

Queueing Theory: Simulation in discrete time

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1 General info

This file contains the code and the results that go with these youtube movies:

- <https://youtu.be/DfYxayoQmjYc>
- <https://youtu.be/D8BIAoBICnw>
- https://youtu.be/_BoagRyH5c0

2 Simulation in Discrete time

2.1 one period, demand, service capacity, and queue

There is one server, jobs enter a queue in front of the server, and the server serves batches of customers, every hour say.

```
1 L = 10
2 a = 5
3 d = 8
4 L = L + a - d
5 print(L)
```

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```
1 L = 3
2 a = 5
3 c = 7
4 d = min(c, L)
5 L += a - d
6 print(d, L)
```

3 5

2.2 two periods

```
1 L = 3
2 a = 5
3 c = 7
```

```
4 d = min(c, L)
5 L += a - d
6
7 a = 6
8 d = min(c, L)
9 L += a - d
10 print(d, L)
```

5 6

2.3 simulate many periods, make vectors

```
1 import numpy as np
2
3 a = np.random.uniform(5, 8, size=5)
4 print(a)
```

[5.03506133 7.91548145 7.93660781 5.01231185 7.96954179]

2.4 Set seed

```
1 import numpy as np
2
3 np.random.seed(3)
4
5 a = np.random.uniform(5, 8, size=5)
6 print(a)
```

[6.65239371 7.12444347 5.87271422 6.53248282 7.67884086]

2.5 update with a for loop

```
1 num = 5
2
3 #a = np.random.uniform(5, 8, size=num)
4 #c = np.random.uniform(5, 8, size=num)
5 a = 9*np.ones(num)
6 c = 10*np.ones(num)
7 L = np.zeros_like(a)
8
9 L[0] = 20
10 for i in range(1, num):
11     d = min(c[i], L[i-1])
12     L[i] = L[i-1] + a[i] - d
13
14 print(L)
```

[20. 19. 18. 17. 16.]

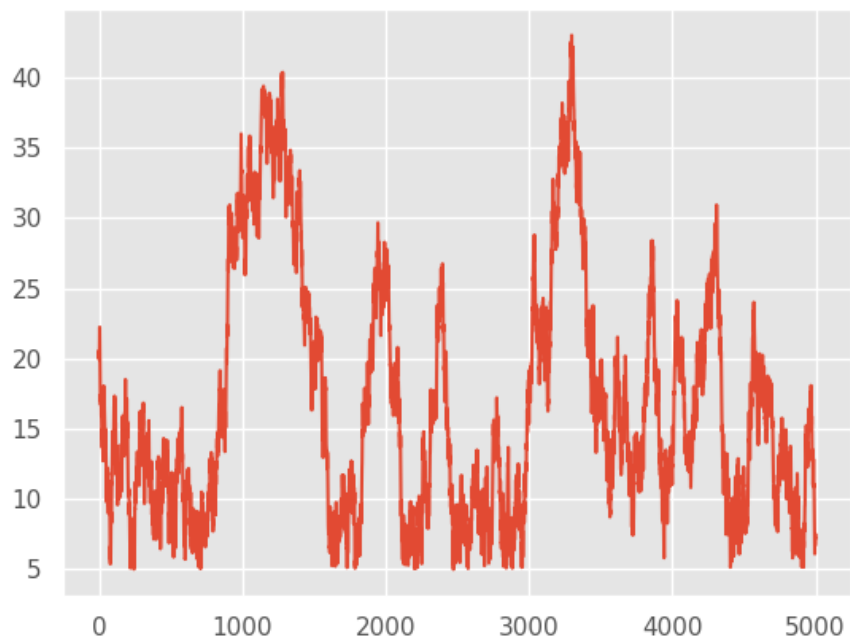
2.6 Compute mean and std of simulated queue length for $\rho \approx 1$

```
1 num = 5_000
2
3 np.random.seed(3)
4 a = np.random.uniform(5, 8, size=num)
5 c = (5+8)/1.99 * np.ones(num)
6 L = np.zeros_like(a) # queue length at the end of a period
7
8 L[0] = 20
9 for i in range(1, num):
10     d = min(c[i], L[i-1])
11     L[i] = L[i-1] + a[i] - d
12
13 print(L.mean(), L.std())
```

16.78550665013682 8.695855000533511

2.7 plot the queue length process

```
1 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
2
3 plt.clf()
4 plt.plot(L)
5 plt.savefig('queue-discrete_1.png')
6 'queue-discrete_1.png'
```



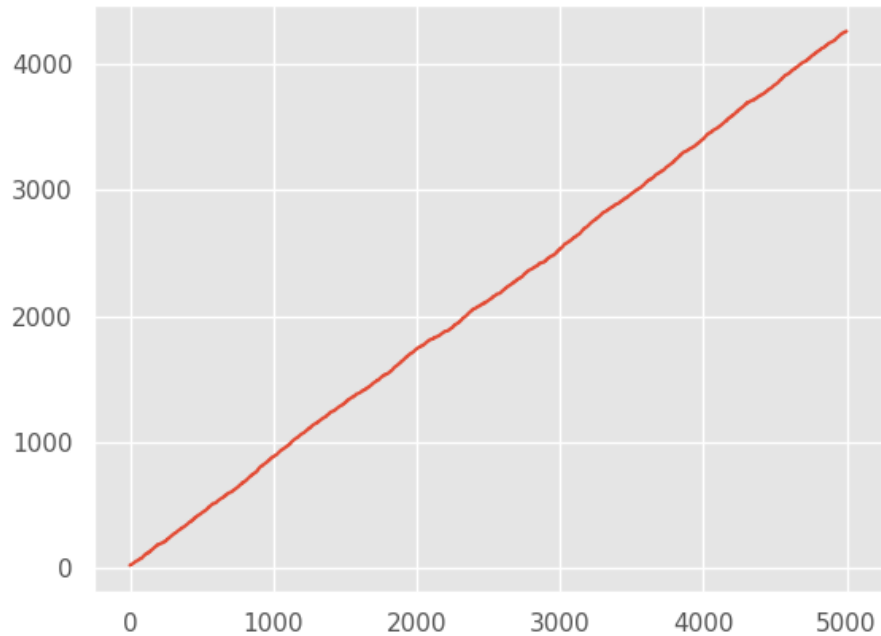
2.8 Compute mean and std of simulated queue length for $\rho = 1/2$

```
1 num = 5_000
2
3 np.random.seed(3)
4 a = np.random.uniform(5, 8, size=num)
5 c = (5+8) * np.ones(num)
6 L = np.zeros_like(a) # queue length at the end of a period
7
8 L[0] = 20
9 for i in range(1, num):
10     d = min(c[i], L[i-1])
11     L[i] = L[i-1] + a[i] - d
12
13 print(L.mean(), L.std())
```

6.5051538887388 0.890452952271703

2.9 show the drift when $\rho > 1$

```
1 num = 5_000
2
3 np.random.seed(3)
4 a = np.random.uniform(5, 8, size=num)
5 c = (5+8)/2.3 * np.ones(num)
6 L = np.zeros_like(a) # queue length at the end of a period
7
8 L[0] = 20
9 for i in range(1, num):
10     d = min(c[i], L[i-1])
11     L[i] = L[i-1] + a[i] - d
12
13
14 plt.clf()
15 plt.plot(L)
16 plt.savefig('queue-discrete_2.png')
17 'queue-discrete_2.png'
```

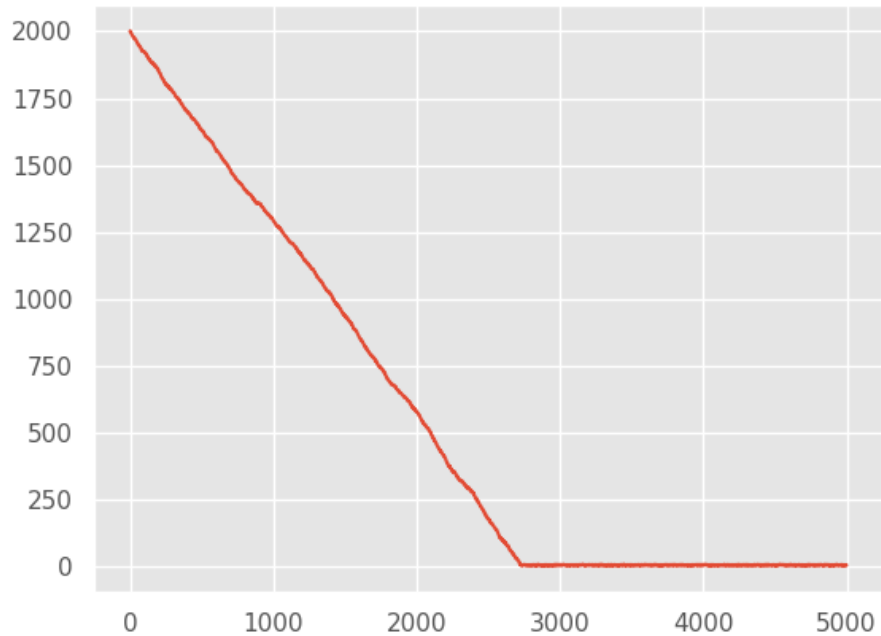


2.10 Start with a large queue, take $\rho < 1$, show the drift

```

1 num = 5_000
2
3 np.random.seed(3)
4 a = np.random.uniform(5, 8, size=num)
5 c = (5+8)/1.8 * np.ones(num)
6 L = np.zeros_like(a) # queue length at the end of a period
7
8 L[0] = 2_000
9 for i in range(1, num):
10     d = min(c[i], L[i-1])
11     L[i] = L[i-1] + a[i] - d
12
13
14 plt.clf()
15 plt.plot(L)
16 plt.savefig('queue-discrete_3.png')
17 'queue-discrete_3.png'

```



Things to memorize:

- if the capacity is equal or less than the arrival rate, the queue length will explode.
- If the capacity is larger than the arrival rate, the queue length will stay around 0 (between quotes).
- If we start with a huge queue, but the service capacity is larger than the arrival rate, then the queue will drain rather fast, in fact, about linear.

2.11 Queues with blocking.

We have a queue subject to blocking. When the queue exceeds K , say, then whatever of the batch of items coming in exceeds K is rejected. This is the so-called complete reject rule. Two more assumptions: service occurs before arrival, and jobs arriving in a period cannot be served.

```

1 num = 500
2
3 np.random.seed(3)
4 a = np.random.randint(0, 20, size=num)
5 c = 10*np.ones(num)
6 L = np.zeros_like(a) # queue length at the end of a period
7 loss = np.zeros_like(a) # queue length at the end of a period
8
9 K = 30 # max people in queue, otherwise they leave
10
11 L[0] = 28
12 for i in range(1, num):
13     d = min(c[i], L[i-1])

```

```

14     loss[i] = max(L[i-1] + a[i] - d - K, 0) # service before arrivals.
15     L[i] = L[i-1] + a[i] - d - loss[i]
16
17 lost_fraction = sum(loss)/sum(a)
18 print(lost_fraction)

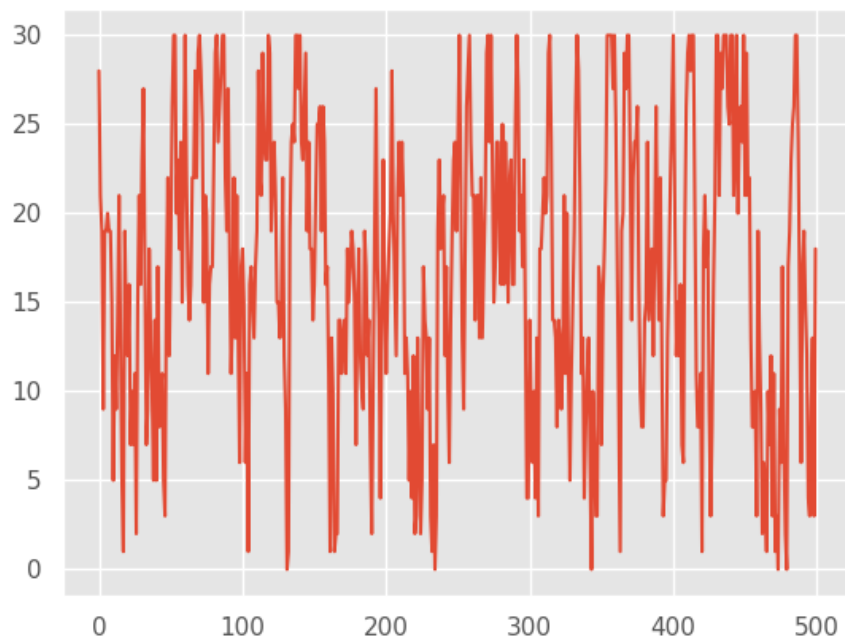
```

0.026064291920069503

```

1 plt.clf()
2 plt.plot(L)
3 plt.savefig('queue-discrete_loss.png')
4 'queue-discrete_loss.png'

```



If we would assume that departures occur at the end of a period (hence, after the arrivals), then the code has to be as follows:

```

1 for i in range(1, num):
2     d = min(c[i], L[i-1])
3     loss[i] = max(L[i-1] + a[i] - K, 0) # service at end of period
4     L[i] = L[i-1] + a[i] - d - loss[i]
5
6 lost_fraction = sum(loss)/sum(a)
7 print(lost_fraction)

```
