

Table 1: Confidence intervals for the expected value (parameter) of a Poisson random variable.

Suppose that one observation, N , is obtained from a Poisson distribution with expected value λ . Ninety percent, 95 percent and 99 percent confidence intervals for the parameter λ are given. For $N > 100$ a normal approximation with variance N may be used.

N	Percent confidence						
	90		95		99		
	<i>Lower limit</i>	<i>Upper limit</i>	<i>Lower limit</i>	<i>Upper limit</i>	<i>Lower limit</i>	<i>Upper limit</i>	
0	0.00	3.00	0.00	3.69	0.00	5.30	
1	0.05	4.74	0.03	5.57	0.01	7.43	
2	0.36	6.30	0.24	7.22	0.10	9.27	
3	0.82	7.75	0.62	8.77	0.34	10.98	
4	1.37	9.15	1.09	10.24	0.67	12.59	
5	1.97	10.51	1.62	11.67	1.08	14.15	
6	2.61	11.84	2.20	13.06	1.54	15.66	
7	3.29	13.15	2.81	14.42	2.04	17.13	
8	3.98	14.43	3.45	15.76	2.57	18.58	
9	4.70	15.71	4.12	17.08	3.13	20.00	
10	5.43	16.96	4.80	18.39	3.72	21.40	
11	6.17	18.21	5.49	19.68	4.32	22.78	
12	6.92	19.44	6.20	20.96	4.94	24.14	
13	7.69	20.67	6.92	22.23	5.58	25.50	
14	8.46	21.89	7.65	23.49	6.23	26.84	
15	9.25	23.10	8.40	24.74	6.89	28.16	
16	10.04	24.30	9.15	25.98	7.57	29.48	
17	10.83	25.50	9.90	27.22	8.25	30.79	
18	11.63	26.69	10.67	28.45	8.94	32.09	
19	12.44	27.88	11.44	29.67	9.64	33.38	
20	13.25	29.06	12.22	30.89	10.35	34.67	
21	14.07	30.24	13.00	32.10	11.07	35.95	
22	14.89	31.41	13.79	33.31	11.79	37.22	
23	15.72	32.59	14.58	34.51	12.52	38.48	
24	16.55	33.75	15.38	35.71	13.26	39.74	
25	17.38	34.92	16.18	36.90	14.00	41.00	
26	18.22	36.08	16.98	38.10	14.74	42.25	
27	19.06	37.23	17.79	39.28	15.49	43.50	
28	19.90	38.39	18.61	40.47	16.25	44.74	
29	20.75	39.54	19.42	41.65	17.00	45.98	
30	21.59	40.69	20.24	42.83	17.77	47.21	
31	22.44	41.84	21.06	44.00	18.53	48.44	
32	23.30	42.98	21.89	45.17	19.30	49.67	
33	24.15	44.13	22.72	46.34	20.08	50.89	
34	25.01	45.27	23.55	47.51	20.86	52.11	
35	25.87	46.40	24.38	48.68	21.64	53.32	
36	26.73	47.54	25.21	49.84	22.42	54.54	
37	27.59	48.68	26.05	51.00	23.21	55.75	
38	28.46	49.81	1	26.89	52.16	24.00	56.96
39	29.33	50.94	27.73	53.31	24.79	58.16	
40	30.20	52.07	28.58	54.47	25.59	59.36	
41	31.07	53.20	29.42	55.62	26.38	60.56	
42	31.94	54.32	30.27	56.77	27.18	61.76	
43	32.81	55.45	31.12	57.92	27.99	62.96	
44	33.69	56.57	31.97	59.07	28.79	64.15	
45	34.56	57.69	32.82	60.21	29.60	65.34	
46	35.44	58.82	33.68	61.36	30.41	66.53	
47	36.32	59.94	34.53	62.50	31.22	67.72	
48	37.20	61.05	35.39	63.64	32.03	68.90	
49	38.08	62.17	36.25	64.78	32.85	70.08	
50	38.96	63.29	37.11	65.92	33.65	71.25	