

## ACM116 Set 6

### 1. Matlab

2. a) Because  $N$  is the number of trials until a failure with a fixed probability of failure, we can calculate the probability of  $N=n$  by

$$(1-p)^{n-1} (p)$$

Because we require that  $n-1$  trials end in success (probability  $(1-p)^{n-1}$ ) and then that the system fails on the next trial (probability  $p$ ).

Therefore  $P(N=n) = (1-p)^{n-1} (p)$

- b) By splitting the poisson process into a process for successes and failures we can model the failures of the system as a poisson process with rate  $\lambda p$ .

So the waiting time for the first event for this process is  $T \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda p) \rightarrow P(T=t) = e^{-\lambda p t} (\lambda p)$

c)  $P(N=n | T=t) = \frac{P(T=t | N=n) P(N=n)}{P(T=t)}$

We know  $P(N=n) = (1-p)^{n-1} (p)$ ,  $P(T=t) = \lambda p e^{-\lambda p t}$

We also know that  $[T | N=n] \sim \text{Gamma}(n, 1)$  because this is the waiting time for the  $n^{\text{th}}$  event. Therefore  $P(T=t | N=n) = \frac{\lambda^n t^{n-1} e^{-\lambda t}}{(n-1)!}$

$$\Rightarrow P(N=n | T=t) = \frac{\lambda^n t^{n-1} e^{-\lambda t} (1-p)^{n-1} (p)}{\lambda p (e^{-\lambda p t}) (n-1)!} = \frac{(1-p)^{n-1} \lambda^{n-1} t^{n-1} e^{-\lambda t (1-p)}}{(n-1)!}$$

d) As discussed in part (c),  $P(T=t | N=n) = \frac{\lambda^n t^{n-1} e^{-\lambda t}}{(n-1)!}$

- e) Our estimated value from Problem 1 is 2.0079.

$$E[T | N=10] = \int_0^\infty t P(T=t | N=10) dt = \int_0^\infty \frac{\lambda^{10} t^9 e^{-\lambda t}}{(10-1)!} dt$$

$$= \int_0^\infty \frac{5^{10} t^9 e^{-5t}}{9!} dt = \frac{5^{10}}{9!} \int_0^\infty t^9 e^{-5t} dt = 2 \text{ which is very close to our estimated value of } 2.0079.$$

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3. a) We know  $B_{t_2} = B_{t_1} + X$ ,  $X \sim N(0, t_2 - t_1)$

$$\rightarrow B_{t_1} + B_{t_2} = 2B_{t_1} + X$$

And because  $B_{t_1} \sim N(0, t_1)$ , and  $B_{t_1} \perp X$ , and  $2B_{t_1} \sim N(0, 4t_1)$

$$2B_{t_1} + X \sim N(0, 3t_1 + t_2)$$

$$\text{Therefore } P(B_{t_1} + B_{t_2} > a) = P(2B_{t_1} + X > a) = P\left(Z > \frac{a}{\sqrt{3t_1 + t_2}}\right) = 1 - \Phi\left(\frac{a}{\sqrt{3t_1 + t_2}}\right)$$

b)  $E[X_t] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^x \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}\right) e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx = \boxed{\sqrt{e}}$  by Wolfram Alpha

c)  $V[X_t] = E[X_t^2] - E[X_t]^2 = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} e^{2x} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}}\right) e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx - e = \boxed{e^2 - e}$  by Wolfram Alpha

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4. a)  $P(T_a < \infty) = 2(1 - \Phi(\frac{|a|}{\infty})) = 2(1/2) = \boxed{1}$

b) We note that:

$$\begin{aligned} P(T_a = t) &= P(B_t = a)(1 - P(T_a < t)) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} \exp\left[-\frac{a^2}{2t}\right] \left[1 - 2\left(1 - \Phi\left(\frac{|a|}{\sqrt{t}}\right)\right)\right] \\ &= \frac{e^{-a^2/2t}}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} \left[1 - 2 + 2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{|a|/\sqrt{t}} e^{-t^2/2} dt\right] \\ &= \frac{e^{-a^2/2t}}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} \left[\text{erf}\left[\frac{|a|}{\sqrt{2t}}\right]\right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } E[T_a] = \int_0^{\infty} P(T_a = t) t dt = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{t e^{-a^2/2t}}{\sqrt{2\pi t}} \text{erf}\left[\frac{|a|}{\sqrt{2t}}\right] dt$$

This integral does not converge, so we conclude that  $E[T_a] = \infty$

5. Matlab

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M = 1e5;
lambda = 5;
p = 0.1;
critfail = 10;

failtimes = 0;
validfailures = 0;
for a = 1:M
    timewaited = 0;
    failroll = 1;
    count = 0;

    while failroll > 0.1
        timewaited = timewaited + exprnd(1/lambda);
        failroll = rand();
        count = count + 1;
        if count > critfail
            break;
        end
    end

    if count == critfail
        validfailures = validfailures + 1;
        failtimes = failtimes + timewaited;
    end
end

avgfailtime = failtimes./validfailures;

disp('Average waiting time for failure given that the system fails on
the 10th shock: ');
disp(avgfailtime);

Average waiting time for failure given that the system fails on the
10th shock:
    2.0079
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N = 1000;

T = 10;
delT = 0.01;
n = T/delT;

exceedct = 0;

for a = 1:N
    Zs = normrnd(0,1,n,1);
    A = sqrt(delT).*tril(ones(n,n));
    walk = A*Zs;
    maxval = max(walk);
    if maxval >= 4
        exceedct = exceedct + 1;
    end
end

disp('Proportion Brownian motion exceeded 4:');
disp(exceedct/N);

disp('Theoretical value: ');
disp(2*(1 - normcdf(4/sqrt(10))));

disp('We can see that the estimated and theoretical values are quite
close to each other.');
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*Proportion Brownian motion exceeded 4:*  
*0.1990*

*Theoretical value:*  
*0.2059*

*We can see that the estimated and theoretical values are quite close
to each other.*

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