

## MAST30001 Stochastic Modelling – 2020

### Assignment 2

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#### Submission Instructions:

- Typed submissions (ideally using L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X) are preferred. For handwritten solutions:
  - Write your answers on blank paper. Write on one side of the paper only. Start each question on a new page. Write the question number at the top of each page.
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- Upload the PDF file to Gradescope via the LMS. Gradescope will ask you to identify on which of the uploaded pages your answers to each question are located.
- The submission deadline is **5:00pm on Thursday, 29 October, 2020**.

There are 2 questions, and both will be marked. No marks will be given for answers without clear and concise explanations. Clarity, neatness, and style count.

1. Let  $(N_t)_{t \geq 0}$  be a Poisson process with rate  $\lambda$  and assume that each arrival has a “type” from the set  $\{1, \dots, K\}$ , where  $K$  is some positive integer. The probability that a given arrival is of type  $j \in \{1, \dots, K\}$  is  $p_j$ , and the types of different arrivals are independent. For  $j = 1, \dots, K$  and  $t \geq 0$ , let  $N_t^{(j)}$  be the number of arrivals of type  $j$  in the interval  $[0, t]$ .
  - (a) Use the thinning theorem and induction to show that the processes  $((N_t^{(j)})_{t \geq 0})_{j=1}^K$  are independent Poisson processes, and identify their rates.
  - (b) Assuming  $K \geq 3$ , find the chance that there are exactly two arrivals having type 1 or 2 in the interval  $[0, 3/4]$ , and exactly one arrival of type 3 in the interval  $[1/2, 1]$ .
  - (c) Assuming again  $K \geq 3$ , given that  $N_1 = 3$ , find the chance that there are exactly two arrivals having type 1 or 2 in the interval  $[0, 3/4]$ , and exactly one arrival of type 3 in the interval  $[1/2, 1]$ .
  - (d) For distinct fixed numbers  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_K$ , show that the process

$$\left( \sum_{j=1}^K \alpha_j N_t^{(j)} \right)_{t \geq 0}$$

has the same distribution as some compound Poisson process

$$\left( \sum_{i=1}^{N_t} X_i \right)_{t \geq 0},$$

and give the distribution of  $X_1$ .

[3 + 2 + 2 + 3 = 10 marks]

2. Customers arrive to an outback auto repair shop according to a Poisson process with rate  $\lambda$  per day. The shop has one mechanic who takes an exponential with rate  $\mu$  per day amount of time to repair a car. In addition, if there are no cars in the shop, the mechanic will wait an exponential rate  $\nu$  per day time, and if no car has arrived in that time, the mechanic will leave the shop and take a nap for an exponential rate  $\nu$  time. If a car arrives while the mechanic is waiting to leave to take a nap, they will begin work on the car. During a nap, cars arriving for repair will move on to the next repair shop. Cars that arrive when the mechanic is working form a queue.
- (a) Model this system as a continuous time Markov chain and write down its state space and generator.
  - (b) Determine values of  $\lambda, \mu$ , and  $\nu$  such that the stationary distribution of the Markov chain exists. For these values, determine the stationary distribution.
  - (c) What is the stationary average number of customers waiting for service?
  - (d) Given that a customer is not immediately rejected from the system, what is the average time they spend in the system?
  - (e) What proportion of customers are rejected from the system?

[2 + 3 + 2 + 2 + 1 = 10 marks]