1} \right]^2} = \frac{a^2 \left[ \int_0^t \lambda(v) dv \right]^2}{\int_0^t \lambda(v) dv} = a^2 \int_0^t \lambda(v) dv.$$

So, a fixed-time plan is efficient sequential plan and

$$h(\lambda) = a \int_0^t \lambda(v) dv + b$$

is efficiently estimable functional of  $\lambda$  for this plan.

The estimator  $f(t, N_t) = aN_t + b$  is efficient estimator for a fixed-time plan.

Remark. If intensity function  $\lambda \in C[0, t]$ , then, from theorem XII 20' [5], equalities (2), (3), (8)-(13) hold for a fixed-time plan.

3. EFFICIENCY OF AN OBLIQUE PLAN

Definition 4. A sequential plan  $(\tau_u, f)$ , where

$$\tau_u = \inf \left\{ t: N_t = \frac{1}{r}(t-s) \right\}, \quad r > 0, s > 0,$$

with probability 1, is called an *oblique plan*.

In the sequel we assume that  $\lambda$  is continuous, periodic function with the period equal to  $r$ .

### 3.1. Existing and finiteness of the first two moments of an oblique plan.

Let  $p_i(s)$  denote a probability of the first attaining of the line  $k = (t-s)/r$  at the point  $i$ , by the process  $N_t$ .

We can write the following equality:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{p_i(s+\Delta s) - p_i(s)}{\Delta s} = & -\frac{1 - \exp\left(-\int_s^{s+\Delta s} \lambda(v) dv\right)}{\Delta s} p_i(s) + \\ & + \frac{\left(\int_s^{s+\Delta s} \lambda(v) dv\right) \cdot \exp\left(-\int_s^{s+\Delta s} \lambda(v) dv\right)}{\Delta s} \times \\ & \times \left\{ p_{i-1}(s) \exp\left(-\int_{s+\Delta s}^{s+\Delta s+r} \lambda(v) dv\right) + p_{i-2}(s) \times \right. \\ & \times \left[ \left(\int_{s+\Delta s}^{s+\Delta s+r} \lambda(v) dv\right) \exp\left(-\int_{s+\Delta s}^{s+\Delta s+r} \lambda(v) dv\right) \exp\left(-\int_{s+\Delta s}^{s+\Delta s+r} \lambda(v) dv\right) + \right. \\ & \left. \left. + \frac{1}{2} \left(\int_s^{s+\Delta s} \lambda(v) dv\right) \exp\left(-\int_{s+\Delta s}^{s+\Delta s+2r} \lambda(v) dv\right) \right] + \right. \\ & \left. + p_{i-3}(s) \left[ \left(\int_{s+\Delta s}^{s+\Delta s+r} \lambda(v) dv\right)^2 \exp\left(-3 \int_{s+\Delta s}^{s+\Delta s+r} \lambda(v) dv\right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\int_{s+\Delta s}^{s+\Delta s+r} \lambda(v) dv\right)^2 \times \right. \right. \\ & \times \exp\left(-\int_{s+\Delta s}^{s+\Delta s+r} \lambda(v) dv\right) \exp\left(-\int_{s+\Delta s}^{s+\Delta s+2r} \lambda(v) dv\right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\int_s^{s+\Delta s} \lambda(v) dv\right) \times \\ & \times \left(\int_{s+\Delta s}^{s+\Delta s+2r} \lambda(v) dv\right) \exp\left(-\int_{s+\Delta s}^{s+\Delta s+2r} \lambda(v) dv\right) \exp\left(-\int_{s+\Delta s}^{s+\Delta s+r} \lambda(v) dv\right) + \\ & \left. \left. + \frac{1}{3!} \left(\int_s^{s+\Delta s} \lambda(v) dv\right)^2 \exp\left(-\int_{s+\Delta s}^{s+\Delta s+3r} \lambda(v) dv\right) \right] + \dots + p_0(s) L \right\}, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$L\left(\int_s^{s+\Delta s} \lambda(v) dv\right) \exp\left(-\int_s^{s+\Delta s} \lambda(v) dv\right)$$

denotes the probability of the first attaining of the line  $(t-(s+\Delta s))/r$  at the point  $i$  after first attaining of the line  $(t-s)/r$  at the point 0. If  $\Delta s \rightarrow 0$  we obtain:

$$(14) \quad \begin{aligned} p'_i(s) &= -\lambda(s) p_i(s) + \lambda(s) p_{i-1}(s+r), \\ p'_0(s) &= -\lambda(s) p_0(s), \\ p_0(0) &= 1, \quad p_i(0) = 0 \quad \text{for } i \neq 0. \end{aligned}$$

We have

$$p_0(s) = \exp\left(-\int_0^s \lambda(v) dv\right).$$

We seek solution of the form

$$p_i(s, \lambda) = q_i(s, \lambda) \exp\left(-\int_0^{s+ir} \lambda(v) dv\right).$$

Then we obtain the following system of equalities:

$$(15) \quad \begin{aligned} q'_i(s, \lambda) &= \lambda(s) q_{i-1}(s+r), \\ q_0(0) &= 1, \quad q_i(0) = 0 \quad \text{for } i \neq 0. \end{aligned}$$

This system of equations has the following solution:

$$\begin{aligned} q_i(s) &= \frac{\int_0^s \lambda(v) dv}{i!} \left(\int_0^s \lambda(v) dv + i \int_0^r \lambda(v) dv\right)^{i-1}, \\ q_0(s) &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

So the solution of (14) has the form

$$(16) \quad \begin{aligned} p_i(s, \lambda) &= \frac{1}{i!} \left(\int_0^s \lambda(v) dv\right) \left(\int_0^s \lambda(v) dv + i \int_0^r \lambda(v) dv\right)^{i-1} \\ &\quad \times \exp\left[-\left(\int_0^s \lambda(v) dv + i \int_0^r \lambda(v) dv\right)\right], \\ p_0(s, \lambda) &= \exp\left(-\int_0^s \lambda(v) dv\right). \end{aligned}$$

**THEOREM 3.** If  $\int_0^r \lambda(v) dv < 1$ , then  $\sum_i p_i(s, \lambda) = 1$ .

**Proof.** We have

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_\lambda(\tau_u \geq t) &\leq \mu_\lambda\left(\left|x_t - \int_0^t \lambda(v) dv\right| \geq \frac{1}{r}(t-s) - \int_0^t \lambda(v) dv\right) \\ &\leq \frac{\int_0^t \lambda(v) dv}{\left[\frac{1}{r}(t-s) - \int_0^t \lambda(v) dv\right]^2} \end{aligned}$$

for sufficiently large  $t$  under the assumption that

$$\int_0^r \lambda(v) dv < 1.$$

But

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\int_0^t \lambda(v) dv}{\left[ \frac{1}{r}(t-s) - \int_0^t \lambda(v) dv \right]^2} = 0,$$

$$\mu_\lambda(\tau_u = \infty) \leq \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \mu_\lambda(\tau_u \geq t) = 0,$$

$$\sum_i p_i(s, \lambda) = \mu_\lambda(\tau_u < \infty) = 1.$$

**THEOREM 4.** *If the intensity function  $\lambda$  is a continuous periodic function with the period equal to  $r$  and*

$$\int_0^r \lambda(v) dv < 1,$$

then

$$(17) \quad E_{\mu_\lambda} N_{\tau_u} = M(s) = \frac{\int_0^s \lambda(v) dv}{1 - \int_0^r \lambda(v) dv}.$$

**Proof.** We have  $\sum_i p_i(s, \lambda) = 1$ .

Theorem XII 20' [5] allows us to go with directional derivative, with respect to  $\lambda$ , under the sum sign. We obtain

$$\sum_i ip_i(s) - \left( \int_0^s \lambda(v) dv \right) \sum_i p_i(s) - \left( \int_0^r \lambda(v) dv \right) \sum_i ip_i(s) = 0,$$

$$M(s) - \int_0^s \lambda(v) dv - \left( \int_0^r \lambda(v) dv \right) M(s) = 0.$$

So we obtain formula (17).

**THEOREM 5.** *If the intensity function  $\lambda$  is a continuous periodic function with the period  $r$  and*

$$\int_0^r \lambda(v) dv < 1,$$

then

$$(18) \quad E_{\mu_\lambda} N_{\tau_u}^2 = K(s) = \frac{\left( \int_0^s \lambda(v) dv \right)^2 - \left( \int_0^s \lambda(v) dv \right) \left( \int_0^r \lambda(v) dv \right) + \int_0^s \lambda(v) dv}{\left( 1 - \int_0^r \lambda(v) dv \right)^3},$$



$$(19) \quad \text{Var}_{\mu_\lambda} N_{\tau_u} = \frac{\int_0^s \lambda(v) dv}{\left(1 - \int_0^r \lambda(v) dv\right)^3}.$$

Proof. Let us consider previously proved equality:

$$\sum_i ip_i(s) - \int_0^s \lambda(v) dv - \left(\int_0^r \lambda(v) dv\right) \sum_i ip_i(s) = 0.$$

Under the assumptions about the intensity function  $\lambda$ , we can use theorem XII 20' [5] and go with the directional derivative, with respect to  $\lambda$ , under the sum sign. We obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} &K(s) \left(1 - \int_0^r \lambda(v) dv\right)^2 - \left(\int_0^s \lambda(v) dv\right) M(s) - \\ & - \left(\int_0^r \lambda(v) dv\right) M(s) + \left(\int_0^r \lambda(v) dv\right) \left(\int_0^s \lambda(v) dv\right) M(s) - \int_0^s \lambda(v) dv = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Using formula (17) for  $M(s)$  we can obtain formulas (18) and (19).

### 3.2. Efficiency of an oblique plan.

**THEOREM 6.** *If the intensity function  $\lambda$  is a continuous periodic function with the period  $r$  and*

$$\int_0^r \lambda(v) dv < 1,$$

*then the oblique plan is an efficient sequential plan.*

Proof. By theorem XII 20' [5] we infer that for an oblique plan the regularity conditions, guaranteeing equalities (2), (3), (9)-(13), hold. For an oblique plan we can write

$$N_{\tau_u} = \frac{1}{r}(\tau_u - s).$$

Let

$$\begin{aligned} f(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{N_{\tau_u}}, N_{\tau_u}, \tau_u) &= a\tau_u + b, \\ h(\lambda) &= a \frac{r \int_0^s \lambda(v) dv - s \int_0^r \lambda(v) dv + s}{1 - \int_0^r \lambda(v) dv} + b, \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Var}_{\mu_\lambda} f = a^2 \frac{r^2 \int_0^s \lambda(v) dv}{(1 - \int_0^s \lambda(v) dv)^3},$$

$$\frac{(\nabla_\lambda h(\lambda))^2}{E_{\mu_\lambda} [N_{\tau_u} - \int_0^{\tau_u} \lambda(v) dv]^2} = a^2 \frac{r^2 \int_0^s \lambda(v) dv}{(1 - \int_0^s \lambda(v) dv)^3}.$$

So an oblique plan is efficient plan.

#### 4. EFFICIENCY OF AN INVERSE PLAN

**Definition 5.** A sequential plan  $(\tau_0, f)$ , where

$$\tau_0(x) = \inf \{t: N_t(x) = l_0\}$$

with probability 1, is called an *inverse plan*.

We can write the following formula for the density function  $g_{\tau_0}(t)$  of the stopping time  $\tau_0$ :

$$g_{\tau_0}(t) = \frac{\lambda(t)}{(l_0 - 1)!} \left( \int_0^t \lambda(v) dv \right)^{l_0 - 1} \exp\left(-\int_0^t \lambda(v) dv\right).$$

Let us consider the estimator

$$f(\tau_0, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{N_{\tau_0}}, N_{\tau_0}) = a\tau_0 + b.$$

The lower bound in the Cramer-Rao-Wolfowitz inequality takes the following form:

$$\frac{a^2}{l_0 [(l_0 - 1)!]^2} \left[ \int_0^\infty \left( \int_0^t \lambda(v) dv \right)^{l_0} \exp\left(-\int_0^t \lambda(v) dv\right) dt \right]^2.$$

Taking  $l_0 = 1$  we can check that an inverse plan is not efficient one.

We can conclude that an inverse plan is not efficient one for each  $l_0$  and possibly wide class of intensity functions containing constant functions. But, as is proved in [7], an inverse plan is a complete plan.

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