

parameters λ, μ . The result follows since starting with an initial population of i is equivalent to having i independent Yule processes, each starting with a single individual.

12. (a) If the state is the number of individuals at time t , we get a birth and death process with

$$\lambda_n = n\lambda + \theta \quad n < N$$

$$\lambda_n = n\lambda \quad n \geq N$$

$$\mu_n = n\mu$$

- (b) Let P_i be the long-run probability that the system is in state i . Since this is also the proportion of time the system is in state i , we are looking for $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} P_i$.

$$\text{We have } \lambda_k P_k = \mu_{k+1} P_{k+1}.$$

This yields

$$P_1 = \frac{\theta}{\mu} P_0$$

$$P_2 = \frac{\lambda + \theta}{2\mu} P_1 = \frac{\theta(\lambda + \theta)}{2\mu^2} P_0$$

$$P_3 = \frac{2\lambda + \theta}{2\mu} P_2 = \frac{\theta(\lambda + \theta)(2\lambda + \theta)}{6\mu^3} P_0$$

For $k \geq 4$, we get

$$P_k = \frac{(k-1)\lambda}{k\mu} P_{k-1}$$

which implies

$$P_k = \frac{(k-1)(k-2)\dots(3)}{(k)(k-1)\dots(4)} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{k-3} P_3 = \frac{3}{k} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{k-3} P_3;$$

$$\text{therefore } \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} P_k = 3 \left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda}\right)^3 P_3 \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^k,$$

$$\text{but } \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{k} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^k = \log \left[\frac{1}{1 - \frac{\lambda}{\mu}} \right] = \log \left[\frac{\mu}{\mu - \lambda} \right] \text{ if } \frac{\lambda}{\mu} < 1.$$

$$\text{So } \sum_{k=3}^{\infty} P_k = 3 \left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda}\right)^3 P_3 \left[\log \left[\frac{\mu}{\mu - \lambda} \right] - \frac{1}{\mu} - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^2 \right].$$

$$\sum_{k=3}^{\infty} P_k = 3 \left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda}\right)^3 \left[\log \left[\frac{\mu}{\mu - \lambda} \right] - \frac{1}{\mu} - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^2 \right] \frac{\theta(\lambda + \theta)(2\lambda + \theta)}{6\mu^3} P_0.$$

Now $\sum_0^{\infty} P_i = 1$ implies

$$P_0 = \left[1 + \frac{\theta}{\mu} + \frac{\theta(\lambda + \theta)}{2\mu^2} + \frac{1}{2!3} \theta(\lambda + \theta)(2\lambda + \theta) \right. \\ \left. \cdot \left[\log \left[\frac{\mu}{\mu - \lambda} \right] - \frac{1}{\mu} - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^2 \right] \right]^{-1}.$$

And finally,

$$\sum_{k=3}^{\infty} P_k = \left[\frac{1}{2!3} \left[\log \left[\frac{\mu}{\mu - \lambda} \right] - \frac{1}{\mu} - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^2 \right] \right]$$

$$\frac{\theta(\lambda+\theta)(2\lambda+\theta)}{1 + \frac{\theta}{\mu} + \frac{\theta(\lambda+\theta)}{2\mu^2} + \frac{\theta(\lambda+\theta)(2\lambda+\theta)}{2\lambda^3}}$$

$$\cdot \left[\log\left[\frac{\mu}{\mu-1}\right] - \frac{1}{\mu} - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^2 \right].$$

13. With the number of customers in the shop as the state, we get a birth and death process with

$$\lambda_0 = \lambda_1 = 3 \quad \mu_1 = \mu_2 = 4.$$

Therefore

$$P_1 = \frac{3}{4} P_0 \quad P_2 = \frac{3}{4} P_1 = \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 P_0.$$

And since $\sum_0^2 P_i = 1$, we get

$$P_0 = \left[1 + \frac{3}{4} + \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 \right]^{-1} = \frac{16}{37}.$$

- (a) The average number of customers in the shop is

$$P_1 + 2P_2 = \left[\frac{3}{4} + 2\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 \right] P_0$$

$$= \frac{30}{16} \left[1 + \frac{3}{4} + \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 \right]^{-1} = \frac{30}{37}.$$

- (b) The proportion of customers that enter the shop is

$$\frac{\lambda(1-P_2)}{\lambda} = 1 - P_2 = 1 - \frac{9}{16} \cdot \frac{16}{37} = \frac{28}{37}$$

(c) Now $\mu = 8$, and so

$$P_0 = \left[1 + \frac{3}{8} + \left(\frac{3}{8}\right)^2 \right]^{-1} = \frac{64}{97}$$

So the proportion of customers who now enter the shop is

$$1 - P_2 = 1 - \left(\frac{3}{8}\right)^2 \frac{264}{97} = 1 - \frac{9}{97} = \frac{88}{97}$$

The rate of added customers is therefore

$$\lambda \left(\frac{88}{97}\right) - \lambda \left(\frac{28}{37}\right) = 3 \left(\frac{88}{97} - \frac{28}{37}\right) = .45.$$

The business he does would improve by 0.45 customers per hour.

14. Letting the number of cars in the station be the state, we have a birth and death process with

$$\lambda_0 = \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 20, \lambda_i = 0, i > 2, \mu_1 = \mu_2 = 12.$$

Hence,

$$P_1 = \frac{5}{3} P_0, P_2 = \frac{5}{3} P_1 = \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^2 P_0, P_3 = \frac{5}{3} P_2 = \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^3 P_0.$$

and as $\sum_0^{\infty} P_i = 1$, we have

$$P_0 = \left[1 + \frac{5}{3} + \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^3 \right]^{-1} = \frac{27}{272}$$

- (a) The fraction of the attendant's time spent servicing cars is equal to the fraction of time there are cars in the system and is therefore $1 - P_0 = 245/272$.
- (b) The fraction of potential customers that are lost is equal to the fraction of customers that arrive when there are three cars in the station and is therefore

$$P_3 = \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^3 P_0 = 125/272.$$

15. With the number of customers in the system as the state, we get a birth and death process with

$$\lambda_0 = \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 3 \quad \lambda_i = 0, i \geq 4, \mu_1 = 2 \quad \mu_2 = \mu_3 = 4.$$

Therefore, the balance equations reduce to

$$P_1 = \frac{3}{2} P_0 \quad P_2 = \frac{3}{4} P_1 = \frac{9}{8} P_0 \quad P_3 = \frac{3}{4} P_2 = \frac{27}{32} P_0.$$

And therefore,

$$P_0 = \left[1 + \frac{3}{2} + \frac{9}{8} + \frac{27}{32} \right]^{-1} = \frac{32}{143}.$$

- (a) The fraction of potential customers that enter the system is

$$\frac{\lambda(1-P_3)}{\lambda} = 1 - P_3 = 1 - \frac{27}{32} = \frac{32}{143} = \frac{116}{143}$$

(b) With a server working twice as fast we would get

$$P_1 = \frac{3}{4} P_0 \quad P_2 = \frac{3}{4} P_1 = \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 P_0 \quad P_3 = \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^3 P_0$$

$$\text{and } P_0 = \left[1 + \frac{3}{4} + \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^3 \right]^{-1} = \frac{64}{175}$$

So that now

$$1 - P_3 = 1 - \frac{27}{64} = 1 - \frac{64}{175} = \frac{148}{175}$$

16. Let the state be

0: an acceptable molecule is attached

1: no molecule attached

2: an unacceptable molecule is attached.

Then this is a birth and death process with balance equations

$$P_{12} = \frac{\mu}{\lambda} P_0$$

$$P_2 = \frac{\lambda(1-\sigma)}{\mu_1} P_1 = \frac{(1-\sigma)\mu_2}{\sigma\mu_1} P_0$$

Since $\sum_0^2 P_i = 1$, we get

$$P_0 = \left[1 + \frac{\mu_2}{\lambda\sigma} + \frac{1-\sigma}{\sigma} \frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1} \right]^{-1} = \frac{\lambda\sigma\mu_1}{\lambda\sigma\mu_1 + \mu_1\mu_2 + \lambda(1-\sigma)\mu_2}$$

P_0 is the percentage of time the site is occupied by an acceptable molecule.

The percentage of time the site is occupied by an unacceptable molecule is

$$P_2 = \frac{1-\sigma}{\sigma} \frac{\mu_2}{\mu_1} P_0 = \frac{\lambda(1-\sigma)\mu_2}{\lambda\sigma\mu_1 + \mu_1\mu_2 + \lambda(1-\sigma)\mu_2}$$

17. Say the state is 0 if the machine is up, say it is i when it is down due to a type i failure, $i=1,2$. The balance equations for the limiting probabilities are as follows.

$$\lambda P_0 = \mu_1 P_1 + \mu_2 P_2$$

$$\mu_1 P_1 = \lambda p P_0$$

$$\mu_2 P_2 = \lambda(1-p)P_0$$

$$P_0 + P_1 + P_2 = 1.$$

These equations are easily solved to give the results

$$P_0 = (1 + \lambda p/\mu_1 + \lambda(1-p)/\mu_2)^{-1}$$

$$P_1 = \lambda p P_0 / \mu_1, \quad P_2 = \lambda(1-p) P_0 / \mu_2.$$

18. There are $k+1$ states; state 0 means the machine is working, state i means that it is in repair phase i , $i=1, \dots, k$. The balance equations for the limiting probabilities are

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda P_0 &= \mu_k P_k \\ \mu_1 P_1 &= \lambda P_0 \\ \mu_i P_i &= \mu_{i-1} P_{i-1}, \quad i=2, \dots, k \\ P_0 + \dots + P_k &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

To solve, note that

$$\mu_i P_i = \mu_{i-1} P_{i-1} = \mu_{i-2} P_{i-2} = \dots = \lambda P_0.$$

Hence,

$$P_i = (\lambda/\mu_i) P_0,$$

and, upon summing,

$$1 = P_0 \left[1 + \sum_{i=1}^k (\lambda/\mu_i) \right].$$

Therefore,

$$P_0 = \left[1 + \sum_{i=1}^k (\lambda/\mu_i) \right]^{-1}, \quad P_i = (\lambda/\mu_i) P_0, \quad i=1, \dots, k.$$

The answer to part (a) is P_i and to part (b) is P_0 .

19. There are 4 states. Let state 0 mean that no machines are down, state 1 that machine one is down and two is up, state 2 that machine one is up and two is down, and 3 that both machines are down. The balance equations are as follows.

$$(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)P_0 = \mu_1 P_1 + \mu_2 P_2$$

$$(\mu_1 + \lambda_2)P_1 = \lambda_1 P_0 + \mu_1 P_3$$

$$(\lambda_1 + \mu_2)P_2 = \lambda_2 P_0$$

$$\mu_1 P_3 = \mu_2 P_1 + \mu_1 P_2$$

$$P_0 + P_1 + P_2 + P_3 = 1.$$

These equations are easily solved and the proportion of time machine 2 is down is $P_2 + P_3$.

20. Letting the state be the number of down machines, this is a birth and death process with parameters

$$\lambda_i = \lambda, i = 0, 1$$

$$\mu_i = \mu, i = 1, 2.$$

By the results of Example 3g, we have that

$$E[\text{time to go from 0 to 2}] = 2/\lambda + \mu/\lambda^2.$$

Using the formula at the end of Section 3, we have that

$$\text{Var}(\text{time to go from 0 to 2})$$

$$= \text{Var}(T_0) + \text{Var}(T_1)$$

$$= 1/\lambda^2 + \frac{1}{\lambda(\lambda + \mu)} + \mu/\lambda^3 + \frac{\mu}{\mu + \lambda} (2/\lambda + \mu/\lambda^2)^2.$$

Using Equation (5.3) for the limiting probabilities of a birth and death process, we have that

$$P_0 + P_1 = \frac{1 + \lambda/\mu}{1 + \lambda/\mu + (\lambda/\mu)^2}$$

21. Now we have a birth and death process with parameters

$$\lambda_i = \lambda, \quad i = 1, 2$$

$$\mu_i = i\mu, \quad i = 1, 2.$$

Therefore,

$$P_0 + P_1 = \frac{1 + \lambda/\mu}{1 + \lambda/\mu + (\lambda/\mu)^2/2}$$

and so the probability that at least one machine is up is higher in this case.

22. The number in the system is a birth and death process with parameters

$$\lambda_n = \lambda/(n+1), \quad n \geq 0$$

$$\mu_n = \mu, \quad n \geq 1.$$

From Equation (5.3),

$$1/P_0 = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\lambda/\mu)^n/n! = e^{\lambda/\mu}$$

and

$$P_n = P_0(\lambda/\mu)^n/n! = e^{-\lambda/\mu}(\lambda/\mu)^n/n!, \quad n \geq 0.$$

23. Let the state denote the number of machines that are down. This yields a birth and death process with

$$\lambda_0 = \frac{3}{10}, \lambda_1 = \frac{2}{10}, \lambda_2 = \frac{1}{10}, \lambda_i = 0, i \geq 3$$

$$\mu_1 = \frac{1}{8}, \mu_2 = \frac{2}{8}, \mu_3 = \frac{2}{8}$$

The balance equations reduce to

$$P_1 = \frac{3/10}{1/8} P_0 = \frac{12}{5} P_0$$

$$P_2 = \frac{2/10}{2/8} P_1 = \frac{4}{5} P_1 = \frac{48}{25} P_0$$

$$P_3 = \frac{1/10}{2/8} P_2 = \frac{4}{10} P_2 = \frac{192}{250} P_0$$

Hence, using $\sum_0^3 P_i = 1$, yields

$$P_0 = \left[1 + \frac{12}{5} + \frac{48}{25} + \frac{192}{250} \right]^{-1} = \frac{250}{1522}$$

- (a) Average number not in use

$$= P_1 + 2P_2 + 3P_3 = \frac{2136}{1522} = \frac{1068}{761}$$

- (b) Proportion of time both repairmen are busy

$$= P_2 + P_3 = \frac{672}{1522} = \frac{336}{761}$$