Lecture 8: Random Processes, Part I

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Roadmap

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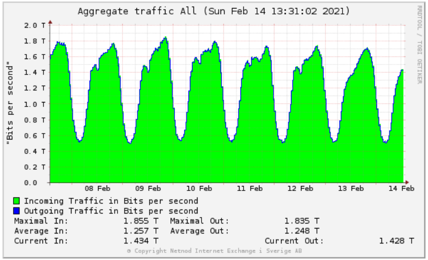

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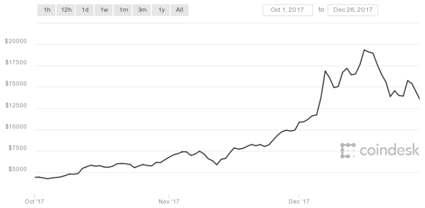

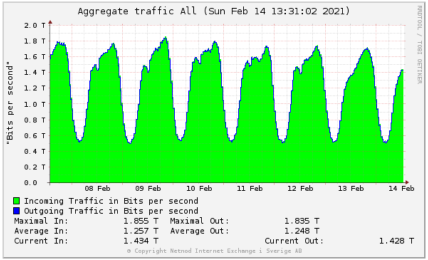

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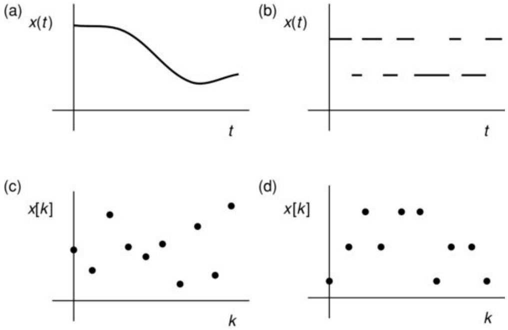

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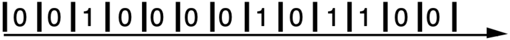

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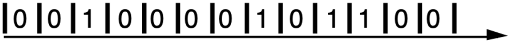

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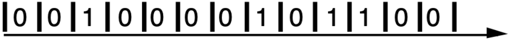

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- One of the simplest random processes
- A type of "arrival" process

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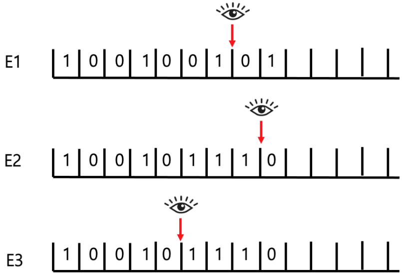

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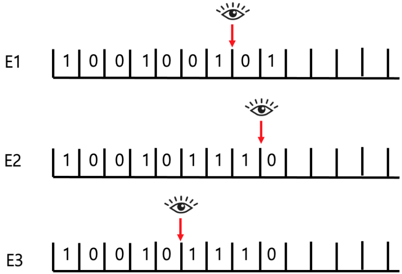

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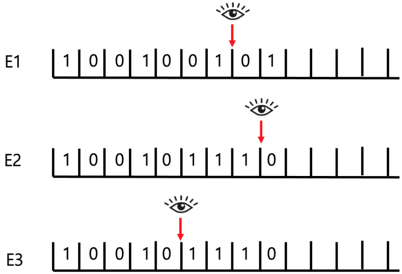

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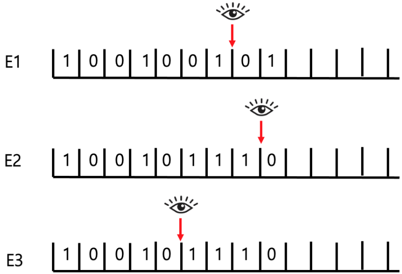

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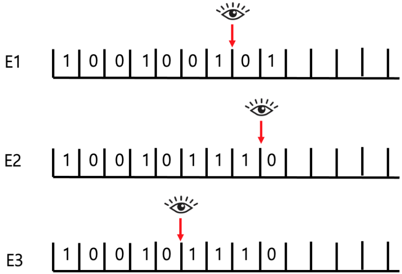

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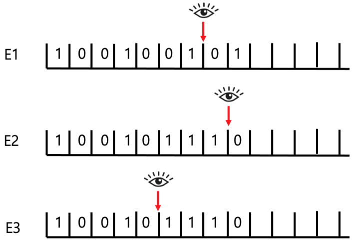

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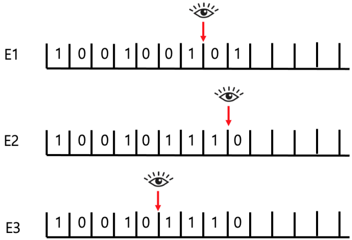

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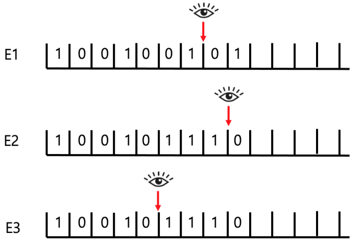

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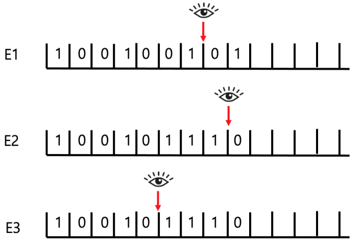

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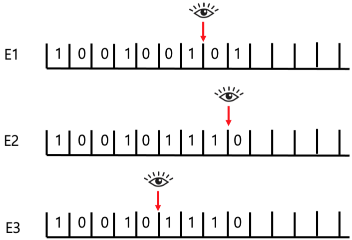

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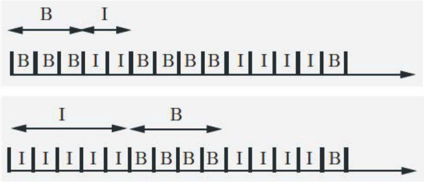

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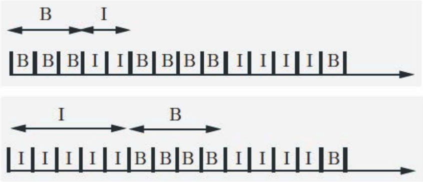

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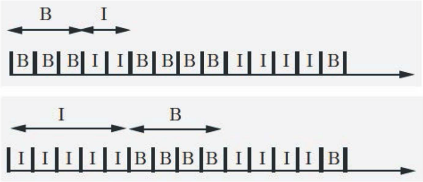

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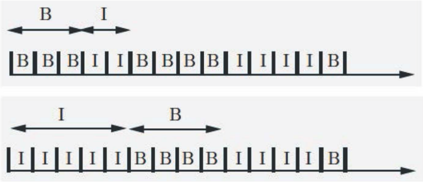

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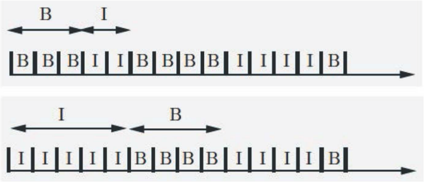

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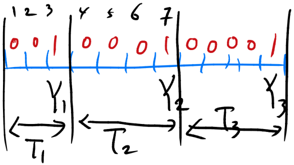

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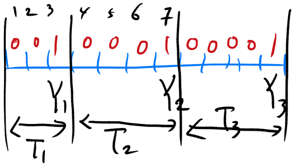

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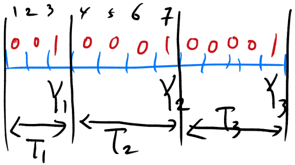

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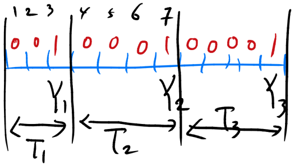

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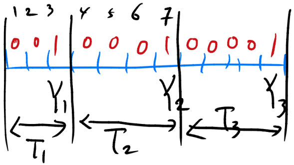

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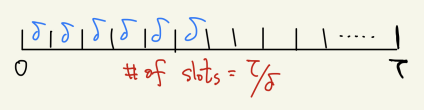

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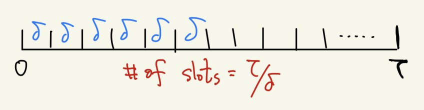

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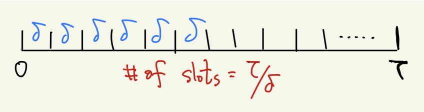

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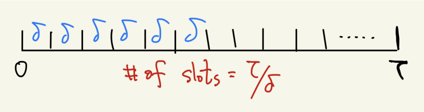

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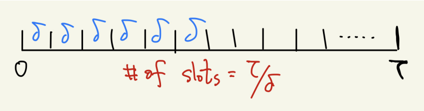

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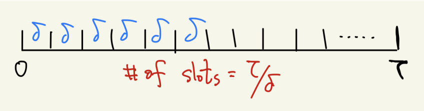

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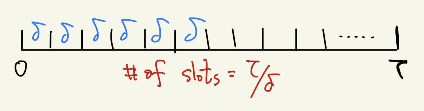

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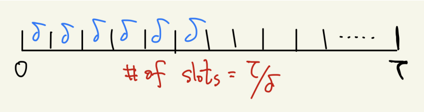

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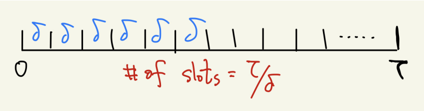

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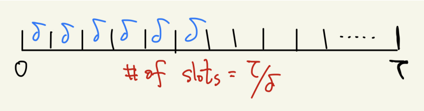

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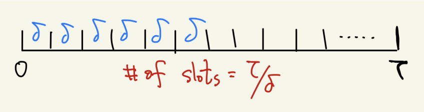

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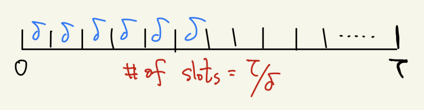

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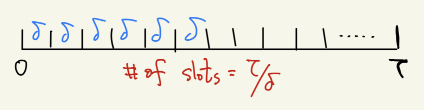

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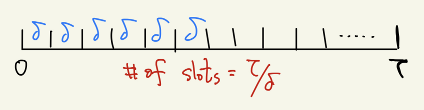

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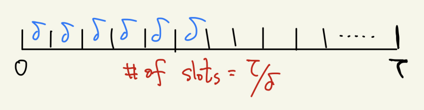

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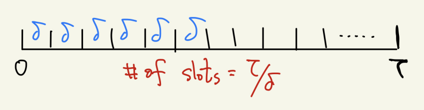

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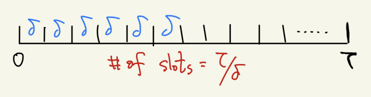

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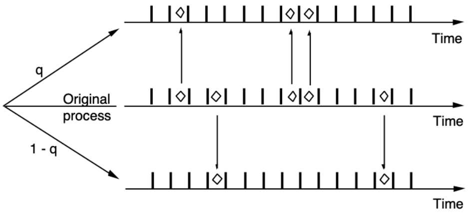

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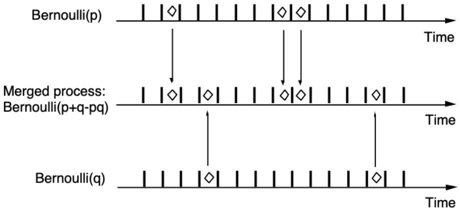

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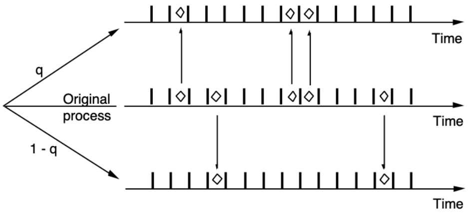

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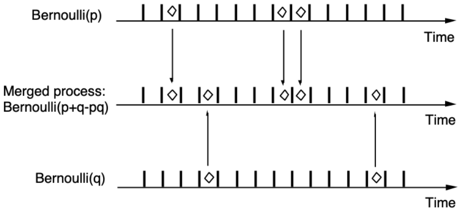

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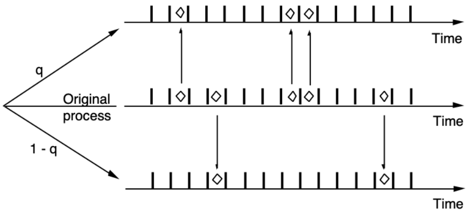

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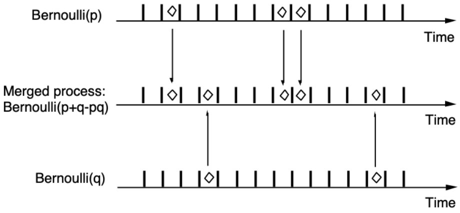

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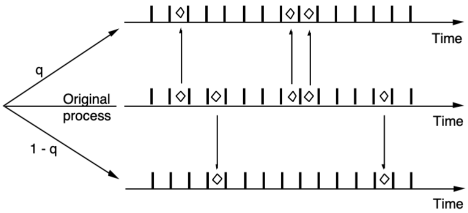

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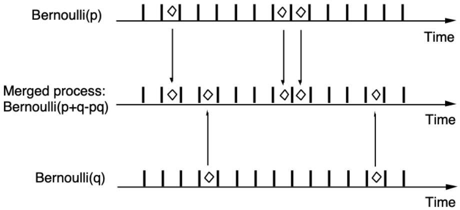

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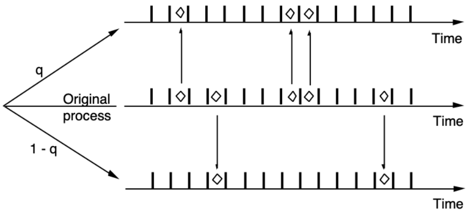

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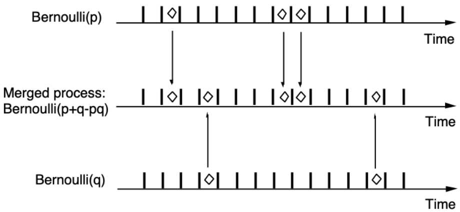

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