

stochastic process  $\rightarrow$  collect<sup>n</sup> of  
RV indexed by time.

System State  $\rightarrow$  [state variable]

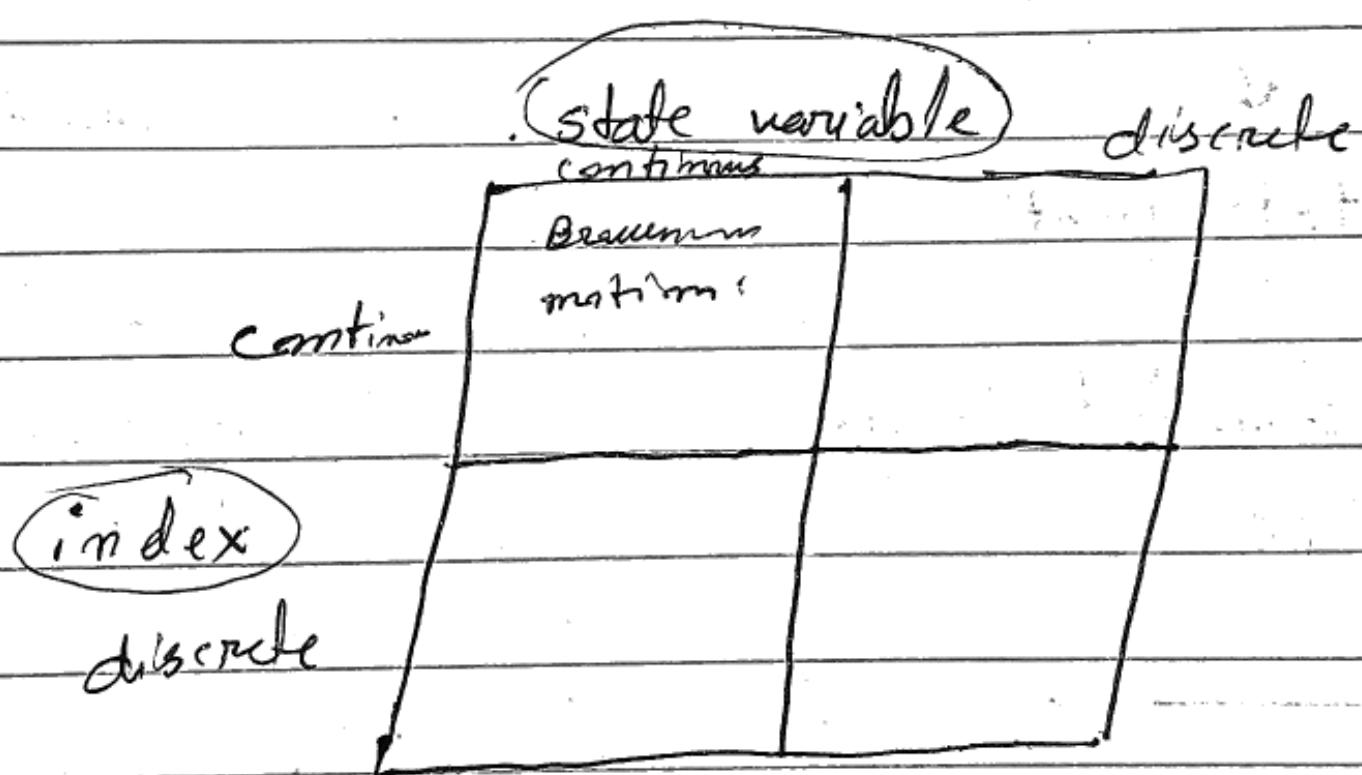
Process  $\rightarrow$  induce a change in  
state of the system.

Indexed by  
time

Deterministic  
Random

1 - State variable

2 - Time index



$x(t)$   $\leftarrow$  function  
of time.

$x_t$   
is indexed  
by time

$$E(x) = \sum n_i p_i$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(x) &= E(X_i - E(x))^2 = \sum p_i (x_i - E(x))^2 \\ &= E(x^2) - (E(x))^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$E(x^n) = \sum p_i x_i^n$$

moment about mean

IID - independent identical distribution

Bernoulli process:

betting → win: 1000 €  
lose: 1000 €

discrete time process

- Y → no. of success in trial in Bernoulli process.

$$Y = \sum_{i=0}^n n_i$$

$$P(Y=k) = {}^n C_k q^{(n-k)} p^k$$

Z = no. of trial getting first success

$$E(Z) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k q^{k-1} p k$$

$$E(Z) = p \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k (q)^{k-1} \cdot \frac{k (1 - kp + p)}{k (1 - (k-1)p)}$$

$$\frac{k(1-p)^k (1-p)^{-1}}{k(1-p)^k (1+p)} \rightarrow \frac{k(1-p)^k}{(1-p)} \rightarrow \frac{k(k-kp)}{(1-p)}$$

$$P \sum_{K=1}^{\infty} (1-p)^{K-1}$$

$$\frac{d q^K}{dq}$$

$$= P \sum_{K=1}^{\infty} \frac{d}{dq} q^K \rightarrow P \frac{d}{dq} \sum_{K=1}^{\infty} q^K$$

$$\hookrightarrow P \cdot \frac{d}{dq} \left( \frac{1}{1-q} \right) = P \times \frac{1}{(1-q)^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{P}$$

$W$  = no. of trial for getting  $k$ -success

to get  $(m-1)$   
 $\hookrightarrow$  trial we  
 need  $(m-1)$   
 success...

Stochastic process ..

Basic PMS  $\xrightarrow{\text{descriptive}}$

Measure of central tendency

- ↳ Mean
- ↳ Median
- ↳ Mode

Measure of variability (spread)

- ↳ Standard deviation
- ↳ Variance
- ↳ Range
- ↳ Kurtosis
- ↳ Skewness

> Boole's inequality  
for any  $n$  events:

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) \leq \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i)$$

↳ Bonferroni's inequality:

↳ Baye's theorem:

If  $B_1, B_2, B_3, \dots, B_n$  are  
mutually exclusive events contained in  
sample space  $S$

$$P\left(\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i\right) \geq \sum_{i=1}^n P(A_i) - \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} P(A_i \cap A_j)$$

↳ Random variable

RV on a sample space  $S$  is a  
funct<sup>n</sup>  $X: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

The for any event  $A$  contained in  $S$   
for which  $P(A) > 0$

$s \in X(s)$  be a real no.,  $s \in S$

$$P(B_j | A) = \frac{P(A | B_j) \cdot P(B_j)}{\sum_{i=1}^n P(A | B_i) P(B_i)}$$

Discrete RV

Continuous RV

PDF,  $X$  is a continuous  
RV

$$P\left(n - \frac{dy}{2} \leq X \leq n + \frac{dy}{2}\right) = f(n) dy$$

pmf  $\rightarrow$  collect<sup>n</sup> pair of  
 $(n_i, p_i)$  is called

$$P(X = n_i) = p_i$$

PD of RV  $X$

$$\Leftrightarrow p_i \geq 0 \quad \forall i$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} p_i = 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow f(n) \geq 0 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(n) dn = 1$$

$$\hookrightarrow P(a \leq X \leq b) \text{ or } P(a < X < b) = \int_a^b f(u) du. \quad \hookrightarrow P(X=a) = \int_a^a f(u) du = 0$$

impossible for a continuous RV to assume a particular value.

Cumulative distribut<sup>n</sup>

funct<sup>n</sup> (cdf) or distribut<sup>n</sup> funct<sup>n</sup>:

if  $X$  is RV (D or C) then

$P(X \leq u)$  is called cdf

Properties of distribut<sup>n</sup> funct<sup>n</sup>

$F(x)$

$\hookrightarrow 0 \leq F(u) \leq 1 \quad \forall u \in (-\infty, \infty)$

$\downarrow$  discrete.

$\hookrightarrow F(u)$  is a monotone<sup>↑</sup> funct<sup>n</sup> of  $u$ .

continuous

$$F(u) = \sum_j p_j$$

$$F(u_1) \leq F(u_2) \text{ for } u_1 \leq u_2.$$

$$F(u) = \int_{-\infty}^u f(u) du.$$

$$x_j \leq u$$



Discrete.RV

Continuous.RV

$$P(X=u_i) = P(u_i) - P(u_{i-1})$$

$$\frac{dF(u)}{du} = f(u);$$

↓

Pdf of  $X$

$\hookrightarrow$  Visit of Practice Joint, marginal & conditional distribut<sup>n</sup>..

Discrete distribut<sup>n</sup>

→ Bernoulli trials.

$\hookrightarrow$  Binomial

conditions

each trial have 2-mutually exclusive outcome

Probability of  $n$  success  
in  $m$  trial.

Probability of success in each trial  
remain same

outcomes of successive trials are mutually  
exclusive..

$$\binom{n}{m} p^m q^{n-m}$$

$\hookrightarrow$  Multinomial distribut<sup>n</sup>

$E_1, E_2, E_3, \dots, E_k$  are mutually exclusive event with

Probability  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k \Rightarrow p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_k = 1$ .

$X$  - R.V represent no-of times  $E_k$  occur.

$$X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n = n$$

$$\bullet P(X_1=n_1, X_2=n_2, \dots, X_k=n_k) = \frac{n!}{n_1! n_2! \dots n_k!} \times p_1^{n_1} \cdot p_2^{n_2} \cdots p_k^{n_k}$$

$$\bullet n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_k = n$$

## ↳ Poisson distribution

X Discrete R.V

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

$\lambda \rightarrow +ve$  constant

Poisson distribution  $\rightarrow$  binomial

$n \rightarrow$  no. of trials are large

$p \rightarrow$  probability of success is small

$$\hookrightarrow \lambda = np ; P(n) = {}^n C_n p^n q^{n-n}$$

moment generating function:  $M_X(t) = (Pe^{t+q})^n$

about origin

characteristics:

$$M_X(t) = E(e^{itX}) = (Pe^{t+q})^n$$

## ↳ Geometric distribution

↳ getting first success  
after  $n$  failure.

$$\hookrightarrow P(n) = pq^n$$

• simple permutation & comb

## ↳ -ve Binomial distribution

use logic simple-

## ↳ Hypergeometric distribution

• Probability of success changes on each trial.

c) trial repeat until a fixed no. of success say  $k$  occurs.

• 1000 - ball

Notation

700  $\rightarrow$  Cr & 300 R

Population

sample 7.

N

Probability of

success

30% 4R.

N-M

Sample

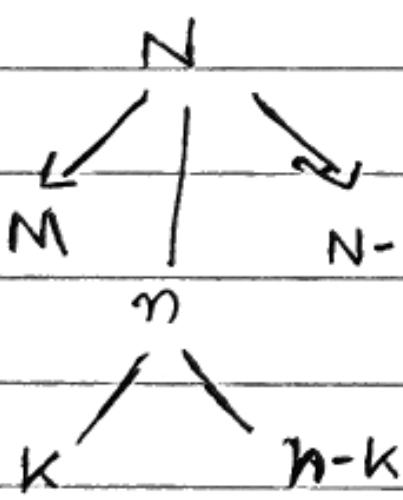
n

$k \leftarrow$  success

$n-k$

↳ assume  $k^{\text{th}}$  success occur at  $(n+k)^{\text{th}}$  trial.

$$P(n) = \binom{n+k-1}{k-1} p^k q^{n-k}$$



$$\bullet P(X=k) = \frac{\binom{M}{k} \binom{N-M}{n-k}}{\binom{N}{n}}$$

hypergeometric Pmf  $\approx$  the binomial Pmf

no. of sample elements  $\ll$  population

continuous probability distribution

↳ Normal distribution:

pdf

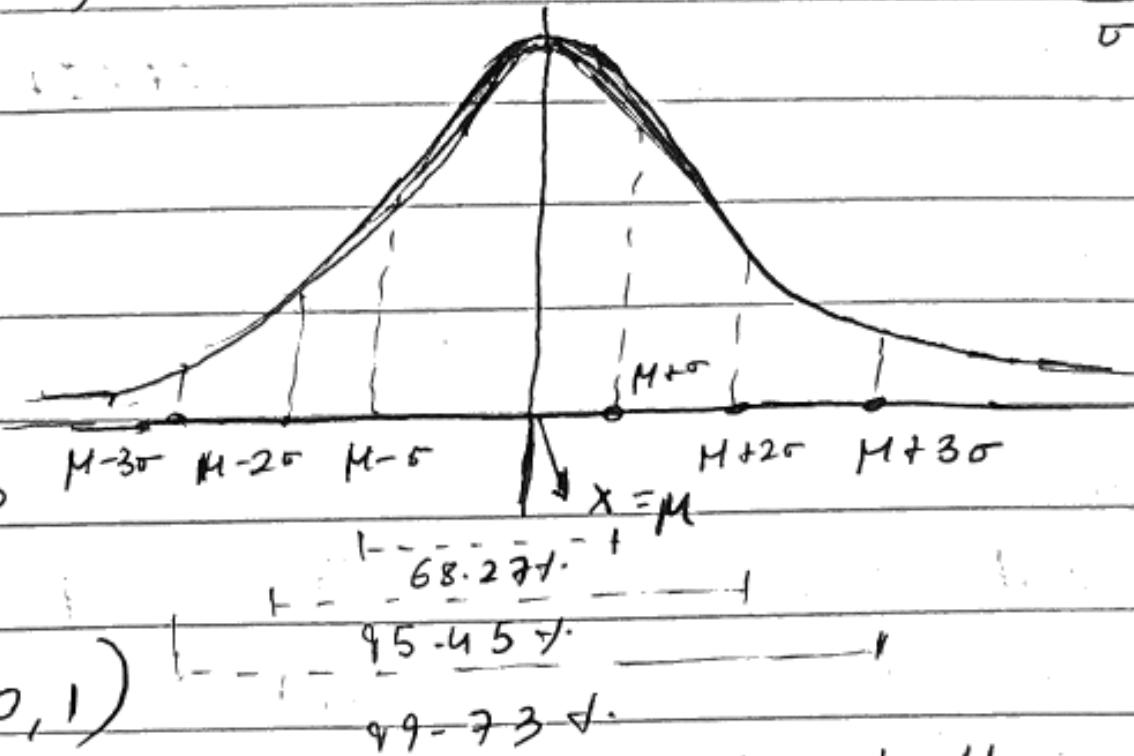
$$f(u) = \frac{1}{\sigma \sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-(u-\mu)^2/2\sigma^2}, -\infty < u < \infty$$

$$\circ Z = \frac{u-\mu}{\sigma}$$

$$X \sim N(\mu, \sigma)$$

↳ Standard normal variate.

$$f(z) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-z^2/2}, -\infty < z < \infty$$



$$\mu_z = 0; \sigma_z = 1 \rightarrow Z \sim (0, 1)$$

↳ z-score in general allow us to compare things that are not on the same scale, as long as they are normally distributed

↳ Exponential distribution

$$f(u) = \begin{cases} \alpha e^{-\alpha u}; u \geq 0 & \alpha > 0 \\ 0; u < 0 \end{cases}$$

# Moment generating funct'

$$E(u) = \frac{1}{\alpha}; \text{Var}(u) = \frac{1}{\alpha^2}$$

• discrete      • continuous

$$M_x(t) = E(e^{tx}) \quad M_x(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{ut} f(u) du$$
$$= \sum_u e^{ut} f(u)$$

# Memory less property:

If  $X$  follow exponential distribution

$$P(X > m | n > n) = P(X > m-n)$$

$$\bullet \mu'_n = \left[ \frac{d^n}{dt^n} M_x(t) \right]_{t=0}$$

for any  $m, n > 0$

Proof:

# failure rate funct'

$$P(X > s+t | X > t) = \frac{P(X > s+t \cap X > t)}{P(X > t)}$$

$X$  cont. RV

$$= \frac{P(X > s+t)}{P(X > t)} = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha} \frac{e^{-\alpha(s+t)}}{e^{-\alpha(t)}} = e^{-\alpha s} \quad \text{hazard rate funct'}$$

$$= P(X > s)$$

$$\bullet \pi(t) = \frac{f(t)}{1 - F(t)}$$

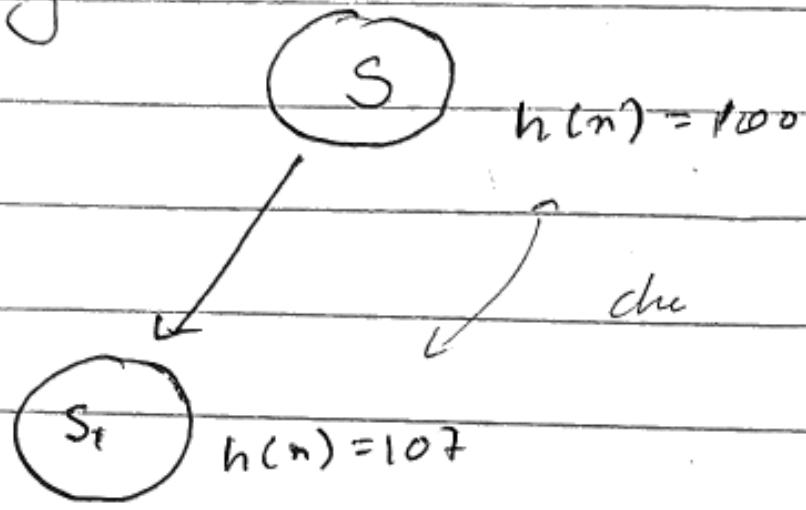
↳ memory less because future behavior doesn't depend on the past ...

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## # stochastic hill climbing

→ randomly select a state



probability threshold =  $\alpha$

probability threshold  
= 0.22

$$\Delta E = \text{Parent}(h(m)) - \text{child}(h(n))$$

→ to convert it in probability  
we use sigmoid.

$$a_n = 1$$

$$1 + e^{-\Delta E/T}$$

↳ here T is constant

## Simulated Annealing

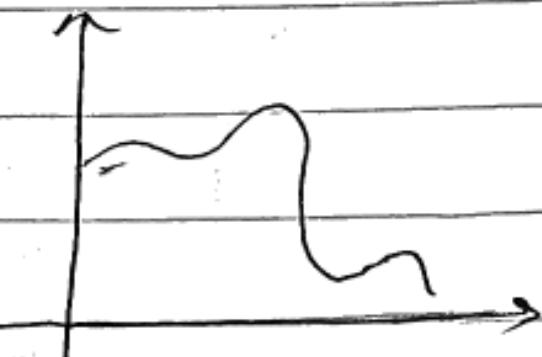
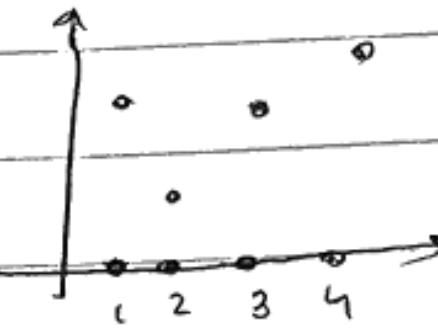
↳ here we change value  
of T → start with a  
higher value & then  
decrease gradually at  
each level.

## Stochastic process

↪ collection of random variables indexed by time

$x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots \rightarrow$  discrete time

$\{x_t\}_{t \geq 0} \rightarrow$  continuous



↪ Alternate definit<sup>n</sup>:

probability distribution over a "space of paths"

• uniform distribut<sup>n</sup>

Nature: ↪ continuous b/w  $[a, b]$ ; every value equally likely.

Question we study:

↪ what are the dependencies in the sequence of values?

↪ Flat shape: maximum ignorance!

↪ what's the long term behaviour?

where it fits:

(law of large no., central limit theorem)

↪ when we only know bounds

↪ what are boundary events

but nothing about Probabilities -

ex: delivery time guaranteed b/w 2-5 days, but no idea where in b/w

$$\text{pdf: } f(u) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & a \leq u \leq b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{cdf: } F(u) = \begin{cases} 0 & ; u < a \\ \frac{u-a}{b-a} & ; a \leq u < b \\ 1 & ; u \geq b \end{cases}$$

$$\cdot P(u_1 < X < u_2) = F(u_2) - F(u_1) = \frac{u_2 - u_1}{b-a} ; \quad a \leq u_1 < u_2 \leq b.$$

$$E(X) = \frac{a+b}{2} ; \quad V(X) = \frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$$

ex: A bus arrives every 20 minute at a specified stop b/w 6:40 am & continuing until 6:40 AM. A certain passenger doesn't know the schedule but arrive randomly (uniform distn.) b/w 7:00 AM & 7:30 AM. Probability that passenger wait more than 5 minute.

Sol? Buses come every 20 min,  
relevant times around 7:00 - 7:30 are 7:00, 7:20, 7:40.  
Let  $X$  = arrival time in minutes past 7:00, since the passenger arrives b/w 7:00 - 7:30  
 $X \sim \text{uniform}(a, b)$  with  $a=0$  &  $b=30$ .

$$\text{PDF: } f_X(x) = \frac{1}{30} \quad \& \quad \text{CDF: } F_X(x) = \frac{x-0}{30} = \frac{x}{30}$$

Case 1:

if  $0 < n < 20$  next bus 7:20  
wait time =  $20-n$

$$20-n \geq 5 \rightarrow n \leq 15$$

so, within  $(0, 20)$   $0 < n < 15$

case 2:

if  $20 \leq n < 30 \rightarrow$  next bus 7:40.

wait time  $\rightarrow n < 35$

so, within  $(20, 30) \rightarrow$

$$20 < n < 30$$

$P(\text{wait} > 5) = \frac{\text{favourable length}}{\text{total length}}$

$\text{favourable length}$

$\text{total favourable length}$

$$15 + 10 = 25$$

$$\therefore \frac{25}{30} \approx 0.8333$$

"Exponential distribution" (only continuous distribution to follow memoryless property) -

Nature:

↳ continuous only +ve value ( $t \geq 0$ )

↳ memoryless →

↳ shape: highest at 0, then decay exponentially; mean = standard deviation.

↳ variability high

where it fits: model time b/w random arrivals or random service time when event occurs independently at a constant rate

ex: ↳ time b/w phone calls to a call center.

↳ time until the next data packet arrives at a router.

PDF:

$$f(u) = \begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda u} & ; u \geq 0 \\ 0 & ; \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

cdf:

$$F(u) = \begin{cases} 0 & ; u < 0 \\ \int_0^u \lambda e^{-\lambda u} du = 1 - e^{-\lambda u} & ; u \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$\lambda \rightarrow$  rate: arrival per hr or services per minute. (example)

↳ also used to model the lifetime of a component that fails catastrophically (instantaneously), such as light bulb;  $\lambda \rightarrow$  rate of failure.

$$E(x) = \frac{1}{\lambda}; V(x) = \frac{1}{\lambda^2}$$

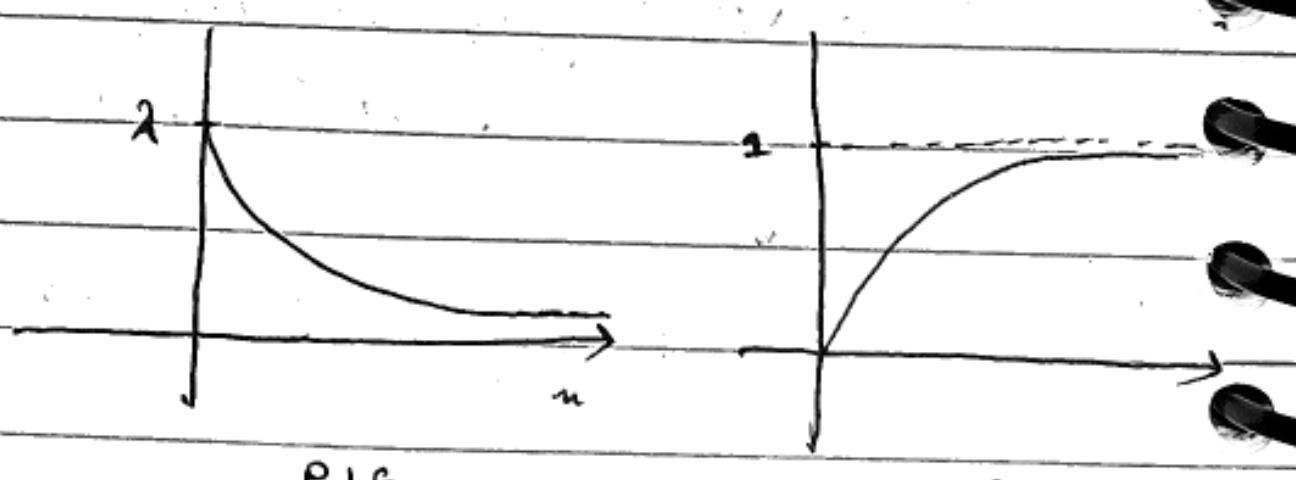
# - memoryless condition

$x \rightarrow$  continuous R.V survival

function  $S(u) = P(X > u)$

$$P(X > s+t | X > s) = P(X > t)$$

$$\frac{S(s+t)}{S(s)} = S(t) \quad \forall s, t \geq 0$$



## • Gamma Distribution

Nature

continuous, +ve value only  
A generalizat<sup>n</sup> of the exponential: sum of several exponential stages.

Shape: skewed right (like exponential), but smoother & more peaked if the shape b/w parameter is larger.  
Variability ↓ as the no. of stages n.

where it fits: → use when a process has multiple similar steps.

Time-to-failure when components go through stages before breaking...

ex: ↳ Time to finish airport security: check ID, scan luggage, body scans  
↳ lead time in supply chains when many sub-activities are involved.

$$\text{PDF} : f(u) = \begin{cases} \frac{\beta^\alpha u^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta u}}{\Gamma(\alpha)}, & u > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$\beta \rightarrow$  shape parameter

with  $\theta$

$\theta \rightarrow$  scale parameter

$$E(x) = \frac{1}{\theta} ; V(x) = \frac{1}{\theta^2}$$

$$f(u) = \begin{cases} \frac{\beta^\alpha (\beta \theta u)^{\alpha-1} e^{-\beta \theta u}}{\Gamma(\alpha)} & u > 0 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- Erlang  $\rightarrow$  consider a series of  $k$  stations that must be passed through in order to complete the serving of a customer.

Pdf Erlang ( $k, \lambda$ )

$$f_x(n) = \frac{\lambda^k n^{k-1} e^{-\lambda n}}{(n-1)!} ; n \geq 0$$

cdf

$$F_x(n) = P(X \leq n) = 1 - e^{-\lambda n} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda n)^n}{n!}; n \geq 0$$

- Normal distribution

Nature:  $\begin{cases} \rightarrow \text{continuous, symmetric bell curve} \\ \rightarrow \text{Defined by mean \& standard deviation} \end{cases}$

$\rightarrow$  Take value  $(-\infty, \infty)$ , so it needs truncation if modelling something non-negative.

where it fits:

- $\rightarrow$  R.V centered on an average with symmetric fluctuation
- $\rightarrow$  not ideal for strongly skewed or bounded process

Ex: Time for a machine operator that is very consistent

- Poisson distribution.

$\rightarrow$  Discrete count ( $0, 1, 2, \dots$ )

Nature:  $\begin{cases} \rightarrow \text{describes no. of events in a fixed period when event occurs independently at a random rate} \\ \rightarrow \text{constant} \end{cases}$

Mean = Variance

where it fits: no. of arrivals or orders in a fixed window

ex:  $\hookrightarrow$  call arriving per 10 minutes.

$\hookrightarrow$  order per day in a grocery app.

## Weibull distribution:

Nature:  $\hookrightarrow$  Continuous, true value only.

$\hookrightarrow$  Flexible hazard rate

- Shape (say):  $\beta$  ( $\beta > 0$ )

$\beta < 1 \rightarrow$  higher risk early  
(infant mortality)

$\beta = 1 \rightarrow$  become exponential

$\beta > 1 \rightarrow$  increase risk over time  
(wear-out)

Where it fits:

$\hookrightarrow$  time to failure in machine & tools

$\hookrightarrow$  service time when we need heavier or lighter tails than exponential..

Example:  $\hookrightarrow$  lifetime of a bearing; early defects.

$\hookrightarrow$  time customer spent in self-service kiosks.

PDF:

$$f(u) = \begin{cases} \frac{\beta}{\alpha} \left(\frac{u-v}{\alpha}\right)^{\beta-1} e^{-\left(\frac{u-v}{\alpha}\right)^\beta} & ; u \geq v \\ 0 & ; \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$v \rightarrow$  location parameter ( $-\infty < v < \infty$ )

$\alpha (\alpha > 0) \rightarrow$  scale parameter

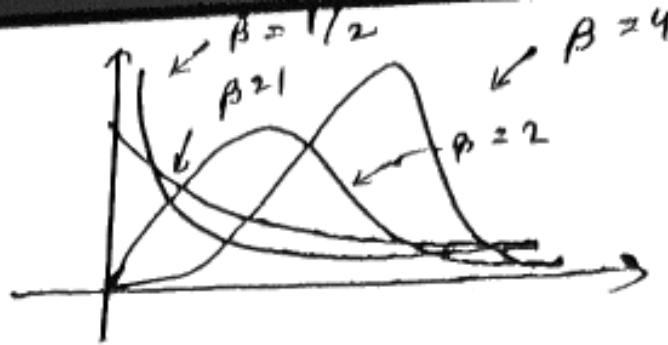
$\beta (\beta > 0) \rightarrow$  shape parameter.

| for  $v=0$  &  $\beta=1$ .

$$E(X) = v + \alpha \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{\beta} + 1\right)$$

$$f(u) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\alpha} e^{-u/\alpha} & ; u \geq 0 \\ 0 & ; \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$V(X) = \alpha^2 \left[ \Gamma\left(\frac{2}{\beta} + 1\right) - \Gamma\left(\frac{1}{\beta} + 1\right)^2 \right]; \quad \lambda = 1/\alpha \leftarrow \text{an exponential distribution.}$$



$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & ; u < v \\ 1 - e^{-\left(\frac{u-v}{\alpha}\right)^\beta} & ; u \geq v \end{cases}$$

time to failure of a component screen "weibull distribution"  
 $\alpha = 0$ ,  $\beta = 1/3$  and  $v = 200$  hr.

$$E(X) = 200 \Gamma(3+1) = 200 \cdot 3! = 1200 \text{ hr.}$$

probability that the unit fails before 2000 hr.

$$F(2000) = 1 - e^{-\left(\frac{2000}{200}\right)^{1/3}} = 0.884$$

triangle distribution?

continuous defined by min, max, mode

shape: triangle  $\rightarrow$  peak at mode

more realistic than uniform where we guess a typical value.

if fit: limited data but some intuition about likely "value"

service time 2 min, usually 5 min, never more than 9 min

$$f(u) = \begin{cases} \frac{2(c-u)}{(b-a)(c-a)} & ; a \leq u \leq b \\ \frac{2(c-u)}{(c-b)(c-a)} & ; b < u \leq c \\ 0 & ; \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases}$$

here  $a \leq b \leq c$ , mode occurs at  $u=b$ .

$$E(X) = \frac{a+b+c}{3}$$

cdf:

$$F(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & n \leq a \\ \frac{(n-a)^2}{(b-a)(c-a)} & a \leq n \leq b \\ 1 - \frac{(c-n)^2}{(c-b)(c-a)} & b \leq n \leq c \\ 1 & n \geq c \end{cases}$$

• Lognormal normal distribution:

Nature: continuous, the only  
skewed right (long tail)  
if we take log the data looks normal.  
capture multiplicative randomness: when random factors multiply together--

where it fits:

Task time or lifetime with occasional extreme large value--

pdf :

$$f(u) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_x} e^{-\left(\frac{\ln u - \mu}{2\sigma^2}\right)^2} & ; u > 0 \\ 0 & ; \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$E(X) = e^{\mu + \sigma^2/2}$$

$$V(X) = e^{2\mu + \sigma^2}(e^{\sigma^2} - 1)$$

;  $\mu$  &  $\sigma$  are not mean and variance of lognormal.

$$X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

then  $X = e^Y$  has lognormal distribution with parameter  $\mu + \sigma^2/2$

if mean & covariance of the lognormal distributions are known to be  $\mu_1$  &  $\sigma_1^2$

$$\mu = \ln \left( \frac{\mu_1^2}{\sqrt{\mu_1^2 + \sigma_1^2}} \right) ; \sigma^2 = \ln \left( \frac{\mu_1^2 + \sigma_1^2}{\mu_1^2} \right)$$

### # ~~Bivariate process~~

- The range (possible values) of the R.V in a stochastic process is called the state space of the process.

↳ Sample path is a collection of time-ordered data describing what happened to a dynamic process in one instance.

↳ A stochastic process is a probability model describing a collection of time-ordered R.V that represent the possible sample path.

## Stochastic process:

Bernoulli process  $\rightarrow$  seq of independent bernoulli trials,  $x_i$

at each trial,  $i$ :

$$P(X_i = 1) = P(\text{success at the } i^{\text{th}} \text{ trial}) = p$$

$$P(X_i = 0) = P(\text{failure } \dots \text{ " " }) = 1-p.$$

assumptions.

↳ independent

↳ time - homogeneity

model of:

- sampling a deck of card with replacement

↳ seq of lottery wins/losses

$$E(X) = np \quad \& \quad \text{Var}(X) = npq$$

↳ Arrival (each sec) to a bank

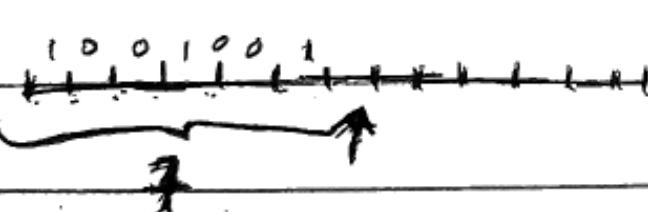
↳ time until the first success/arrival:

$$T_1 = \min \{ i : X_i = 1 \}$$

$$P(T_1 = k) = P\left(\underbrace{000\dots 0}_{k-1} 1\right) = (1-p)^{k-1} p$$

$$\{x_n\} \sim \text{Ber}(p)$$

↳ geometric distribution



$$Y_1 = X_7$$

$$\{Y_i\}$$

(i) independent of

$$Y_2 = X_8$$

$$i=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$X_1, X_2, \dots, X_7$$

↳ fresh start after time 7 (we can generalize it and say after time  $n$ )

(ii)  $\text{Ber}(p)$

The process  $X_{N+1}, X_{N+2}, \dots$  is

↳ a bernoulli process

- as long as  $N$  is

↳ independent of  $N, X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N$

determined "casually"

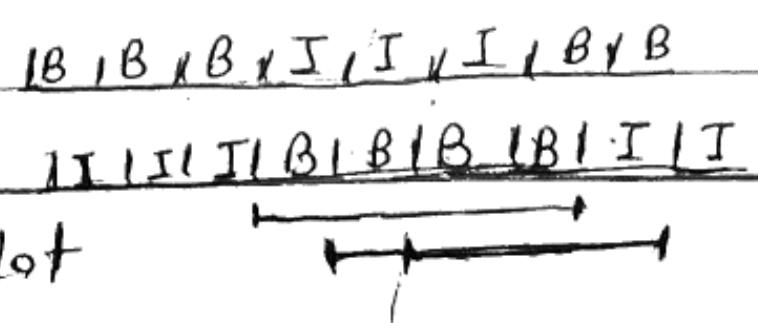
• The distribution of busy period:-

↳ at each slot, a server is busy or idle (bernoulli process)

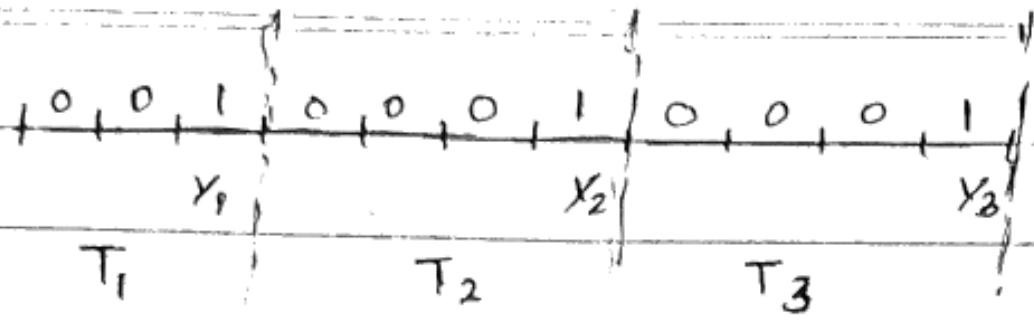
• First busy period:  $\text{Geo}(1-p)$

↳ start with first busy slot

↳ end just before the first subsequent idle slot



- Time of the  $k^{\text{th}}$  success/arrival.



$$Y_k = T_1 + T_2 + \dots + T_k$$

$Y_k$  = time of  $k^{\text{th}}$  arrival

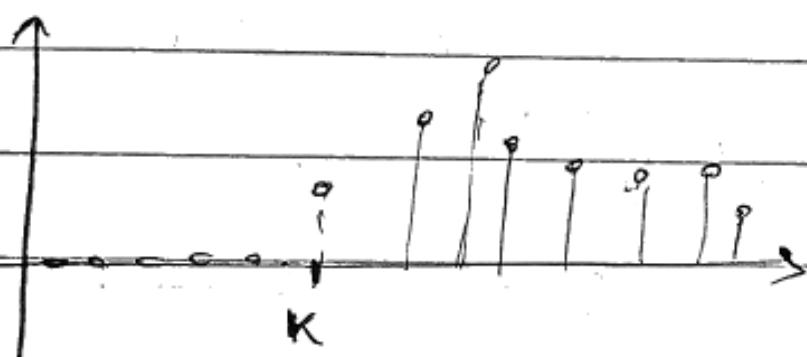
$T_k$  =  $k^{\text{th}}$  inter-arrival time =  $Y_k - Y_{k-1}$  ( $k \geq 2$ )

- The process starts fresh after time  $T_1$ .

$T_2$  is independent of  $T_1$ ; Geometric ( $p$ ); etc.

$$E[Y_k] = \frac{k}{p} ; \quad \text{Var}(Y_k) = \frac{k(1-p)}{p^2} \quad \begin{matrix} k^{\text{th}} \text{ arrival at time } t \\ \Downarrow \end{matrix}$$

pmf



$$P(Y_k=t) = P(k-1 \text{ arrived in } t-1)$$

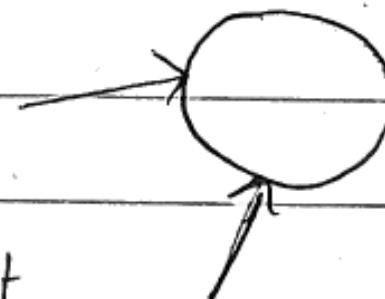
$$= \binom{t-1}{k-1} p^{k-1} (1-p)^{t-k} \cdot p$$

$t=k, k+1, \dots$

- Merging of independent Bernoulli processes:

$X_t$  Bernoulli ( $p$ )  $|x_1 x_1 1, x_1 1, x_1 x_1 0, 0, 1, \dots|$

↑ independent



$Y_t$  Bernoulli ( $\alpha$ )  $|x_1 x_1 1, x_1 1, x_1 x_1 x_1 0, 0, 1, \dots|$

↑ independent

$Z_t$  (merged process)  $|x_1 x_1 1, x_1 1, x_1 x_1 x_1 0, 0, 1, \dots|$

collision are counted as one

arrival; Bernoulli ( $p+\alpha - p\alpha$ )

1	$(1-p)\alpha$	$p\alpha$
0	$(1-p)(1-\alpha)$	$p(1-\alpha)$

$Z_t = g(X_t, Y_t)$

$Z_{t+1} = g(X_{t+1}, Y_{t+1})$

$y/x \quad 0 \quad 1$

## Poisson process

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} P(k, \tau) = 1$$

→ no. of arrivals in disjoint time intervals are independent

$P(k, \tau)$  = probability of  $k$  arrivals in interval of duration  $\tau$ .

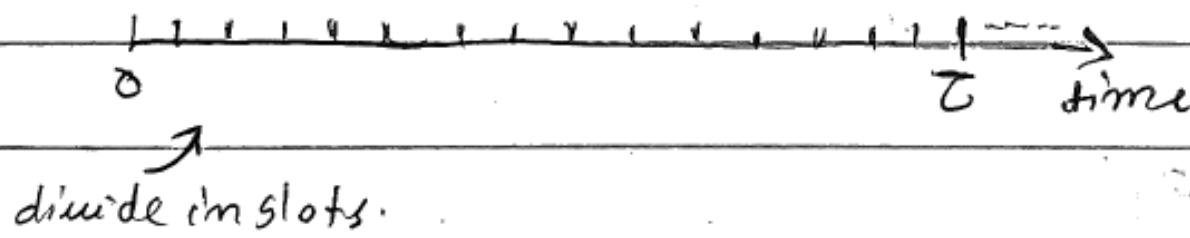
→ small interval probabilities:

for very small  $s$ :

$$P(k, s) \approx \begin{cases} 1 - \lambda s &; k=0 \\ \lambda s &; k=1 \\ 0 &; k>1 \end{cases} \quad \lambda \text{ : arrival rate}$$

Poisson Pmf for the no. of arrivals

$$P(k, s) \stackrel{k \text{ arrival}}{\downarrow} \stackrel{\text{in interval}}{\downarrow} \stackrel{s \leftarrow \text{small}}{\downarrow} \stackrel{n \rightarrow \infty}{\downarrow}$$



$$N_T: \text{arrivals in } [0, T] \quad P(k, T) = P(N_T = k)$$

$$n = \frac{T}{s} \text{ intervals (slots of length } s)$$

↑ small

Bernoulli

no. of successes

$$P_S(k) = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!} p^k q^{n-k}$$

$$q = 1 - p$$

$$k = 0, 1, \dots, n$$

~~P~~  $P(\text{some slots contain two or more arrival})$

$$\leq \left( \sum_i P(\text{slot } i \text{ has } \geq 2 \text{ arrivals}) \right) = \underbrace{\frac{T}{s} O(s^2)}_{s \rightarrow 0} \xrightarrow{s \rightarrow 0} 0$$

negligible...

$$\bullet P(k \text{ arrivals in period}) \approx P(k \text{ slots have arrival})$$

$N_T \approx \text{binomial}$

$$p = \lambda S + O(S^2)$$

$$np = \lambda T + O(S) \approx \lambda T$$

so,

$$P(k, \tau) = \frac{(2e)^k}{k!} e^{-2\tau}$$

$k=0, 1, 2, \dots$

Probability of  $k$  successes

$\tau$  length of time interval.

$N_T \approx \text{Binomial}(n, p)$

$$n = \tau/S, p = \lambda S + O(S^2)$$

$$E(N_T) \approx \lambda \tau; \text{Var}(N_T) = \lambda \tau$$

$$\lambda = \frac{E(N_T)}{\tau} \leftarrow \lambda: \text{Expected no. of}$$

Example: you get email

according to a poisson process,

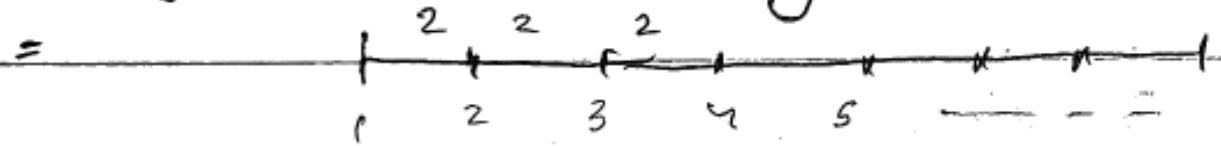
at a rate of  $\lambda = 5$ ; message per hr.

arrival per unit  
time...

$$\mu = \lambda \tau = 5 \times 24 = 0$$

$$\bullet P(\text{one message in next hr}) = P(1, 1) = 5e^{-5}$$

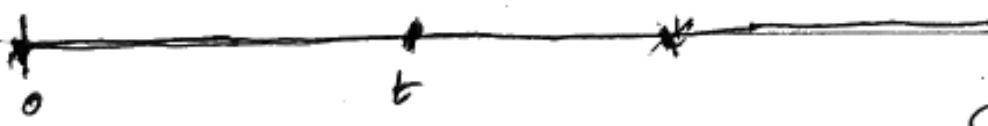
•  $P(\text{exactly two messages during each of the next } 1 \text{ hr})$



$$= (P(2, 1))^3 = \left( \frac{5^2 \cdot e^{-5}}{2!} \right)^3$$

• The time  $T_1$  until the first arrival

$\nwarrow R \cdot V \rightarrow \text{continuous}$



$$\text{CDF: } P(T_1 \leq t) = 1 - P(T_1 > t)$$

$$\text{pdf: } f_{T_1}(t) = \lambda e^{-\lambda t} \text{ for } t \geq 0$$

$$= 1 - P(0, t)$$

$$= 1 - e^{-\lambda t}$$

Exponential ( $\lambda$ )

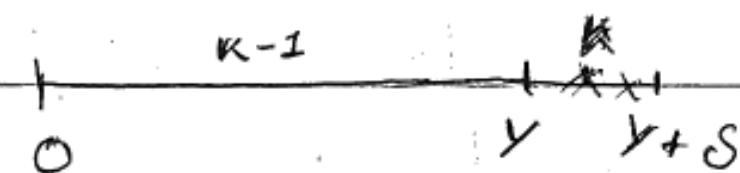
memorylessness: condit' on  $T_1 > t$ ;

the PDF of  $T_1 - t$  is again exponential.

The time  $y_k$  of the  $k^{\text{th}}$  arrival:

$$P(Y_k \leq y) = \sum_{n=k}^{\infty} P(n, y)$$

more intuitive argument:



$$f_{Y_k}(y)\delta \approx P(y \leq Y_k \leq y+\delta)$$

pdf  $\times \delta \rightarrow \text{Probability}$ .

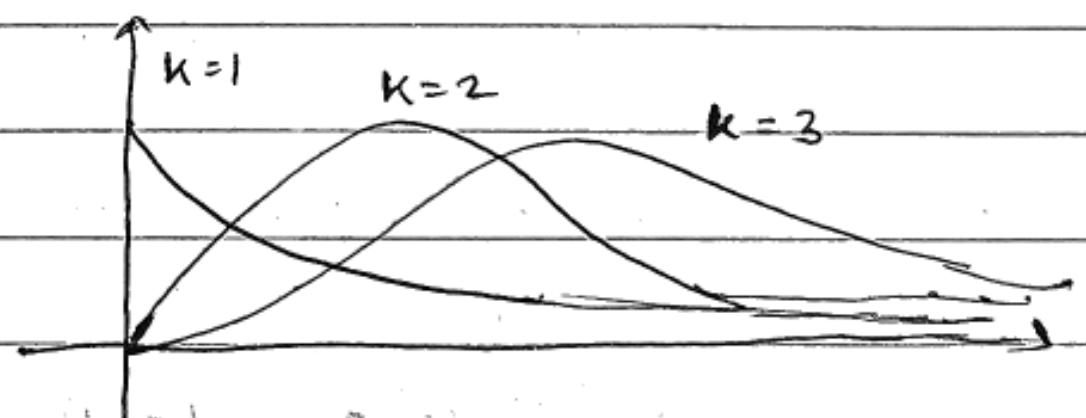
$$= P(k-1, y) \cdot \delta + P(k-2, y) \cdot O(\delta^2) + \dots$$

negligible

$$f_{Y_k}(y) \delta \approx P(k-1, y) \cdot \delta$$

Erlang  
distribution

$$\approx \frac{x^{k-1} e^{-x}}{(k-1)!}, \quad x \geq 0$$



memoryless & the fresh-start property:

If we start watch at time  $t$ , we

see poisson process, independent of the history until time  $t$ .

→ time until next interval:  $\text{Exp}(\lambda)$ , independent of past

if we start watching at time  $T_1$ , we see poisson process, independent of the history until time  $T_1$ .

$$T_k = Y_k - Y_{k-1}, \quad k \geq 2 \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$$

independent of  $T_{k-1}$

$Y_k = T_1 + T_2 + \dots + T_k$  is sum of i.i.d exponentials.

- $E[Y_k] = \lambda k$  &  $\text{Var}(Y_k) = \lambda^2 k^2$

↳ An equivalent definition

	Poisson	Bernoulli
Time of arrival	continuous	discrete
Arrival rate	$\lambda/\text{unit time}$	$p/\text{per unit}$
PMF of # of arrivals	Poisson	Binomial
interarrival time	Expo	Geometric
Time to $k$ -th arrival	Exponential	Pascal

Example: fish are caught as a poisson process,  $\lambda = 0.6/\text{hr}$ .

↳ fish for two hr -

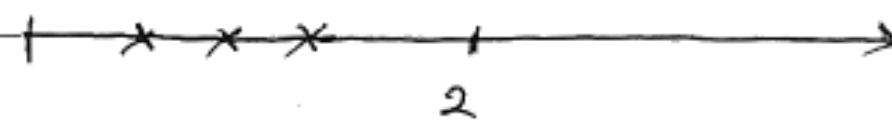
↳ if you caught at least one fish, stop.

else continue until first fish is caught -

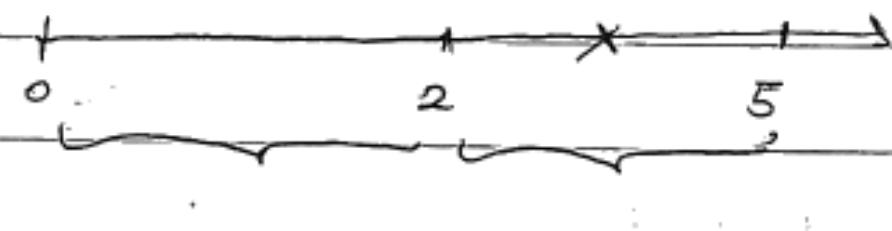
$P(\text{fish for more than } 2 \text{ hr})$

$$= P(0, 2) = (0.6 \times 2)^0 e^{-0.6 \times 2}$$

$$\approx 0!$$



$$P(T_1 > 2) = \int_2^\infty F_{T_1}(t) dt$$



$P(\text{fish more than } 2 \text{ & less than } 5 \text{ hr})$

$$P(0, 2) \cdot P(1 - P(0, 3)) = (0.6 \times 2)^0 e^{-0.6 \times 2} \times \left(1 - (0.6 \times 3)^0 e^{-0.6 \times 3}\right)$$

$\uparrow$  success in time interval

$\uparrow$  at least one success

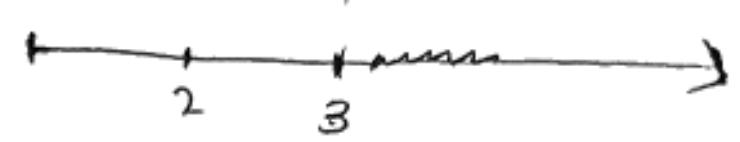
of length 2...

$$= e^{-1.2} - e^{-3.0}$$

- $P(\text{catch at least } 2 \text{ fish}) = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} P(k, 2) = 1 - P(0, 2) - P(1, 2)$

or  $P(Y_2 \leq 2) = \int_0^2 f_{Y_2}(y) dy = \frac{2^k y^{k-1} e^{-2y}}{(k-1)!}$

$$k=2, y=2..$$

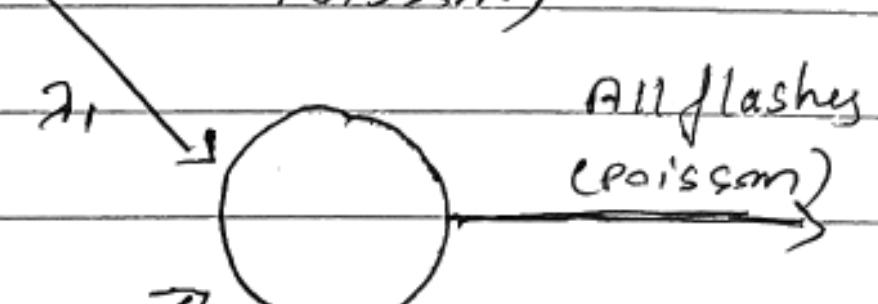


$$E(\text{Future fishing} \mid \text{already fished for } 3\text{hr}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

- Merging of independent poisson processes:

	$1 - \lambda_1 s$	$\lambda_1 s$	$O(s^2)$
	0	1	$\lambda_1 s$
$1 - \lambda_2 s$	$0$	$(1 - \lambda_2 s)$	$(1 - \lambda_2 s)$
$\lambda_2 s$	1	$x(1 - \lambda_1 s)$	$x\lambda_1 s$
$O(s^2) \leq 2$	0	0	0

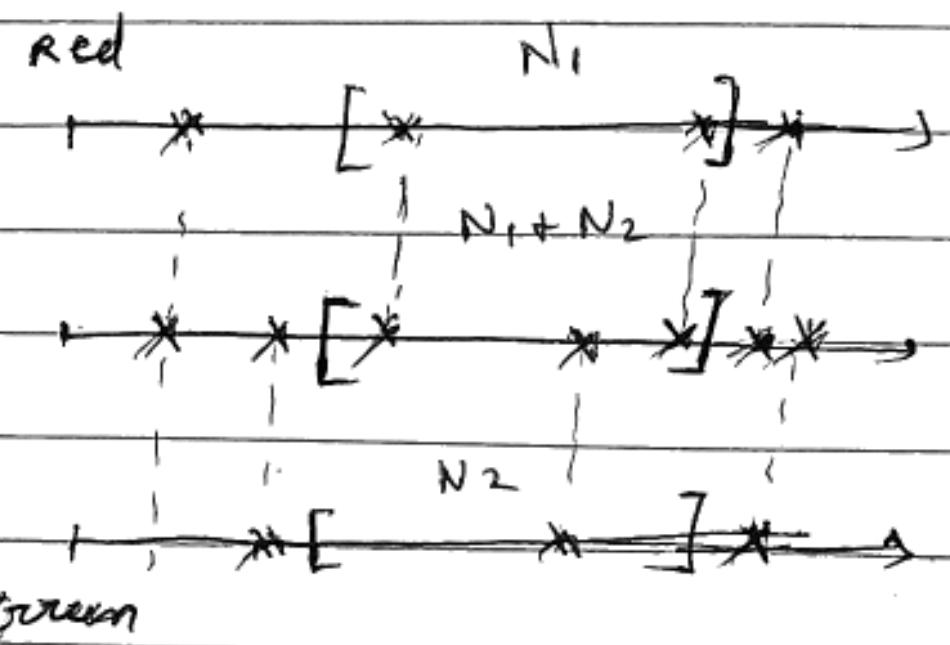
Red bulb flashes.  
(Poisson)



Green bulb flashes  
(Poisson)

$\geq 2: O(s^2)$

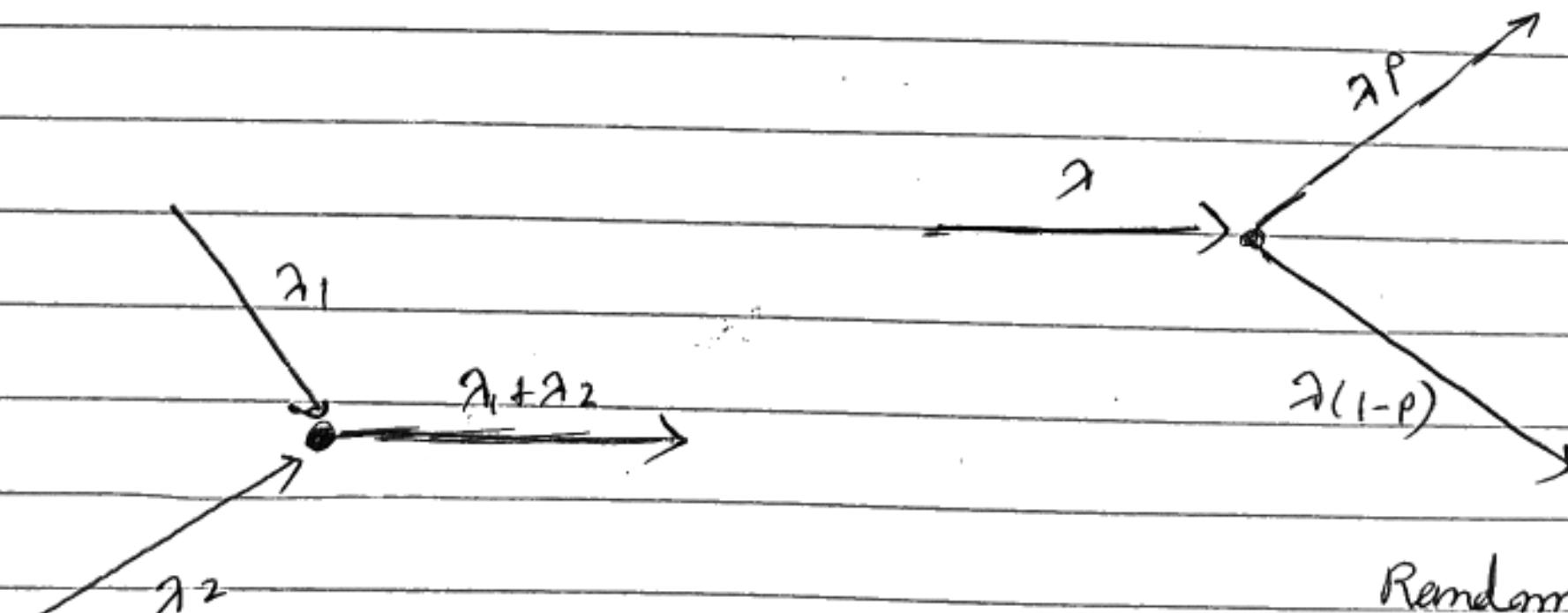
ignoring  $s^2$  & higher terms



↳ independent in disjoint intervals.

$P(4 \text{ out of first 10 arrived are red})$

$$= \binom{10}{4} \left(\frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}\right)^4 \left(\frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}\right)^6$$



Random splitting

Stochastic

# Normal distribution:

$$f(u) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{(u-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}}, u \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$F(u) = \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^u e^{-\frac{(y-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} dy, u \in \mathbb{R}$$

• Standard normal distribution,

$$\mu=0; \sigma^2=1 \quad N(0,1)$$

$$\Theta \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{u^2}{2}}$$

$$\Theta \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^u e^{-\frac{y^2}{2}} dy$$

CLT (central limit theorem).

If  $\{X_i: i \geq 1\}$  are iid with finite mean  $E(X) = \mu$  & finite non-zero variance  $\sigma^2 = \text{Var}(X)$  then

$$Z_n \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{1}{\sigma\sqrt{n}} \left( \sum_{i=1}^n X_i - n\mu \right) \Rightarrow N(0,1), n \rightarrow \infty, \text{ in distribution}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(Z_n \leq u) = \Theta(u), u \in \mathbb{R}$$

for any constant  $c \neq 0$ ; since  $cN(0,1) \sim N(0, c^2)$   
 $\mu=0, \sigma^2=1$ , then the CLT becomes for any constant  $c \neq 0$

$$\frac{c}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n X_i \Rightarrow N(0, c^2)$$

Random walk

where  $\{Z_i\}$

$X_n$

when the step  
distribution

we shall call  
Cactual  
with

ex: Insurance

$X_n = X$

and if any time  
cannot continue  
are two sequences  
behaves like

$Z_n =$

absorbing

Random walk  $\downarrow$  initial position of a particle.

$$X_n = X_0 + Z_1 + Z_2 + Z_3 + \dots + Z_n$$

where  $\{Z_i\}$  is a seq of iid R.V.

$\hookrightarrow$  a particle undergoes a general 1-D Random walk..

$$X_n = X_{n-1} + Z_n \quad (n=1, 2, \dots).$$

when the steps  $Z_i$  can only take value  $-1, 0, 1$  with the distribution

$$\text{prob}(Z_i=1) = p; \quad \text{prob}(Z_i=0) = 1-p-q$$

$$\cancel{\text{prob}(Z_i=-1)} \quad \text{prob}(Z_i=-1) = q$$

we shall call the process a simple Random walk..

(actual definit<sup>n</sup> of simple Random walk can take -1 or 1 with  $p+q=1$ )

ex; Insurance risk,  $\hookrightarrow$  start at period 0 with a fixed capital  $X_0$ , receive sum  $y_i$  & payout  $w_i$

$$X_n = X_0 + (Y_1 - w_1) + (Y_2 - w_2) + \dots + (Y_n - w_n)$$

and if any time  $n$ ,  $X_n < 0$ , then the company is ruined (cannot continue in operat<sup>n</sup> if we assume  $\{Y_i\}$ ,  $\{w_i\}$  are two seq of mutually iid R.V. then the capital  $X_n$  behaves like a Random walk start at  $X_0$  with jump  $Z_n = (Y_n - w_n)$

absorbing barrier at the origin..

$$X_n = \begin{cases} X_{n-1} + Z_n; & (X_{n-1} > 0; X_{n-1} + Z_n > 0) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

The content of dam, Gambler's ruin, The escape of comets from the solar system...

### \* Unrestricted Random walk (no barrier):

Suppose, Random walk starts at origin & the particle is free to move indefinitely in either direction.

$$X_n = \sum_{n=1}^n Z_n$$

Possible position of the particle at time  $n$ :

$$k = 0, \pm 1, \dots, \pm n.$$

To reach  $k$  at time  $n$ , the particle has to make  
 $\pi_1 \rightarrow +ve$  jump ;  $\pi_2 \rightarrow -ve$  jump ;  $\pi_3 \rightarrow 0$  jump.

$$\pi_1 - \pi_2 = k \quad \text{if } \pi_3 = n - \pi_1 - \pi_2.$$

$$\text{Prob}(X_n = k) = \sum_{\substack{\pi_1 \\ \pi_2 \\ \pi_3}} \frac{n!}{\pi_1! \pi_2! \pi_3!} p^{\pi_1} (1-p-q)^{\pi_3} q^{\pi_2}$$

$p+q=1$ ; Prob ( $X_n = k$ ) vanish for odd  $k$  when  
 $n$  is even, & for even  $k$  when  $n$  is odd.

$$k = 2\pi_1 - n$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Prob}(X_n = k) = \sum_{\substack{\pi_1 \\ \pi_2}} \frac{n!}{\pi_1! \pi_2!} p^{\pi_1} q^{\pi_2}$$

## # Probability generating function:

$$G_x(z) = E(z^x) = \sum_{\substack{i \\ \text{dummy variable}}} P(X=i) z^i$$

only for discrete  
R.V., taking values  
in non-ve integers

$$M_x(t) = E(e^{tx}) \quad \text{by taking } s = e^t$$

$$G_x(s) = E(e^{sx}) = M_x(t)$$

Properties:

$$\circ G_x(0) = P(X=0)$$

$$\circ G_x(1) = 1$$

$$G_x(0) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 0^n P(X=n)$$

$$G_x(1) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 1^n P(X=n)$$

$$= 0^0 P(X=0) + 0^1 P(X=1) \dots$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P(X=n)$$

$$= P(X=0)$$

pmf  $\Rightarrow 1$

$$\circ P(X=n) = \frac{1}{n!} G_x^{(n)}(0)$$

$$\hookrightarrow P(X=0) = G_x(0)$$

$$\hookrightarrow P(X=1) = G'_x(0)$$

$$\hookrightarrow P(X=6) = G''''''(0)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n!} \left. \frac{d^n}{ds^n} G_x(s) \right|_{s=0}$$

$$\frac{6!}{0}$$

$$\circ \text{Let } Y = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$$

$$G_Y(z) = E(z^Y) = E(z^{X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n})$$

$$= E(z^{X_1}) \cdot E(z^{X_2}) \cdot \dots \cdot E(z^{X_n})$$

as  $X_i$ 's are

$$= \{E(z^X)\}^n$$

iid

now, back to our unrestricted Random walk...

the PgF of the jump  $Z_n$  is

$$\text{G}_{Z_n}(z) = E(z^{Z_n}) = p z + (1-p-q_v) \frac{q_v}{z}$$

hence for  $X_n$

$$E(z^{X_n}) = \{G_{Z_n}(z)\}^n$$

Since  $X_0 = 0$  we define  $G_0(z) = 1$

$$G_r(z, s) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} s^n \{G_{Z_n}(z)\}^n = \frac{1}{1 - s G_{Z_n}(z)}$$

$$\{ |s G_{Z_n}(z)| < 1 \}$$

$$= \frac{z}{z - s(pz^2 + (1-q_v-p)z + q_v)}$$

so,  $G_r(z, s)$  contains all the "information" about the process  
in the sense of  $\text{prob}(X_n = k)$  is the coeff of  $z^k s^n$  in

$G_r(z, s)$ ...

$$E(X_n) = n\mu \quad \text{and} \quad V(X_n) = n\sigma^2$$

$$\text{where } \mu = p - q_v \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma^2 = p + q_v - (p - q_v)^2$$

probability that at time  $n$ , the particle is found in one of the state  $j, j+1, \dots, k$ , where  $j < k$  are possible value of  $X_n$  ( $j < k$ )...

by approximation provided by central limit theorem,

$X_n$  will be approximate normally distributed with mean  $n\mu$  & variance  $n\sigma^2$  for large  $n$ .

$$\text{Prob}(j \leq X_n \leq k) \approx 2(\pi\sigma^2 n)^{-1/2} \int_j^k e^{-\frac{(x-n\mu)^2}{2n\sigma^2}} du.$$

Better approximat<sup>n</sup> could be get by employing continuity correction. i.e by using  $j-c$  &  $k+c$  as the limit -?

$$\text{prob}(j \leq X_n \leq k) = \Phi\left(\frac{k+c-n\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{j-c-n\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}}\right)$$

$$\text{Prob}(j \leq X_n \leq k) \approx \Phi\left(\frac{k+c-n\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}}\right) - \Phi\left(\frac{j-c-n\mu}{\sigma\sqrt{n}}\right)$$

where

$$\Phi(y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^y e^{-\frac{u^2}{2}} du$$

$$\text{where } c = \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow p + q = 1$$

$$c = 1 \rightarrow p + q = 1$$

-b

a



↳ probability of recurrence time



$P_{jk}^{(n)}$  be the probability prob  
of occupying the state k of firm  
n standard form position at j

$$Z = \begin{cases} +1 & p \\ 0 & 1-p-q \\ -1 & q \end{cases}$$

$$X_{n+1} = X_n + Z_{n+1}$$



$$P_{jk}^{(n)} = p \times P_{j,k-1}^{(n-1)} + (1-p-q) P_{jk}^{(n-1)} + q \times P_{j,k+1}^{(n-1)}$$

long term behaviour stabilized

↳ at time inf

$$P_{jk}^{(n)} = p \times P_{j,k-1}^{(n-1)} + (1-p-q) P_{jk}^{(n-1)} + q \times P_{j,k+1}^{(n-1)} ; 0 < k < a$$

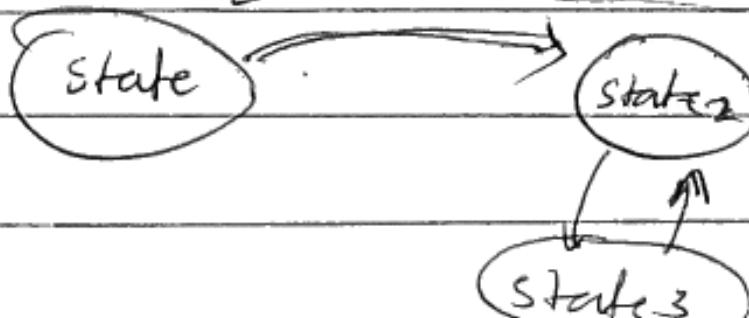
$$\therefore P_{ja}^{(n)} = (1-q) \cdot P_{ja}^{(n-1)} + p \cdot P_{j,a-1}^{(n-1)} + P_{jo}^{(n-1)} = (1-p) P_{jo}^{(n-1)} + q \cdot P_{j,a}^{(n-1)}$$

$P_{jk}^{(n)}$  independent if  $n \rightarrow \infty$

$P_{jk}^{(n)}$   $\rightarrow \pi_k$  (steady state probability)

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$

transient state



$$\pi_k = p\pi_{k-1} + (1-p-q)\pi_k + q\pi$$

$$\pi_q = (1-q)\pi_q + p\pi_{q-1}$$

$$\pi_k = \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^k \pi_0$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \pi_k = 1 \rightarrow \pi_0 \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^k = 1$$

$$\pi_0 = \frac{q-p}{q}$$

$$(1 - \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^{q+1})$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi_k = \left[ \frac{1-p/q}{1-(p/q)^{q+1}} \right] \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^k$$

it's a process that develops probabilistically, meaning its future state is not fixed but is instead determined by a random mechanism.

$$X_n = X_0 + Z, \quad X_n = X_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n Z_i$$

$$X_{n+1} = X_n + Z_n$$

determined by the presence of barrier,

unrestricted

Absorbing  
Barriers

Reflecting  
Barriers

unrestricted Random walk

→ central limit theorem (CLT)

↳ for a large no. of steps  $n$ , the position  $X_n$  is approx normally distributed with mean  $n\mu$  & variance  $n\sigma^2$ .

Law of large numbers:

↳ the strong law of large numbers state that if the mean jump  $\mu$  is  $> 0$ ,  $\rightarrow$  the particle will drift off to  $+\infty$  with high probability as  $n \uparrow \dots$

$$E[e^{-\theta X_N} \{f^*(\theta)\}^{-N}] = 1$$

→ unrestricted random walk:

Absorbing barrier: