

1. Let  $N \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda t)$  be the number of passengers which arrive between buses and let  $T_1, \dots, T_N$  be the arrival times of these passengers in the interval  $[0, t]$  where 0 is right after the previous bus departs and  $t$  is right before the next bus arrives, so that  $W_i = t - T_i$  is the amount of time passenger  $T_i$  waits. Given  $N$ , each  $T_i|N \sim \text{Unif}(0, t)$  so  $W_i|N \sim \text{Unif}(0, t)$  and  $E(W_i|N) = t/2$ . Thus to find the total waiting time, apply Adam's law:  $E(\sum_i W_i) = E(E(\sum_i W_i|N)) = E(Nt/2) = \lambda t^2/2$ .
2. Let  $N \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda t)$  be the number of earthquakes in  $[0, t]$ . Then the cumulative intensity is  $Z_1 + \dots + Z_N$ . Using Adam's law,  $E(E(\sum_i Z_i|N)) = E(\mu N) = \mu \lambda t$ . Using Eve's law,  $\text{Var}(\sum_i Z_i) = E(\text{Var}(\sum_i Z_i|N)) + \text{Var}(E(\sum_i Z_i|N)) = E(N\sigma^2) + \text{Var}(N\mu) = \sigma^2 \lambda t + \mu^2 \lambda t$ .
3.  $N(T)|T \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda T)$ . By Adam's law,  $E(N(T)) = E(E(N(T)|T)) = E(\lambda T) = \lambda \mu$ . By Eve's law,  $\text{Var}(N(T)) = E(\text{Var}(N(T)|T)) + \text{Var}(E(N(T)|T)) = E(\lambda T) + \text{Var}(\lambda T) = \lambda \mu + \lambda^2 \sigma^2$ . Finally,  $\text{Cov}(T, N(T)) = E(TN(T)) - E(T)E(N(T)) = E(E(TN(T)|T)) - \mu^2 \lambda = E(\lambda T^2) - \mu^2 \lambda = \lambda E(T^2) - \mu^2 \lambda = \lambda \sigma^2$ .
4. By the chicken-egg story (or thinning), the distribution of work emails is  $W \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda t p)$  while the distribution of personal emails is  $P \sim \text{Pois}(\lambda t(1-p))$ . Then the amount of time to respond to work emails is  $T_1 + \dots + T_W$  while the amount of time to respond to personal emails is  $S_1, \dots, S_P$ .  
Thus the expected amount of time to answer all emails is  $E(\sum_i T_i + \sum_j S_j) = E(\sum_i T_i) + E(\sum_j S_j) = E(E(\sum_i T_i|W)) + E(E(\sum_j S_j|P)) = E(W\mu_W) + E(P\mu_P) = \lambda t p \mu_W + \lambda t(1-p)\mu_P$ . The variance is  $\text{Var}(\sum_i T_i + \sum_j S_j) = \text{Var}(\sum_i T_i) + \text{Var}(\sum_j S_j) = E(\text{Var}(\sum_i T_i|W)) + \text{Var}(E(\sum_i T_i|W)) + E(\text{Var}(\sum_j S_j|P)) + \text{Var}(E(\sum_j S_j|P)) = E(W\sigma_W^2) + \text{Var}(W\mu_W) + E(P\sigma_P^2) + \text{Var}(P\mu_P) = (\lambda t p)\sigma_W^2 + \mu_W^2(\lambda t p) + (\lambda t(1-p))\sigma_P^2 + \mu_P^2(\lambda t(1-p))$ .
5. (a) Given that there are  $n$  goals, each goal is made by team  $A$  with probability  $p$  and by team  $B$  with probability  $1-p$ . Let  $I_j$  be the indicator of whether goal  $j$  is a turnaround. Then  $E(I_j) = P(I_j = 1) = P(G_{j-1} = A, G_j = B) + P(G_{j-1} = B, G_j = A) = 2p(1-p)$ . Thus the expected number of turnarounds is  $2p(1-p)(n-1)$  since there are  $n$  possible turnarounds.  
(b) In this Poisson process, the probability that the next goal is scored by team  $A$  is  $p$ . Thus the number of goals until the next turnaround is distributed as  $G \sim \text{FS}(p)$ . Then the time until the next turnaround is  $T_1 + \dots + T_G$  where  $T_i$  is the increment of time between the  $(i-1)$  and  $i$  goals, which is distributed as  $\text{Expo}(\lambda)$ . Thus the expected time until the next  $B \rightarrow A$  turnaround is  $E(\sum_i T_i) = E(E(\sum_i T_i|G)) = E(G/\lambda) = 1/(\lambda p)$ .
6.  $N_t < n$  means there are fewer than  $n$  arrivals by time  $t$  so this is the same event as  $T_n > t$ .  $N_t > n$  means there are more than  $n$  arrivals by time  $t$  so this is the same event as  $T_n < t$ . The analogous statements hold for the weak inequalities by arguments of the form  $P(N_t \leq n) = 1 - P(N_t > n) = 1 - P(T_n < t) = P(T_n \geq t)$ .
7. (a) Given that  $N$  claims were received, the arrival time of each claim is distributed as  $\text{Unif}(0, t)$  over the period  $[0, t]$ , so the distribution of  $N_1$  is  $\text{Bin}(N, t_1/t)$ .

- (b)  $E(W_1|N) = E(E(W_1|N_1, N)|N) = E(N_1\mu|N) = N\mu t_1/t$ .  $Var(W_1|N) = E(Var(W_1|N_1, N)|N) = Var(E(W_1|N_1, N)|N) = E(N_1\sigma^2|N) + Var(N_1\mu|N) = \sigma^2 N t_1/t + \mu^2 N(t_1/t)(t_2/t)$ .
8. (a) Given the posting time  $T \sim Unif(0, 1)$ , then the probability that it is unanswered is  $P(Expo(\lambda_2) > 1 - T|T) = 1 - P(Expo(\lambda_2) \leq 1 - T|T) = 1 - (1 - e^{-\lambda_2(1-T)}) = e^{-\lambda_2(1-T)}$ . Thus, the probability that it is unanswered is  $p = \int_0^1 e^{-\lambda_2(1-t)} dt = 1/\lambda_2(1 - e^{-\lambda_2})$ .
- (b) By the chicken-egg story, the number of unanswered and number of answered questions are independent with distributions  $Pois(\lambda_1 p)$  and  $Pois(\lambda_1(1 - p))$  respectively.
9. (a) Let  $t' < t'', t''' < t'''' \in [t_1, t_2]$  with  $(t', t'')$  and  $(t''', t''')$  disjoint. Then given  $N$ , the distribution of the number of points whose  $x$  coordinate is in  $[t', t'']$  is  $Bin(N, (t'' - t')/(t_2 - t_1))$  and the number of points whose  $x$  coordinate is in  $[t''', t''']$  is  $Bin(N, (t'''' - t'''))$ . Now by the chicken-egg story, the number of points between  $t'$  and  $t''$  is distributed as  $Pois(\lambda_{max}(t'' - t'))$ , the number of points between  $t'''$  and  $t''''$  is distributed as  $Pois(\lambda_{max}(t'''' - t'''))$  and importantly these are independent, so disjoint intervals are independent. We may now assume WLOG that  $t' = t_1, t'' = t_2$ .
- Thus it only remains to show that the number of accepted points is distributed as  $Pois(\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \lambda(t) dt)$ .  $\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \lambda(t) dt$  is the area under the curve  $\lambda(t)$  from  $t_1$  to  $t_2$ . Thus, since the points are distributed uniformly, then given  $N$ , the distribution of the number of points under  $\lambda(t)$  is  $Bin(N, \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \lambda(t) dt / \lambda_{max}(t_2 - t_1))$ . Thus by the chicken-egg story again, the distribution of the number of accepted points is  $Pois(\lambda_{max}(t_2 - t_1) \int_{t_1}^{t_2} \lambda(t) dt / \lambda_{max}(t_2 - t_1)) = Pois(\int_{t_1}^{t_2} \lambda(t) dt)$  as desired.
- (b)  $f(n, t_1, \dots, t_n) = f(t_1, \dots, t_n | n) P(N(t) = n)$  by the definition of conditional probability. Since  $N(t) \sim Pois(\int_0^t \lambda(s) ds) = Pois(\lambda_{total} t)$ , then  $P(N(t) = n) = e^{-\lambda_{total} t} \lambda_{total}^n / n!$ . Given the number of arrivals (and the generation process), the probability that the first arrival occurs before time  $t_1$  is  $\int_0^{t_1} \lambda(t) / \lambda_{total} dt$  so the corresponding density is  $\lambda(t_1) / \lambda_{total}$ , noting that there are  $n$ , so the density from the first arrival is  $n\lambda(t_1) / \lambda_{total}$ .
10. (a) Knowing how many arrivals there are in an interval gives information about  $\lambda$ . However, given  $\lambda$  then disjoint intervals would be independent.
- (b)  $Cov(N_1, N_2) = E(N_1 N_2) - E(N_1)E(N_2) = E(E(N_1 N_2 | \lambda)) - E(E(N_1 | \lambda))E(E(N_2 | \lambda)) = E(E(N_1 | \lambda)E(N_2 | \lambda)) - E(\lambda t)E(\lambda s) = E(\lambda^2 st) - E(\lambda)^2 st = st Var(\lambda) = st(a/b^2)$ .
11. (a) In the superposition, we can consider the following story. First, we wait for an arrival from either process. Since the first arrival has waiting time  $Expo(\lambda)$  in both processes, the waiting time for any arrival is  $\min(Expo(\lambda), Expo(\lambda)) \sim Expo(2\lambda)$ . Once this occurs, then we are again waiting for an arrival from either process. Now, one process has waiting time  $Expo(2\lambda)$  while the other has waiting time  $Expo(\lambda)$ , so the waiting time for any arrival is  $\min(Expo(\lambda), Expo(2\lambda)) \sim Expo(3\lambda)$ . The remaining can be argued analogously by induction (e.g. if the waiting time for the  $n^{th}$  arrival is distributed as  $Expo((n+1)\lambda)$ , then  $a+b = n+1$ ).

and in one of the processes (whichever one had the arrival), the next arrival time increments by 1 so the waiting time for the next arrival is  $\min(\text{Expo}((a+1)\lambda), \text{Expo}(b\lambda)) \sim \text{Expo}((a+b+1)\lambda)$  or  $\min(\text{Expo}(a\lambda), \text{Expo}((b+1)\lambda)) \sim \text{Expo}((a+b+1)\lambda)$ .

- (b) When we are waiting for the first arrival from either process, it is equally likely that the first arrival is type 1 or type 2, agreeing with step 1. Once we have an arrival from a process, then the rate of that process increases by  $\lambda$ , corresponding to adding a ball with the same number as the one just removed, agreeing with steps 2, 3.
12. (a) Since the probability that a toy has type  $j$  is  $p_j$ , the number of toys until collecting the  $j^{\text{th}}$  toy type is distributed as  $N_j \sim \text{FS}(p_j)$ . Thus  $Y_j = W_1 + \dots + W_{N_j}$  where each  $W_i \sim \text{Expo}(1)$ , so  $Y_j|N_j \sim \text{Gamma}(N_j, 1)$ . The summing out the  $N_j$  gives  $f(y) = \sum_n f(y|n)P(N_j = n) = \sum_n 1/\Gamma(n)y^n/ye^{-y}q_j^{n-1}p_j = p_j e^{-y} \sum_n (q_j y)^{n-1}/(n-1)! = p_j e^{-y} e^{q_j y} = p_j e^{-p_j y}$  which is the  $\text{Expo}(p_j)$  PDF. We could also have come to this conclusion by realizing that since the arrivals are distributed as  $\text{Expo}(1)$ , we can thin the Poisson into  $n$  separate Poisson processes each with rate  $p_j$ . By the thinning story, we can view the  $\text{Expo}(1)$  waiting time process as the superposition of  $n$  independent  $\text{Expo}(p_j)$  processes.
- (b)  $T$  is the time until every toy type has been collected at least once, or equivalently the time until collecting the last type of toy, requiring  $N$  toys to be collected total. The time to collect  $N$  toys is the sum of the times to collect each individual toy  $X_1 + \dots + X_N$ .  $E(T) = E(\sum_i X_i) = E(E(\sum_i X_i|N)) = E(N(1/1)) = E(N)$ .
  - (c)  $E(T) = \int_0^\infty P(T > t)dt = \int_0^\infty 1 - P(T \leq t)dt = \int_0^\infty 1 - \prod_i P(Y_i \leq t)dt = \int_0^\infty 1 - \prod_i (1 - e^{-p_j t})dt$ .