

6.10.) 2 machines. Machine  $i$  operates exponential time with rate  $\lambda_i$  and then fails. Its repair time is exponential with rate  $\mu_i$ ,  $i=1,2$ . The machines act independently of one another.

Def. a 4-state, cont. time Markov chain that describes the state of the two machines.

Use independence to compute transition probabilities for the chain. Check that these satisfy the forward & backward Kolmogorov equations.

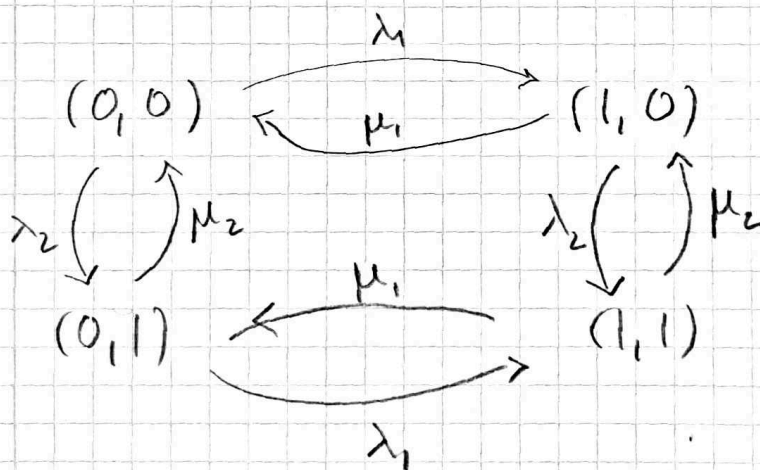
oo set up cont. time M-C :

4 states:  $(0,0)$ ; both machines work

$(1,0)$ ; machine 1 is down, machine 2 work

$(0,1)$ ; machine 2 is down, machine 1 work

$(1,1)$ ; both machines are down



$$\lambda_{(0,0), (1,0)} = \lambda_1$$

$$\lambda_{(0,0), (0,1)} = \lambda_2$$

$$\lambda_{(1,1), (0,1)} = \mu_1$$

⋮

(transition rates  
from diagram above)

Then,

$\omega_{0,0} = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2$ ; since if both work, transitions happen by either 1 or 2 failing (with rates  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  resp.)

$\omega_{0,1} = \lambda_1 + \mu_2$ ; since if 2 is down, 1 works, transitions happen by either 1 failing (rate  $\lambda_1$ ) or 2 being fixed (rate  $\mu_2$ )

$\omega_{1,1} = \mu_1 + \mu_2$ ; since if both are down, transitions happen by either being fixed (rates  $\mu_1, \mu_2$  resp.)

$\omega_{1,0} = \lambda_2 + \mu_1$ ; since if 1 is down, 2 works, transitions happen by either 1 being fixed (rate  $\mu_1$ ) or 2 failing (rate  $\lambda_2$ ).

Rate of time spent in state  
 $0,0$  (both work)  
 bef. trans. to diff. state

Compute transition probabilities

see pg. 376

By independence of the two machines,

$$P_{(i,j), (h,e)}^{(1,2)}(t) = \underbrace{P_{i,h}^{(1)}(t)}_{\text{transition prob. machine 1; Prob. machine 1 will be in h at t when starting in i}} \cdot \underbrace{P_{j,e}^{(2)}(t)}_{\text{transition prob. machine 2; Prob. machine 2 will be in e at time t, when starting in j.}}$$

total transition prob.;  
 prob. machines 1 & 2 will be in h, e resp. at time t when starting in i, j (resp.)

Then, for each machine, 1, 2, we are in the setting of Example 6.11. From this example, — middle pg. 392

$$P_{0,0}^{(1)}(t) = \frac{\mu_1}{\mu_1 + \lambda_1} + \frac{\lambda_1}{\mu_1 + \lambda_1} e^{-(\lambda_1 + \mu_1)t}$$

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Because the problem is symmetric, by switching the roles of  $\lambda_1$  and  $\mu_1$ ;

$$P_{1,1}^{(1)}(t) = \frac{\lambda_1}{\mu_1 + \lambda_1} + \frac{\mu_1}{\mu_1 + \lambda_1} e^{-(\lambda_1 + \mu_1)t}$$

$$P_{0,1}^{(1)}(t) = \frac{\lambda_1}{\mu_1 + \lambda_1} - \frac{\lambda_1}{\mu_1 + \lambda_1} e^{-(\lambda_1 + \mu_1)t}$$

essentially switching the roles of functioning /

failed & using the result of Example 6.11 on this new problem

You can set up the same kinds of equations for  $P_{i,j}^{(2)}$  for machine 2

by substituting  $\lambda_2$  (for  $\lambda_1$ ) and  $\mu_2$  (for  $\mu_1$ ).

From this and (\*\*), we find the transition probabilities  $P_{(i,j),(k,e)}(t)$ . For example,

$$P_{(0,0),(0,0)}(t) = P_{0,0}^{(1)}(t) \cdot P_{0,0}^{(2)}(t)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\lambda_1 + \mu_1} (\mu_1 + \lambda_1 e^{-(\mu_1 + \lambda_1)t})$$

$$\cdot \frac{1}{\lambda_2 + \mu_2} (\mu_2 + \lambda_2 e^{-(\mu_2 + \lambda_2)t}) \quad (7)$$

We check that the backwards Kolmogorov equation holds in this case. The forward equation can be checked similarly (do this yourself!):

Thm. 6.1

Thm. 6.2

In general, Kolmogorov's backward eqns say that  $\stackrel{:= \text{RHS}}{}$

$$\underbrace{P_{ij}^t(t)}_{:= \text{LHS}} = \sum_{k \neq i} \underbrace{q_{ik}}_{\text{instantaneous transition rates}} P_{k,j}(t) - \underbrace{v_i}_{\text{all states } i, j \text{ and times } t.} P_{i,j}(t)$$

$$v_i = \sum_j q_{ij}$$

$q_{ij}$  is the rate, when in state  $i$ , at which the process transitions into state  $j$

In principle, we should check this for all  $i, j = 0, 1$ . Since all are checked in the same way, we only check for  $i = (0, 0), j = (0, 0)$ .

Try another one for practice!

$$\text{RHS} = -P_{(0,0),(0,0)}(t) (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) + \lambda_2 P_{(0,1),(0,0)}(t) + \lambda_1 P_{(1,0),(0,0)}(t)$$

Possible ways to transition into  $j = (0, 0)$

use first part of exercise

$$= -P_{0,0}^{(1)}(t) P_{0,0}^{(2)}(t) (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) + \lambda_2 P_{0,0}^{(1)}(t) P_{1,0}^{(2)}(t) + \lambda_1 P_{1,0}^{(1)}(t) P_{0,0}^{(2)}(t)$$

use (\*\*)



Insert expressions for  $P_{ij}^{(n)}(t)$ ,  $i, j = 0, 1$ ,  $n = 1, 2$

$$= - \frac{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}{(\lambda_1 + \mu_1)(\lambda_2 + \mu_2)} (\mu_1 + \lambda_1 e^{-(\lambda_1 + \mu_1)t}) \cdot (\mu_2 + \lambda_2 e^{-(\lambda_2 + \mu_2)t})$$

$$+ \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda_1 + \mu_1} (\mu_1 + \lambda_1 e^{-(\lambda_1 + \mu_1)t}) \frac{1}{\lambda_2 + \mu_2} \cdot (\mu_2 - \mu_2 e^{-(\lambda_2 + \mu_2)t})$$

$$+ \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \mu_1} (\mu_1 - \mu_1 e^{-(\lambda_1 + \mu_1)t}) \frac{1}{\lambda_2 + \mu_2}$$

$$= \dots \text{(regroup)} = P_{0,0}^{(1)}(t) \left( -\lambda_2 e^{-(\lambda_2 + \mu_2)t} \right) \left( \frac{d}{dt} P_{0,0}^{(2)}(t) + \text{(from expression for } P_{0,0}^{(2)}(t) \right)$$

$$+ P_{0,0}^{(1)}(t) \left( -\frac{\lambda_1 \mu_2}{\lambda_2 + \mu_2} - \frac{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}{\lambda_2 + \mu_2} e^{-(\lambda_2 + \mu_2)t} \right)$$

$$+ P_{0,0}^{(2)}(t) \lambda_1 P_{1,0}^{(1)}(t)$$

$$= P_{0,0}^{(1)}(t) \left( \frac{d}{dt} P_{0,0}^{(2)}(t) \right)$$

$$+ P_{0,0}^{(2)}(t) \left( \frac{\lambda_1 \mu_1}{\lambda_1 + \mu_1} - \frac{\lambda_1 \mu_1}{\lambda_1 + \mu_1} e^{-(\lambda_1 + \mu_1)t} - \frac{\lambda_1 \mu_1}{\lambda_1 + \mu_1} - \frac{\lambda_1 \lambda_1}{\lambda_1 + \mu_1} e^{-(\lambda_1 + \mu_1)t} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= P_{0,0}^{(1)}(t) \left( \frac{d}{dt} P_{0,0}^{(2)}(t) \right) \\
 &\quad + P_{0,0}^{(2)}(t) \underbrace{(-\lambda_1 e^{-(\lambda_1 + \mu_1)t})}_{= \frac{d}{dt} P_{0,0}^{(1)}(t)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= P_{0,0}^{(1)}(t) \left( \frac{d}{dt} P_{0,0}^{(2)}(t) \right) + P_{0,0}^{(2)}(t) \left( \frac{d}{dt} P_{0,0}^{(1)}(t) \right)$$

$$= \frac{d}{dt} (P_{0,0}^{(1)}(t) P_{0,0}^{(2)}(t)) = \frac{d}{dt} P_{(0,0),(0,0)}(t)$$

(★★)

= LHS.

product  
rule  
backwards

This proves that Kolmogorov's backward eqn. holds in this case.

The other state transitions & the forward equations are proved similarly.