

## Queueing Theory

Last time:



Service times  $s_i$   
are i.i.d with mean  $\frac{1}{\mu}$



inter-arriving times  $t_i$   
are i.i.d with mean  $\frac{1}{\lambda}$  ← assume  $t_i$  exponential with rate  $\lambda$   
Poisson process.

Theorem: If  $\lambda < \mu$ , then the server will be busy  $\frac{\lambda}{\mu}$  of the time.

Let  $\xi_i$  be the number of new customers that join the queue while customer  $i$ 's being served.

$$a_n = P[\xi_i = n] = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda s} \frac{(\lambda s)^n}{n!} dG(s) \quad \text{when } G \text{ is the distribution function of } s_i.$$

Hence

$$E[\xi_i] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n P[\xi_i = n] = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda s} \frac{(\lambda s)^n}{n!} dG(s)$$

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$$= \int_0^{\infty} \lambda s e^{-\lambda s} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda s)^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} dG(s) = \lambda \int_0^{\infty} s dG(s) = \lambda E[D_i] = \frac{\lambda}{\mu}$$

## Embedded Markov chain

$\underline{X}_n$  - Markov chain

counter ← start serving

$n$

$n+1$

$n+2$

$\vdots$

$n+k$

$\underline{X}_n = k$  = number of customers behind  $n$  when she is starting to be served.

Transition probabilities:

$$i > 0: P_{i,i-1} = a_0, P_{i,i} = a_1, P_{i,i+1} = a_2, \dots$$

$$i = 0: P_{0,0} = a_0 + a_1, P_{0,1} = a_2, P_{0,2} = a_3, \dots$$

Transition matrix

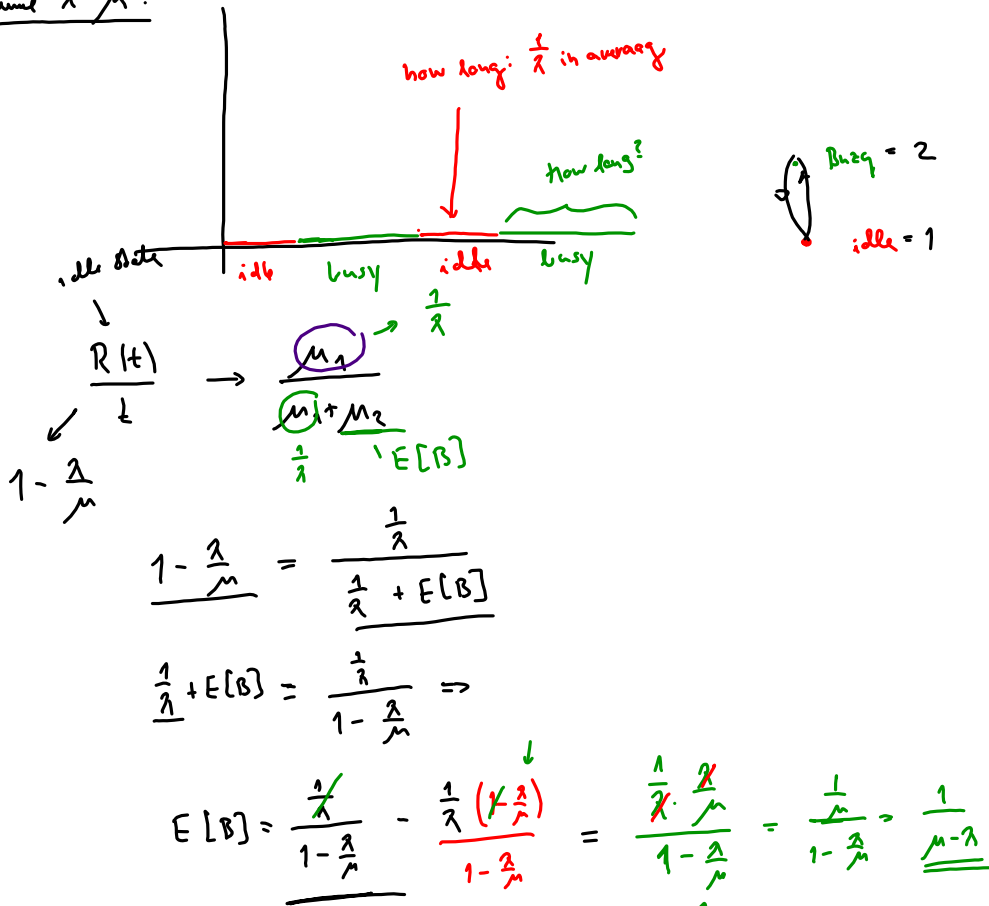
$$P = \begin{pmatrix} a_0 + a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & \dots & \dots \\ a_0 & a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & \dots \\ 0 & a_0 & a_1 & a_2 & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & a_0 & a_1 & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

Theorem: (i) If  $\lambda < \mu$ , then the Markov chain is positive recurrent

(ii) If  $\lambda = \mu$ ,  $\{1, 1, \dots\}$  is null recurrent.

(iii)  $\lambda > \mu$ ,  $\{1, 1, \dots\}$  is transient.

Assume  $\lambda < \mu$ :



The expected length of a   
 idle period  $\frac{1}{\lambda}$    
 busy  $\frac{1}{\mu - \lambda}$ .

Pollaczek-Khinchine formula The long time average

waiting time is

$$W_Q = \frac{\frac{\lambda}{2} E[D_i^2]}{1 - \lambda E[D_i]}$$

Example:  $D_i$  has mean 5 and standard deviation 7   
 $E_i$  is exponential with rate  $\frac{1}{6} = \lambda$

(i) Average idle period:  $\frac{1}{\lambda} = 6$

Average busy period:  $\frac{1}{\mu - \lambda} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{6}} = \frac{1}{\frac{6}{30} - \frac{5}{30}} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{30}} = 30$

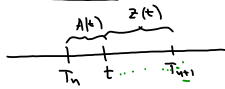
(ii) Average waiting time:

$$W_Q = \frac{\frac{\lambda}{2} E[D_i^2]}{1 - \lambda E[D_i]} = \frac{\frac{1}{2} (\text{Var}(D_i) + E[D_i]^2)}{1 - \frac{1}{6} \cdot 5}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot 12 (7^2 + 5^2)}{\frac{1}{6} \cdot 12} = \frac{49 + 25}{2} = 37$$

Age and residual life

Common situation



Discrete case

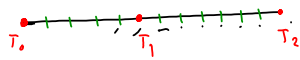
Jump only at integers; i.e.  $t_i$  take values in  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$

$f_k = P[t_i = k]$

Define:

$A_n = \{n - T_k : \text{where } T_k \text{ is the last jump at } n \text{ or before } n\}$

$Z_n = \{T_k - n : \text{first jump at or after } n\}$



A: 0 1 2 3 4 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 0 . .  
 Z: 0 4 3 2 1 0 6 5 4 3 2 1 0 -

$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N P[A_n = i] = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N P[Z_n = i]$

Z is a Markov chain with time prob.

$i \neq 0, P_{ii} < 1$

$i = 0: P_{0k} = f_{k+1}, n = T_j, T_{j+1}$

State space:  $\exists f_k > 0$  w/in infinitely many  $k, S = \{0, 1, \dots\}$  irreducible.  
 $\exists k$  is the largest value such that  $f_k > 0$ , then  $S = \{0, 1, \dots, k-1\}$  closed and irreducible.

Stationary measure: Cycle trick:

$\mu_x(y) = E[\sum_{n=1}^{T_x-1} 1_{\{y\}}(Z_n)] = \text{the expected number of visits to } y \text{ on the first cycle from } x \text{ to } x.$



In the case  $x = 0$ :

$\mu_0(j) = P[t_i \geq j]$

Total mass

$\sum_j \mu_0(j) = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} P[t_i \geq j] = E[t_i]$

$\exists E[t_i] < \infty$ , we can define a stationary measure by

$\pi(j) = \frac{\mu_0(j)}{E[t_i]} = \frac{P[t_i \geq j]}{E[t_i]}$

Ergodic theorem:  $\exists$  recurrent and a s.d. exists, then

$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N f(Z_n) \rightarrow \sum_{i \in S} f(i) \pi_i$

Apply E.T. to  $f = 1_j$  ( $f(i) = 1$  if  $i=j$ , 0 otherwise).

Hence  $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N 1_j(Z_n) \rightarrow \sum_{i \in S} 1_j(i) \pi(i) = \pi(j)$

Convergence theorem:  $\exists$  recurrent, has a stat dist, and is aperiodic,

then  $P_0[Z_n = i] \rightarrow \pi(i)$

When is Z a periodic? Let  $I = \{k : f_k > 0\}$ .  $\exists$  the

largest common factor of all elements in  $I$  is 1, then Z is aperiodic

Theorem: Assume that the largest common factor of elements in  $I$  is 1,

then  $P[Z_n = j] \rightarrow \pi(j) = \frac{P[t_i \geq j]}{E[t_i]}$

Continuous case

Theorem:  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t 1_{[z, x]} ds = \frac{1}{E[t_i]} \int_x^{\infty} P[t \geq z] dz$