

Ex 5.17 ^{ROSS}

Coupon Collecting Problem

m types of coupons.

Coupon = type j with prob. p_j .

$$\sum_{j=1}^m p_j = 1$$

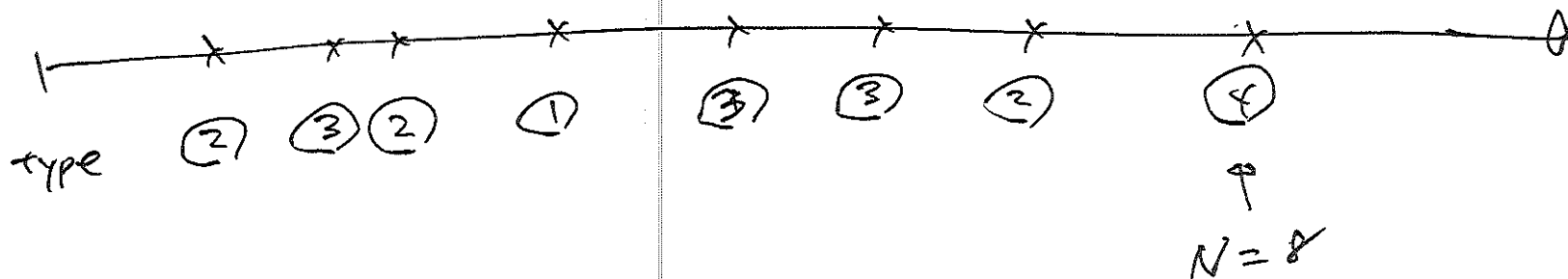
N : # of coupons needed to
collect all m types.

$$E(N) = ?$$

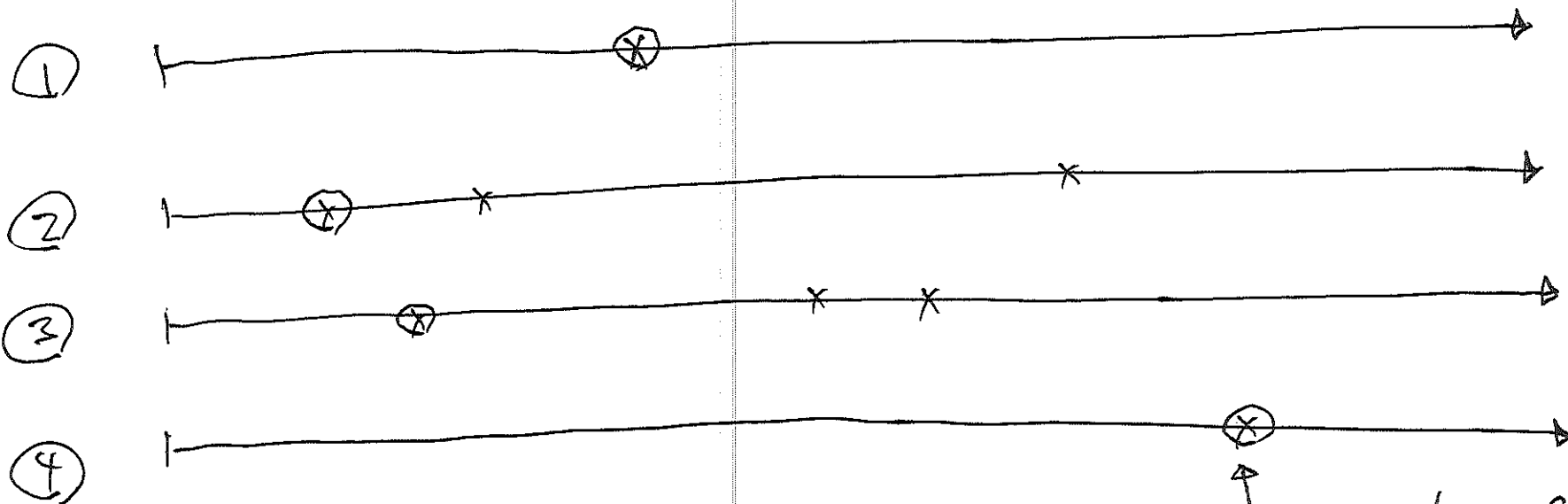
View 1

$$M = 4$$

Poi Proc



View 2



time of complete collection
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View 1

1 Poi. Proc. $\textcircled{\lambda}$ $\left\{ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ \vdots \\ m \end{matrix} \right.$ types.

Choose $\lambda = 1$.

View 2

indep. $\left\{ \begin{matrix} 1 \text{ Poi. Proc with rate } (\lambda P_1) \\ \vdots \\ m \text{ Poi. Proc with rate } (\lambda P_m) \end{matrix} \right.$

$X_1 =$ time of
~~1st~~ 1st event

\vdots

$X_m =$ time of
1st event.

$X =$ time of complete collection
 $= \max (X_1, \dots, X_m).$

View 2 .

$X_i = \text{time of } i\text{st event}$
 $\sim \text{Exp}(\lambda p_i)$

$$\mathcal{P}(X < t) = \mathcal{P}(\max(X_1, \dots, X_m) < t)$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^m \mathcal{P}(X_i < t)$$

$$= \prod_{i=1}^m (1 - e^{-\lambda p_i t})$$

$$= \overline{F}_X(t)$$

$$E(X) = \int_0^{\infty} (1 - F_X(t)) dt$$

\uparrow
 $\prod_{i=1}^m (1 - e^{-\lambda P_i t})$

Since
X is non-negative

Now translate $E(X)$ back to $E(N)$.

↳ go back to View 1.

X = time of N th event

$$= \sum_{i=1}^N T_i$$

where T_i is time between
events
in view 1.

$$E(X) = E\left(\sum_{i=1}^N T_i\right)$$

$$= E\left[E\left(\sum_{i=1}^N T_i \mid N=n\right)\right]$$

$$= E\left[\sum_{i=1}^N E(T_i) \right]$$

" $\lambda = 1$

$$= E[N]$$

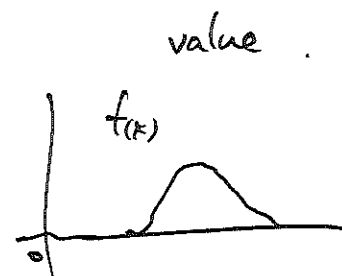
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Ex 5.15 Ross

Gitt Problem

Gitt arrives as $\text{Poi Proc.}(\lambda)$.

Each gitt has value $\overset{\text{iid.}}{\sim} f(x)$



Car only accept 1 gitt.

There's cost of waiting c per unit time.

maximize $E(\text{Return})$

Decision Rule : pick threshold γ .
Accept 1st gift $\geq \gamma$.

$$\text{Gift} \sim \text{PP}(\lambda)$$

each arrival $\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{Accept} & \text{w.p. } 1 - F(\gamma) = q \\ \text{Not Accept} & \text{w.p. } F(\gamma) = p \end{array} \right.$

$$\rightarrow \text{Accepted Gift} \sim \text{PP}(\lambda \cdot q)$$

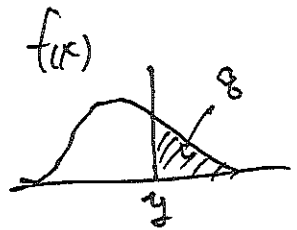
$$\text{Time until 1st accepted gift} \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda \cdot q)$$

$$E(\text{Return}) = E\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{Value of} \\ \text{Accepted Gift} \end{array}\right) - c \cdot E\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{Time until} \\ \text{Acc. Gift} \end{array}\right)$$

$$= E\left(X \mid X > y\right) - c \left(\frac{1}{\lambda q}\right)$$

$$E(X \mid X > y) = \int_{\text{all } x > y} X \cdot f_{X|X>y} dx$$

all $x > y$.

$$= \int_y^{\infty} X \cdot \frac{f(x)}{q} dx$$


$$E(\text{Return}) = \frac{1}{q} \left[\int_y^{\infty} x \cdot f(x) dx - \frac{c}{\lambda} \right]$$

Find y that maximize $E(Ret)$.

(note $q = 1 - F(y)$)

let $\bar{F}(y) = 1 - F(y)$.

$$\frac{d}{dy} E(Ret(y))$$

by
product
Rule

$$= \frac{d}{dy} \left(\frac{1}{F(y)} \right) \left[\int_y^{\infty} x \cdot f(x) dx - \frac{c}{\lambda} \right]$$

$$+ \left(\frac{1}{F(y)} \right) \cdot \frac{d}{dy} \left[\int_y^{\infty} x \cdot f(x) dx - \frac{c}{\lambda} \right]$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dy} \left(\frac{1}{F(y)} \right) &= \frac{d}{dy} \left(\frac{1}{1-F(y)} \right) = \frac{-1}{(1-F(y))^2} (-f(y)) \end{aligned} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dy} \int_y^{\infty} x \cdot f(x) dx &= -y \cdot f(y) \end{aligned} \right.$$

Fundamental
Thm of
Calc.

$$\frac{d}{dy} E(Ret(y))$$

$$= \frac{f(y)}{(1-F(y))^2} \left[\int_y^{\infty} x \cdot f(x) dx - \frac{c}{\lambda} \right] - \frac{y \cdot f(y)}{1-F(y)} \stackrel{\text{set}}{=} 0.$$

multiply $\bar{F}(y)^2$ and get.

$$f(y) \left[\int_y^{\infty} x \cdot f(x) dx - \frac{c}{\lambda} \right] - \bar{F}(y) y \cdot f(y) = 0.$$

$$\int_y^{\infty} x \cdot f(x) dx - \frac{c}{\lambda} = \overline{F}(y) \cdot y$$

$$\overline{F}(y) = P(X > y) = \int_y^{\infty} f(x) dx$$

$$\int_y^{\infty} x \cdot f(x) dx - \frac{c}{\lambda} = y \cdot \int_y^{\infty} f(x) dx$$

$$\int_y^{\infty} (x - y) f(x) dx = \frac{c}{\lambda}$$

$$(X - y)^+ = \begin{cases} X - y & \text{if } X \geq y \\ 0 & \text{if } X < y \end{cases}$$

$$\boxed{E[(X - y)^+] = \frac{c}{\lambda}}$$

eqn for optimal y .

$$E[(X-y)^+]$$

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non-increasing function of y ..

i.e. $y \uparrow$. $(X-y)^+$ always \downarrow .

X is always positive

If, ~~the function is not~~

$$E(X) < \frac{c}{\lambda}.$$

Then since

$$E((X-y)^+) \leq E(X) \text{ for any } y \geq 0.$$

There's no solution for $E((X-y)^+) = \frac{c}{\lambda}$.

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If $E(x) \geq \frac{c}{\lambda}$, then solve

$$E[(x-y)^+] = \frac{c}{\lambda} \quad \text{to find } y.$$

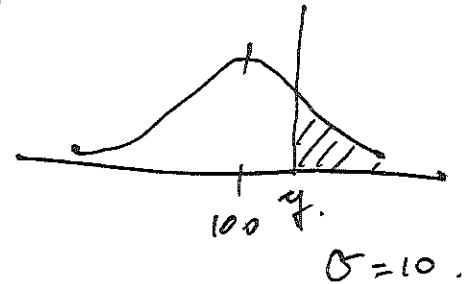
Example

Gift value $\sim N(100, 10^2)$

$$C = 5$$

$$\lambda = 1$$

$$y = ?$$



Since

$$E[(X - y)^+] = \frac{\sigma}{\lambda}$$