

notation	$\exp(\lambda)$
cdf	$1 - e^{-\lambda x}$ for $x \geq 0$
pdf	$\lambda e^{-\lambda x}$ for $x \geq 0$
expectation	$\frac{1}{\lambda}$
variance	$\frac{1}{\lambda^2}$
mgf	$\frac{\lambda}{\lambda - t}$
ind. sum	$\sum_{i=1}^k X_i \sim \text{Gamma}(k, \lambda)$
minimum	$\sim \exp\left(\sum_{i=1}^k \lambda_i\right)$ <small>Geo. well</small>

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = \int_0^1 X^*(p) dp$$

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = \int_{-\infty}^0 F_X(t) dt + \int_0^{\infty} (1 - F_X(t)) dt$$

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f_X(x) dx$$

$$\mathbb{E}(g(X)) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x) f_X(x) dx$$

$$\mathbb{E}(aX + b) = a\mathbb{E}(X) + b$$

$$\mathbb{P}(X > s + t | X > s) = \frac{\mathbb{P}(X > s + t \text{ and } X > s)}{\mathbb{P}(X > s)} = \frac{\mathbb{P}(X > s + t)}{\mathbb{P}(X > s)} = e^{-\lambda(s+t)} = e^{-\lambda s} = \mathbb{P}(X > t)$$

let $X_i \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda_i)$, where $\lambda_i > 0$. Let

$$M = \min\{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n\}$$

$$N \doteq \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{1}_{\{M=X_i\}}$$

$$\mathbb{P}(M > x, N = i) = \frac{\lambda_i}{\lambda} e^{-\lambda x}$$

$$\mathbb{P}(M > x, N = i) = \mathbb{P}(M > x) \mathbb{P}(N = i)$$

notation	$\text{Bin}(n, p)$
cdf	$\sum_{i=0}^k \binom{n}{i} p^i (1-p)^{n-i}$
pmf	$\binom{n}{i} p^i (1-p)^{n-i}$
expectation	np
variance	$np(1-p)$
mgf	$(1 - p + pe^t)^n$

notation	$\text{Poisson}(\lambda)$
cdf	$e^{-\lambda} \sum_{i=0}^k \frac{\lambda^i}{i!}$
pmf	$\frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \cdot e^{-\lambda}$ for $k \in \mathbb{N}$
expectation	λ
variance	λ
mgf	$\exp(\lambda(e^t - 1))$
ind. sum	$\sum_{i=1}^n X_i \sim \text{Poisson}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i\right)$

Geo. pmf

$$f_Y(x) = \frac{\beta^n}{(n-1)!} x^{n-1} e^{-\beta x}, \quad x \geq 0.$$

$$F_Y(x) = 1 - e^{-\lambda x} \sum_{r=0}^{n-1} \frac{(\lambda x)^r}{r!}, \quad z \geq 0.$$

$$m_Y(t) = \left(\frac{\beta}{\beta - t}\right)^n, \quad t < \beta.$$

Let $\{X_n\}$ be a sequence of iid $\text{Exp}(\lambda)$ random variables, and define

$$S_0 \doteq 0, \quad S_n \doteq \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

The counting process $\{N_t\}_{t \geq 0}$ defined by

$$N_t \doteq \max\{n \geq 0 : S_n \leq t\}$$

$\{S_n\}$ as the **arrival times**.

$\{X_n\}$ as the **inter-arrival times**.

Theorem 2.26. A stochastic process $\{N_t\}_{t \geq 0}$ is a Poisson process with rate $\lambda > 0$ if and only if it has stationary and independent increments and, for each $t \geq 0$, $N_t \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda t)$.

pp

$$\mathbb{P}(S_1 \leq t) = \mathbb{P}(N_t \geq 1) = 1 - \mathbb{P}(N_t = 0) = 1 - e^{-\lambda t} \frac{(\lambda t)^0}{0!} = 1 - e^{-\lambda t}$$

superposition

$$N_t \doteq \sum_{i=1}^n N_t^i, \quad \lambda \doteq \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i, \quad \mathbb{P}(N_{t_2} - N_{t_1} = i, N_{t_1} - N_{t_0} = j) = \mathbb{P}(N_{t_2} - N_{t_1} = i) \mathbb{P}(N_{t_1} - N_{t_0} = j)$$

split pp

$$N_t^i | N_t = k \sim \text{Binomial}(k, p_i),$$

$$\mathbb{P}(N_t^i = j | N_t = k) = \binom{k}{j} p_i^j (1-p_i)^{k-j} = \binom{k}{j} p_i^j p_2^{k-j} = \frac{k!}{j!(k-j)!} p_i^j p_2^{k-j}.$$

$$\mathbb{P}(N_t^1 = k_1, N_t^2 = k_2) = \mathbb{P}(N_t^1 = k_1 | N_t = k_1 + k_2) \mathbb{P}(N_t = k_1 + k_2)$$

$$\mathbb{P} \propto \mathbb{P} = \binom{k_1 + k_2}{k_1} p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} e^{-\lambda t} \frac{(\lambda t)^{k_1 + k_2}}{(k_1 + k_2)!}$$

compound pp

Suppose that $\{Z_t\}$ is a CPP of the form $Z_t = \sum_{i=1}^{N_t} X_i$

$\{N_t\} \sim \text{PP}(\lambda), \mathbb{E}(X_n) = \mu, \text{ and } \mathbb{E}(X_n^2) = \theta^2.$

$\mathbb{E}(Z_t) = \lambda \mu t, \quad \text{Var}(Z_t) = \lambda \theta^2 t.$

spatial pp

$$\mathbb{P}(N_B = k | N_A = n) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

where $p = \frac{|B|}{|A|}.$

tive random variable X is **memoryless** if

$$\mathbb{P}(X > s + t | X > s) = \mathbb{P}(X > t), \quad s, t \geq 0.$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X] = \frac{d}{dt} m_X(t) \Big|_{t=0} = \frac{1}{\lambda},$$

$$\mathbb{E}[X^2] = \frac{d^2}{dt^2} m_X(t) \Big|_{t=0} = \frac{2}{\lambda^2}.$$

$$\frac{d^3}{dt^3} m(t) = \frac{6\lambda}{(\lambda - t)^4}, \quad t < \lambda.$$

$$\mathbb{E}(\min\{X, Y\} | X < Y) = \mathbb{E}(M | N = 1) = \mathbb{E}(M) = \frac{1}{\lambda + \mu}.$$

$\mathbb{P}(N_t = k) = e^{-\lambda t} \frac{(\lambda t)^k}{k!}, \quad k \in \mathbb{N}_0.$ pp formula

$$N_t^s \doteq N_{t+s} - N_s, \quad t \geq 0. \quad \text{split pp}$$

Note that N_t^s denotes the number of events that occur in the t time-units after time s .

$$\mathbb{P}(N_{t_2} - N_{t_1} = k) = \mathbb{P}(N_{u+t_1} - N_{t_1} = k) = \mathbb{P}(N_u^{t_1} = k) = e^{-\lambda u} \frac{(\lambda u)^k}{k!},$$

$$\mathbb{P}(N_{t_1} = k_1) = e^{-\lambda t_1} \frac{(\lambda t_1)^{k_1}}{k_1!} = e^{-\lambda t_1} \frac{(\lambda(t_1 - t_0))^{k_1 - k_0}}{(k_1 - k_0)!}$$

$$\mathbb{P}(N_{t_1} = k_1, N_{t_2} = k_2) = \mathbb{P}(N_{t_2} - N_{t_1} = k_2 - k_1 | N_{t_1} = k_1) \mathbb{P}(N_{t_1} = k_1)$$

Non-homo pp

$$\lambda(t) = t^2, \quad \Lambda(t) = \int_0^t \lambda(s) ds = \int_0^t s^2 ds = \frac{t^3}{3}, \quad \text{so } N_t \sim \text{Poisson}\left(\frac{t^3}{3}\right).$$

$$p_t(x) \doteq \mathbb{P}(N_t = x) = e^{-\frac{t^3}{3}} \frac{\left(\frac{t^3}{3}\right)^x}{x!} = e^{-\frac{t^3}{3}} \frac{t^{3x}}{x! 3^x}, \quad \mathbb{E}(N_t) = \frac{t^3}{3}.$$

$$\mathbb{P}(X_{t+s} = y | X_s = x, X_u = x_u \text{ for all } u \in [0, s]) = \mathbb{P}(X_{t+s} = y | X_s = x).$$

$$\mathbb{P}(X_{t+s} = y | X_s = x) = \mathbb{P}(X_t = y | X_0 = x) \quad \text{Time Homo}$$

$$P_{x,y}(t) = \mathbb{P}(X_t = y | X_0 = x). \quad \text{Transition fn}$$

That is $P_{x,y}(t)$ describes the probability that if the chain is currently in state x , that after $t \geq 0$ time units, it will be in state y . Note that for each $t \geq 0$, $P(t)$ can be interpreted as an $|\mathcal{S}| \times |\mathcal{S}|$ matrix.

Let $\{X_t\}$ be a CTMC with transition function P . Then for each $s, t \geq 0$,

$$P(s+t) = P(s)P(t).$$

That is, for each $x, y \in \mathcal{S}$ and $s, t \geq 0$,

$$P_{x,y}(s+t) = [P(s)P(t)]_{x,y} = \sum_{z \in \mathcal{S}} P_{x,z}(s)P_{z,y}(t).$$

Let $\{N_t\} \sim \text{PP}(\lambda)$. Then $\{N_t\}$ is a CTMC on $\mathcal{S} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ with transition function

$$P_{x,y}(t) = e^{-\lambda t} \frac{(\lambda t)^{y-x}}{(y-x)!}, \quad x, y \in \mathcal{S}, t \geq 0.$$

forward/backward eq

$$P'(t) = QP(t), \quad t \geq 0,$$

$$P'(t) = P(t)Q, \quad t \geq 0,$$

$$P(0) = I,$$

component wise

$$P'_{x,y}(t) = \sum_{z \in \mathcal{S}} Q_{x,z} P_{z,y}(t), \quad x, y \in \mathcal{S}, t \geq 0$$

$$P'_{x,y}(t) = \sum_{z \in \mathcal{S}} P_{x,z}(t) Q_{z,y}, \quad x, y \in \mathcal{S}, t \geq 0.$$

A $d \times d$ matrix A is said to be **diagonalizable**

$$A = UDU^{-1}$$

Observe that if $D = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_d)$

$$\exp(D) = \text{diag}(e^{\lambda_1}, \dots, e^{\lambda_d}).$$

pp transition fn prove pp is CTMC

Let A be a $d \times d$ matrix

The **matrix exponential** of A , which is the $d \times d$ matrix denoted as e^A or $\exp(A)$, is defined as

$$\exp(A) \doteq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{A^k}{k!},$$

Then the transition function for $\{X_t\}$ is given by

$$P(t) = \exp(Qt).$$

$$A = UDU^{-1},$$

$$\exp(A) = U \exp(D) U^{-1}$$

holding time

The **holding time** T_x of state x is the amount of time that the chain spends in state x before it jumps to another state.

Let T_x denote the holding time of state x .

Then there is some $q_x > 0$ such that

$$T_x \sim \text{Exp}(q_x).$$

$$P_{x,y} \doteq \mathbb{P}(X_{T_x} = y | X_0 = x).$$

$$q_{x,y} \doteq q_x P_{x,y},$$

$$q_{x,x} \doteq - \sum_{y \neq x} q_{x,y}.$$

$$Q_{x,y} = q_{x,y}, \quad x, y \in \mathcal{S}.$$

$$q_x \doteq |q_{x,x}| = \sum_{y \neq x} q_{x,y},$$

rate from x to y

embedded chain

generator matrix Q

The transition matrix of the embedded chain associated with $\{X_t\}$ is given by

$$P_{x,y} = \begin{cases} \frac{q_{x,y}}{q_x}, & x \neq y \\ 0, & x = y. \end{cases}$$

q is element of Q matrix

$$T_1 \doteq \inf\{t \geq 0 : X_t \neq X_0\},$$

transition. Similarly, let

$$T_2 \doteq \inf\{t > T_1 : X_t \neq X_{T_1}\},$$

$$T_n \doteq \inf\{t > T_{n-1} : X_t \neq X_{T_{n-1}}\}$$

Let $\{E_m\} \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} \text{Exp}(\lambda)$ be independent of $X \sim \text{Geom}(p)$, and define

$$S_m \doteq \sum_{k=1}^m E_k.$$

Then $S_X \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda p)$.

$$P \doteq I + \frac{Q}{\lambda}.$$

$$P(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda t} \frac{(\lambda t)^n}{n!} P^n, \quad t \geq 0.$$

subordinated to a Poisson process.

$$Q \doteq \lambda(P - I),$$

a DTMC w/
transition matrix P
can simulate CTMC
using rate lambda

method of chose
M large enough

Proposition 3.32. Let $\{X_t\}$ be a CTMC on $\mathcal{S} = \{1, \dots, d\}$ with generator matrix Q. Let

$$\lambda \doteq \max_{1 \leq x \leq d} |q_{x,x}|,$$

and define

$$P \doteq I + \frac{Q}{\lambda}.$$

For each $M \in \mathbb{N}$, let

$$\hat{P}[M](t) = \sum_{n=0}^M e^{-\lambda t} \frac{(\lambda t)^n}{n!} P^n, \quad t \geq 0.$$

Fix $\epsilon > 0$, and let $N^t \sim PP(\lambda t)$. If we choose $M \in \mathbb{N}$ large enough so that

$$\mathbb{P}(N^t > M) \leq \epsilon,$$

then, for all $s \in [0, t]$,

$$|P_{x,y}(s) - \hat{P}[M]_{x,y}(s)| \leq \epsilon, \quad x, y \in \mathcal{S}.$$

Definition 3.36. Let $\{X_t\}$ be a CTMC on \mathcal{S} with transition function P. A probability distribution μ on \mathcal{S} is the **limiting distribution** of $\{X_n\}$ if, for all $x, y \in \mathcal{S}$,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P_{x,y}(t) = \mu_y.$$

Definition 3.37. A let $\{X_t\}$ be a CTMC on \mathcal{S} with transition function P. A probability distribution π on \mathcal{S} is the **stationary distribution** of $\{X_n\}$ if

$$\pi = \pi P(t), \quad t \geq 0.$$

Equivalently, π is a stationary distribution for $\{X_t\}$ if for all $x \in \mathcal{S}$ and $t \geq 0$,

$$\pi_x = \sum_{y \in \mathcal{S}} \pi_y P_{y,x}(t).$$

Definition 3.38. Let $\{X_t\}$ be a CTMC on \mathcal{S} with transition function P. We say that a collection of states $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathcal{S}$ is a **communication class** if for all $x, y \in \mathcal{C}$, there are $s, t \geq 0$ such that

$$P_{x,y}(s) > 0, \quad P_{y,x}(t) > 0.$$

A communication class \mathcal{C} is **closed** if for all $y \in \mathcal{S}$ such that there is some $x \in \mathcal{C}$ and $t \geq 0$ such that $P_{x,y}(t) > 0$, we have $y \in \mathcal{C}$. We say that $\{X_t\}$ is **irreducible** if for all $x, y \in \mathcal{S}$, there is some $t > 0$ such that $P_{x,y}(t) > 0$. Equivalently, $\{X_t\}$ is irreducible if and only if \mathcal{S} consists of a single closed communication class.

Theorem 3.41. Consider a CTMC on \mathcal{S} with generator matrix Q. A probability distribution π on \mathcal{S} is a stationary distribution for the chain if and only if

$$\pi Q = \mathbf{0},$$

where $\mathbf{0} \in \mathbb{R}^{|\mathcal{S}|}$ is a vector of zeroes. Coordinate-wise this says that π is a stationary distribution if and only if for each $x \in \mathcal{S}$,

$$\sum_{y \in \mathcal{S}} \pi_y Q_{y,x} = 0.$$

Theorem 3.40. Let $\{X_t\}$ be a CTMC on a finite state space \mathcal{S} with transition function P. If $\{X_t\}$ is irreducible, then there is a unique stationary distribution π , which is also a limiting distribution. In

particular, for each $x, y \in \mathcal{S}$,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P_{x,y}(t) = \pi_y,$$

or, equivalently,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P(t) = \Pi$$

where Π is an $|\mathcal{S}| \times |\mathcal{S}|$ matrix with entries given by

$$\Pi_{x,y} = \pi_y, \quad x, y \in \mathcal{S}.$$

Additionally, as with DTMCs, the unique stationary distribution describes, in the long term, the proportion of time that the chain spends in each state.

Definition 2.21. Let $\{X_t\}_{t \geq 0}$ be a stochastic process. For $t_1 < t_2$, the quantity $X_{t_2} - X_{t_1}$ is referred to as the **increment** of $\{X_t\}$ over the interval $[t_1, t_2]$. We say that $\{X_t\}$ has **stationary increments** if for all $s_1 < s_2$ and $t_1 < t_2$ such that $s_2 - s_1 = t_2 - t_1$, we have

$$X_{t_2} - X_{t_1} \stackrel{d}{=} X_{s_2} - X_{s_1}.$$

We saw that $\{X_t\}$ has **independent increments** if for all $t_1 < t_2 \leq t_3 < t_4$, the random variables $X_{t_2} - X_{t_1}$ and $X_{t_4} - X_{t_3}$ are independent.