



# Lecture 2

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***Stochastic Models for the Analysis of Computer Systems  
and Communication Networks***



# Outline of Lecture 2

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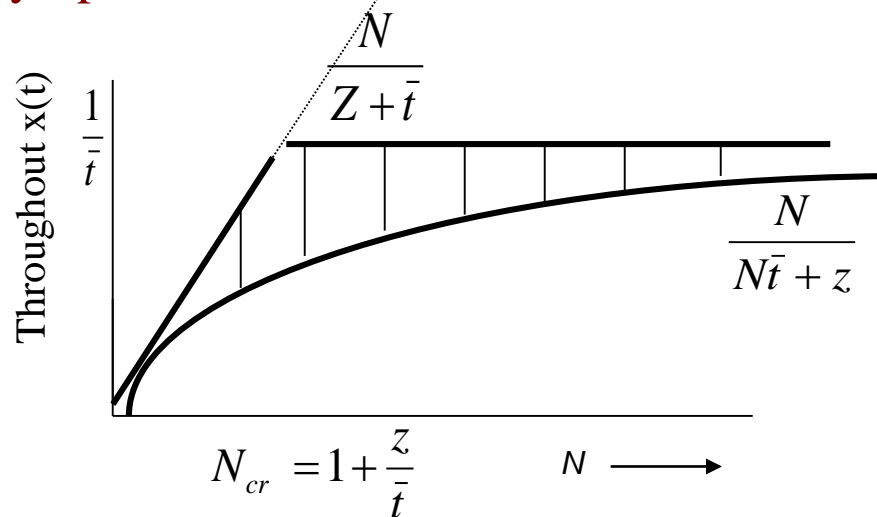


# Summary of Lecture 1

Characterizing Queuing Models : Arrivals, Service, Queuing Discipline, Storage

Little's law:  $Q = \lambda R$ ,  $Q_w = \lambda W$ ,  $U = \lambda \bar{t} \Rightarrow R = W + \bar{t}$

- When applied to a multi-access communication system, provided **asymptotic bounds (ABA)**



Can we get better information? yes, but **requires the knowledge of the stochastic process  $A(t)$ ,  $D(t)$  and  $Q(t)$**   $\Rightarrow$  Need to have **background in probability theory and stochastic processes**



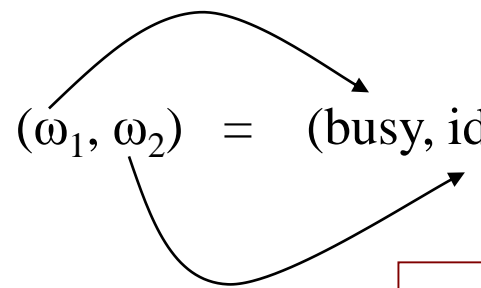
# Random Variables

Examples:

- A Communication channel is (busy, idle)
- A Component is (up, down)
- A program is in one of n states (wait, execute, I/o, system up/down)

The possible observations or sample space is denoted by  $\Omega$

Example:  $\Omega = (\omega_1, \omega_2) = (\text{busy}, \text{idle})$



If we assign a variable  $X(\omega, t) \ni$

$$X(\omega, t) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } \omega = \omega_1 \text{ at time } t \text{ (busy)} \\ 0 & \text{if } \omega = \omega_2 \text{ at time } t \text{ (idle)} \end{cases}$$

$X(\omega, t)$  is a discrete-state rv at time  $t$

$X(\omega, t)$  is termed the random variable (rv) at time  $t$ , i.e., functions defined on the sample space  $\Omega$ . We omit  $\omega$  from the definition of a random variable from now on for simplicity.



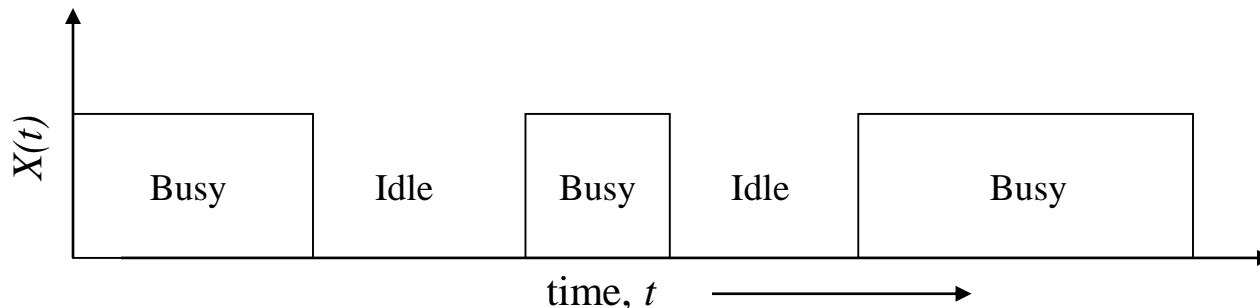
# Stochastic Processes -1

**Definition:** A stochastic process is a family of random variables  $\{X(t), t \in T\}$  where  $t$  varies over an index set  $T$

- For a fixed value of index  $t = t_1$ ,  $X(t_1)$  is a random variable
- We can define four sets of stochastic processes depending on the possible values that  $X$  and  $t$  can take

**Examples:**

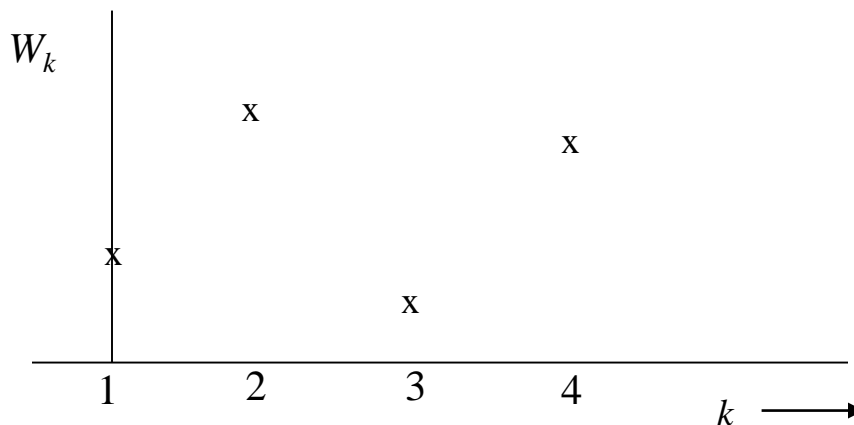
- 1) In the channel example above  $t$  is time;  $T \in [0, \infty) \Rightarrow$  **continuous-time** so, the process is: **Continuous-time Discrete-state (CTDS) process**
  - A typical realization (or sample path) of the process consists of **alternate busy and idle periods**



•  $Q(t), A(t), D(t)$  are also CTDS processes

## Stochastic Processes -2

2)  $W_k$  = time  $k^{\text{th}}$  customer has to wait in the system before receiving service



$k \in T = \{ 1, 2, 3, 4 \dots \} = Z^+$  set of positive integers  $> 0$

Discrete-index (Discrete-time)-continuous state (DTCS) process

- Discrete-time Control Systems

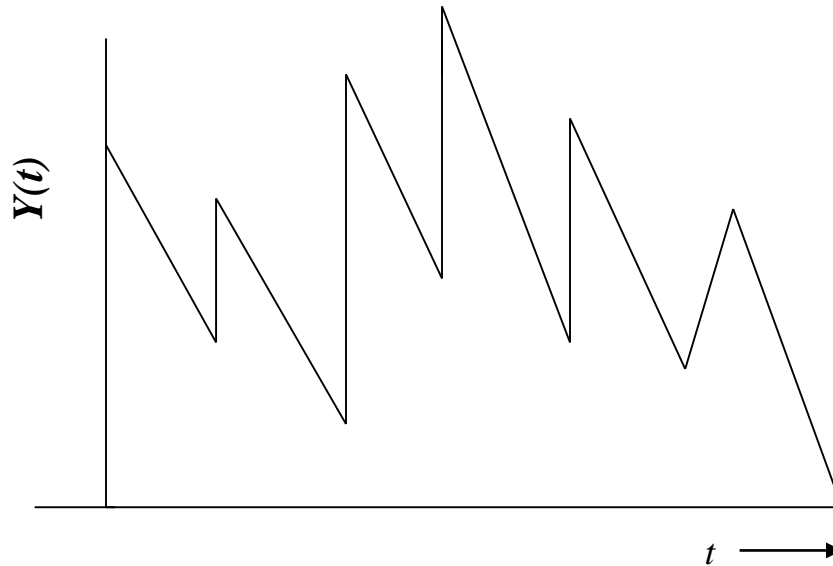
$$\left. \begin{aligned} \underline{x}_{k+1} &= \Phi \underline{x}_k + \Gamma \underline{u}_k + E \underline{w}_k \\ \underline{y}_k &= \mathbf{c} \underline{x}_k + \underline{v}_k \end{aligned} \right\} \text{DTCS processes}$$



# Stochastic Processes - 3

- 3) Cumulative service demand of all jobs in the system (“workload”)  
 $\{Y(t), t \in T \in [0, \infty)$

Continuous-time continuous-state (CTCS) process



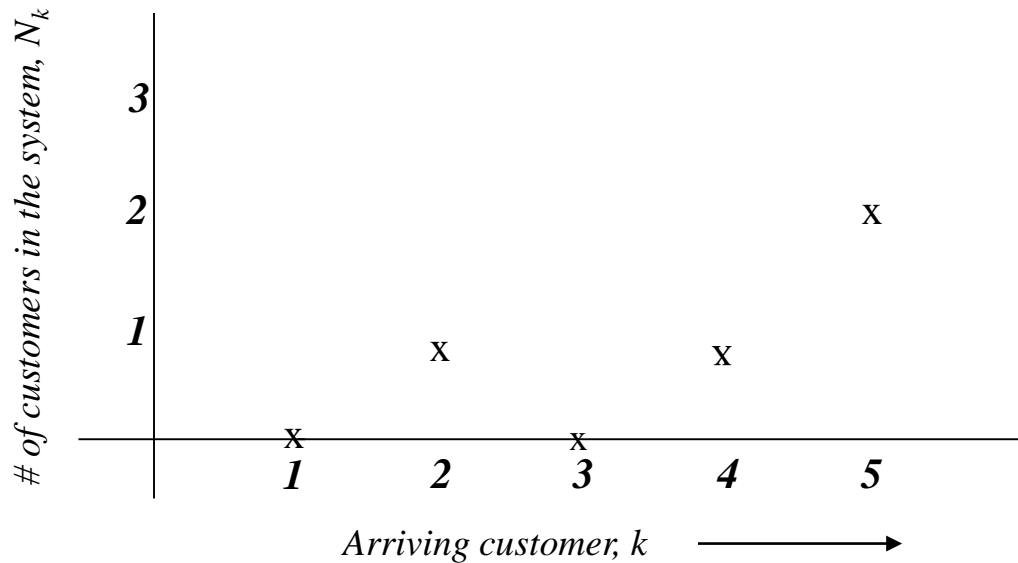


# Stochastic Processes - 4

4)  $N_k = \#$  of customers in the system at the time of arrival of  $k^{\text{th}}$  customer

$$= \{N_k \mid k = 1, 2, 3, \dots\}, \quad N_k \in (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots)$$

Discrete – index (Discrete-time) Discrete – state (DTDS) stochastic process







# Classification of Stochastic Processes

Classification Summary:

		state	
		Discrete	Continuous
time	Discrete	DTDS	DTCS
	Continuous	CTDS	CTCS

*DTCS*... e.g., Delay analysis  
*DTDS*... e.g., Markov Chains  
*CTDS*... e.g., Continuous time Markov chains } Queuing & Reliability Applications  
*CTDS + CTCS*... Performability processes



# Probability Distribution

For a fixed time  $t_1$ ,  $X(t_1)$  is a random variable - For a random variable  $X(t_1)$ , we can talk about the cumulative distribution function (CDF)

$$F(x_1, t_1) = P \{ X(t_1) \leq x_1 \}$$

Suppose we have sampled the process  $X(t_1)$  at  $t=t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n$ , then

$$F(\underline{x}, \underline{t}) = P \{ X(t_1) \leq x_1 ; X(t_2) \leq x_2 ; \dots ; X(t_n) \leq x_n \}$$

$$\underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad \underline{t} = \begin{bmatrix} t_1 \\ t_2 \\ \vdots \\ t_n \end{bmatrix}$$

Joint Distribution of  $X(t_1), X(t_2), \dots, X(t_n)$  is difficult to compute

We can make one of two assumptions.

# Independent Process

- Independent process: Renewal process (e.g., failures of components with negligible repair time),  $X_i$ = inter-failure times i.i.d.

By chain rule:  $P(ABC) = P(A/BC) P(B/C) P(C)$

$$\begin{aligned} F(\underline{x}, \underline{t}) &= P \{ X(t_n) \leq x_n \mid X(t_{n-1}) \leq x_{n-1}; \dots; X(t_1) \leq x_1 \} \dots \\ &\quad P\{X(t_2) \leq x_2 \mid X(t_1) \leq x_1\}, P\{X(t_1) \leq x_1\} \\ &= \prod_{i=1}^n P(X(t_i) \leq x_i \mid X(t_1) \leq x_1, \dots, X(t_{i-1}) \leq x_{i-1}) \end{aligned}$$

*Independence*  $\Rightarrow$

$$F(\underline{x}, \underline{t}) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(X(t_i) \leq x_i) = \prod_{i=1}^n F(x_i, t_i)$$



# Markov Process

- Markov (first-order dependency) process

$$F(\underline{x}, \underline{t}) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(X(t_i) \leq x_i / X(t_{i-1}) \leq x_{i-1})$$

More often than not,  $X(t_{i-1})$  is known exactly, i.e.  $X(t_{i-1}) = x_{i-1}$ , so

$$F(\underline{x}, \underline{t}) = \prod_{i=1}^n P(X(t_i) \leq x_i / X(t_{i-1}) = x_{i-1})$$

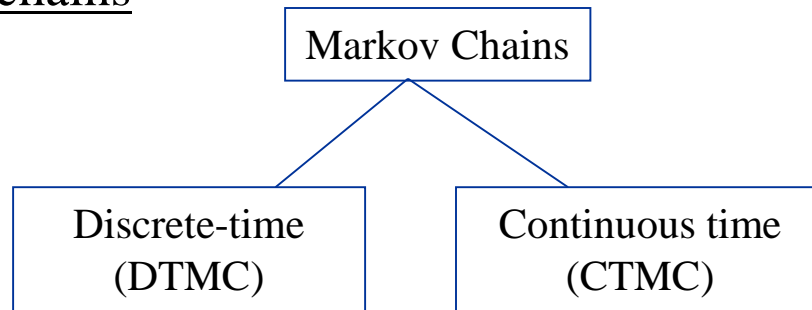
The probability distribution of  $X(t_i)$  at time  $t_i$  depends only on the state at  $X(t_{i-1})$  time  $t_{i-1}$  for any sequence of time instants  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{i-1} \ni t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_i$

“Knowledge of the present makes the past irrelevant”



# Markov Chains

We are mostly interested in discrete-state Markov Process... known as Markov chains



- Transitions from one-state to the next are allowed at discrete time instants  $0, \Delta, 2\Delta, \dots$

- Transitions are allowed at any point in time

Similar to:  $\underline{x}_{k+1} = P^T \underline{x}_k \quad \dot{\underline{x}} = Q^T \underline{x} \Rightarrow P = e^{Q\Delta}$

For Markov chains, Q has a special structure:

$$P\underline{e} = \left( I + Q\Delta + \frac{Q^2\Delta^2}{2} + \dots \right) \underline{e} = \underline{e}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Eigen value = 1 & Eigen vector =  $\underline{e}$

$$Q\underline{e} = \underline{0} \Rightarrow \underline{e} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Eigen value = 0  
 $\Rightarrow$  Eigen vector =  $\underline{e}$



# Discrete-time Markov Chains -1

We will discuss some applications before we discuss the theory

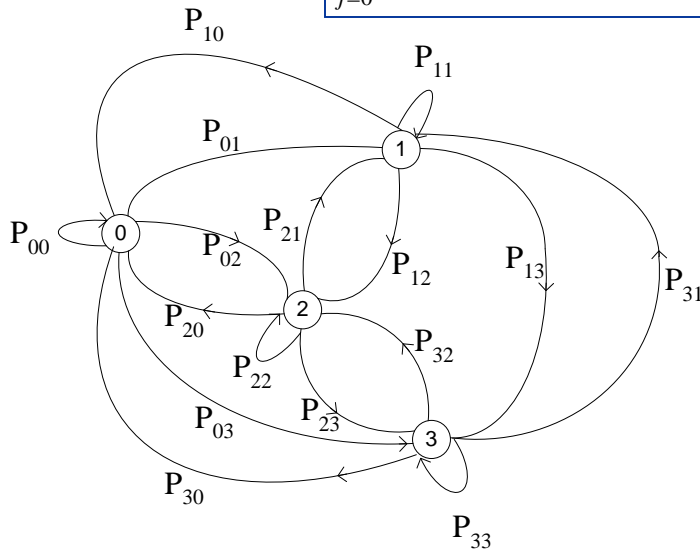
□ **DTMC:** A process  $\{X_n, n=0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  is a **finite-state Markov chain**

$$\ni X_{n+1} \in (0, 1, 2, \dots, N) \text{ and } P(X_{n+1} = j/X_n = i) = P_{ij}(n) \geq 0$$

also

$$\sum_{j=0}^N P_{ij}(n) = 1 \quad \forall i \text{ \& } n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow P \underline{e} = \underline{e}$$



State at Step n	State at step n+1 →			
	0	1	2	3
0	$P_{00}(n)$	$P_{01}(n)$	$P_{02}(n)$	$P_{03}(n)$
1	$P_{10}(n)$	$P_{11}(n)$	$P_{12}(n)$	$P_{13}(n)$
2	$P_{20}(n)$	$P_{21}(n)$	$P_{22}(n)$	$P_{23}(n)$
3	$P_{30}(n)$	$P_{31}(n)$	$P_{32}(n)$	$P_{33}(n)$

**One-step Transition Probability Matrix (TPM)**

$P_{ij}(n) \sim$  a function of step or stage n  $\Rightarrow$  non-homogenous ( non stationary or time-varying) Markov chain

$P_{ij} = \text{constant} \Rightarrow$  time homogenous (or stationary or time-invariant) Markov chain



# Discrete-time Markov Chains -2

□ If we let the unconditional probability that the chain is in state  $j$  at time step  $(n+1)$  by  $p_j(n+1)$  then

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_j(n+1) &\stackrel{\Delta}{=} P(X_{n+1} = j) \\
 &= \sum_{i=0}^N P(X_{n+1} = j, X_n = i) \quad \text{by Total Prob. Theorem} \\
 &= \sum_{i=0}^N P(X_{n+1} = j | X_n = i) \cdot P(X_n = i) \\
 &= \sum_{i=0}^N P_{ij}(n) p_i(n)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\underline{p}(n+1) = P^T(n) \underline{p}(n)} ; \quad p(n) = \begin{bmatrix} p_0(n) \\ p_1(n) \\ \vdots \\ p_N(n) \end{bmatrix}$$

Non-homogeneous

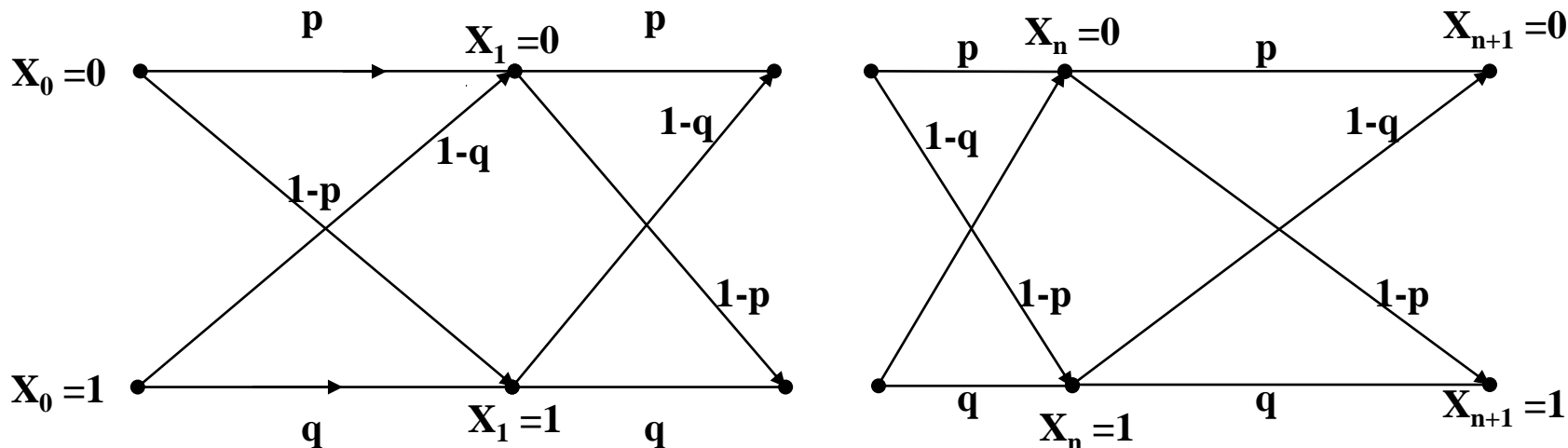
$$\boxed{\underline{p}(n+1) = P^T \underline{p}(n)}$$

Homogeneous case

$$\underline{p}^T(n) \underline{e} = \sum_{i=0}^N p_i(n) = 1$$

# DTMC Example 1

Example: 1) A cascaded communication channel  $X_n \in (0, 1)$



$$P(X_{n+1} = 0/X_n = 0) = p; \quad P(X_{n+1} = 1/X_n = 0) = 1-p$$

$$P(X_{n+1} = 1/X_n = 0) = 1-q; \quad P(X_{n+1} = 1/X_n = 1) = q$$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} p & 1-p \\ 1-q & q \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \lambda_1(p) = 1, p + q - 1$$

Eigen vectors :

$$\alpha \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}; \alpha \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1-p}{q-p} \\ \frac{q-1}{q-p} \end{bmatrix}$$





# Communication Channel Error Modeling

## Notes:

1) The rows sum to unity  $\|P\|_\infty = 1$

2)  $P \underline{e} = \underline{e} \Rightarrow 1$  is an eigen value of  $P$ ;  $\underline{e}$  is an eigen vector of  $P$

3) As  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\underline{p}(n) \rightarrow \underline{p}$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{p} = P^T \underline{p} \quad \underline{p} \sim \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Limiting probability vector} \\ \text{Steady - state} \\ \text{stationary} \end{array} \right.$$

When does it exist?

4)  $\text{Rank}(P) \leq N \Rightarrow (N+1)$  unknowns, at most  $N$  independent equations

$$(N+1)^{\text{th}} \text{ equation: } \sum_{i=0}^N p_i = 1 \Rightarrow \text{normalization equation}$$

Steady state probabilities for comm. channel:

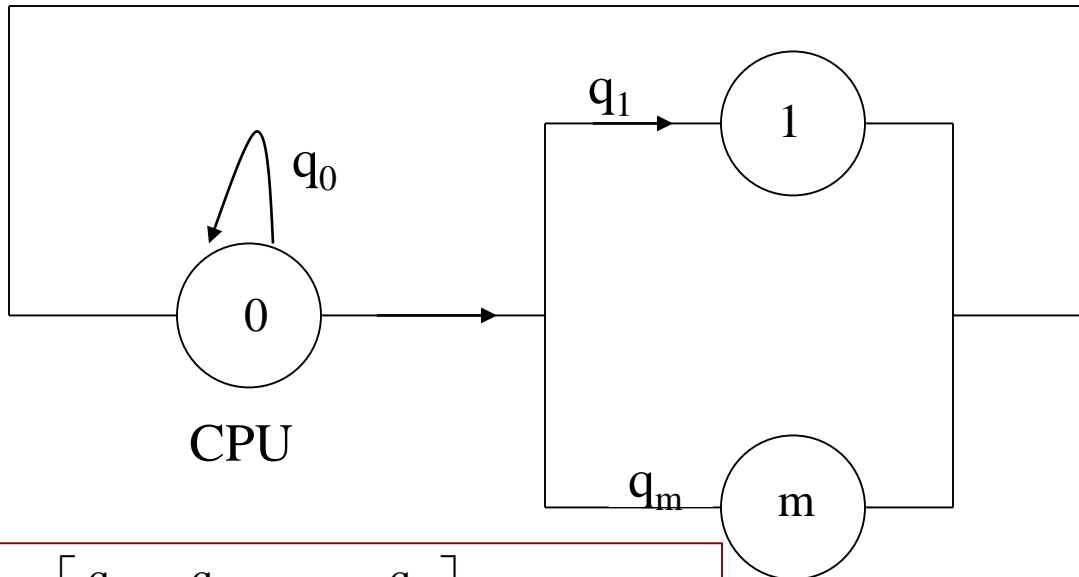
$$p_0 + p_1 = 1; p p_0 + (1 - q) p_1 = p_0$$

$$\Rightarrow (p - 1) p_0 + (1 - q)(1 - p_0) = 0 \Rightarrow p_0 = \frac{1 - q}{2 - p - q}; p_1 = \frac{1 - p}{2 - p - q}$$



# DTMC Example 2

Example 2: Routing in a central server modal of a CPU-I/O subsystem  
 ....Uni-programmed (single job) system

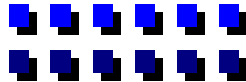


*Devices:  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, m$*   
 *$X$  = state of job*  
 *$X = i$  if job is at device  $i$*   
 *$\Rightarrow N = m$*

Other Applications:  
 • Relative visits in closed networks  
 • Modeling programs

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} q_0 & q_1 & \dots & q_m \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \sum_{i=0}^m q_i = 1$$

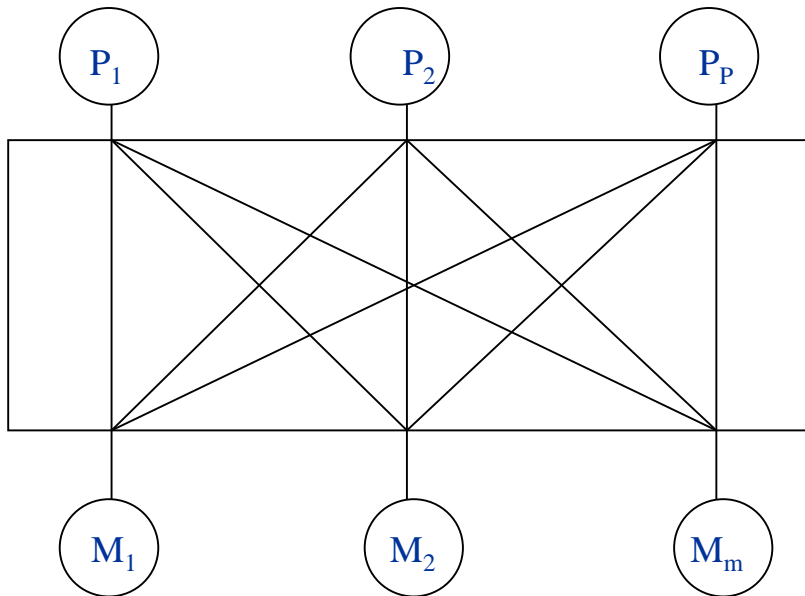
$$\left. \begin{aligned} p_0 &= q_0 p_0 + \sum_{i=1}^m p_i \\ p_i &= q_i p_0 \\ \sum_{i=0}^m p_i &= 1 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} p_0 = \frac{1}{2 - q_0} \\ p_i = \frac{q_i}{2 - q_0} \end{cases}$$





## DTMC Example 3

Example 3: Memory interference in a shared-memory multi-processor system



### Assumptions

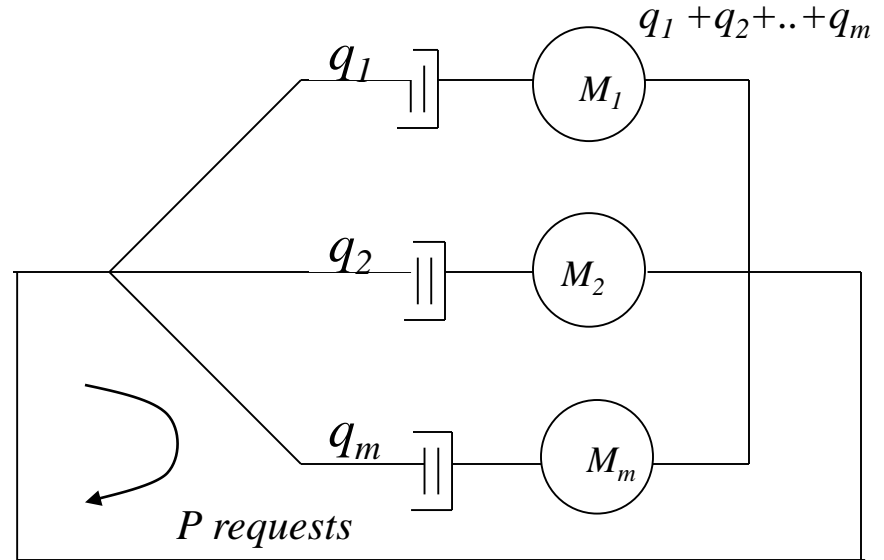
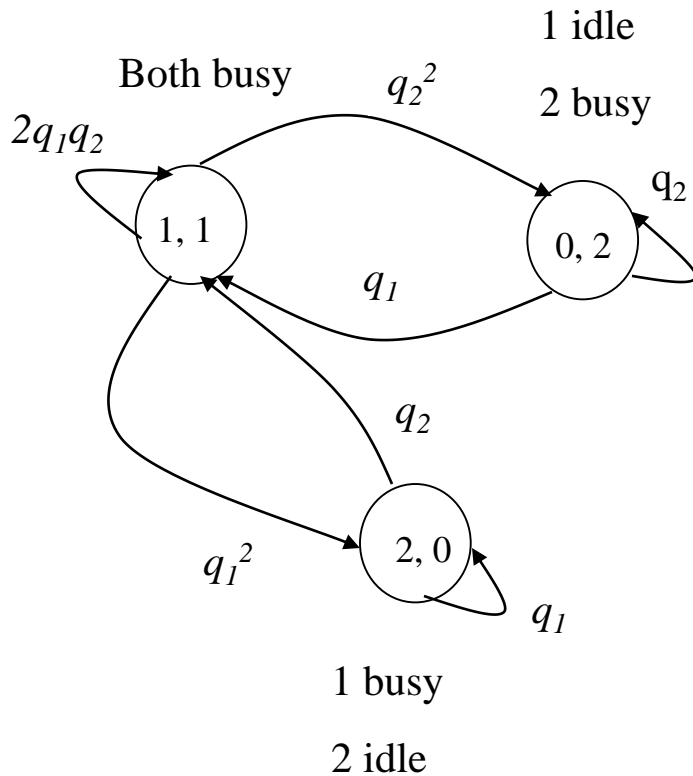
1. Cross – bar switch ( $m \times P$ )
2. Memory split into  $m$  modules
3. Only one processor is granted access to a memory module
4. Processes generate new requests as soon as current request is processed  $\Rightarrow P$  requests at memory modules.
5. Memory access time is a constant ( $= 1$  unit of time) (deterministic)
6.  $q_i = \text{prob. that a processor generates request to memory module } i$

**Problem: Find average # of memory requests completed per memory cycle**



# Memory Interference in a Multi-processor

Consider  $P=2, m=2$   
 Possible states:  $(1, 1), (0, 2), (2, 0)$



$$P = \begin{matrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 2q_1q_2 & q_2^2 & q_1^2 \\ 0 & 2 & q_1 & q_2 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & q_2 & 0 & q_1 \end{matrix} \quad \text{Note: } (q_1 + q_2)^2 = 1$$



# Memory Interference in a Multi-processor

In Steady State

$$p_{(1,1)} = 2 q_1 q_2 p_{(1,1)} + q_1 p_{(0,2)} + q_2 p_{(2,0)}$$

$$p_{(0,2)} = q_2^2 p_{(1,1)} + q_2 p_{(0,2)} \Rightarrow p_{(0,2)} = \frac{q_2^2}{1 - q_2} p_{(1,1)}$$

$$p_{(2,0)} = q_1^2 p_{(1,1)} + q_1 p_{(2,0)} \Rightarrow p_{(2,0)} = \frac{q_1^2}{1 - q_1} p_{(1,1)}$$

$$p_{(1,1)} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{q_1^2}{1 - q_1} + \frac{q_2^2}{1 - q_2}} = \frac{(1 - q_1)(1 - q_2)}{q_1^2 + q_2^2 - q_1 q_2} = \frac{q_1 q_2}{1 - 2 q_1 q_2}$$

We can compute other measure of interest. For example, the expected number of memory requests completed per memory cycle,  $E(B)$  can be computed as follows:

$$E(B) = E(B/[1,1])p_{(1,1)} + E(B/[0,2])p_{(0,2)} + E(B/[2,0])p_{(2,0)}$$

$$E(B | [1,1]) = 2; E(B/[0,2]) = 1; E(B/[2,0]) = 1$$



# Memory Interference in a Multi-processor

$$\therefore E(B) = \left(2 + \frac{q_1^2}{1-q_1} + \frac{q_2^2}{1-q_2}\right) \frac{q_1 q_2}{1-2q_1 q_2} = \frac{1-q_1 q_2}{1-2q_1 q_2}$$

## □ Optimization Problem:

$$\underset{q_1, q_2}{\text{Max}} E(B) \text{ subject to } q_1 + q_2 = 1 \Rightarrow q_1^* = q_2^* = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow E(B) = \frac{3}{2}$$

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# DTMC $\leftrightarrow$ CTMC - 1

Before considering some interesting properties of DTMC, let us introduce the corresponding **continuous-time Markov chains (CTMC)** so that we can study their properties by analogy.

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \text{DTMC} & \leftrightarrow & \text{CTMC} \\
 0 \ \Delta \ 2\Delta \ \cdots \ n\Delta \ (n+1)\Delta & & \begin{array}{cc} t & t + \Delta t \\ \downarrow & \downarrow \\ n\Delta & (n+1)\Delta \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

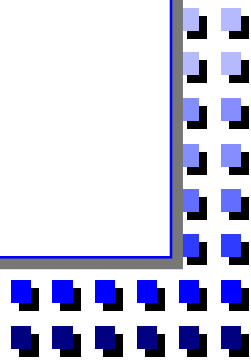
*Know*

$$\underline{p}(n+1)\Delta = P^T(n\Delta) \underline{p}(n\Delta)$$

$$\underline{p}(t + \Delta t) = P^T(t) \underline{p}(t)$$

$$\underline{p}(t) = \begin{bmatrix} p_0(t) \\ p_1(t) \\ \vdots \\ p_N(t) \end{bmatrix}; \quad p_i(t) = P\{X(t) = i\}$$

$$\underline{p}(t + \Delta t) - \underline{p}(t) = (P^T(t) - I) \underline{p}(t)$$





## DTMC $\leftrightarrow$ CTMC - 2

$$\lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\underline{p}(t + \Delta t) - \underline{p}(t)}{\Delta t} = \left( \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{P^T(t) - I}{\Delta t} \right) \underline{p}(t)$$

$$\frac{d\underline{p}(t)}{dt} = Q^T(t) \underline{p}(t)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} Q(t) = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{P(t) - I}{\Delta t} &\Rightarrow q_{ii}(t) = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{P_{ii}(t) - 1}{\Delta t} \\ &= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{[P\{X(t + \Delta t) = i / X(t) = i\} - 1]}{\Delta t} \\ q_{ij}(t) &= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{P_{ij}(t)}{\Delta t}; \quad i \neq j \end{aligned}$$

$Q(t) = [q_{ij}(t)]$  ( $N+1$ ) by ( $N+1$ ) matrix is termed the “infinitesimal generator matrix” or “the transition rate matrix”





# DTMC $\leftrightarrow$ CTMC - 3

Notes :

1)  $P = e^{Q\Delta}$

2) Since  $\sum_{j=0}^N P_{ij}(t) = 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{j=0}^N q_{ij}(t) = 0 \quad \forall i \Rightarrow$  row sums of  $Q$  are zero

$$P\underline{e} = \underline{e} \Rightarrow e^{Q\Delta} \underline{e} = \underline{e} \Rightarrow Q\underline{e} = \underline{0}$$

2)  $q_{ij}(t) = q_{ij} \Rightarrow$  Homogenous Markov chain

3)  $Q\underline{e} = \underline{0} \Rightarrow \lambda = 0$  is an eigen value of  $Q$  with eigen vector  $\underline{e}$

4) Steady state probability distribution :

CTMC  $\leftrightarrow$  DTMC

$$\underline{\dot{p}} = 0 \Rightarrow Q^T \underline{p} = \underline{0} \Leftrightarrow \underline{p} = P^T \underline{p}$$

Since Rank ( $Q$ )  $\leq N \Rightarrow$  at most  $N$  independent equations

$(N + 1)^{th}$  equation  $\sum_{i=0}^N p_i = 1$

$\underline{p}$  = normalized (with 1 - norm) eigen vector of  $Q^T$  for eigen value = 0  
or normalized eigen vector of  $P^T$  for eigen value 1.

When does it exist?



# What do Transition Rates Mean?

## What do the transition rates means ?

- Given that the process is in state  $i$  at time  $t$ , then the probability that a transition occurs to any other state during the interval  $(t, t+\Delta t]$  is given by  $-q_{ii}(t)\Delta t + o(\Delta t) \Rightarrow -q_{ii}(t)$  is the rate at which the stochastic process leaves state  $i$  at time  $t$ , given that the process is in state  $i$  at time  $t$

$$q_{ii}(t) = - \sum_{i \neq j} q_{ij}(t) \quad (or) \quad 1 = - \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{q_{ij}(t)}{q_{ii}(t)} = \sum_{i \neq j} \frac{q_{ij}(t)}{\lambda_i}; \lambda_i(t) = -q_{ii}(t)$$

- Given that the process in in sate  $i$  at time  $t$ , the conditional probability that it will make a transition to state  $j$  in the time interval  $(t, t+\Delta t]$  is given by

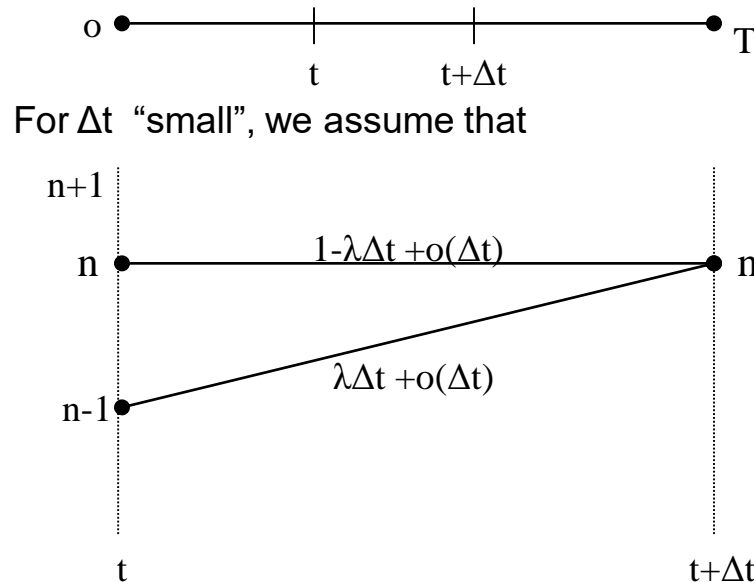
$$q_{ij}(t)\Delta t + o(\Delta t) \Rightarrow P\{X(t+\Delta t) = j \mid X(t) = i\} = q_{ij}(t)\Delta t + o(\Delta t); i \neq j$$

- $\Rightarrow q_{ij}(t)$  is the rate at which the process moves from state  $i$  to state  $j$  at time  $t+\Delta t$ , given that the system is in state  $i$  at  $t$

# CTMC Example 1

□ Example: Poisson process ... simplest form of continuous-time Markov chain .... also know as **pure-birth process**

Suppose we observe the arrival of messages at a communication channel (or # of failures or jobs at a computer center) for the time interval  $(0, T)$ . Let  $X(t)$  denote the number of messages (or jobs) at time  $t$ .  $X(0) = 0 \Rightarrow P\{X(0) = 0\} = p_0(0) = 1$



$$\begin{aligned}
 P\{X(t + \Delta t) = n\} &\stackrel{\Delta}{=} p_n(t + \Delta t) \\
 &= p_{n-1}(t) \lambda \Delta t + p_n(t) (1 - \lambda \Delta t) \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{dp_n(t)}{dt} &= \lambda p_{n-1}(t) - \lambda p_n(t); n \geq 1; p_0(0) = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{p}_0 \\ \dot{p}_1 \\ \dot{p}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{p}_n \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda & 0 & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ \lambda & -\lambda & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ \cdots & \cdots & \lambda & -\lambda & \cdots & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & 0 \\ \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \lambda & -\lambda & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} p_0 \\ p_1 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ p_n \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} q_{ii} &= -\lambda \\ q_{i,i+1} &= \lambda \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \dot{p}_0(t) &= -\lambda p_0(t) \\
 \dot{p}_n(t) &= \lambda p_{n-1}(t) - \lambda p_n(t); n \geq 1
 \end{aligned}$$

**Differential -  
difference  
equation**



# Digression : Moment Generating Function

- Moment Generating Function (MGF): suppose a discrete random variable  $X(t)$  assumes values  $0, 1, 2, \dots$  with probability,  $p_n(t); n \geq 0$

$$G_{X(t)}(z, t) = E[z^{X(t)}] = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n(t) z^n = p_0(t) + p_1(t)z + \dots$$

$$G_{X(t)}(1, t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n(t) = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial G_{X(t)}(z, t)}{\partial z} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n p_n(t) z^{n-1}; \quad \frac{\partial G_{X(t)}(1, t)}{\partial z} = E[X(t)]$$

$$\frac{\partial^2 G_{X(t)}(z, t)}{\partial z^2} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n(n-1) p_n(t) z^{n-2} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial^2 G_{X(t)}(1, t)}{\partial z^2} = E[X^2(t)] - E[X(t)]$$

$$E[X^2(t)] = \left. \frac{\partial^2 G_{X(t)}(z, t)}{\partial z^2} \right|_{z=1} + E[X(t)]$$

$$\sigma_{X(t)}^2 = E[X^2(t)] - \{E[X(t)]\}^2$$

$$C_x = \frac{\sigma_{X(t)}}{E[X(t)]} \Rightarrow \text{coefficient of variation}; C_x \uparrow \Rightarrow \text{larger variability}$$

MGF provides a simple method of evaluating moments of random variables

# Poisson Process

## Coming back to Poisson process

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{dp_n(t)}{\partial t} z^n = \lambda \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_{n-1}(t) z^n - \lambda \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_n(t) z^n ; \quad \frac{\partial G_{X(t)}(z, t)}{\partial z} \Big|_{z=1} = E[X(t)]$$

$$\frac{\partial G(z, t)}{\partial t} = \lambda z G(z, t) - \lambda G(z, t) = \lambda(z-1)G(z, t)$$

$$\Rightarrow G(z, t) = e^{\lambda t(z-1)} G(z, 0) = e^{\lambda t(z-1)} = e^{-\lambda t} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda t)^n}{n!} z^n$$

Since  $p_0(0)=1$  &  $p_n(0) = 0$  for  $n \geq 1 \Rightarrow G(z, 0) = 1$

$$\therefore p_n(t) = e^{-\lambda t} \frac{(\lambda t)^n}{n!} ; n=0, 1, 2 \dots$$

## Moments of Poisson process

$$E[X(t)] = \lambda t e^{-\lambda t(z-1)} \Big|_{z=1} = \lambda t$$

$$E[X^2(t)] = (\lambda t)^2 + \lambda t \Rightarrow \sigma_{X(t)}^2 = \lambda t = \text{mean}$$

$$C_{X(t)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\lambda t}} \Rightarrow C_{X(t)} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow \text{impulse at the mean } \lambda t$$

$$\text{so, } \lambda = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\# \text{ of arrivals (or events) in } (0, t)}{t} = \text{"rate of arrivals"}$$

- For  $\lambda t > 30$ , Poisson  $\sim$  Normal
- Square root of  $X(t)$  is nearly normal with variance 0.25
- More properties in Lecture 3



# Poisson Process : Three Definitions

- Counting process  $\{X(t), t \geq 0\}$  is Poisson with rate  $\lambda > 0$ , if

(i)  $N(0) = 0$   
(ii) has independent increments, and  
(iii) # of events in any interval of length  $t$  is distributed as

$$p_n(t) = e^{-\lambda t} \frac{(\lambda t)^n}{n!}; n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

(i)  $N(0) = 0$   
(ii) has stationary & independent increments, and  
(iii)  $P(X(\Delta t) = 1) = \lambda \Delta t + O(\Delta t)$   
(iv)  $P(X(\Delta t) \geq 2) = O(\Delta t)$

*The inter-arrival times  $\{\tau_n; n \geq 1\}$  are i.i.d. exponential random variables having mean  $1/\lambda$*

$$\overline{H}_{\tau_i}(t) = P(\tau_i > t) = P(X(t) = 0) = e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$h_{\tau_i}(t) = \lambda e^{-\lambda t}; t \geq 0$$



# Distribution of Time between State Changes

- Distribution of time between state changes in a DTMC and CTMC

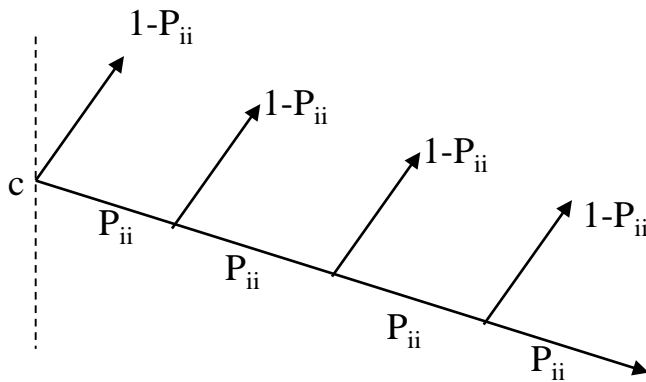
DTMC  $\leftrightarrow$  Geometric pmf

CTMC  $\leftrightarrow$  Exponential density

Homogeneous case

- DTMC: Suppose that the Markov chain is in state  $i$  at time  $0 \Rightarrow X(0) = i$

- The chain will remain in state  $i$  with probability  $P_{ii}$  and it will leave the state with probability  $(1 - P_{ii})$
- Suppose that the next state is  $i$  ( $\Rightarrow X(1) = i$ ). Then, the same two choices are available at the next time step



Let  $T_i$  = time the Markov chain spends in state  $i$  during a single visit to state  $i$   
 $= 1 + \#$  of  $(i \rightarrow i)$  transitions made before leaving state  $i$

$T_i = 1$  with probability  $(1 - P_{ii})$

$T_i = 2$  with probability  $(1 - P_{ii}) P_{ii}$

$T_i = n$  with probability  $(1 - P_{ii}) P_{ii}^{n-1}$

Geometric pmf

# Geometric pmf

## □ Geometric pmf

$$P(T_i = n) = (1 - P_{ii}) P_{ii}^{n-1}; n = 1, 2, \dots$$

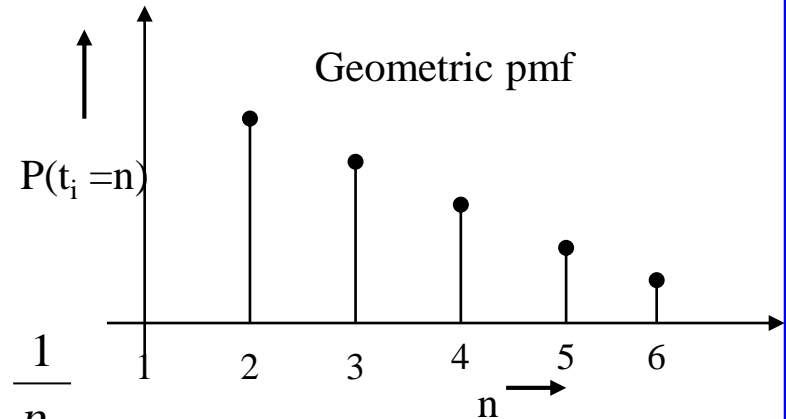
## □ Moments of Geometric pmf

$$G(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P(T_i = n) z^n = \frac{(1 - P_{ii}) z}{(1 - P_{ii} z)}, \quad |z| < \frac{1}{P_{ii}}$$

$$\bar{T}_i = E(T_i) = \frac{dG(z)}{dz} \Big|_{z=1} = \frac{(1 - P_{ii})^2 + P_{ii}(1 - P_{ii})}{(1 - P_{ii})^2} = \frac{1}{1 - P_{ii}}$$

$$E(T_i^2) = \frac{d^2 G(z)}{dz^2} \Big|_{z=1} + \bar{T}_i = \frac{2P_{ii}}{(1 - P_{ii})^2} + \frac{1}{1 - P_{ii}} = \frac{1 + P_{ii}}{(1 - P_{ii})^2}$$

$$\sigma_{T_i}^2 = \frac{P_{ii}}{(1 - P_{ii})^2} \quad \text{so that } C_{T_i} = \sqrt{P_{ii}} \Rightarrow \text{High } \bar{T}_i \rightarrow \text{High } C_{T_i}$$



DTMC (Geometric pmf)  $\leftrightarrow$  CTMC (Exponential density)





# CTMC $\Rightarrow$ Exponential Density

- CTMC: Limiting case of DTMC

**Intuitive proof:** The process may leave state  $i$  even during  $(0, \Delta t)$

$$P \{0 \leq \tau_i < \Delta t\} = (1 - P_{ii}) = -q_{ii}\Delta t$$

$$P \{\Delta t \leq \tau_i < 2\Delta t\} = (1 - P_{ii})P_{ii} = -q_{ii}\Delta t(1 + q_{ii}\Delta t)$$

$$P \{n\Delta t \leq \tau_i < (n+1)\Delta t\} = (1 - P_{ii})P_{ii}^n = -q_{ii}\Delta t(1 + q_{ii}\Delta t)^n$$

Let  $\Delta t \rightarrow 0$  &  $n \rightarrow \infty \ni n\Delta t \rightarrow t$

$$\begin{aligned} h_{\tau_i}(t) &= \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{P \{n\Delta t \leq \tau_i < (n+1)\Delta t\}}{\Delta t} = \lim_{\Delta t \rightarrow 0} -q_{ii}(1 + q_{ii}\Delta t)^n \\ &= -q_{ii}(1 + q_{ii}\Delta t)^{t/\Delta t} \\ &= -q_{ii} e^{q_{ii}t} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{letting } \lambda_i = -q_{ii}, \text{ we have } h_{\tau_i}(t) = \begin{cases} \lambda_i e^{-\lambda_i t} & t \geq 0 \\ 0 & t < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{CDF : } H_{\tau_i}(t) = P(\tau_i \leq t) = 1 - e^{-\lambda_i t} \Rightarrow \text{Complementary CDF : } \bar{H}_{\tau_i}(t) = P(\tau_i > t) = e^{-\lambda_i t}$$



# Formal Proof of Exponential Density

□ Formal proof:

suppose the process has been in state  $i$  for  $r$  time units. Want to find

$$P\{\tau_i > r+t / \tau_i > r\} = \frac{P(\tau_i > r+t, \tau_i > r)}{P(\tau_i > r)} = \frac{P(\tau_i > r+t)}{P(\tau_i > r)}$$

$$\Rightarrow P\{\tau_i > r+t\} = P(\tau_i > r) P(\tau_i > r+t / \tau_i > r)$$

$$\text{Let } \bar{H}_{\tau_i}(t) = P(\tau_i > r+t / \tau_i > r) \quad \forall r \text{ so that } P(\tau_i > r+t) = p(\tau_i > r) \bar{H}_{\tau_i}(t)$$

$$\text{If we set } r=0 \text{ and noting that } P(\tau_i > 0)=1, \text{ we have } \bar{H}_{\tau_i}(t) = P(\tau_i > t)$$

$$\text{So, } P(\tau_i > r+t) = P(\tau_i > t) P(\tau_i > r) = P(\tau_i > t) [1 - P(\tau_i \leq r)]$$

$$P(\tau_i > t) - P(\tau_i > r+t) = P(\tau_i \leq r+t) - P(\tau_i \leq t) = P(\tau_i > t) P(\tau_i \leq r)$$

$$H_{\tau_i}(r+t) - H_{\tau_i}(t) = [1 - H_{\tau_i}(t)] H_{\tau_i}(r) \Rightarrow H_{\tau_i}(r) = \frac{H_{\tau_i}(r+t) - H_{\tau_i}(t)}{[1 - H_{\tau_i}(t)]} \Rightarrow h_{\tau_i}(r) = \frac{h_{\tau_i}(r+t)}{1 - H_{\tau_i}(t)}$$

$$\Rightarrow h_{\tau_i}(0) = \frac{h_{\tau_i}(t)}{1 - H_{\tau_i}(t)} \Rightarrow \text{hazard rate} = \frac{\text{density}}{\text{complementary CDF}} \text{ is constant}$$

$$= -\frac{d}{dt} \ln[1 - H_{\tau_i}(t)] \Rightarrow \ln[1 - H_{\tau_i}(t)] = -h_{\tau_i}(0)t + c \Rightarrow 1 - H_{\tau_i}(t) = e^{-h_{\tau_i}(0)t} \cdot e^c$$

$$\text{Since at } t=0, 1 - H_{\tau_i}(0) = 1 \Rightarrow c = 0 \Rightarrow H_{\tau_i}(t) = 1 - e^{-h_{\tau_i}(0)t} \Rightarrow h_{\tau_i}(t) = h_{\tau_i}(0) e^{-h_{\tau_i}(0)t}$$

$$\text{Since } h_{\tau_i}(0) \Delta t = [1 - p_{ii}] = -q_{ii} \Delta t \Rightarrow h_{\tau_i}(0) = -q_{ii} = \lambda_i$$

$$\text{so } H_{\tau_i}(t) = 1 - e^{q_{ii}t} = 1 - e^{-\lambda_i t}; h_{\tau_i}(t) = \lambda_i e^{-\lambda_i t}$$



# Moments of Exponential Density

## □ Moment of exponential density

Recall Laplace transforms:  $L(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} h_{\tau_i}(t) dt$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} -\frac{dL(s)}{ds} \Big|_{s=0} &= \int_0^{\infty} t h_{\tau_i}(t) dt = E(\tau_i) \\ \frac{d^2 L(s)}{ds^2} \Big|_{s=0} &= \int_0^{\infty} t^2 h_{\tau_i}(t) dt = E(\tau_i^2) \end{aligned} \right\} \sigma_{\tau_i}^2 = E(\tau_i^2) - [E(\tau_i)]^2$$

$$E(\tau_i^n) = (-1)^n \frac{d^n L(s)}{ds^n} \Big|_{s=0}$$

For exponential density

$$L(s) = \frac{\lambda_i}{s + \lambda_i} \Rightarrow -\frac{dL(s)}{ds} = \frac{\lambda_i}{(s + \lambda_i)^2} \Rightarrow E(\tau_i) = \frac{1}{\lambda_i}$$

$$\frac{d^2 L(s)}{ds^2} = \frac{2\lambda_i}{(s + \lambda_i)^3} \Rightarrow E(\tau_i^2) = \frac{2}{\lambda_i^2} \Rightarrow \sigma_{\tau_i}^2 = \frac{1}{\lambda_i^2} \Rightarrow C_{\tau_i} = 1$$

$$(-1)^n \frac{d^n L(s)}{ds^n} = \frac{n! \lambda_i}{(s + \lambda_i)^{n+1}} \Rightarrow E(\tau_i^n) = \frac{n!}{\lambda_i^n}$$

# Uniformization - 1

## □ Uniformization

Suppose have a continuous time Markov chain with transition rate matrix  $Q = [q_{ij}]$  such that

$$\lambda_i = -q_{ii} = \lambda \quad \forall i$$

$$\text{Define } P = I + \frac{Q}{\lambda} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{q_{12}}{\lambda} & \frac{q_{13}}{\lambda} & \dots & \frac{q_{1n}}{\lambda} \\ \frac{q_{21}}{\lambda} & 0 & \frac{q_{23}}{\lambda} & \dots & \frac{q_{2n}}{\lambda} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \frac{q_{n1}}{\lambda} & \dots & \dots & \frac{q_{nn-1}}{\lambda} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

- # of transitions by time  $t$   $\{N(t), t \geq 0\}$  is Poisson with rate  $\lambda$
- Computationally useful, since can truncate summation at finite  $k$

Then,  $P$  is a transition probability matrix with  $P_{ii} = 0; P_{ij} = \frac{q_{ij}}{\lambda}; i \neq j$

$$\Phi_{ij}(t) = P\{x(t) = j / x(0) = i\} = (e^{Qt})_{ij}$$

$$\text{But } e^{Qt} = e^{(\lambda P - \lambda)t} = e^{-\lambda t} \cdot e^{\lambda Pt} = e^{-\lambda t} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda Pt)^k}{k!} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} P^k \frac{e^{-\lambda t} (\lambda t)^k}{k!}$$

## Uniformization - 2

□ Question: What if  $q_{ii} \neq q_{jj}$

Suppose that  $\lambda_i$  are such that  $\lambda = \max_k \lambda_k$

$$\text{Form } P^* = I + \frac{Q}{\lambda} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda} & \frac{q_{12}}{\lambda} & \dots & \dots & \frac{q_{1n}}{\lambda} \\ \frac{q_{21}}{\lambda} & 1 - \frac{\lambda_2}{\lambda} & \dots & \dots & \frac{q_{2n}}{\lambda} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ \frac{q_{m1}}{\lambda} & \dots & \dots & \frac{q_{m-1}}{\lambda} & 1 - \frac{\lambda_n}{\lambda} \end{bmatrix}$$

Then  $P$  is a transition probability matrix with

$$P_{ii}^* = 1 - \frac{\lambda_i}{\lambda}; P_{ij}^* = \frac{q_{ij}}{\lambda} = \frac{\lambda_i}{\lambda} P_{ij} \Rightarrow P_{ij} = \frac{q_{ij}}{\lambda_i}$$

$$\text{Note: Real DTMC: } P_{ii} = 0; P_{ij} = \frac{P_{ij}^*}{(1 - P_{ii}^*)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{But } e^{Qt} &= e^{(\lambda P^* - \lambda)t} = e^{-\lambda t} \cdot e^{\lambda P^* t} \\ &= e^{-\lambda t} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\lambda P^* t)^k}{k!} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} P^{*k} \frac{e^{-\lambda t} (\lambda t)^k}{k!} \end{aligned}$$

Real process leaves state  $i$  at rate  $\lambda_i$ . But, this is equivalent to saying that transitions occur at rate  $\lambda$ , but only the fraction  $\lambda_i/\lambda$  of transitions are real ones (and these real transitions occur at rate  $\lambda_i$ ) and the remaining  $[1 - (\lambda_i/\lambda)]$  fraction of transitions are fictitious self-transitions, which leave process in state  $i$ .



# Summary

- ❑ Discrete-time Markov Chains  $\Rightarrow$  geometric holding time pmf
- ❑ Continuous-time Markov Chains  $\Rightarrow$  exponential holding time density
- ❑ Poisson process
- ❑ Uniformization