

1. Consider an $M/M/\infty$ queue (Durrett Example 4.16) where customers arrive at rate λ , and the service time for each server is a rate μ exponential random variable. Let $X(t)$ denote the number of customers in the system at time t . Assume that $X(0) = 0$.

(a) State the Kolmogorov forward equations for this process.

Rates for CTMC

$$\begin{cases} q(n, n+1) = \lambda & \text{for } n=0,1,2,\dots \\ q(n, n-1) = n\mu & \text{for } n=1,2,3,\dots \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} \lambda_0 = \lambda \\ \lambda_{n \geq 1} = \lambda + n\mu \end{cases}$$

The forward equation

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}[p_t(i, j)] &= \sum_{k \neq j} q(i, k)p_t(k, j) - \lambda_i p_t(i, j) \\ \begin{cases} j \geq 1 : p'_t(i, j) = p_t(i, j-1)\lambda + p_t(i, j+1)\underbrace{(j+1)\mu}_{n\mu} - (\lambda + j\mu)p_t(i, j) \\ j = 0 : p'_t(i, 0) = p_t(i, 1)\mu - \lambda_0 p_t(i, 0) \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

(b) Set $M(t) = E[X(t)]$. Prove that

$$\frac{dM}{dt} = \lambda - \mu M(t)$$

Hint. Use the equations from (a). Do not hesitate to differentiate series term by term.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dt}M(t) &= \frac{d}{dt}E[\underbrace{X(t)}_{p_t(0,j)}] = \frac{d}{dt} \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} j p_t(0, j) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j p'_t(0, j) \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j [p_t(0, j-1)\lambda + p_t(0, j+1)(j+1)\mu - (\lambda + j\mu)p_t(0, j)] \\ &= \lambda \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (j-1)p_t(0, j-1)}_{M(t)} + \lambda \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} p_t(0, j-1)}_1 \\ &\quad + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu \underbrace{j(j+1)}_{(j+1)^2 - (j+1)} p_t(0, j+1) - \lambda \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j p_t(0, j)}_{M(t)} - \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \mu j^2 p_t(0, j) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \cancel{\lambda \cdot M(t)} + \lambda + \underbrace{\mu \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (j+1)^2 p_t(0, j+1)}_{p_t(0,1)} - \underbrace{\mu \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} (j+1) p_t(0, j+1)}_{M(t)} \\
&\quad - \cancel{\lambda \cdot M(t)} - \underbrace{\mu \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} j^2 p_t(0, j)}_{p_t(0,1)} \\
&= \lambda - \mu M(t)
\end{aligned}$$

- (c) Solve the differential equation for $M(t)$. (A reminder about linear ODEs is appended to this HW sheet.)

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{dM(t)}{dt} &= \lambda - \mu M(t) \\
e^{\mu t} \frac{dM(t)}{dt} &= e^{\mu t} \lambda - \mu e^{\mu t} M(t) \\
e^{\mu t} \lambda &= \underbrace{e^{\mu t} \frac{dM(t)}{dt} + \mu e^{\mu t} M(t)}_{[e^{\mu t} \cdot M(t)]'} \\
e^{\mu t} \cdot M(t) &= \int [e^{\mu t} \cdot M(t)]' dt = \int e^{\mu t} \lambda dt = \frac{\lambda}{\mu} e^{\mu t} + C \\
M(t) &= \frac{\lambda}{\mu} + \frac{C}{e^{\mu t}} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad M(0) = \frac{\lambda}{\mu} + C = 0 \quad \text{since } X(0)=0 \\
M(t) &= \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \left(1 - \frac{1}{e^{\mu t}} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

- (d) Evaluate $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} M(t)$. The stationary distribution for $X(t)$ is given in Example 4.16 of Durrett's book. Compare the limit you found to the expected value of the stationary distribution.

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} M(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \left(1 - \frac{1}{e^{\mu t}} \right) = \frac{\lambda}{\mu}$$

2. Consider an M/M/2 queue where customers arrive at rate λ and the rate for each server is μ . However, arriving customers who see N customers already in the system leave and never return. Assume $N > 2$. Let $X(t)$ denote the number of customers in the system at time t . Find the stationary distribution for $X(t)$. (The M/M/s queue appears in Durrett's examples 4.3 and 4.17.)

$$\begin{cases} q(n, n+1) = \lambda & \text{for } n=0,1,2,\dots,N-1 \\ q(n, n-1) = \mu & \text{for } n=1,2,3,\dots,N \end{cases}$$

Since $\pi \cdot Q = 0$ should be achieved,

$$[\pi_0 \ \pi_1 \ \pi_2 \ \dots \ \pi_N] \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda & \lambda & 0 & \dots & & & \\ \mu & -(\mu + \lambda) & \lambda & 0 & \dots & & \\ 0 & \mu & -(\mu + \lambda) & \lambda & 0 & \dots & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \\ & & & & \mu & -(\mu + \lambda) & \lambda \\ & & & & 0 & \mu & -\mu \end{bmatrix} = [0 \ \dots \ 0]$$

$$\lambda\pi_0 = \mu\pi_1 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \pi_1 = \frac{\lambda}{\mu}\pi_0$$

$$\lambda\pi_1 = \mu\pi_2 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \pi_2 = \frac{\lambda}{\mu}\pi_1$$

\vdots

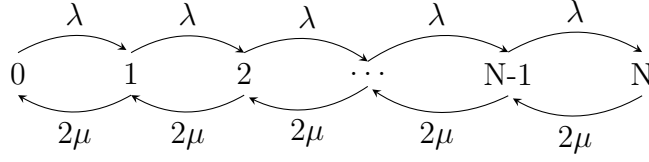
$$\lambda\pi_{n-1} = \mu\pi_n \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \pi_n = \frac{\lambda}{\mu}\pi_{n-1} = \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^n \pi_0$$

$$\sum_{j=0}^N \pi_j = 1 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \pi_0 \sum_{j=0}^N \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^j = \pi_0 \cdot \frac{1 - \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{N+1}}{1 - \frac{\lambda}{\mu}} = 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \pi_0 = \frac{1 - \frac{\lambda}{\mu}}{1 - \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{N+1}}$$

$$\pi_j = \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^j \cdot \frac{1 - \frac{\lambda}{\mu}}{1 - \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{N+1}}$$

For the $M/M/2$ queue, the rates are



$$\begin{cases} q(j, j+1) = \lambda & \text{for } j=0,1,\dots,N-1 \\ q(j, j-1) = 2\mu & \text{for } j=2,\dots,N-1 \\ q(1,0) = \mu \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \pi(j) &= \frac{q(0,1)q(1,2)\dots q(j-1,j)}{q(j,j-1)q(j-1,j-2)q(j-2,j-3)\dots q(1,0)} \cdot \pi(0) \\ &= \frac{\lambda^j}{(2\mu)^{j-1}\mu} \pi(0) = \frac{1}{2^{j-1}} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^j \pi(0) = 2 \cdot \left(\frac{\lambda}{2\mu}\right)^j \pi(0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{j=0}^N \pi(j) = 1 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \pi_0 + \sum_{j=0}^N 2 \cdot \left(\frac{\lambda}{2\mu}\right)^j \pi(0) = 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \pi_0 \left(1 + 2 \cdot \frac{1 - \left(\frac{\lambda}{2\mu}\right)^N}{1 - \frac{\lambda}{2\mu}} \cdot \frac{\lambda}{2\mu} \right) = 1$$

$$\pi_0 = \frac{1}{\left(1 + 2 \cdot \frac{1 - \left(\frac{\lambda}{2\mu}\right)^N}{1 - \frac{\lambda}{2\mu}} \cdot \frac{\lambda}{2\mu} \right)} \quad \pi_j = 2 \left(\frac{\lambda}{2\mu}\right)^j \pi_0$$

3. (a) Consider the special case of the previous problem in which $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 1$, and $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = 3$, and find the stationary probabilities.

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & -4 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 0 & -4 & 1 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 & -6 \end{pmatrix} \quad \pi = \left(\frac{9}{16} \quad \frac{3}{16} \quad \frac{3}{16} \quad \frac{1}{16} \right)$$

such that $\pi Q = 0$

- (b) Suppose they upgrade their telephone system so that a call to one line that is busy is forwarded to the other phone and lost if that phone is busy. Find the new stationary probabilities.

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} -2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & -5 & 0 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 & -5 & 2 \\ 0 & 3 & 3 & -6 \end{pmatrix} \quad \pi = \left(\frac{9}{17} \quad \frac{3}{17} \quad \frac{3}{17} \quad \frac{2}{17} \right)$$

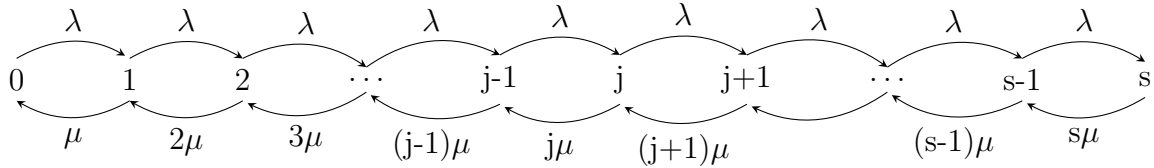
such that $\pi Q = 0$

4. A hemoglobin molecule can carry one oxygen or one carbon monoxide molecule. Suppose that the two types of gases arrive at rates 1 and 2 and attach for an exponential amount of time with rates 3 and 4, respectively. Formulate a Markov chain model with state space $\{+, 0, -\}$ where $+$ denotes an attached oxygen molecule, $-$ an attached carbon monoxide molecule, and 0 a free hemoglobin molecule and find the long-run fraction of time the hemoglobin molecule is in each of its three states.

$$Q = \begin{array}{c|ccc} & + & 0 & - \\ \hline + & -3 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -3 & 2 \\ - & 0 & 4 & -4 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \pi &= [\pi_+ \quad 3\pi_+ \quad \frac{3}{2}\pi_+] && \text{(such that } \pi Q = 0) \\ \pi_+ + 3\pi_+ + \frac{3}{2}\pi_+ &= \frac{11}{2}\pi_+ = 1 && \pi_+ = \frac{2}{11} \\ \Rightarrow \pi &= \left[\frac{2}{11} \quad \frac{6}{11} \quad \frac{3}{11} \right] \end{aligned}$$

5. Consider an $M/M/s$ queue with no waiting room. In words, requests for a phone line occur at a rate λ . If one of the s lines is free, the customer takes it and talks for an exponential amount of time with rate μ . If no lines are free, the customer goes away never to come back. Find the stationary distribution. You do not have to evaluate the normalizing constant.



$$\begin{cases} q(j, j+1) = \lambda & \text{for } j=0,1,\dots,s-1 \\ q(j, j-1) = j\mu & \text{for } j=1,2,\dots,s \end{cases}$$

Consider the birth and death chain.

$$\begin{aligned} \pi(j) &= \frac{\lambda_{j-1} \dots \lambda_0}{\mu_j \dots \mu_1} \pi(0) & (\text{where } q(j, j+1) = \lambda_j \text{ and } q(j, j-1) = \mu_j) \\ &= \frac{(\lambda_\mu)^j}{j!} \pi(0) \end{aligned}$$