

1. Let  $\{N(t); t \geq 0\}$  be a renewal process with common interrenewal probability mass function

$$P(X_n = 1) = 0.8, P(X_n = 2) = 0.2, n \geq 1.$$

Compute  $P(N(t) = k)$  for  $k \geq 1$ .

2. Compute the renewal equation for  $E(A(t)B(t))$ , where  $A(t) = t - T_{N(t)}$  is the age process at time  $t$ , and  $B(t) = T_{N(t)+1} - t$  is the excess life process at time  $t$  for a renewal process  $\{N(t); t \geq 0\}$ . Show that the key renewal theorem is applicable and compute the limiting value of  $E(A(t)B(t))$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , assuming that the interrenewal CDF  $F$  has finite second moment, and it is nonarithmetic.
3. Compute the renewal equation for  $P(N(t) \text{ is odd})$  for a renewal process  $\{N(t); t \geq 0\}$ . Is this a renewal type equation? Solve it explicitly when the renewal process is a Poisson process with rate  $\lambda$ .
4. Let  $\{N_D(t); t \geq 0\}$  be a delayed renewal process with interrenewals  $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ . Assume that  $X_1$  has cdf  $G$ , and  $X_n, n \geq 2$ , has cdf  $F$ , and both  $G$  and  $F$  have positive finite mean. Show that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N_D(t)}{t} = \frac{1}{E(X_2)},$$

and

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{E(N_D(t))}{t} = \frac{1}{E(X_2)}.$$

5. Consider a miner trapped in a room that contains three doors. Door 1 leads him to freedom after two days of travel; door 2 returns him to his room after a four-day journey; and door 3 returns him to his room after a six-day journey. Suppose at all times he is equally likely to choose any of the three doors, and let  $T$  denote the time it takes the miner to become free.

- (a) Define a sequence of independent and identically distributed random variables  $X_1, X_2, \dots$ , and a stopping time  $N$  such that

$$T = \sum_{i=1}^N X_i.$$

Note: To define  $X_1, X_2, \dots$ , you may have to imagine that the miner continues to randomly choose doors even after he reaches safety.

- (b) Use Wald's equation to find  $E(T)$ .
- (c) Compute  $E\left[\sum_{i=1}^N X_i | N = n\right]$ , and note that it is not equal to  $E\left[\sum_{i=1}^N X_i\right]$ .
- (d) Use part (c) for a second derivation of  $E[T]$ .

6. Consider a single-server bank for which customers arrive in accordance with a Poisson process with rate  $\lambda$ . If a customer will enter the bank only if the server is free when he/she arrives, and if the service time of a customer has the distribution  $G$ , then what proportion of time (on the average) is the server busy?
7. Suppose that passengers arrive at a bus stop according to a Poisson process with rate  $\lambda$ . Suppose also that buses arrive according to a renewal process with interrenewal distribution function  $F$ , and that buses pick up all waiting passengers. Assume that the Poisson process of people arriving and the renewal process of buses arriving are independent.
  - (a) Find the average number of people who are waiting for a bus, averaged over all time.  
Hint: You may construct a renewal reward process w.r.t. the arrival times of the bus, and between two consecutive arrival times, the reward would be the number of passengers.
  - (b) Find the average amount of time that a passenger waits, averaged over all passengers.  
Hint: You may construct a discrete time renewal reward process  $\{W_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  w.r.t.  $\{nN\}_{n \geq 1}$ , where  $W_n$  is the waiting time of the  $n$ th passenger, and  $N$  is the number of passengers who arrive during the cycles in part (a). The reward between  $nN$  and  $(n+1)N$  would be the total amount of waiting time  $\sum_{k=nN+1}^{(n+1)N} W_k$ .