

MANDATORY HOMEWORK 7 - 8 STAT 220 - H20

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PROBLEM 8.1

Simulate a Poisson process from the renewal representation. Let $\{T_j, j = 1, \dots, N\}$ be random sample from the exponential distribution with intensity $\lambda = 1/2$.

$$X(t) = \max \{k: S_k \leq t\}, \quad S_k = T_1 + \dots + T_k,$$

- a) Use $N = 10$.
- b) Use $N = 100$.
- c) Use $N = 1000$.

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lb<-0.5
N<-10
T<-rexp(N,lb)
S<-rep(0,N)
S[1]<-T[1]
for(k in 2:N) S[k]<- S[k-1] + T[k]
delta<-0.1
tmax<- S[N]+ 0.5/lb
tvalues<-seq(delta, tmax,delta)
ntvalues<- length(tvalues)
X<-rep(0, ntvalues)
for(t in 1: ntvalues) X[t]<- length( which( S<=tvalues[t] ))
plot(tvalues, X, type="s")
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- d) Can you extend the source code and plot $n = 1000$ Poisson processes with $N = 100$ in one frame? It is an advantage for the visual presentation that you use more than one color here.

PROBLEM 8.2

[PK, Exercise 5.1.6, page 229]

Messages arrive at a telegraph office as a Poisson process with mean rate of 3 messages pr hour.

- a) What is the probability that no messages arrive during the morning hours 8.00 AM to noon?
- b) What is the distribution of the time at which the first afternoon message arrives?

PROBLEM 8.3

[PK, Exercise 5.1.7, page 229]

Suppose that customers arrive at a facility according to a Poisson process having rate $\lambda = 2$. Let $X(t)$ be the number of customers that have arrived up to time t . Determine the following probabilities and conditional probabilities.

- a) $\mathbb{P}(X(1) = 2)$.
- b) $\mathbb{P}(X(1) = 2 \text{ and } X(3) = 6)$.
- c) $\mathbb{P}(X(3) = 6 | X(1) = 2)$.

PROBLEM 8.4

[PK, Exercise 5.1.9, page 229]

Let $\{X(t), t \geq 0\}$ be a Poisson process having rate parameter $\lambda = 2$. Determine the following expectations:

- a) $\mathbb{E} X(2)$.
- b) $\mathbb{E} X^2(1)$.
- c) $\mathbb{E} X(1) X(2)$.

PROBLEM 8.5

[PK, Problem 5.1.9, page 231]

Arrivals of passengers at a bus stop form a Poisson process $\{X(t), t \geq 0\}$ with rate $\lambda = 2$ per unit time. Assume that a bus departed at time $t = 0$ leaving no customers behind. Let T denote the arrival time of the next bus. Then the number of passengers present when it arrives is $X(T)$. Suppose that the bus arrival times T is independent of the Poisson process and thus T has a uniform probability density function

$$f_T(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & 0 \leq t \leq 1; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- a) Determine the conditional moments $\mathbb{E}[X^2(T) | T = t]$ and $\text{Var}[X(T) | T = t]$.
- b) Determine the mean $\mathbb{E} X(T)$ and the variance $\text{Var}(X(T))$.

PROBLEM 8.6

[SR, Exercise 37, p. 363]

Let $\{N(t), t \geq 0\}$ be a Poisson process with rate. For $i \leq n$ and $s < t$.

- a) Find $\mathbb{P}(N(t) = n | N(s) = i)$.
- b) Find $\mathbb{P}(N(t) = i | N(t) = n)$.

PROBLEM 8.7

[\[PK, Problem 5.1.11, page 231\]](#)

Assume that a device fails when a cumulative effect of k shocks occurs. If the shocks happen according to a Poisson process of parameter λ , what is the density function for the life T of the device?

PROBLEM 8.8

[\[PK, Exercise 5.3.2, page 245\]](#)

A radioactive source emits particles according to a Poisson process of rate $\lambda = 2$ particles per minute.

- What is the probability that the first particle appears some time after 3 minutes but before 5 minutes?
- What is the probability that exactly one particle is emitted in the interval from 3 minutes to 5 minutes?

PROBLEM 8.9

[\[PK, Exercise 5.3.3, page 245\]](#)

Customers enter a store according to a Poisson process of rate $\lambda = 6$ per hour. Suppose that it is known that only a single customer entered during the first hour. What is the conditional probability that this person entered during the first 15 minutes?

PROBLEM 8.10

[\[PK, Exercise 5.3.4, page 245\]](#)

Let $\{X(t), t \geq 0\}$ be a Poisson process with rate $\xi = 3$ per hour. Find the conditional probability that there were two events in the first hour given that there were five events in the first 3h.

PROBLEM 8.11

[\[PK, Problem 5.3.8, page 247\]](#)

Consider a Poisson process with parameter λ . Given that $X(t) = n$ find the density function for S_r , the r th arrival time. Assume that $r \leq n$.

PROBLEM 8.12

[\[PK, Exercise 5.4.3, page 257\]](#)

Customers arrive a certain facility according to a Poisson process of rate λ . Suppose that it is known that five customers arrived in the first hour. Determine the total waiting time $\mathbb{E}(S_1 + S_2 + S_3 + S_4 + S_5)$.

PROBLEM 8.13

[PK, Problem 5.4.1, page 257]

Let $\{S_j, j \geq 1\}$ denote the event times for a Poisson process $\{X(t), t \geq 0\}$ of rate λ . Suppose that it is known that $X(1) = n$. For $k < n$, what is the conditional density function for $S_1, \dots, S_{k-1}, S_{k+1}, \dots, S_n$ given that $S_k = s$.

PROBLEM 8.14

Let X_i be exponential (λ_i) for $i = 1, 2$ and independent. We use $U = \min(X_1, X_2) = X_1 \wedge X_2$, $V = \max(X_1, X_2) = X_1 \vee X_2$ and $Z = i$ iff $X_i = U$. We know that $U \sim \text{exponential}(\sum_i \lambda_i)$ and

$$\mathbb{P}(Z = i) = \frac{\lambda_i}{\sum_j \lambda_j}, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

Here we have the focus on the maximum. For the exponential densities we use $f_i = f_{X_i}$.

- Suppose that the two rates are different. Explain that the tail of the distribution has to be dominated by the smallest rate and conclude that V is not exponential distributed.
- Show that

$$f_V(t) = F_1(t)f_2(t) + F_2(t)f_1(t).$$

HINT: $\{\max_i X_i \leq t\} = \bigcap_i \{X_i \leq t\}$.

- Make a plot of the density when $\lambda_1 = 2$ and $\lambda_2 = 3$. Do you have a comment that says something more than a)?

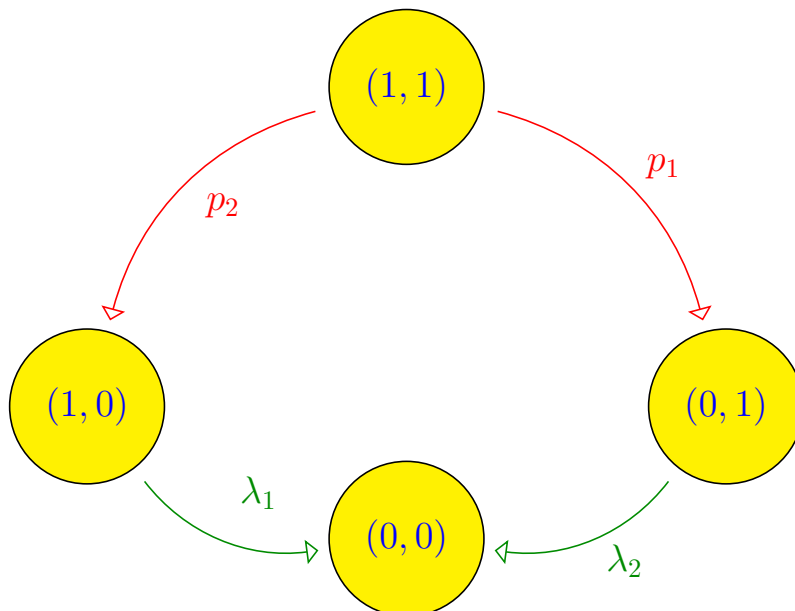


Figure 1: A simple queueing model for the maximum

The graph illustrates a situation with two servers with exponential service times where each of them has exactly one customer at time zero. The state (r, s) means the two servers have (r, s) customers in service.

- i) First we wait for U to happen.
- ii) If $U = X_1$ then we go from $(1, 1)$ to $(0, 1)$ with probability $p_1 = \mathbb{P}(Z = 1)$. Likewise, $U = X_2$ then we go from $(1, 1)$ to $(1, 0)$ with probability $p_2 = \mathbb{P}(Z = 1)$.
- iii) We then have to wait for remaining variable. Due to lack of memory the distribution of the remaining variable at time $U = u$ is unchanged.
- d) Explain that

$$(1) \quad V \stackrel{d}{=} U + X'_1(1 - Z) + X'_2 Z = U + W, \quad \text{say,}$$

where all variables on the right hand side are independent and $X'_i \stackrel{d}{=} X_i$. This means that we first draw the independent variables U and Z and if $Z = 1$ we draw $X'_2 \sim \text{exponential}(\lambda_2)$ and vice versa for $Z = 2$. This means that

$$f_W = p_2 f_1 + p_1 f_2, \quad f_V(t) = \int_0^t f_U(t-s) f_W(s) ds.$$

- e) Find the expectation and the variance for V from (1). What if the rates are equal?
- f) Verify the identity; $X_1 \vee X_2 = X_1 \wedge X_2 + |X_1 - X_2|$ and relate it to (1).

PROBLEM 8.15

Prove that the superposition of two independent Poisson processes with respective rates $\{\lambda_i, i = 1, 2\}$ is a Poisson process and find its rate.

PROBLEM 8.16

Let $\{I_j, j \geq 1\}$ be a Bernoulli sequence with success probability p_1 and let $Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda)$ be independent of that sequence. Let $X_1 = \sum_{j=1}^Y I_j$ show $X_2 = \sum_{j=1}^Y (1 - I_j)$. Show that $X_i \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda p_i)$ for $i = 1, 2$ and independent where $\sum_i p_i = 1$.

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