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**Group 1 — Renewal Processes**

2.5 points

The rate a certain insurance company charges its policyholders alternates between  $r_1$  and  $r_0$ . A new policyholder is initially charged at a rate of  $r_1$  per time unit. When a policyholder paying at rate  $r_1$  has made no claims for the most recent  $s$  ( $s > 0$ ) time units, then the rate charged switches to  $r_0$  per time unit. The rate charged remains at  $r_0$  until a claim is made, at which time it reverts to  $r_1$ . (2.5)

Suppose that a given policyholder lives forever and makes claims at times chosen according to a Poisson process with rate  $\lambda$ .

After describing a convenient alternating renewal process, find  $P_i$ , the proportion of time that the policyholder pays at a rate of  $r_i$  in the long-run, for  $i = 0, 1$ . Determine the long-run average amount paid per time unit.

• **R.v.**

$X_i$  = time between claims  $i - 1$  and  $i$ ,  $i \in \mathbb{N}$

$X_i \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} X \sim \text{exponential}(\lambda)$

$F_X(x) = 1 - e^{-\lambda x}$ ,  $x \geq 0$

• **Up and down times**

$U$  = time a policyholder pays at a rate of  $r_1$  (system is UP)

$U = \min\{X, s\} = \begin{cases} X, & X < s \\ s, & X \geq s \end{cases}$

$D$  = time a policyholder pays at a rate of  $r_0$  (system is DOWN)

• **Duration of the up-down cycle**

$X = U + D$

• **Alternating renewal process**

$\{X(t) : t \geq 0\}$

$X(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if the policyholder is paying at a rate of } r_1 \text{ (system is UP) at time } t \\ 0, & \text{if the policyholder is paying at a rate of } r_0 \text{ (system is DOWN) at time } t \end{cases}$

• **Expected duration of the up time**

Integrating by parts, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} E(U) &= E[\min\{X, s\}] \\ &= \int_0^s x dF_X(x) + \int_s^{+\infty} s dF_X(x) \\ &= \int_0^s x \times \lambda e^{-\lambda x} dx + s \times P(X > s) \\ &= -x \times e^{-\lambda x} \Big|_0^s + \int_0^s e^{-\lambda x} dx + s \times [1 - F_X(s)] \\ &= -s \times e^{-\lambda s} - \frac{e^{-\lambda x}}{\lambda} \Big|_0^s + s \times e^{-\lambda s} \\ &= \frac{1 - e^{-\lambda s}}{\lambda}. \end{aligned}$$

Furthermore,

$$E(X) = E(U + D) = \frac{1}{\lambda}.$$

- **Long-run proportion of time spent paying at a rate  $r_i$ ,  $i = 0, 1$**

$E(X) < \infty$  and c.d.f. of  $X$  is nonlattice, thus the long-run proportion of time spent being charged at a rate of  $r_1$  and  $r_0$  are

$$\begin{aligned} P_1 &= \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} P[X(t) = 1] \\ &= \frac{E(U)}{E(U) + E(D)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1 - e^{-\lambda s}}{\lambda}}{\frac{1}{\lambda}} \\ &= 1 - e^{-\lambda s} \\ P_0 &= \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} P[X(t) = 0] \\ &= \frac{E(D)}{E(U) + E(D)} \\ &= 1 - P_1 \\ &= e^{-\lambda s}, \end{aligned}$$

respectively.

- **Requested long-run average amount paid per time unit**

$$\begin{aligned} r_0 \times P_0 + r_1 \times P_1 &= r_0 \times e^{-\lambda s} + r_1 \times (1 - e^{-\lambda s}) \\ &= r_1 - (r_1 - r_0) \times e^{-\lambda s}. \end{aligned}$$

**Group 2 — Discrete time Markov chains**

9.5 points

1. Consider a DTMC  $\{X_n : n \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$ , with state space  $\mathcal{S} = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and TPM

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- (a) Draw the associated transition diagram, identify and classify the communicating classes of this DTMC. (1.5)

• **DTMC**

$\{X_n : n \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$

• **State space**

$\mathcal{S} = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

• **TPM**

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

• **Communicating classes and classification of the states of the DTMC**

Judging by the transition diagram, the communicating classes of this Markov chain are  $\{1, 2\}$ ,  $\{3\}$ , and  $\{4\}$ . Hence, the state space is not a single communicating class therefore we are dealing with a reducible DTMC.

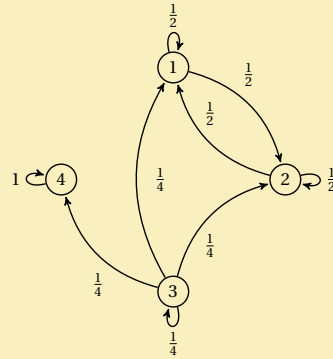
Since state 4 is an absorbing state, that is,  $P_{44} = 1$ , no other state is accessible from it. Needless to say that  $\{4\}$  is a closed communicating class with a recurrent state.

Note that while states 1 and 2 are accessible from state 3, the reverse is not true:  $3 \rightarrow i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ), but  $i \not\rightarrow 3$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ).  $\{3\}$  is not a closed communicating class. (The same holds with state 4:  $3 \rightarrow 4$  but  $4 \not\rightarrow 3$ .)

Furthermore, once the DTMC enters class  $\{1, 2\}$  it never leaves, thus this is a closed communicating class with two recurrent states.

We can also add that state 3 is transient, because given that the DTMC starts at state 3, there is a non-zero probability that it will never return to this state.

• **Transition diagram**



(b) Admit that the initial state  $X_0$  has p.f.  $\underline{\alpha} = [0.1 \ 0.2 \ 0.3 \ 0.4]$  and compute  $P(X_2 = 3)$ . (1.0)

• **Initial state**

$X_0$

$$\underline{\alpha} = [P(X_0 = i)]_{i \in \mathcal{S}} = [0.1 \ 0.2 \ 0.3 \ 0.4]$$

• **Requested probability**

$$\underline{\alpha}^2 = [P(X_2 = i)]_{i \in \mathcal{S}}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{form.}}{=} \underline{\alpha} \times \mathbf{P}^2$$

$$P(X_2 = 3) = \underline{\alpha} \times \mathbf{P} \times \text{3rd. column of } \mathbf{P}$$

$$= \underline{\alpha} \times \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{4} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= [0.1 \ 0.2 \ 0.3 \ 0.4] \times \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{1}{16} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= 0.3 \times \frac{1}{16}$$

$$= 0.01875.$$

(c) Calculate  $f_{ij}^n = P(X_n = j, X_{n-1} \neq j, \dots, X_1 \neq j \mid X_0 = i)$ , for  $i, n = 1, 2, 3$  and  $j = 2$ . (2.0)

• **Requested probabilities**

Let:

i)  $f_{ij}^n = P(X_n = j, X_{n-1} \neq j, \dots, X_1 \neq j \mid X_0 = i)$  be the probability of reaching state  $j$  for the first time starting from state  $i$ , for  $i, j \in \mathcal{S}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ;

i)  $\underline{f}_j^n = [f_{ij}^n]_{i \in \mathcal{S}}$  be the associated vector, for fixed  $j \in \mathcal{S}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

According to the formulae,

$$\underline{f}_j^n = \begin{cases} \underline{f}_j^1 = [P_{ij}]_{i \in \mathcal{S}}, & n = 1 \\ \binom{(j)}{j} \mathbf{P} \times \underline{f}_j^{n-1} = \binom{(j)}{j} \mathbf{P}^{n-1} \times \underline{f}_j^1, & n = 2, 3, \dots, \end{cases}$$

where  $\binom{(j)}{j} \mathbf{P}$  is obtained by setting all the entries of the  $j^{\text{th}}$  column of  $\mathbf{P}$  equal to 0.

When  $j = 2$ , we get

$$\binom{(2)}{2} \mathbf{P} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{4} & 0 & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{f}_2^1 = [P_{i2}]_{i \in \mathcal{S}}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{4} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{f}_2^2 = \binom{(2)}{2} \mathbf{P} \times \underline{f}_2^1$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{4} & 0 & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{4} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{3}{16} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{f}_2^3 = \binom{(2)}{2} \mathbf{P} \times \underline{f}_2^2$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{4} & 0 & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{3}{16} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{8} \\ \frac{1}{8} \\ \frac{7}{64} \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

(d) Determine the expected transitions until the DTMC reaches states 1, 2 or 4, given that  $X_0 = 3$ . (1.0)

• **Initial state**

$X_0 = 3$

• **Important**

To obtain the expected number of transitions until the DTMC reaches states 1, 2 or 4, given  $X_0 = 3$ , we have to consider another DTMC where states 1 and 2 are absorbing, as state 4, and state 3 is transient. The associated TPM in block form and state space  $\mathcal{S}' = \{3, 1-2-4\}$  is

$$\mathbf{P}' = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & \frac{3}{4} \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

• **Requested expected value**

Let  $\mathbf{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{3}{4} \end{bmatrix}$  be the substochastic matrix governing the transitions between the only transient state in  $T = \{3\}$  of this new DTMC, and  $\tau = \inf\{n \in \mathbb{N}_0 : X_n \notin T\}$  be the number of transitions until the DTMC reaches state 1-2-4 is simply obtained by

$$\begin{aligned}
[E(\tau | X_0 = 1)]_{i \in T} &= (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{Q})^{-1} \times \mathbf{1} \\
&= \left( \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \\ & \frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} & \\ & \frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} \times \mathbf{1} \\
&= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{4} & \\ & \frac{3}{4} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \times \mathbf{1} \\
&= \frac{4}{3}.
\end{aligned}$$

2. Let  $\{X_n : n \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$  be a branching process, where  $X_n$  represents the size of generation  $n$ . Admit that  $X_0 = 1$  and the number of offspring per individual has p.f.  $P(Z = z) = (1-p)^z p$ ,  $z \in \mathbb{N}_0$ , where  $\frac{1}{2} < p < 1$ .

(a) Determine the expected value of the total number of individuals that ever existed. (1.5)

• **Branching process**

$\{X_n : n \in \mathbb{N}_0\}$

$X_n$  = size of generation  $n$  a colony of cells

$X_0 = 1$

$X_n = \sum_{l=1}^{X_{n-1}} Z_l$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

• **Number of offspring per individual and its p.g.f.**

$Z_l \equiv Z_{l,n}$  = number of offspring of the  $l^{th}$  individual of generation  $n$

$Z_l$  i.i.d.  $Z$ ,  $l \in \mathbb{N}$

$Z \sim \text{geometric}^*(p)$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} < p < 1$

• **Expected number of offspring per individual**

$$\begin{aligned}
\mu &= E(Z) \\
&\stackrel{\text{form.}}{=} \frac{1-p}{p}
\end{aligned}$$

• **Requested expected number of offspring per individual**

Since  $\frac{1}{2} < p < 1$ , we get  $\mu = \frac{1-p}{p} < 1$ . Moreover,  $E(X_n | X_0 = 1) \stackrel{\text{form.}}{=} \mu^n$ , thus the expected value of the total number of individuals that ever existed is given by

$$\begin{aligned}
E\left(\sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} X_n | X_0 = 1\right) &= \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} E(X_n | X_0 = 1) \\
&= \sum_{n=0}^{+\infty} \mu^n \\
&\stackrel{\mu < 1}{=} \frac{1}{1-\mu} \\
&= \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1-p}{p}} \\
&= \frac{p}{2p-1}.
\end{aligned}$$

(b) Now, admit that  $0 < p < \frac{1}{2}$  and calculate the extinction probability. (1.0)

• **P.g.f. of  $Z$**

$$P(s) = E(s^Z) = \sum_j s^j \times P(Z = j) \stackrel{\text{form.}}{=} \frac{p}{1-(1-p)s}, \quad s \in [0, 1]$$

• **Probability of extinction**

Since  $E(Z) = \frac{1-p}{p} > 1$ , for  $0 < p < \frac{1}{2}$ , the probability of extinction,  $\pi \stackrel{\text{form.}}{=} \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} P(X_n = 0 | X_0 = 1)$ , is the smallest positive number satisfying

$$\begin{aligned}
s &\stackrel{\text{form.}}{=} \sum_{j=0}^{+\infty} s^j \times P_j \\
&= P(s)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
s &= \frac{p}{1-(1-p)s} \\
(1-p)s^2 - s + p &= 0 \\
s &= \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1-4(1-p)p}}{2(1-p)} \\
&= \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{(1-2p)^2}}{2(1-p)} \\
&= \frac{1 \pm (1-2p)}{2(1-p)},
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{hence } \pi = \frac{1-(1-2p)}{2(1-p)} = \frac{p}{1-p}.$$

(c) Consider  $p = 0.3$  and compute the mean and the standard deviation of the size of generation 5. (1.5)

• **Requested variance**

$\mu = \frac{1-p}{p} = \frac{7}{3} \neq 1$  and  $\sigma^2 \stackrel{\text{form.}}{=} \frac{1-p}{p^2} = \frac{70}{9}$ ,  $E(X_n) = \mu^n$ , and

$$V(X_n) \stackrel{\text{form.}}{=} \sigma^2 \mu^{n-1} \times \frac{\mu^n - 1}{\mu - 1}$$

yield

$$\begin{aligned}
E(X_5) &= \left(\frac{7}{3}\right)^5 \\
&\approx 69.165
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
SD(X_5) &= \sqrt{V(X_5)} \\
&\stackrel{\text{form.}}{=} \sqrt{\frac{70}{9} \times \left(\frac{7}{3}\right)^{5-1} \times \frac{\left(\frac{7}{3}\right)^5 - 1}{\frac{7}{3} - 1}} \\
&\approx \sqrt{11786.446341} \\
&\approx 108.565.
\end{aligned}$$

**Group 3 — Continuous time Markov chains**

8.0 points

1. Admit that a company uses two robots in the manufacture of circuit boards. Moreover: each robot breaks down after an exponentially distributed time with parameter  $\lambda$ ; the company has two repair people to do service when robots fail (one repair person per robot); the repair time for each robot is exponentially distributed with mean  $\mu^{-1}$ .

Let  $X(t)$  represent the number of robots being repaired at time  $t$  and admit that  $\{X(t) : t \geq 0\}$  is a CTMC.

(a) Identify the state space and the infinitesimal generator  $\mathbf{R}$  of this birth and death process. (1.5)

Draw the associated rate diagram.

• **CTMC**

$\{X(t) : t \geq 0\}$

$X(t)$  = number of robots being repaired at time  $t$

• **State space**

$\mathcal{S} = \{0, 1, 2\}$

• **Birth/death rates**

We can interpret a break down of a robot as an arrival (to the repair shop) or a *birth*. Also note that as soon as a repair of a robot is concluded, we can say that a departure (from the repair shop) or *death* has occurred. Moreover, there are two repair people or servers.

[By the way, we are dealing with an  $M/M/2$  queueing system with a finite customer population, namely 2.]

Thus,

$$\lambda_i = (2-i)\lambda, \quad i=0,1$$

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

• **Infinitesimal generator**

This matrix has entries

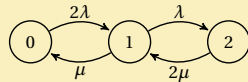
$$r_{ij} = \begin{cases} q_{ij}, & i \neq j \\ -v_i = -\sum_{m \in \mathcal{S}} q_{im}, & j = i \end{cases}$$

and in this case  $\mathbf{R} = [r_{ij}]_{i,j \in \mathcal{S}}$  is equal to

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2\lambda & 2\lambda & 0 \\ \mu & -(\lambda + \mu) & \lambda \\ 0 & 2\mu & -2\mu \end{bmatrix}.$$

• **Rate diagram**

[Recall that the rate diagram of a CTMC is a directed graph — with no loops — in which each state is represented by a node and there is an arc going from node  $i$  to node  $j$  (if  $q_{ij} > 0$ ) with  $q_{ij}$  written on it. These rates coincide with the birth and death rates...]



(b) Obtain the equilibrium probabilities  $P_j = \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} P[X(t) = j | X(0) = 0]$ . (2.0)

• **Equilibrium probabilities**  $P_j = \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} P_j(t)$

Since this CTMC has a finite state space, we only need to deal with  $\rho = \frac{\lambda}{\mu} < +\infty$  to guarantee the existence of equilibrium probabilities  $P_j = \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} P_j(t)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} P_0 &= \left[ 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{+\infty} \left( \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{\lambda_i}{\mu_{i+1}} \right) \right]^{-1} \\ &= \left( 1 + \frac{\lambda_0}{\mu_1} + \frac{\lambda_0 \lambda_1}{\mu_1 \mu_2} \right)^{-1} \\ &= \left( 1 + \frac{2\lambda}{\mu} + \frac{2\lambda \lambda}{\mu 2\mu} \right)^{-1} \\ &= \left( \frac{2\mu^2 + 4\lambda\mu + 2\lambda^2}{2\mu^2} \right)^{-1} \\ &= \frac{\mu^2}{(\lambda + \mu)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$P_j = P_0 \times \prod_{i=0}^{j-1} \frac{\lambda_i}{\mu_{i+1}}, \quad j=1,2$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_1 &= P_0 \times \frac{\lambda_0}{\mu_1} \\ &= P_0 \times \frac{2\lambda}{\mu} \\ &= \frac{2\lambda\mu}{(\lambda + \mu)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$P_2 = P_0 \times \frac{\lambda_0 \lambda_1}{\mu_1 \mu_2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_2 &= P_0 \times \frac{2\lambda \lambda}{\mu 2\mu} \\ &= \frac{\lambda^2}{(\lambda + \mu)^2}. \end{aligned}$$

(c) Compute the fraction of repair people that are idle in the long-run. (1.0)

• **Requested fraction**

Since 2, 1, 0 of the two repair people are idle at time  $t$  if and only if  $X(t) = 0, 1, 2$ , respectively. Hence, the fraction of repair people that are idle in the long-run equals

$$\begin{aligned} f_{idle} &= \frac{2 \times P_0 + 1 \times P_1 + 0 \times P_2}{2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times \left[ 2 \times \frac{\mu^2}{(\lambda + \mu)^2} + \frac{2\lambda\mu}{(\lambda + \mu)^2} \right] \\ &= \frac{2\mu(\lambda + \mu)}{2(\lambda + \mu)^2} \\ &= \frac{\mu}{\lambda + \mu}. \end{aligned}$$

2. Surveys have shown that: people living in a large western metropolitan area tune in and view a TV channel according to a Poisson process with rate equal to 100000 per hour; viewing times are exponentially distributed with an average of 1.5 hours. Admit that at  $t = 0$  no one has tuned in or is watching the TV channel.

(a) After having chosen a suitable queueing system, obtain the probability that there are more than 149900 people watching the TV channel at 12:00 (of the first day). (2.0)

• **Arrival process/rate**

$PP(\lambda)$   
 $\lambda = 100000$  viewers per hour

• **Service times/rate**

$S_i$  = viewing time of the  $i^{th}$  person who tuned in,  $i \in \mathbb{N}$   
 $S_i$  i.i.d.  $S \sim \text{exponential}(\mu^{-1} = 1.5)$   
 $\mu = \frac{2}{3}$

• **Birth and death queueing system**

Assuming that each viewer tunes in and watches the TV channel using his/her own TV set, we can assume that this is a self-service system, namely a  $M/M/\infty$  queueing system

• **R.v.**

$(X(t) | X(0) = 0)$  = number of viewers watching the TV channel at time  $t$ , given that the system is initially empty

$$(X(t) | X(0) = 0) \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda(1 - e^{-\mu t})/\mu)$$

• **Requested probability**

$$\begin{aligned} P[X(12) > 149900 | X(0) = 0] &= 1 - P[X(12) \leq 149900 | X(0) = 0] \\ &= 1 - F_{\text{Poisson}(100000 \times (1 - e^{-\frac{2}{3} \times 12}) / \frac{2}{3})} (149900) \\ &\approx 1 - F_{\text{Poisson}(149949.680606)} (149900) \\ &\approx 1 - \Phi \left( \frac{149900 - 149949.680606}{\sqrt{149949.680606}} \right) \\ &= 1 - \Phi(-0.13) \\ &= \Phi(0.13) \\ &\stackrel{\text{tables}}{=} 0.5517. \end{aligned}$$

(b) Obtain the average number of viewers of this TV channel in the long-run. Compare it with the (1.5) corresponding expected value if the viewing times (in hours) have instead a  $\chi_{(3)}^2$  distribution.

- **Performance measure of the original queueing system**

$L_s^{M/M/\infty}$  = number of viewers watching the TV channel in the long-run in the  $M/M/\infty$  system

$L_s^{M/M/\infty} \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda/\mu = 100\,000/\frac{2}{3} = 150\,000)$  (see formulae)

$$E(L_s^{M/M/\infty}) = 150\,000$$

- **Alternative queueing system**

$M/G/\infty$

$$\lambda = 3$$

$$\mu_G = \frac{1}{E(\text{Service})} = \frac{1}{E[\chi_{(3)}^2]} \stackrel{\text{form.}}{=} \frac{1}{3}$$

- **Performance measure of the alternative queueing system**

$$L_s^{M/G/\infty} = \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} (X(t) \mid X(0) = 0)$$

= number of viewers watching the TV channel in the long-run in the  $M/G/\infty$  system

$$L_s^{M/G/\infty} \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda/\mu_G = 100\,000/\frac{1}{3} = 300\,000)$$

$$E(L_s^{M/G/\infty}) = 300\,000$$

- **Comment**

Since  $E(L_s^{M/G/\infty}) = 300\,000 > 150\,000 = E(L_s^{M/M/\infty})$ ,  $\chi_{(3)}^2$  distributed viewing times lead to a larger expected number of viewers.