

## Lecture 7: Random Processes, Part I

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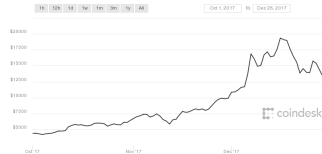
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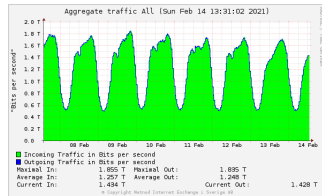
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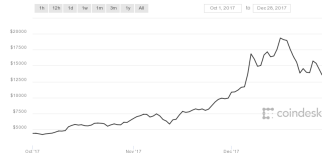


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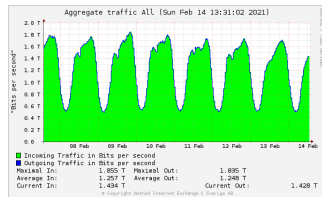


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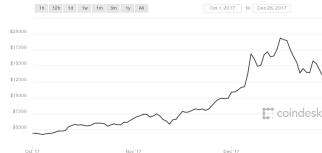


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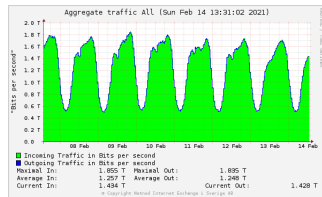


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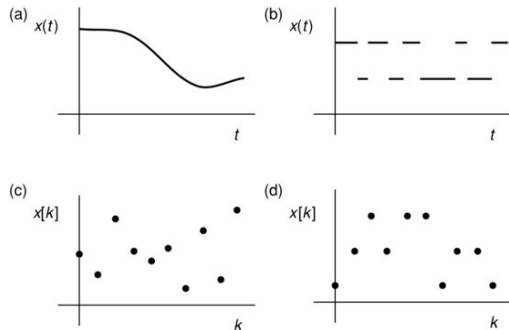


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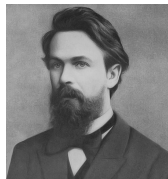
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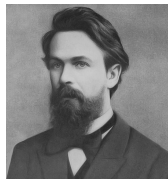
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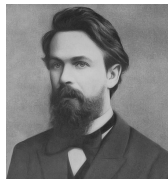
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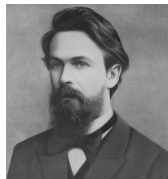


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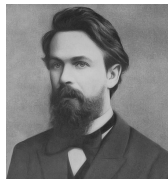


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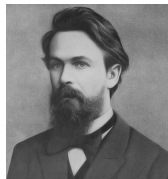
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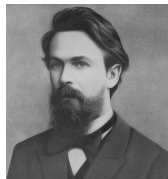
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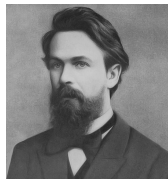
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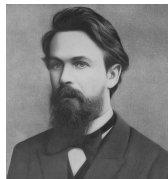
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- Discrete time, discrete value
- One of the simplest random processes
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Please pause the video and write down the questions that you want to ask about Bernoulli process.

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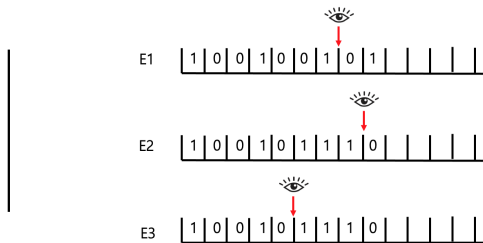
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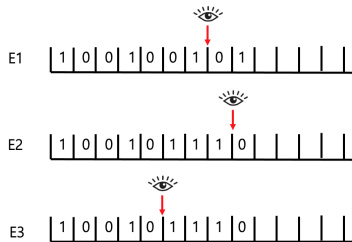
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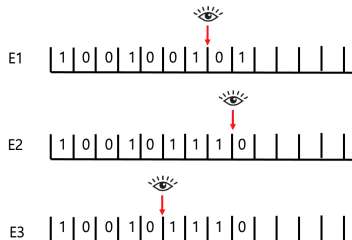


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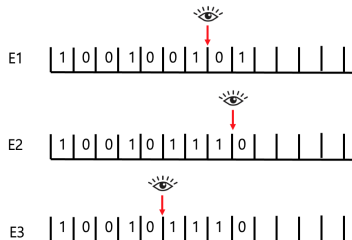
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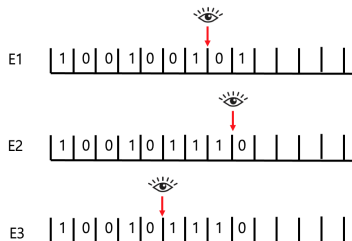
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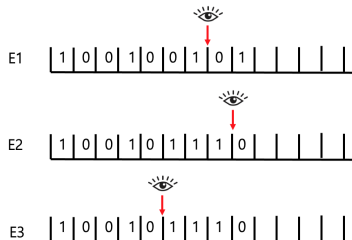
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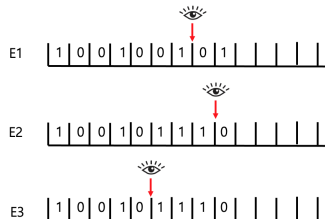
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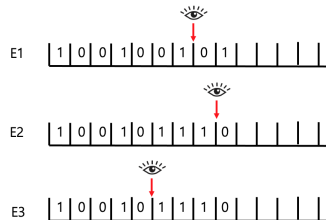


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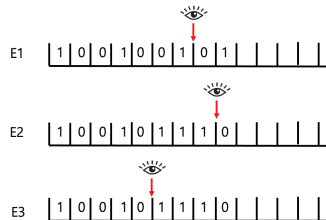
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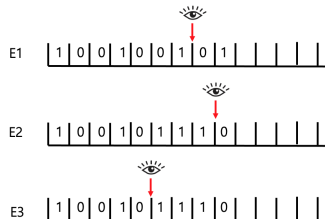
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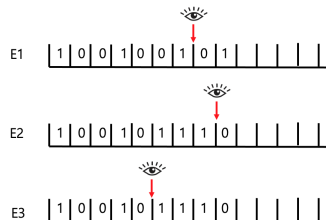
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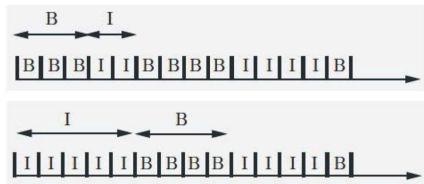
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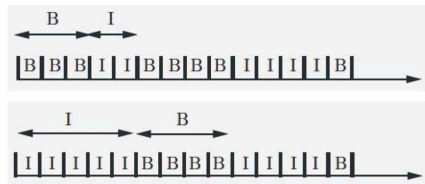
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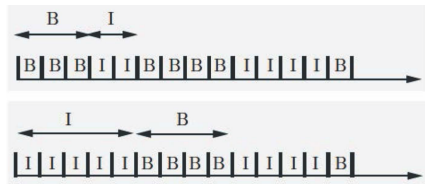


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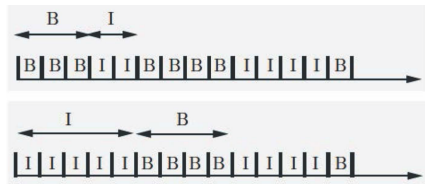
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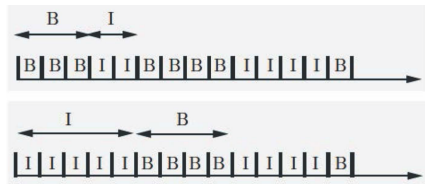
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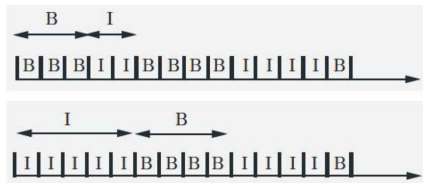


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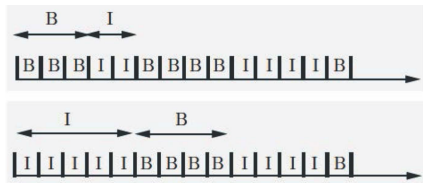
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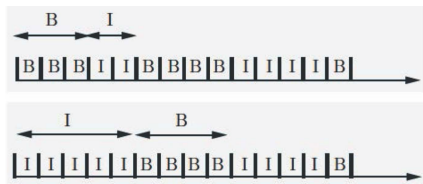
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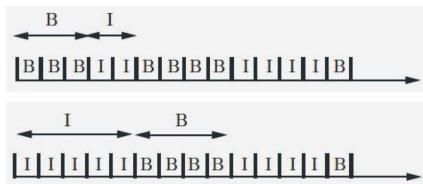


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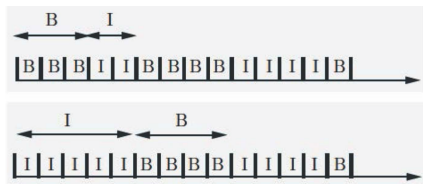


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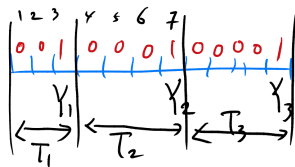
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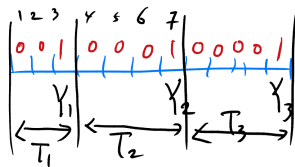


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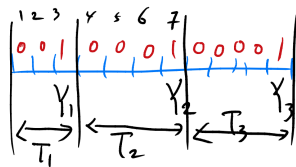


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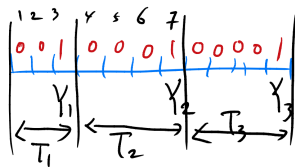
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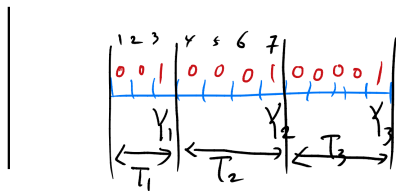


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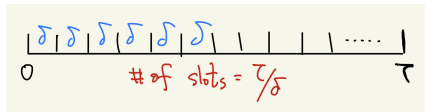
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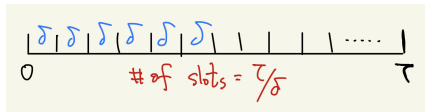
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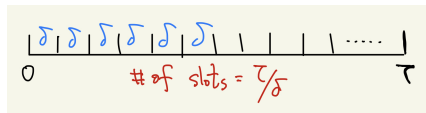
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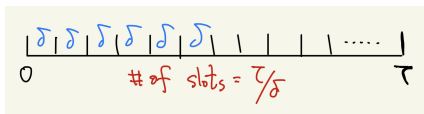
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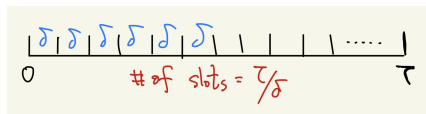
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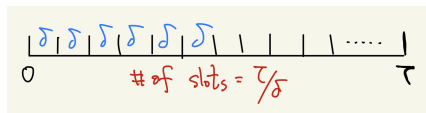
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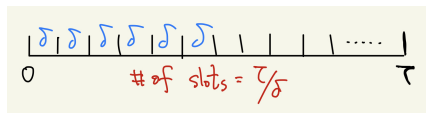
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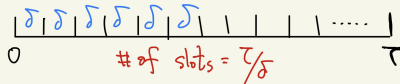
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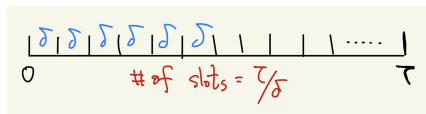
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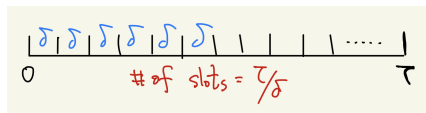
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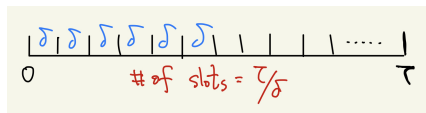
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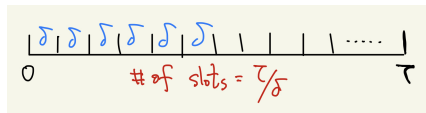
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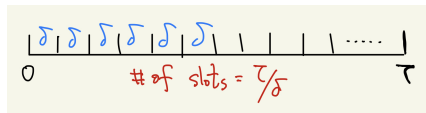
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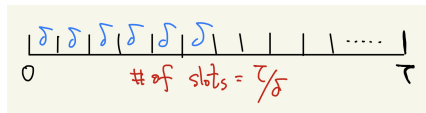




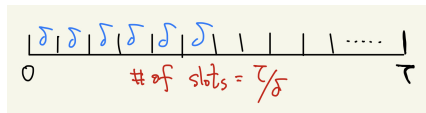
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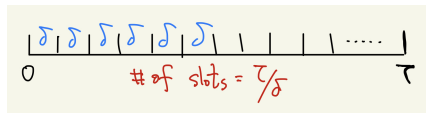
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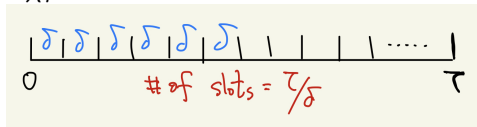
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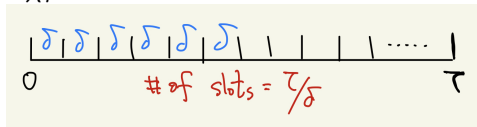
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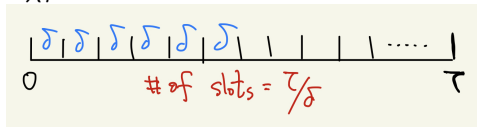
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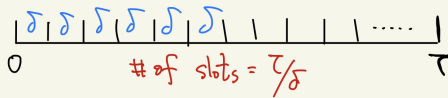
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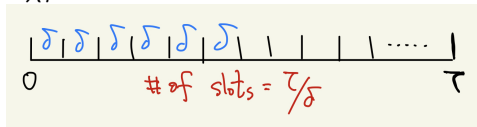


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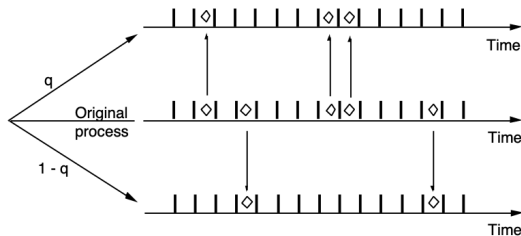
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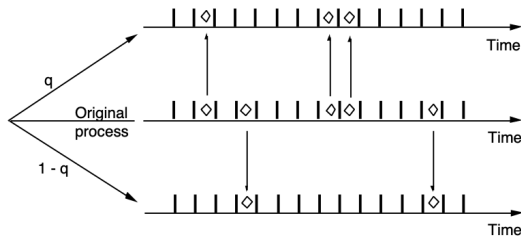
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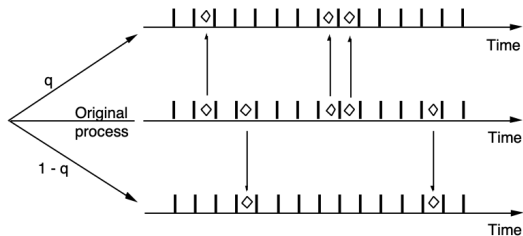
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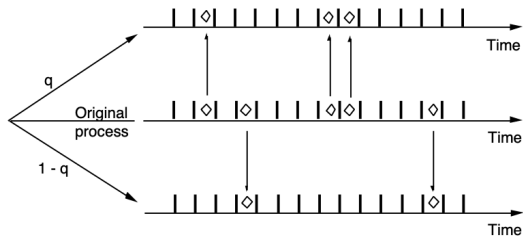
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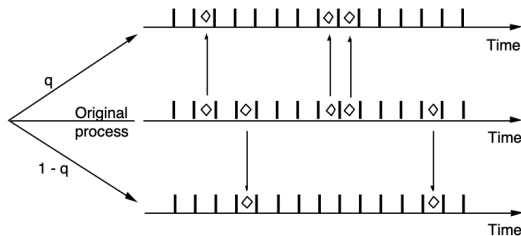
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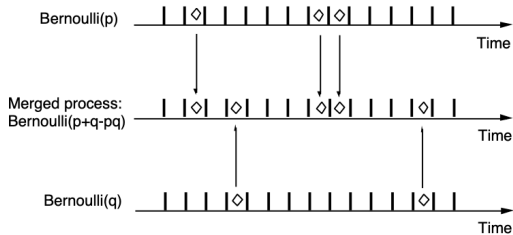
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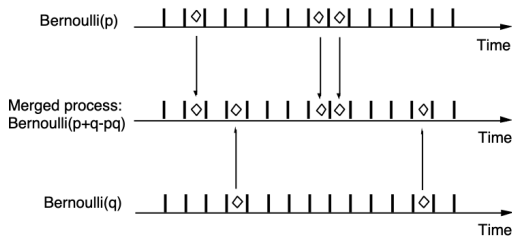


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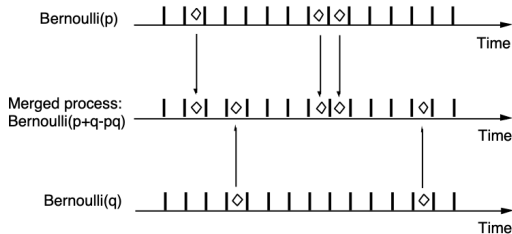




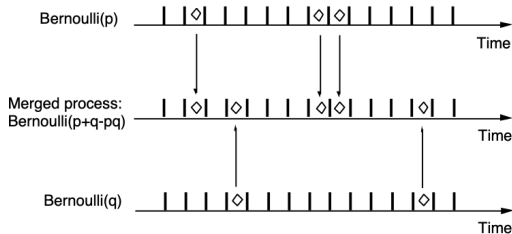
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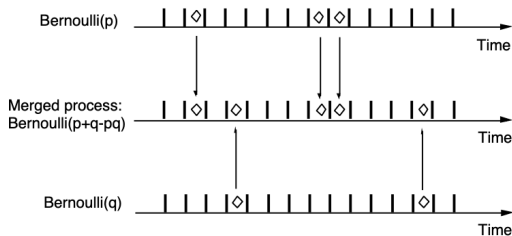
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Questions?

- 1) Explain what is random process. Why do we need such a concept?
- 2) Explain Bernoulli processes. When do we use Bernoulli processes?
- 3) Explain Poisson processes. When do we use Poisson processes?
- 4) What are the relations between those two processes? What features do they share?
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- 6) What is Pascal rvs and Erlang rvs?
- 7) What is the “stopping time” and how is it related to fresh-restart?
- 8) See many examples on how merging and splitting of BP and PP can be used for intuitive solving of many problems.