



# Chapter 2

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## **Probability, Statistics, and Traffic Theories**



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# Introduction

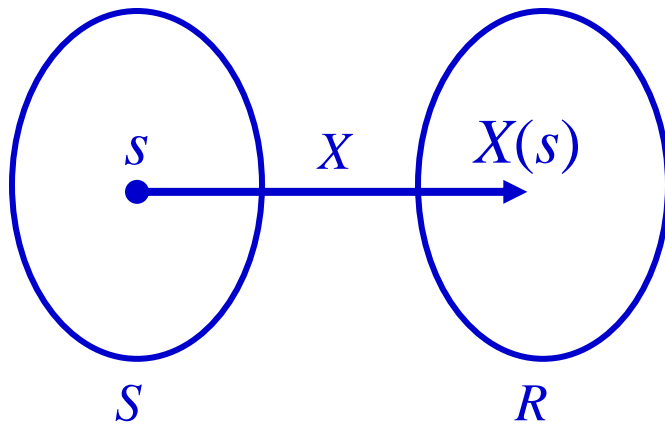
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- Several factors influence the performance of wireless cellular systems:
  - Density of mobile users
  - Cell size
  - Moving direction and speed of users (Mobility models)
  - Call rate, call duration
  - Interference, etc.
- Probability, statistics theory and traffic patterns, help make these factors tractable
- It helps in implementing a system that could satisfy desired design parameters

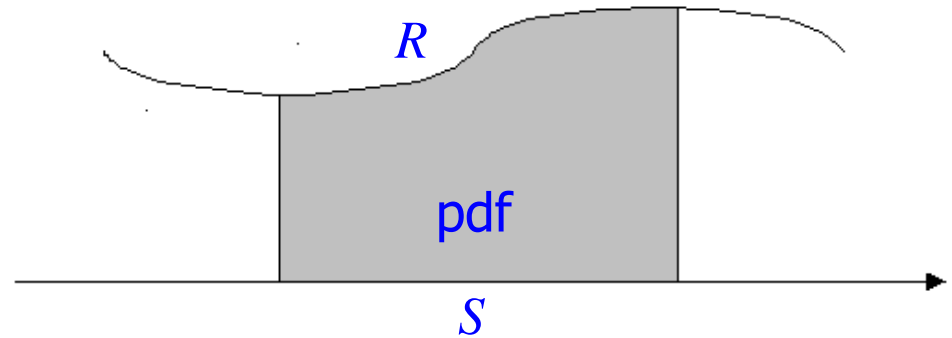
# Probability Theory and Statistics Theory

## ■ Random Variables (RVs)

- Let  $S$  be sample associated with experiment  $E$
- $X$  is a function that associates a real number to each  $s \in S$
- RVs can be of two types: Discrete or Continuous
- Discrete random variable  $\Rightarrow$  probability mass function (**pmf**)
- Continuous random variable  $\Rightarrow$  probability density function (**pdf**)



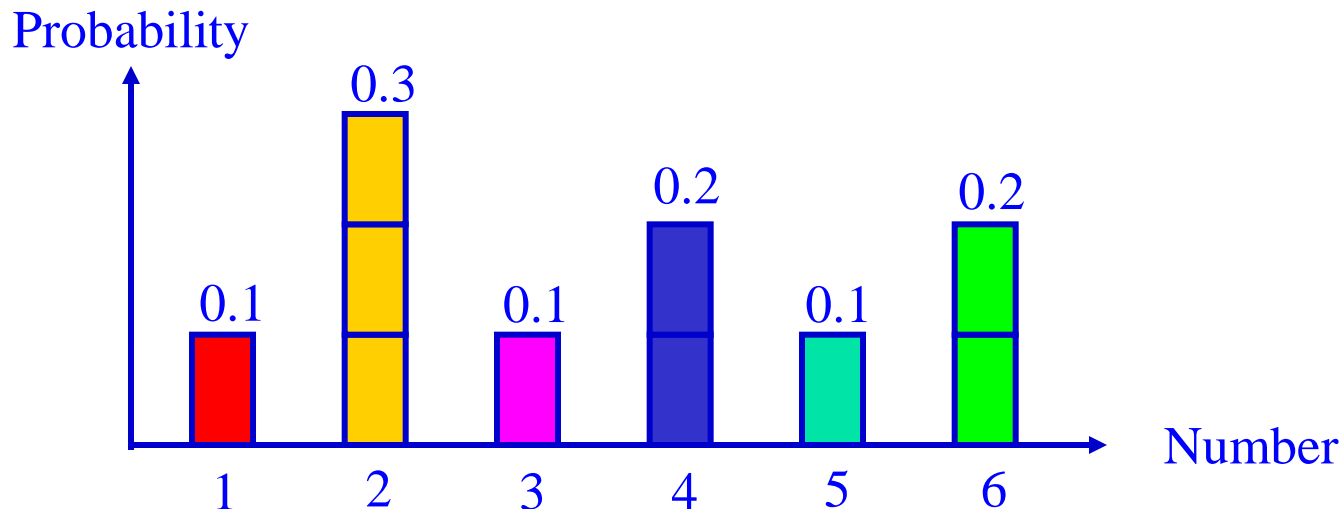
Discrete random variable



Continuous random variable

# Discrete Random Variables

- In this case,  $X(s)$  contains a finite or infinite number of values
  - The possible values of  $X$  can be enumerated
- **For Example:** Throw a 6 sided dice and calculate the probability of a particular number appearing





# Discrete Random Variables

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- The probability mass function (**pmf**)  $p(k)$  of  $X$  is defined as:

$$p(k) = p(X = k), \quad \text{for } k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

where

1. Probability of each state occurring

$$0 \leq p(k) \leq 1, \text{ for every } k;$$

2. Sum of all states

$$\sum p(k) = 1, \text{ for all } k$$



# Continuous Random Variables

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- In this case,  $X$  contains an infinite number of values
- Mathematically,  $X$  is a continuous random variable if there is a function  $f$ , called probability density function (**pdf**) of  $X$  that satisfies the following criteria:

1.  $f(x) \geq 0$ , for all  $x$ ;

2.  $\int f(x)dx = 1$



# Cumulative Distribution Function

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- Applies to all random variables
- A cumulative distribution function (**CDF**) is defined as:

- For discrete random variables:

$$P(k) = P(X \leq k) = \sum_{\text{all } \leq k} P(X = k)$$

- For continuous random variables:

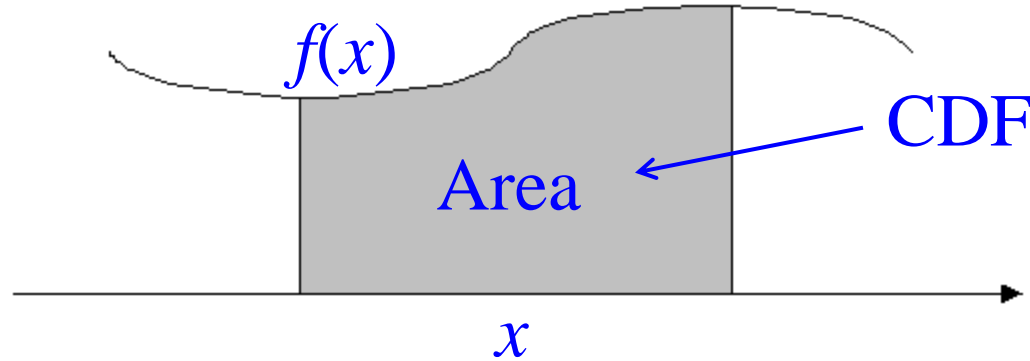
$$F(x) = P(X \leq x) = \int_{-\infty}^x f(x) dx$$



# Probability Density Function

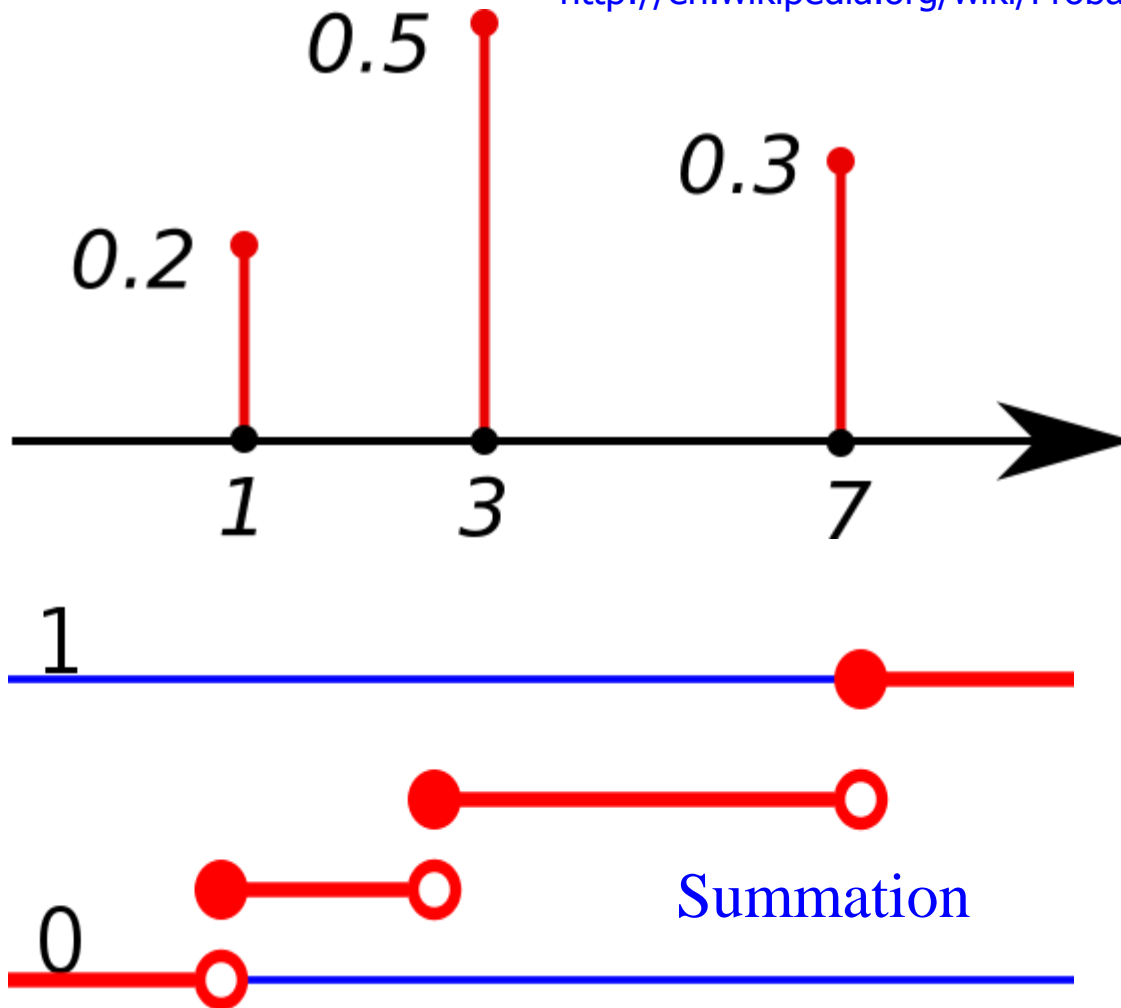
- The pdf  $f(x)$  of a continuous random variable  $X$  is the derivative of the **CDF**  $F(x)$ , i.e.,

$$f(x) = \frac{dF_X(x)}{dx}$$



# Expected Value, $n^{\text{th}}$ Moment, $n^{\text{th}}$ Central Moment, and Variance

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Probability\\_distribution](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Probability_distribution)



The probability mass function of a discrete probability distribution. The probabilities of the singletons  $\{1\}$ ,  $\{3\}$ , and  $\{7\}$  are respectively 0.2, 0.5, 0.3

The **pmf** of a discrete probability distribution, is summation of discrete probability distribution

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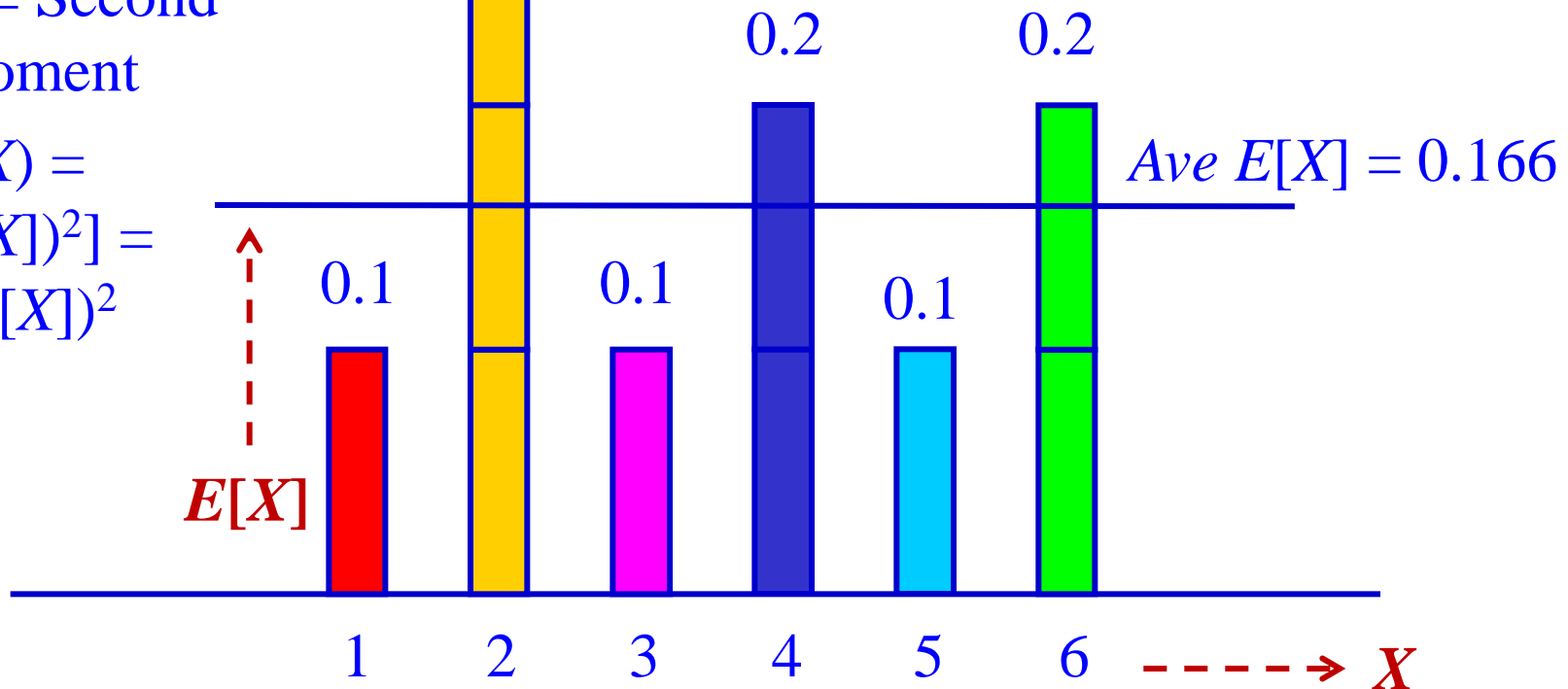
Probability distribution =

Average  $E[X]$  = zero moment =  $0.3$   
 $\sum_{\text{all } k} k^0 P(X = k) = 1/6$

Average or Mean value of  
 $E[X]$  = First moment of its  
distribution =  $\sum_{\text{all } k} k^1 P(X = k)$   
 $= 3.50$

Variance = Second  
central moment

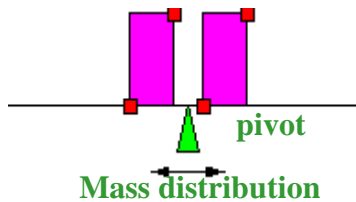
$\sigma^2 = \text{Var}(X) =$   
 $E[(X - E[X])^2] =$   
 $E[X^2] - (E[X])^2$



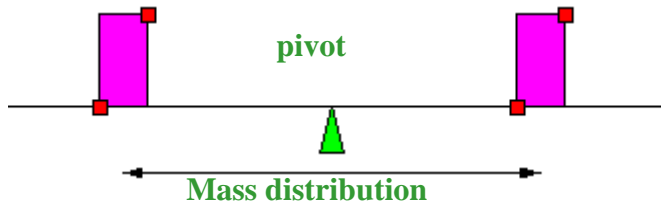
# 2<sup>nd</sup> Moment and Variance using Teeter-Totter (seesaw)

<http://www.ugrad.math.ubc.ca/coursedoc/math101/notes/moreApps/moments.html>

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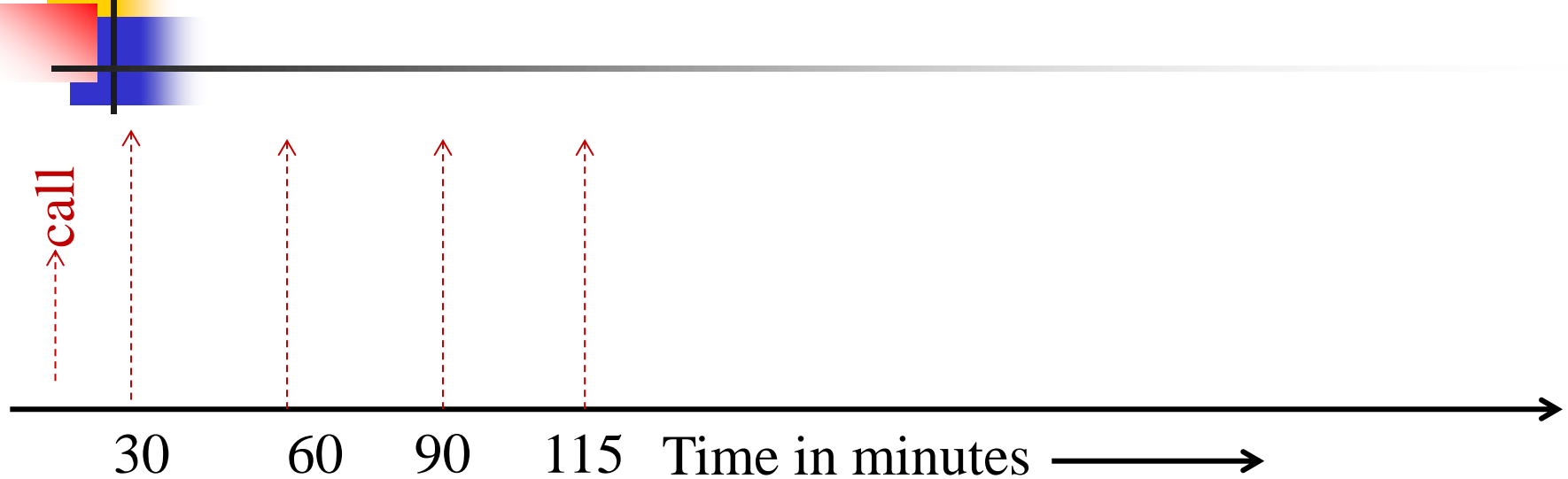
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- Balanced in both situations
- Center of mass of the distribution is at the same place: precisely at the pivot point
- However, the mass is distributed very differently in these two cases
- In the first case, the mass is clustered close to the center, whereas in the second, it is distributed further away

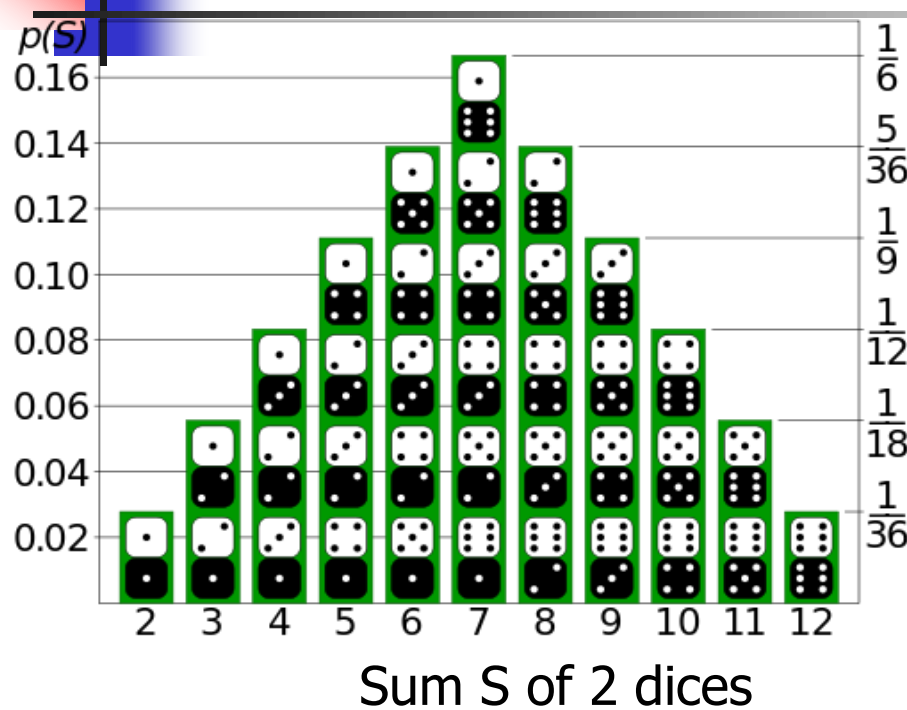
- How a probability density distribution is distributed about its **mean**, need to consider moments higher than the first one
- **Variance**  $\sigma^2$  is defined as the average value of the quantity: distance from mean (square  $\sigma^2$  to avoid cancelling values to the left and right of the mean)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Moment and Variance in Cell Phones

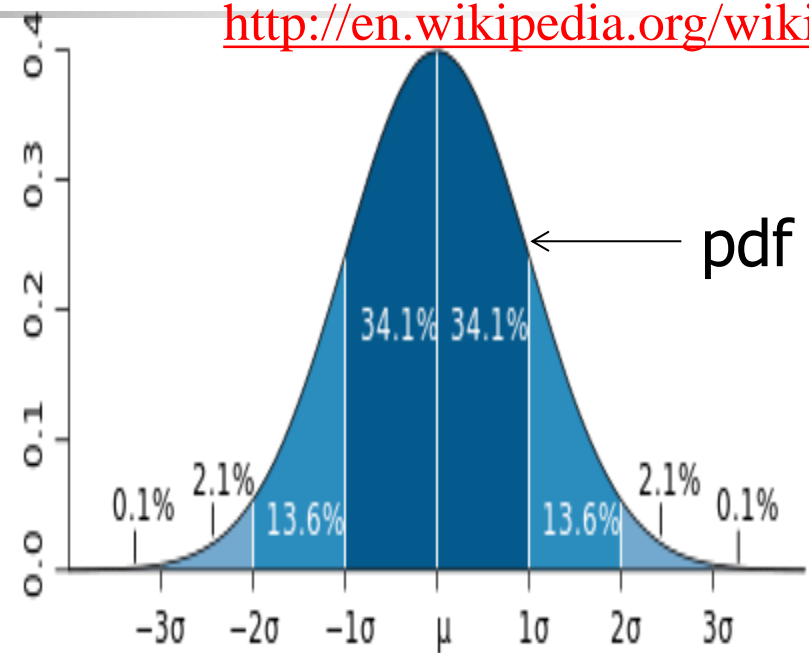


- On an average, receiving 2 call per hour (60 minutes)
- Probability of a call = average = 0<sup>th</sup> moment =  $2/60 = 1/30$  per minute
- Mean or average calls/hour is 2 by obtaining average using first moment
- A new call may come after 30 minutes, or could be 29 or 31 minutes later; such variation from mean is variance and can be obtained from 2<sup>nd</sup> moment
- To determine variation in variation, we need to take 3<sup>rd</sup> moment

# Some Important Discrete Random Distributions



<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/>



$\mu$  is the *mean*,  $\sigma$  is standard deviation

- The probability mass function (pmf)  $p(S)$  specifies the probability distribution for the sum  $S$  of counts from two dices
- For example, the figure shows that  $p(11) = 1/18$
- The pmf allows the computation of probabilities of events such as  $P(S > 9) = 1/12 + 1/18 + 1/36 = 1/6$ , and all other probabilities in the distribution
- The probability density function (pdf) of the normal distribution, also called Gaussian or "bell curve", the most important continuous random distribution
- The probabilities of intervals of values correspond to the area under the curve



# Expected Value, $n^{\text{th}}$ Moment, $n^{\text{th}}$ Central Moment, and Variance of Discrete Variables

## ■ Discrete Random Variables

- Expected value represented by  $E$  or weighted average of random variable

$$E[X] = \sum_{\text{all } k} kP(X = k)$$

- Variance = Second central moment

$$\sigma^2 = \text{Var}(X) = E[(X - E[X])^2] = E[X^2] - (E[X])^2$$

- $n^{\text{th}}$  moment

$$E[X^n] = \sum_{\text{all } k} k^n P(X = k)$$

- $n^{\text{th}}$  central moment

$$E[(X - E[X])^n] = \sum_{\text{all } k} (k - E[X])^n P(X = k)$$



# Expected Value, $n^{\text{th}}$ Moment, $n^{\text{th}}$ Central Moment, and Variance of Random Variables

## ■ Continuous Random Variable

- Expected value or mean value

$$E[X] = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} xf(x)dx$$

- Variance or the second central moment

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- $n^{\text{th}}$  central moment

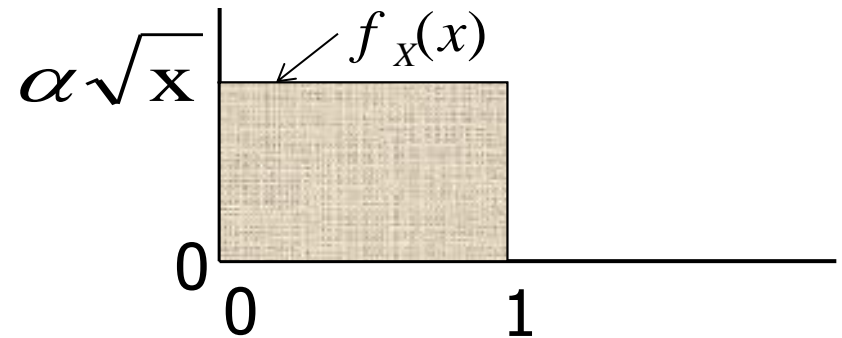
$$E[(X - E[X])^n] = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (x - E[X])^n f(x)dx$$



# Example of Continuous Random Variable

- **Example 2.1:** The pdf of a continuous random variable  $X$  is

$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \alpha\sqrt{x}, & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



- (1). Find constant  $a$ ?

Based on the conditions of continuous random variables, we have the pdf as

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) dx = \int_0^1 \alpha\sqrt{x} dx = \alpha \left[ \frac{x^{3/2}}{3/2} \right]_{x=0}^{x=1} = \frac{2\alpha}{3} = 1$$

Therefore, constant  $a$  is  $3/2=1.5$   
pdf as

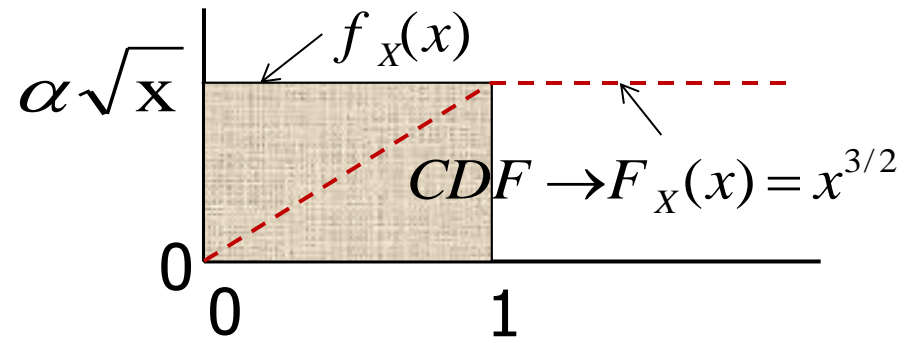
$$1.5 \left[ \frac{x^{3/2}}{3/2} \right]_{x=0}^{x=1} = \left[ x^{3/2} \right]_{x=0}^{x=1}$$

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- Find (2). Find **pdf** of  $X$  ?



From Equation (2.6), the **pdf** of random variable  $X$  is the integral of its pdf ---- that is,

$$F_X(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) dx = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x < 0 \\ x^{3/2} & \text{for } 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 1 & \text{for } 1 \leq x \end{cases}$$

# Some Important Discrete Random Distributions

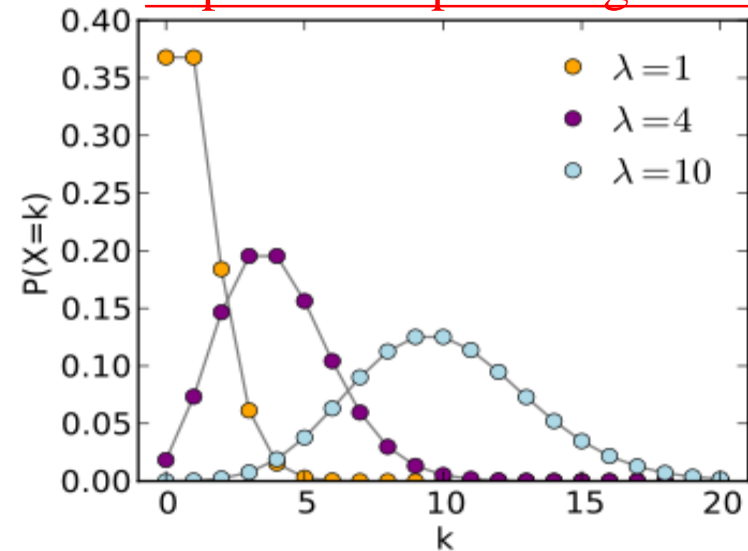
## ■ Poisson

$$P(X = k) = \frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!}, k=0, 1, 2, \dots, \text{ and } \lambda > 0$$

➤  $E[X] = \lambda$ , and  $Var(X) = \lambda$

Poisson distribution specifies how likely it is that the number of calls in each hour will be 3, or 5, or 10, or any other number

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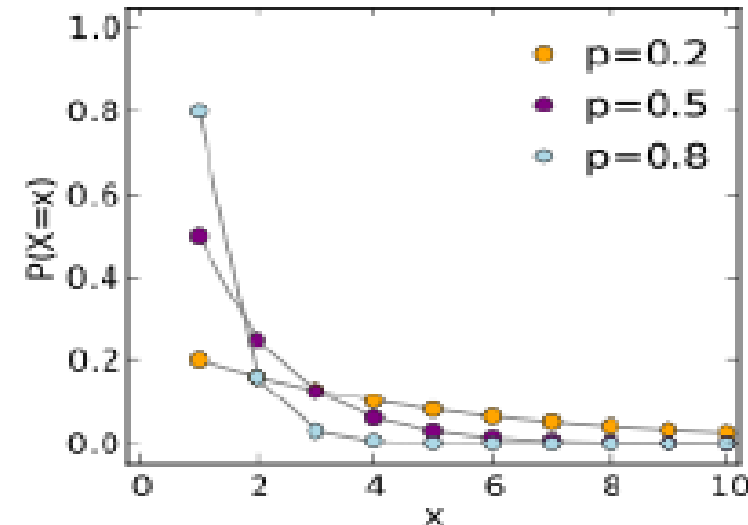


## ■ Geometric

$$P(X = k) = p(1-p)^{k-1},$$

where  $p$  is success probability

➤  $E[X] = 1/(1-p)$ , and  $Var(X) = p/(1-p)^2$



# Some Important Discrete Random Distributions

## ■ Binomial

Out of  $n$  dice, **exactly**  $k$  dice have the same value: probability  $p^k$  and  $(n-k)$  dice have different values: probability  $(1-p)^{n-k}$

where  $p$  is the probability of success.

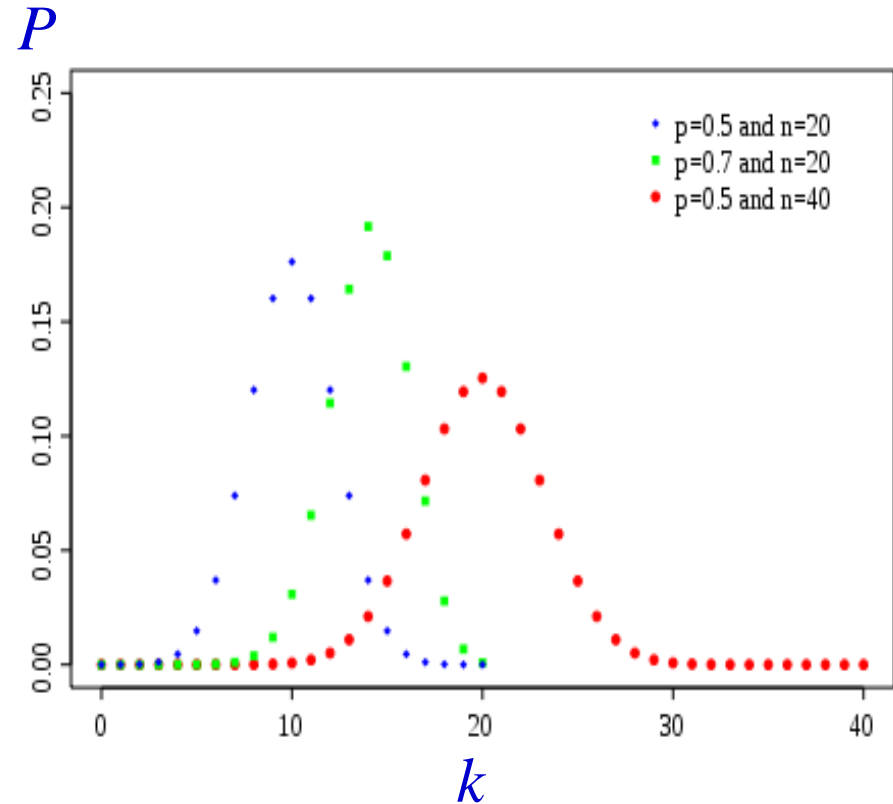
For any  $k$  dice out of  $n$ :

$$P(X=k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k},$$

where,

$k=0,1,2,\dots,n$ ;  $n=0,1,2,\dots$ ;  $p$  is the success probability, and

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$$



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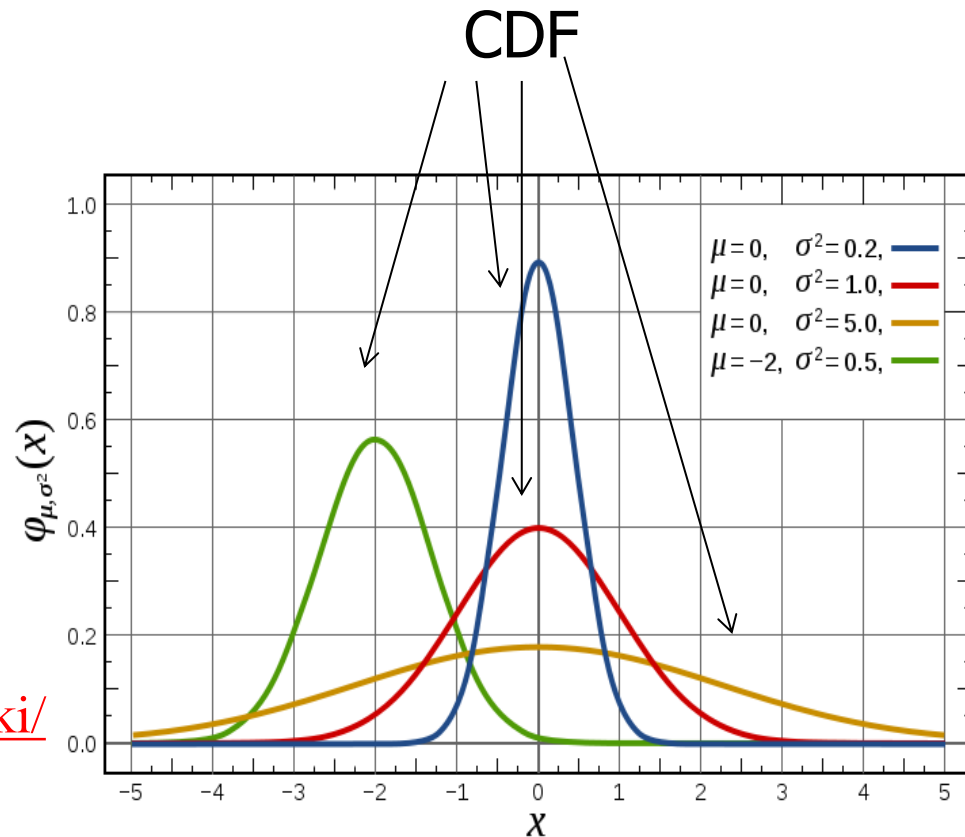
- Normal:  $E[X] = \mu$ , and  $Var(X) = \sigma^2$

$$f_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}, \text{ for } -\infty < x < \infty$$

and the cumulative distribution function can be obtained by

$$F_X(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} \int_{-\infty}^x e^{-\frac{(y-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dy$$

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Red curve is the Gaussian distribution

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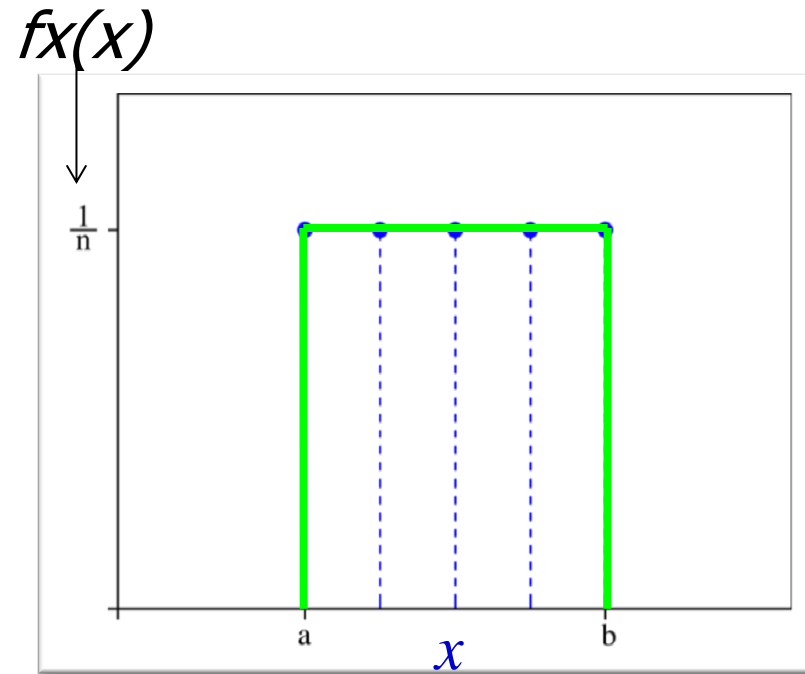
## ■ Uniform

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$$f_X(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a}, & \text{for } a \leq x \leq b \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

and the cumulative distribution function is

$$F_X(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } x < a \\ \frac{x-a}{b-a}, & \text{for } a \leq x \leq b \\ 1, & \text{for } x > b \end{cases}$$



➤  $E[X] = (a+b)/2$ , and  $Var(X) = (b-a)^2/12$

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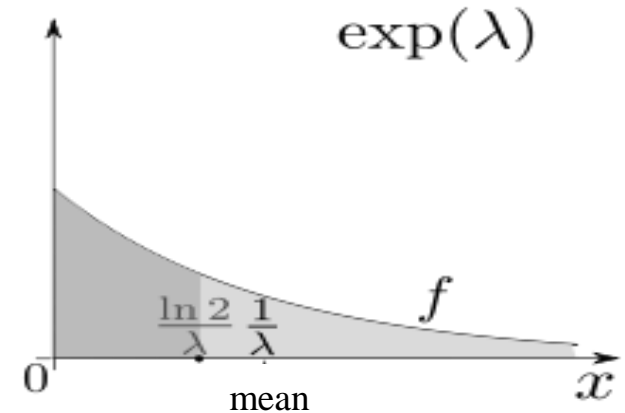
## ■ Exponential

$$f_x(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \\ \lambda e^{-\lambda x}, & \text{for } 0 \leq x < \infty \end{cases}$$

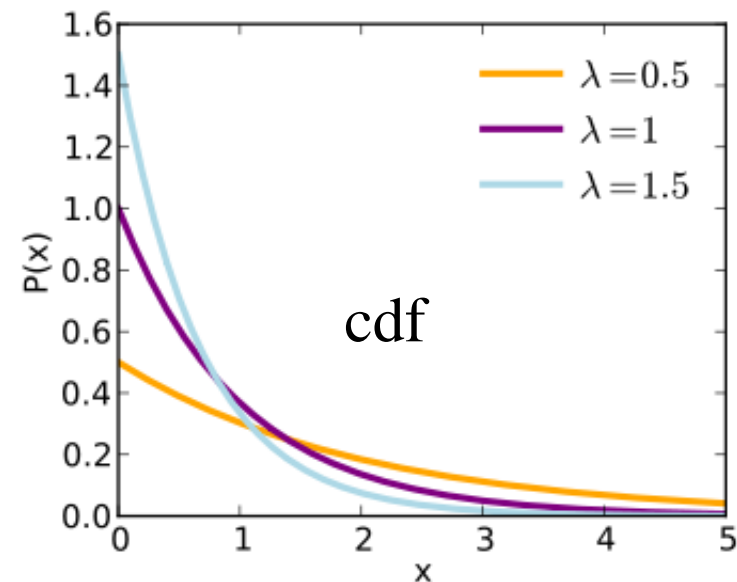
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$$F_x(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < 0 \\ 1 - e^{-\lambda x}, & \text{for } 0 \leq x < \infty \end{cases}$$

*Mean*  $E[X] = 1/\lambda$ , and *Var*( $X$ ) =  $1/\lambda^2$



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# Poisson Distributions

- A random variable  $X$  for  $k$  successive events follow Poisson distribution with parameter  $\lambda$ ,

$$P(X = k) = \frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!}, k=0, 1, 2, \dots, \text{ and } \lambda > 0$$

- Thus, the value of variance  $Var(X)$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} E[X] &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k P(X = k) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda} \\ &= \lambda e^{-\lambda} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} = \lambda e^{-\lambda} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} = \lambda e^{-\lambda} e^{\lambda} = \lambda \end{aligned}$$

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- From Equation (2.13), the second moment  $E[X^2]$  can be calculated by

$$\begin{aligned} E[X^2] &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k^2 P(X = k) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k^2 \frac{\lambda^k e^{-\lambda}}{k!} \\ &= \lambda e^{-\lambda} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{k \lambda^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} \\ &= \lambda e^{-\lambda} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(k+1) \lambda^k}{k!} \\ &= \lambda e^{-\lambda} \left[ \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^k - 1}{(k-1)!} + \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!} \right] \\ &= \lambda^2 + \lambda \end{aligned}$$

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# Multiple Random Variables

- There are cases where the result of one experiment determines the values of several random variables
- The joint probabilities of these variables are:

- Discrete variables:

$$p(x_1, \dots, x_n) = P(X_1 = x_1, \dots, X_n = x_n)$$

- Continuous variables:

$$\text{CDF: } F_{x_1 x_2 \dots x_n}(x_1, \dots, x_n) = P(X_1 \leq x_1, \dots, X_n \leq x_n)$$

$$\text{pdf: } f_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \frac{\partial^n F_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)}{\partial x_1 \partial x_2 \dots \partial x_n}$$

# Independence and Conditional Probability

- Independence: The random variables are said to be independent of each other when the occurrence of one does not affect the other. The pmf for discrete random variables in such a case is given by:

$p(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = P(X_1 = x_1)P(X_2 = x_2) \dots P(X_n = x_n)$  and for continuous random variables as:

$$F_{X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n} = F_{X_1}(x_1)F_{X_2}(x_2) \dots F_{X_n}(x_n)$$

- Conditional probability: is the probability that  $X_1 = x_1$  given that  $X_2 = x_2$ . Then for discrete random variables the probability becomes:

$$P(X_1 = x_1 | X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_n = x_n) = \frac{P(X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_n = x_n)}{P(X_2 = x_2, \dots, X_n = x_n)}$$

and for continuous random variables it is:

$$P(X_1 \leq x_1 | X_2 \leq x_2, \dots, X_n \leq x_n) = \frac{P(X_1 \leq x_1, X_2 \leq x_2, \dots, X_n \leq x_n)}{P(X_2 \leq x_2, \dots, X_n \leq x_n)}$$



# Bayes Theorem

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- A theorem concerning conditional probabilities of the form  $P(X|Y)$  (read: the probability of  $X$ , given  $Y$ ) is

$$P(X | Y) = \frac{P(Y | X)P(X)}{P(Y)}$$

where  $P(X)$  and  $P(Y)$  are the unconditional probabilities of  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively



# Important Properties of Random Variables

- Sum property of the expected value
  - Expected value of the sum of random variables:

$$E\left[\sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i\right] = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i E[X_i]$$

- Product property of the expected value
  - Expected value of product of stochastically independent random variables

$$E\left[\prod_{i=1}^n X_i\right] = \prod_{i=1}^n E[X_i]$$



# Important Properties of Random Variables

- Sum property of the variance

➤ Variance of the sum of random variables is

$$\text{Var}\left[\sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i\right] = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \text{Var}(X_i) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \sum_{j=i+1}^n a_i a_j \text{cov}[X_i, X_j]$$

where  $\text{cov}[X_i, X_j]$  is the covariance of random variables  $X_i$  and  $X_j$  and

$$\begin{aligned}\text{cov}[X_i, X_j] &= E[(X_i - E[X_i])(X_j - E[X_j])] \\ &= E[X_i X_j] - E[X_i]E[X_j]\end{aligned}$$

If random variables are independent of each other, i.e.,  $\text{cov}[X_i, X_j]=0$ , then

$$\text{Var}\left(\sum_{i=1}^n a_i X_i\right) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i^2 \text{Var}(X_i)$$



# Important Properties of Random Variables

- **Distribution of sum** - For continuous random variables with joint pdf  $f_{XY}(x, y)$  and if  $Z = \Phi(X, Y)$ , the distribution of  $Z$  may be written as

$$F_Z(z) = P(Z \leq z) = \int_{\phi Z} f_{XY}(x, y) dx dy$$

where  $\Phi_Z$  is a subset of  $Z$ .

- For a special case  $Z = X + Y$

$$F_Z(z) = \iint_{\phi Z} f_{XY}(x, y) dx dy = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_{XY}(x, y) dx dy$$

- If  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent variables, the  $f_{XY}(x, y) = f_X(x)f_Y(y)$

$$f_Z(z) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f_X(x) f_Y(z - x) dx, \quad \text{for } -\infty \leq z < \infty$$

- If both  $X$  and  $Y$  are non negative random variables, then pdf is the convolution of the individual pdfs,  $f_X(x)$  and  $f_Y(y)$

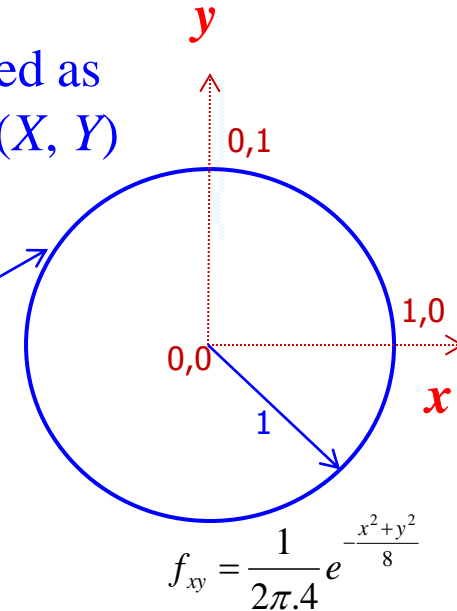
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# Random Variables

- **Example 2.3:** Shoot a target, and the target center is considered as the origin of coordinates. Horizontal and vertical coordinates ( $X, Y$ ) are independent, and follow normal distribution  $N(0, 2^2)$ .

annular region

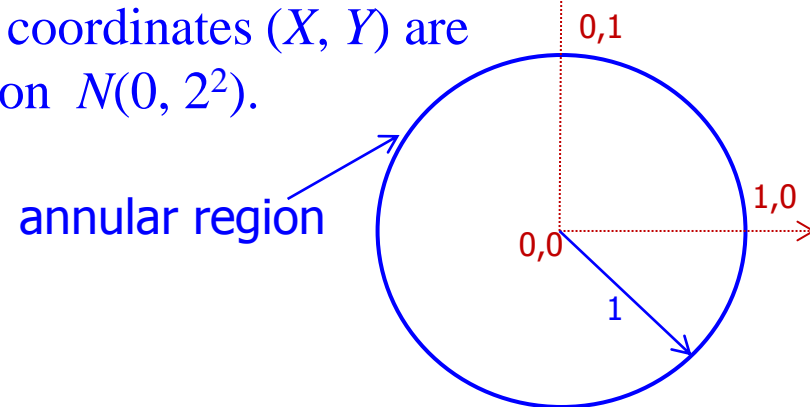


- Find: (1). The probability of hitting the annular region
 
$$D = \{(x, y) \text{ for } 1 \leq x^2 + y^2 \leq 2\}$$
- Finding the probability of hitting the annular region means calculating the distribution of sum of the normal random  $N(0, 2^2)$ . As Equation (2.42) shows that, the **distribution** of sum can be calculated as:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P[(X, Y) \in D] &= \iint_D f_{xy}(x, y) dx dy = \iint_D \frac{1}{2\pi \cdot 4} e^{-\frac{x^2+y^2}{8}} dx dy \\
 &= \frac{1}{8\pi} \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \int_{r=1}^2 e^{-\frac{r^2}{8}} r dr d\theta = - \int_{r=1}^2 e^{-\frac{r^2}{8}} d\left[-\frac{r^2}{8}\right] = e^{-\frac{1}{8}} - e^{-\frac{1}{2}}
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# Random Variables

- **Example 2.3:** Shoot a target, and the target center is considered as the coordinate origin. Horizontal and vertical coordinates  $(X, Y)$  are independent, and follow normal distribution  $N(0, 2^2)$ .



- Find: (2). The expected value  $E[Z]$  of the distance  $Z = \sqrt{X^2 + Y^2}$  between the hitting point and the center point  $(0, 0)$ .
- According to the concept of joint probability distribution, expected value  $E[Z]$  can be calculated as:

$$E[Z] = E[\sqrt{X^2 + Y^2}] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sqrt{X^2 + Y^2} \frac{1}{8\pi} e^{-\frac{X^2 + Y^2}{8}} dx dy$$
$$= \frac{1}{8\pi} \int_{\theta=0}^{2\pi} \int_{r=0}^{\infty} r e^{-\frac{r^2}{8}} r dr d\theta = \frac{1}{4} \int_{r=0}^{\infty} r^2 e^{-\frac{r^2}{8}} dr = \sqrt{2}\pi$$



# Central Limit Theorem

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The *Central Limit Theorem* states that whenever a random sample  $(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)$  of size  $n$  is taken from any distribution with expected value  $E[X_i] = \mu$  and variance  $Var(X_i) = \sigma^2$ , where  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , then their arithmetic mean is defined by

$$S_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$



# Central Limit Theorem

- Mean of a sufficiently large number of independent random variables, each with finite mean and variance, will be approximately normally distributed
- The sample mean is approximated to a normal distribution with
  - $E[S_n] = \mu$ , and
  - $Var(S_n) = \sigma^2 / n$
- The larger the value of the sample size  $n$ , the better the approximation to the normal
- This is very useful when inference between signals needs to be considered



# Poisson Arrival Model

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- Events occur continuously and independently of one another
- A Poisson process is a sequence of events “randomly spaced in time”
- For example, customers arriving at a bank and Geiger counter clicks are similar to packets arriving at a buffer
- The rate  $\lambda$  of a Poisson process is the average number of events per unit time (over a long time)



# Properties of a Poisson Process

- Properties of a Poisson process

- For a time interval  $[0, t]$ , the probability of  $n$  arrivals in  $t$  units of time is

$$P_n(t) = \frac{(\lambda t)^n}{n!} e^{-\lambda t}$$

- For two disjoint (non overlapping ) intervals  $(t_1, t_2)$  and  $(t_3, t_4)$ , (i.e. ,  $t_1 < t_2 < t_3 < t_4$ ), the number of arrivals in  $(t_1, t_2)$  is independent of arrivals in  $(t_3, t_4)$



# Interarrival Times of Poisson Process

- Interarrival times of a Poisson process

- We pick an arbitrary starting point  $t_0$  in time .  
Let  $T_1$  be the time until the next arrival. We have

$$P(T_1 > t) = P_0(t) = e^{-\lambda t}$$

- Thus the cumulative distribution function of  $T_1$  is given by

$$F_{T_1}(t) = P(T_1 \leq t) = 1 - e^{-\lambda t}$$

- The pdf of  $T_1$  is given by

$$f_{T_1}(t) = \lambda e^{-\lambda t}$$

Therefore,  $T_1$  has an exponential distribution with mean rate  $\lambda$



# Exponential Distribution

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- Similarly  $T_2$  is the time between first and second arrivals, we define  $T_3$  as the time between the second and third arrivals,  $T_4$  as the time between the third and fourth arrivals and so on
- The random variables  $T_1, T_2, T_3, \dots$  are called the interarrival times of the Poisson process
- $T_1, T_2, T_3, \dots$  are independent of each other and each has the same exponential distribution with mean arrival rate  $\lambda$





# Memoryless and Merging Properties

- Memoryless property

- A random variable  $X$  has the property that “the future is independent of the past” i.e., the fact that it hasn't happened yet, tells us nothing about how much longer it will take before it does happen

- Merging property

- If we merge  $n$  Poisson processes with distributions for the inter arrival times

$$1 - e^{-\lambda_i t} \text{ for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

into one single process, then the result is a Poisson process for which the inter arrival times have the distribution  $1 - e^{-\lambda t}$  with mean

$$\lambda = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \dots + \lambda_n$$



# Basic Queuing Systems

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- What is queuing theory?
  - Queuing theory is the study of queues (sometimes called waiting lines)
  - Can be used to describe real world queues, or more abstract queues, found in many branches of computer science, such as operating systems
- Basic queuing theory

Queuing theory is divided into 3 main sections:

  - Traffic flow
  - Scheduling
  - Facility design and employee allocation



# Kendall's Notation

- D.G. Kendall in 1951 proposed a standard notation for classifying queuing systems into different types. Accordingly the systems were described by the notation  $A/B/C/D/E$  where:

**For cell phones**

A	Distribution of inter arrival times of customers	Time between 2 successive calls
B	Distribution of service times	Time for a service call
C	Number of servers	# of Channels
D	Maximum number of customers in the system	# of registered users
E	Calling population size	Total population



# Kendall's notation

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A and B can take any of the following distributions types:

M	Exponential distribution (Markovian)
D	Degenerate (or deterministic) distribution
$E_k$	Erlang distribution ( $k$ = shape parameter)
$H_k$	Hyper exponential with parameter $k$



# Little's Law

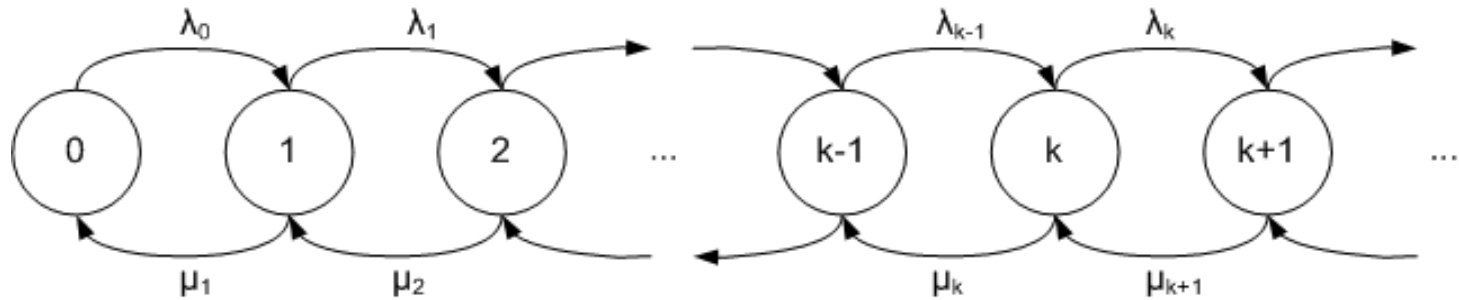
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- Assuming a queuing environment to be operating in a stable steady state where all initial transients have vanished, the key parameters characterizing the system are:
  - $\lambda$  – the mean steady state consumer arrival
  - $N$  – the average no. of customers in the system
  - $T$  – the mean time spent by each customer in the system

which gives

$$N = \lambda T$$

# Markov Process



- A Markov process is one in which the next state of the process depends only on the present state, irrespective of any previous states taken by the process
- The knowledge of the current state and the transition probabilities from this state allows us to predict the next state



# Birth-Death Process

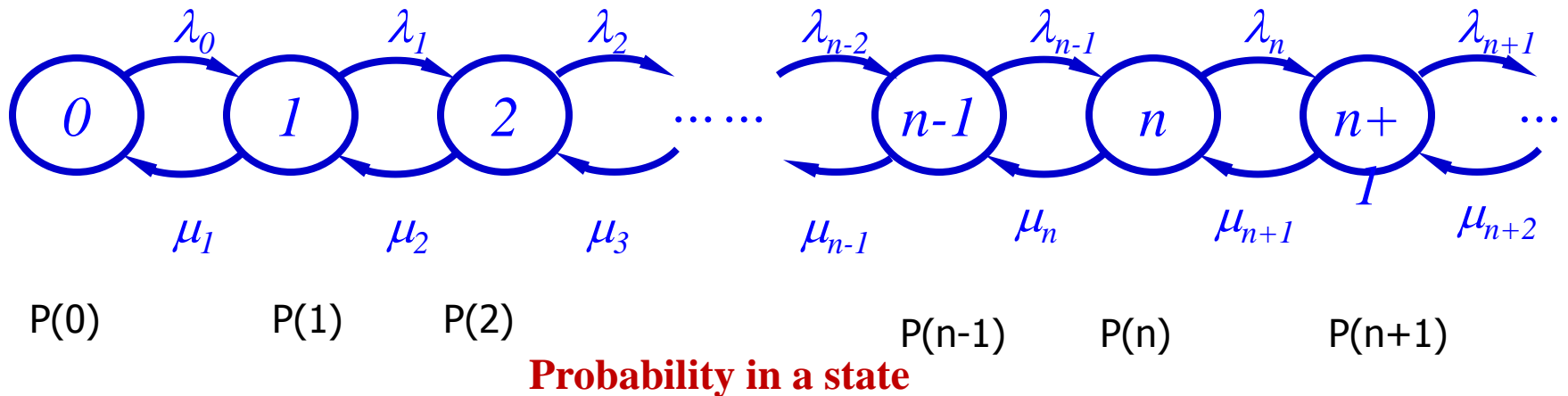
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- **Special type** of Markov process
- Often used to model a population (or, number of jobs in a queue)
- If, at some time, the population has  $n$  entities ( $n$  jobs in a queue), then **birth** of another entity (arrival of another job) causes the state to change to  $n+1$
- On the other hand, a **death** (a job removed from the queue for service) would cause the state to change to  $n-1$
- Any state transitions can be made only to one of the two neighboring states

# State Transition Diagram

State: # living people

State: # people being served



The state transition diagram of the continuous birth-death process

State transition is equally applicable to number of cell phone users

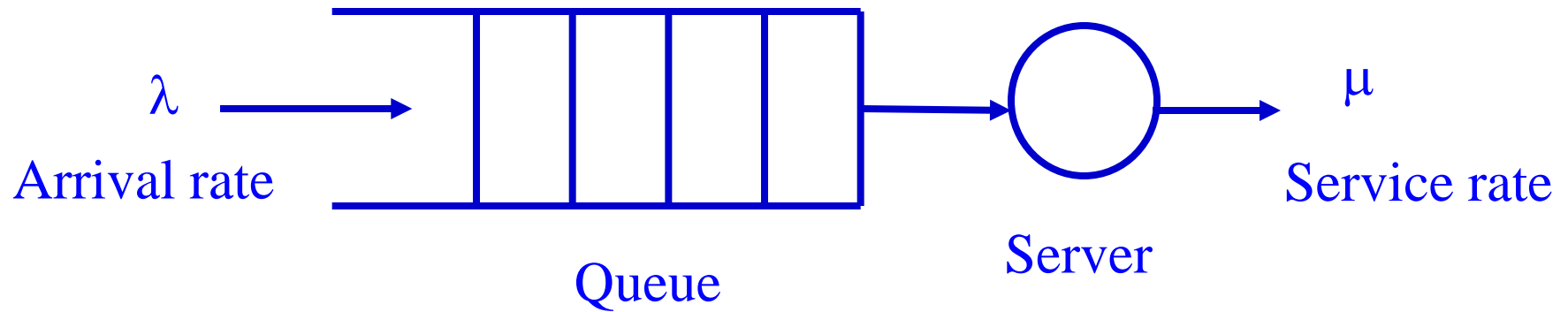




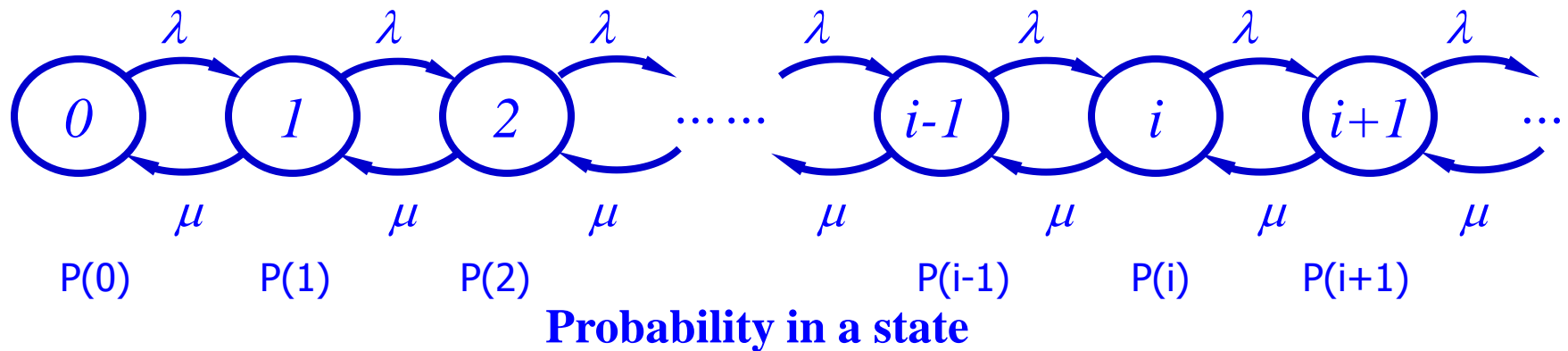
# M/M/1/ $\infty$ or M/M/1 Queuing System

- Distribution of inter arrival times of customers: **M**
- Distribution of service times: **M**
- Number of servers: **1**
- Maximum number of customers in the system:  **$\infty$**
- When a customer arrives in this system it will be served if the server is free, otherwise the customer is queued
- In this system, customers arrive according to a Poisson distribution and compete for the service in a **FIFO** (first in first out) manner
- Service times are independent identically distributed (**IID**) random variables, the common distribution being exponential

# Queuing Model and State Transition Diagram



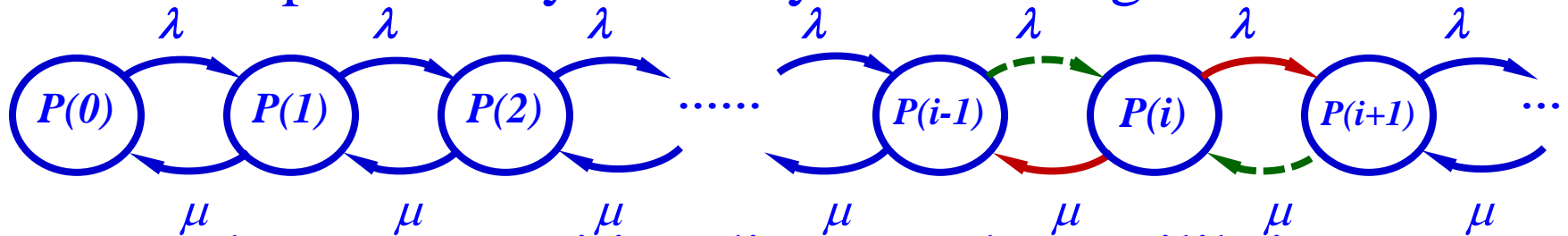
## The M/M/1/ $\infty$ queuing model



The state transition diagram of the **M/M/1/ $\infty$**  queuing system

# Equilibrium State Equations

- If mean arrival rate is  $\lambda$  and mean service rate is  $\mu$ ,  $i = 0, 1, 2$  be the number of customers in the system and  $P(i)$  be the state probability of the system having  $i$  customers



- From the state transition diagram, the equilibrium state equations are given by:

$$\lambda P(0) = \mu P(1), \quad i = 0,$$

$$\lambda P(i-1) + \mu P(i+1) = \lambda P(i) + \mu P(i), \quad i \geq 1$$

$$(\lambda + \mu)P(i) = \lambda P(i-1) + \mu P(i+1), \quad i \geq 1$$

$$P(i+1) = \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu} + 1\right)P(i) - \frac{\lambda}{\mu}P(i-1), \quad i \geq 1$$



# Traffic Intensity

$$P(1) = \frac{\lambda}{\mu} P(0)$$

$$P(2) = \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu} + 1\right) P(1) - \frac{\lambda}{\mu} P(0) = \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^2 P(0)$$

$$P(3) = \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu} + 1\right) P(2) - \frac{\lambda}{\mu} P(1) = \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^3 P(0)$$

**Recursively substituting, we can get:**

$$P(i) = \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^i P(0), \quad i \geq 1$$

- We know that the  $P(0)$  is the probability of server being free. Since  $P(0) > 0$ , the necessary condition for a system being in steady state is,  
$$\rho = \frac{\lambda}{\mu} < 1$$
 **Called traffic intensity**

This means that the arrival rate cannot be more than the service rate, otherwise an infinite queue will form and jobs will experience infinite service time



# Traffic Intensity

As summation of all states =1, we have the following:  $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} P(i) = 1$

$$\text{As } \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \rho^i P(0) = P(0) / (1 - \rho) = \frac{P(0)}{1 - \rho} = 1$$

$$\text{Gives } P(0) = 1 - \rho$$

$$P(i) = \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^i P(0) = \rho^i (1 - \rho), \quad i \geq 1$$

- The average number of customers in the system is =  
No. of users x probability in that state

$$\begin{aligned} L_s &= \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} iP(i) = \rho(1 - \rho) \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} i\rho^{i-1} \\ &= \rho(1 - \rho) \left(\frac{\rho}{1 - \rho}\right)^i = \frac{\rho}{1 - \rho} = \frac{\lambda}{\mu - \lambda} \end{aligned}$$



# Traffic Intensity

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- The average dwell time of customers is

$$W_s = \frac{L_s}{\lambda} = \frac{1}{\mu(1-\rho)} = \frac{1}{\mu - \lambda}$$

The average queue length is

$$L_q = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (i-1)P(i) = \frac{\rho^2}{(1-\rho)} = \frac{\lambda^2}{\mu(\mu - \lambda)}$$

The average wait time is

$$W_q = \frac{L_q}{\lambda} = \frac{\rho^2}{\lambda(1-\rho)} = \frac{\lambda}{\mu(\mu - \lambda)}$$



# Queuing System Metrics

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**Example 2.4:** A repair shop has only one mechanic;  $r$  customers arrive at the shop following a Poisson distribution with a mean arrival rate of 3 per minute. The time it takes to repair for each customer follows a negative exponential distribution and the mean repair time is 10 seconds.

1. Find the probability of the server being free.

It can be seen that this is a M/M/1/ queuing system with  $\lambda = 3/m$ , and the service rate  $\mu = 6/m$ . Therefore, the offered load  $\rho = \lambda / \mu = 0.5$

Assume  $P(0)$  is the probability of the server being free. From Equation(2.62), we have:

$$\begin{aligned} P(0) &= 1 - \rho \\ &= 1 - 3/6 = 0.5 \end{aligned}$$



# Queuing System Metrics

**Example 2.4:** A repair shop has only one mechanic;  $r$  customers arrive at the shop following a Poisson distribution with a mean arrival rate of 3 per minute. The time it takes to repair for each customer follows a negative exponential distribution and the mean repair time is 10 seconds.

2. Find M/M/1/ queuing system with  $\lambda = 3/m$ , and the service rate  $\mu = 6/m$ . Therefore, the offered load  $\rho = \lambda / \mu = 0.5$ .

Assume  $P(i)$  is the steady state probability of the system having  $i$  customers. From Equation(2.63), we have

$$P(4) = (1 - \rho) \rho^4 = (1 - 1/2)(1/2)^4 = 1/32 = 0.03125$$





# Queuing System Metrics

**Example 2.4:** A repair shop has only one mechanic;  $r$  customers arrive at the shop following a Poisson distribution with a mean arrival rate of 3 per minute. The time it takes to repair for each customer follows a negative exponential distribution and the mean repair time is 10 seconds.

3. Find the probability that there is at least 1 customer in the repair shop.

$$P(i \geq 1) = 1 - P(0) = 1 - \rho = 1 - \frac{1}{2} = 0.5$$

4. Find the average number of customers in the repair shop.

According to the probabilities  $P(i)$ , the average number of customers in the system is:

$$L_s = \frac{\lambda}{\mu - \lambda} = \frac{3}{6 - 3} = 1$$



# Queuing System Metrics

**Example 2.4:** A repair shop has only one mechanic;  $r$  customers arrive at the shop following a Poisson distribution with a mean arrival rate of 3 per minute. The time it takes to repair for each customer follows a negative exponential distribution and the mean repair time is 10 minutes.

5. Find the average number of customers who are waiting for service.

It can be seen that the system is M/M/1/ queuing system with  $\lambda = 3/m$ , and the service rate  $\mu = 6/m$ . Therefore, the offered load  $\rho = \lambda / \mu = 0.5$ .

The average queue length is

$$L_s = \frac{\rho\lambda}{\mu - \lambda} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} \times 3}{6 - 3} = 0.5$$

6. Find the average dwell time of a customer in the shop.

Using Little's law, the average dwell time of a customer in the repair shop is

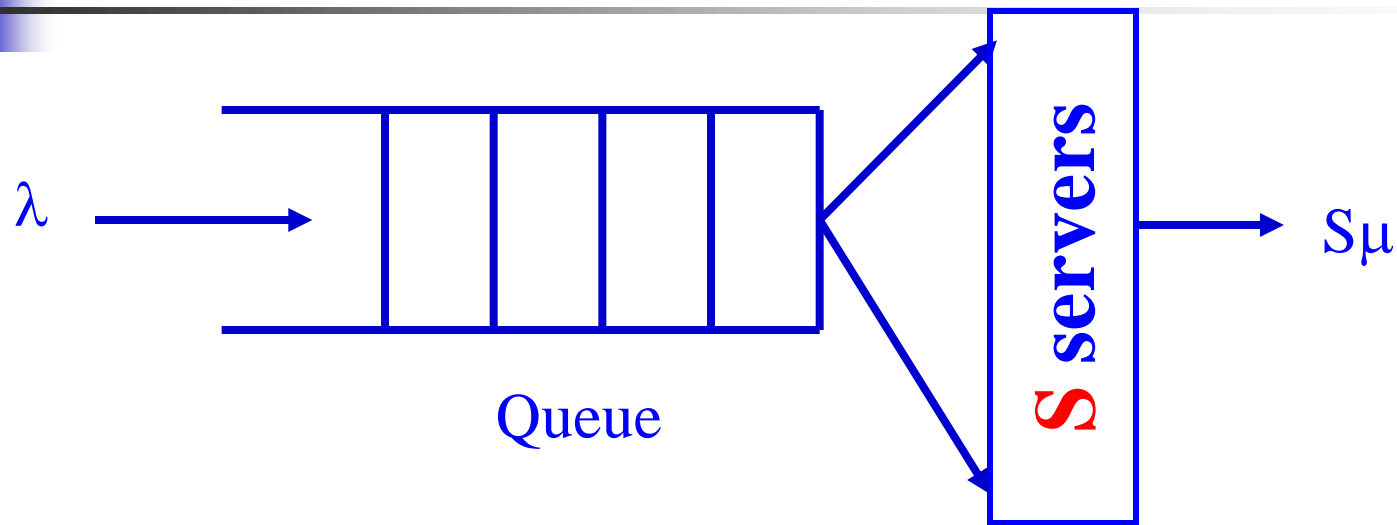
$$W_s = \frac{1}{\mu - \lambda} = \frac{1}{6 - 3} = \frac{1}{3} \text{ hrs}$$

7. Find the average waiting time of a customer.

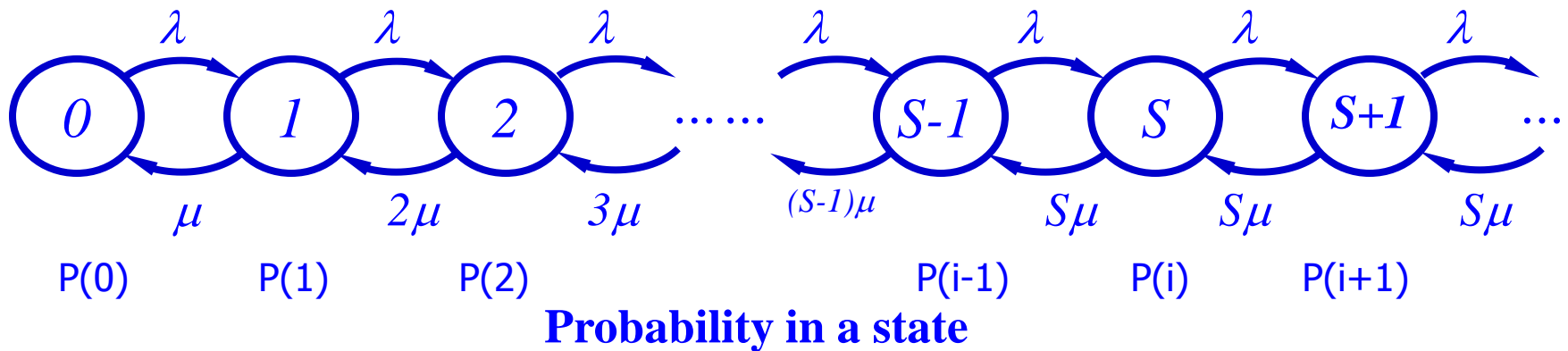
The average queuing waiting time of customers is

$$W_q = \rho W_s = \frac{1}{6} \text{ hrs}$$

# Queuing Model and State Transition Diagram with S server

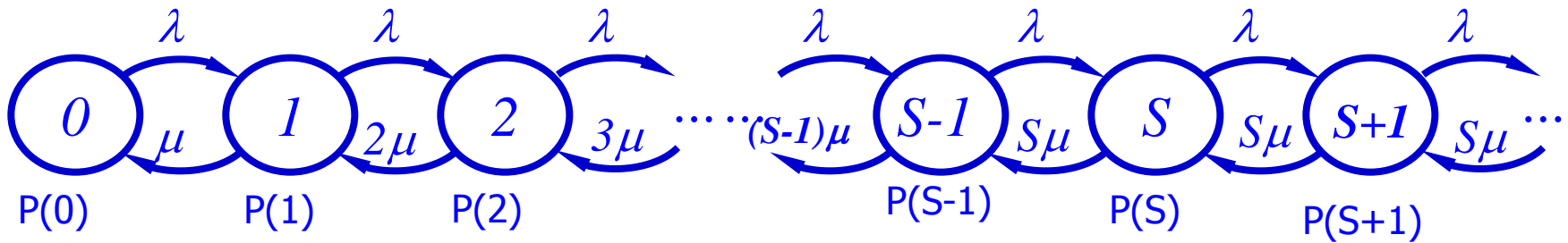


The M/M/S/∞ queuing model



The state transition diagram of the **M/M/S/∞** queuing system

# Equilibrium State Equations



**Probability in a state**

$$\lambda P(0) = \mu P(1), \quad i = 0,$$

$$(\lambda + i\mu)P(i) = \lambda P(i-1) + (i+1)\mu P(i+1), \quad 1 \leq i \leq S$$

$$(\lambda + S\mu)P(i) = \lambda P(i-1) + S\mu P(i+1), \quad S \leq i$$

$$P(i) = \frac{\alpha^i}{i!} P(0) \quad i < S$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\lambda}{\mu}$$

$$P(i) = \frac{\alpha^S}{S!} \left(\frac{\alpha}{S}\right)^{i-S} P(0) \quad S \leq i$$



# Queuing System Metrics

As summation of all states =1, we have the following:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{S-1} P(i) = \left[ \sum_{i=0}^{S-1} \frac{\alpha^i}{i!} + \frac{\alpha^S}{S!} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\alpha}{S}\right)^i \right] P(0) = 1$$

We have:

$$P(0) = \left[ \sum_{i=0}^{S-1} \frac{\alpha^i}{i!} + \frac{\alpha^S}{S!} \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\alpha}{S}\right)^i \right]^{-1}$$

*If  $\alpha < S$ , we have* 
$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\alpha}{S}\right)^i = \frac{S}{S-\alpha}$$

*Thus* 
$$P(0) = \left[ \sum_{i=0}^{S-1} \frac{\alpha^i}{i!} + \frac{\alpha^S}{S!} \frac{S}{S-\alpha} \right] = \left[ \sum_{i=0}^{S-1} \frac{\alpha^i}{i!} + \frac{\alpha^S}{S!} \frac{1}{1-\alpha} \right]$$

Here  $\rho = \alpha/S$  is called utilization factor and need to be larger than 1 for queue to be stable



# Queuing System Metrics

- The average number of customers in the system is

$$L_s = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} iP(i) = \alpha + \frac{\rho \alpha^S P(0)}{S!(1-\rho)^2}$$

- The average dwell time of customers is

$$W_s = \frac{L_s}{\lambda} = \frac{1}{\mu} + \frac{\alpha^S P(0)}{S\mu * S!(1-\rho)^2}$$

The average queue length is

$$L_q = \sum_{i=S}^{\infty} (i - S)P(i) = \frac{\alpha^{S+1} P(0)}{(S-1)(S-\alpha)^2}$$

The average wait time is

$$W_q = \frac{L_q}{\lambda} = \frac{\alpha^S P(0)}{S\mu * S!(1-\rho)^2}$$



# Queuing System Metrics

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*When  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , we have*

- The average queuing length is

$$L_q = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (i - S)P(i) = \frac{\alpha^{S+1}P(0)}{(S-1)(S-\alpha)^2}$$

- The average waiting time of customers is

$$W_q = \frac{L_q}{\lambda} = \frac{\alpha^S P(0)}{S\mu * S!(1-\rho)^2}$$



# M/G/1/ $\infty$ Queuing Model

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- We consider a single server queuing system whose arrival process is Poisson with mean arrival rate  $\lambda$
- Service times are independent and identically distributed with distribution function  $F_B$  and pdf  $f_b$
- Jobs are scheduled for service as FIFO





# Basic Queuing Model

- Let  $N(t)$  denote the number of jobs in the system (those in queue plus in service) at time  $t$ .
- Let  $t_n$  ( $n= 1, 2,..$ ) be the time of departure of the  $n^{\text{th}}$  job and  $X_n$  be the number of jobs in the system at time  $t_n$ , so that

$$X_n = N(t_n), \text{ for } n = 1, 2, ..$$

- The stochastic process can be modeled as a discrete Markov chain known as imbedded Markov chain, which helps convert a non-Markovian problem into a Markovian one.



# Queuing System Metrics

- The average number of jobs in the system, in the steady state is

$$E[N] = \rho + \frac{\lambda^2 E[B^2]}{2(1 - \rho)}$$

- The average dwell time of customers in the system is

$$W_s = \frac{E[N]}{\lambda} = \frac{1}{\mu} + \frac{\lambda E[B^2]}{2(1 - \rho)}$$

- The average waiting time of customers in the queue is

$$E[N] = \lambda W_q + \rho$$

- Average waiting time of customers in the queue is

$$W_q = \frac{\lambda E[B^2]}{2(1 - \rho)}$$

- The average queue length is

$$L_q = \frac{\lambda^2 E[B^2]}{2(1 - \rho)}$$