

**PROBLEM I** A kind of product is qualified with probability  $p(0 < p < 1)$ . We sample these product by the following way: we check all the product at first until there appears  $k$  qualified product sequently. Then we check the rest of product by probability  $\alpha(0 < \alpha < 1)$  until there appears one unqualified product, then one circle ends. Next we restart another checking circle. Please find out the proportion of checked product after a long time.

**SOLUTION.** For sake of convenience, we call the  $k$  qualified products appearing sequently as  $k$  qualified sequence. Assume the proportion of checked product after a long time is  $\beta$ . Let  $N_k$  be the amount of product when the first  $k$  qualified sequence ends.  $M_k = \mathbb{E}(N_k)$ .  $G_k$  is the event that the next one is qualified after the first  $k-1$  qualified sequence ends. Obviously,  $\mathbb{E}(N_k - N_{k-1} \mid G_k) = 1$ . And  $\mathbb{E}(N_k - N_{k-1} \mid \bar{G}_k) = \mathbb{E}(N_k) + 1$ . Therefore,  $\mathbb{E}(N_k - N_{k-1}) = p + (1-p)(\mathbb{E}(N_k) + 1)$ . So  $M_k - M_{k-1} = p + (1-p)(1 + M_k)$ . Then  $pM_k = M_{k-1} + 1$ . Thus,  $M_k = \frac{\frac{1}{p^k} - 1}{1-p}$ . Let  $A = \{\text{The amount of product checked in one circle}\}$ ,  $B = \{\text{The amount of product in one circle}\}$ . So finding one unqualified product need average checking time  $\frac{1}{1-p}$  according to geometric distribution. Then we averagely need  $\frac{1}{\alpha(1-p)}$  product to find out the unqualified one. Then  $\mathbb{E}(A) = M_k + \frac{1}{1-p}$ ,  $\mathbb{E}(B) = M_k + \frac{1}{\alpha(1-p)}$ . So

$$\beta = \frac{\mathbb{E}(A)}{\mathbb{E}(B)} = \frac{\frac{\frac{1}{p^k} - 1}{1-p} + \frac{1}{1-p}}{\frac{\frac{1}{p^k} - 1}{1-p} + \frac{1}{\alpha(1-p)}} = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + p^k - \alpha p^k}$$

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