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$T > 0$  is the random *renewal time*;  $\mu = ET > 0$ ;  $\mu < \infty$ .

The distribution of  $T$  is called a *lattice distribution* if for some constant  $a > 0$ ,

$$P\{T = ak \text{ for some } k = 1, 2, \dots\} = 1.$$

The distribution of  $T$  is called a *non-lattice distribution* if it is not lattice. The following condition is sufficient for the distribution of  $T$  to be non-lattice:  $T = T_1 + T_2$ , where  $T_1$  has continuous distribution and  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are independent.

*Renewal process*:  $N(t)$  = the number of renewal points in  $(0, t]$ , assuming that 0 is a renewal point. (Note that point 0 does not count into  $N(t)$ .)

*Renewal function*:  $m(t) = EN(t)$ .

Definition of a *directly Riemann integrable* non-negative function  $g(t), t \geq 0$ , see e.g. in [FELLER, Vol. 2, page 362]. Direct integrability implies, in particular, that  $\int_0^\infty g(t)dt < \infty$ . Either of the following conditions implies direct integrability:

- (a)  $g(t)$  is monotone non-increasing and  $\int_0^\infty g(t)dt < \infty$ ;
- (b)  $g(t)$  is a bounded piece-wise continuous (with finite number of pieces) on finite interval  $[0, b]$ , and  $g(t) = 0$  for  $t > b$ .

(In all your assignments you can always assume that, for any  $B$ , the function

$$h(t) = P\{X(t) \in B, t < T \mid X(0) = x_*\}$$

is directly integrable, so no need to verify this.)

**Theorem 1 [Key Renewal Theorem]**. Suppose renewal time  $T$  has non-lattice distribution. Then, for any directly Riemann integrable function  $g(t), t \geq 0$ ,

$$\int_0^t g(s)d[-m(t-s)] \rightarrow \frac{1}{\mu} \int_0^\infty g(s)ds, \quad t \rightarrow \infty.$$

The following Elementary Renewal Theorem is a weaker property. (It follows from the Key Renewal Theorem.)

**Theorem 2 [Elementary Renewal Theorem]**.

$$\frac{m(t)}{t} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\mu}, \quad t \rightarrow \infty.$$