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Test 1

- Please justify all your answers.
- This test has TWO PAGES and THREE GROUPS. The total of points is 20.0.

Group 0 — Introduction to Stochastic Processes

2.5 points

Let $S(t)$ denote the price of a security¹ at time t . According to a popular model for the stochastic process $\{S(t) : t \geq 0\}$, the price remains unchanged until a *shock* occurs, at which time the price is multiplied by a random factor. This model supposes that $S(t) = S(0) \prod_{i=1}^{N(t)} X_i$, where: $S(0)$ is the initial and constant price; $N(t)$ denotes the number of *shocks* up to time t ; $\{N(t) : t \geq 0\}$ is a Poisson process with rate λ ; X_i are i.i.d. r.v. with common expected value μ ($0 < \mu \leq 1$); $\{N(t) : t \geq 0\}$ is independent of the X_1, X_2, \dots ; $\prod_{i=1}^{N(t)} X_i = 1$ when $N(t) = 0$.

Derive the mean function of $\{S(t) : t \geq 0\}$.² Is this a second order weakly stationary process?³

• Random shocks

$$X_i \text{ i.i.d. } X, \quad i \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$E(X) = \frac{1}{\mu}$$

• Number of random shocks

$$N(t) = \text{number of random shocks up to time } t$$

$$\{N(t) : t \geq 0\} \sim PP(\lambda)$$

$$N(t) \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda t)$$

$$\{N(t) : t \geq 0\} \sim PP(\lambda) \perp\!\!\!\perp \{X_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

• Requested expectation

Due to the fact that X_i i.i.d. X and $\{N(t), t \geq 0\} \perp\!\!\!\perp \{X_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$, we can successively write:

$$E[S(t)] = E\{E[S(t) | N(t)]\}$$

$$= S(0) \times E\left\{E\left[\prod_{i=1}^{N(t)} X_i \mid N(t)\right]\right\}$$

$$= S(0) \times E\left[\prod_{i=1}^{N(t)} E(X_i) \mid N(t)\right]$$

$$= S(0) \times E\{[E(X)]^{N(t)}\}$$

$$= S(0) \times E[\mu^{N(t)}]$$

$$= S(0) \times P_{N(t)}(\mu),$$

where $P_{N(t)}(z) = E[z^{N(t)}] = e^{\lambda t(z-1)}$ ($|z| \leq 1$) represents the p.g.f. of $N(t)$. Since we admitted that $0 < \mu \leq 1$, we have:

$$E[S(t)] = S(0) \times e^{\lambda t(\mu-1)}.$$

• Checking whether the process is second order weakly stationary

$E[S(t)]$ depends on t , hence $\{S(t) : t \geq 0\}$ is not a [first order weakly stationary process therefore it cannot be a] second order weakly stationary process.

¹A certificate attesting credit, the ownership of stocks or bonds, or the right to ownership connected with tradable derivatives.

²Hint: It might be useful to recall that the r.v. $Y \sim \text{Poisson}(\xi)$ has p.g.f. given by $P_Y(z) = E(z^Y) = e^{\xi(z-1)}$ ($|z| \leq 1$).

³Note: Do not calculate the autocovariance function to reply to this last question.

Group 1 — Poisson Processes

8.5 points

1. Passengers arrive to a train station according to a Poisson process with rate λ passengers per hour.

- (a) Find the probability that exactly 3 passengers arrive in the first hour, given that at least one passenger arrived in the first 30 minutes, when $\lambda = 8$. (1.5)

• Stochastic process

$$\{N(t) : t \geq 0\} \sim PP(\lambda)$$

$$N(t) = \text{number of arrivals of passengers to the train station by time } t \text{ (time in hours)}$$

$$\lambda$$

• Relevant distributions

$$N(t) \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda t)$$

$$(N(s) | N(t) = n) \stackrel{\text{form.}}{\sim} \text{Binomial}(n, s/t), \quad 0 < s < t$$

• Requested probability

With $s = 0.5$ and $t = 1$, we obtain

$$P[N(1) = 3 | N(0.5) > 0] \stackrel{\text{Bayes' theo.}}{=} \frac{P[N(0.5) > 0 | N(1) = 3] \times P[N(1) = 3]}{P[N(0.5) > 0]}$$

$$= \frac{\{1 - P[N(0.5) = 0 | N(1) = 3]\} \times P[N(1) = 3]}{1 - P[N(0.5) = 0]}$$

$$\stackrel{\lambda=8}{=} \frac{\left[1 - \binom{3}{0} 0.5^0 (1 - 0.5)^{3-0}\right] \times \frac{e^{-8 \times 1} (8 \times 1)^3}{3!}}{1 - \frac{e^{-8 \times 0.5} (8 \times 0.5)^0}{0!}}$$

$$= \frac{(1 - 0.5^3) \times \frac{e^{-8} 8^3}{3!}}{1 - e^{-4}}$$

$$\approx 0.025515.$$

[Alternatively,

$$P[N(1) = 3 | N(0.5) > 0] = \frac{P[N(0.5) > 0, N(1) = 3]}{P[N(0.5) > 0]}$$

$$= \frac{P[N(1) = 3] - P[N(0.5) = 0, N(1) = 3]}{1 - P[N(0.5) = 0]}$$

$$P[N(1) = 3 | N(0.5) > 0] \stackrel{\text{indep. incr.}}{=} \frac{P[N(1) = 3] - P[N(0.5) = 0] \times P[N(1) - N(0.5) = 3]}{1 - P[N(0.5) = 0]}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{station. incr.}}{=} \frac{P[N(1) = 3] - P[N(0.5) = 0] \times P[N(1 - 0.5) = 3]}{1 - P[N(0.5) = 0]}$$

$$\stackrel{N(t) \sim \text{Poi}(\lambda t)}{=} \frac{\frac{e^{-8 \times 1} (8 \times 1)^3}{3!} - \frac{e^{-8 \times 0.5} (8 \times 0.5)^0 \times \frac{e^{-6 \times 0.5} (8 \times 0.5)^3}{3!}}{1 - \frac{e^{-8 \times 0.5} (8 \times 0.5)^0}{0!}}}{1 - \frac{e^{-8} \times (8^3 - 4^3)}{3! \times (8^3 - 4^3)}}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{e^{-8} \times (8^3 - 4^3)}{3!}}{1 - e^{-4}}$$

$$\approx 0.025515.$$

$$\text{Or } P[N(1) = 3 | N(0.5) > 0] = \frac{P[N(0.5) > 0, N(1) = 3]}{P[N(0.5) > 0]} = \dots = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^3 P[N(0.5) = i, N(1) - N(0.5) = 3 - i]}{1 - P[N(0.5) = 0]} = \dots$$

- (b) The number of hours T between successive train arrivals at the station is uniformly distributed on $(0, 1)$. Suppose a train has just left the station. Let X denote the number of people who get on the next train. Find $E(X)$ and $V(X)$.⁴ (1.0)

• R.v.

T = time until the next train arrives

$$T \sim \text{uniform}(0, 1)$$

$$E(T) \stackrel{\text{form.}}{=} \frac{1}{2}, \quad V(T) \stackrel{\text{form.}}{=} \frac{1}{12}$$

X = number of people who get on the next train

⁴Hint: It might be useful to condition X on $T = t$.

• **Requested mean and variance**

The arrivals of passengers are governed by a $PP(\lambda)$ [and the arrivals of trains by a RP with IRT uniformly distributed in $(0, 1]$], hence $\{X | T = t\} \sim N(t) \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda t)$ and $E(X | T = t) = V(X | T = t) = \lambda t$. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} E(X) &= E[E(X | T)] \\ &= E(\lambda T) \\ &= \lambda E(T) \\ &= \frac{\lambda}{2} \stackrel{\lambda=8}{=} 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V(X) &= V[E(X | T)] + E[V(X | T)] \\ &= V(\lambda T) + E(\lambda T) \\ &= \lambda^2 V(T) + \lambda E(T) \\ &= \frac{\lambda^2}{12} + \frac{\lambda}{2} \\ &= \frac{\lambda^2 + 6\lambda}{12} \stackrel{\lambda=8}{=} \frac{28}{3} \end{aligned}$$

2. Assume signals are emitted according to a Poisson process with rate λ . The signals are registered by a counter that locks up for a fixed period of time $\tau > 0$ every time it registers a signal. While it is locked, it cannot register any other emitted signal.

(a) What is the probability that the counter is not locked at time t ($t > \tau$), assuming that it is not locked at time 0? (1.0)

• **Stochastic process**

$\{N(t) : t \geq 0\} \sim PP(\lambda)$

$N(t)$ = number of signals emitted until t

• **Non-homogenous Bernoulli splitting**

The counter is not locked at time t if the last event before t occurred more than τ time units ago.

$$\begin{aligned} p(t) &= P[0 \text{ events in } (t - \tau, t]] \\ &= P[N(t) - N(t - \tau) = 0] \\ &\stackrel{\text{stat. incr.}}{=} P[N(\tau) = 0] \\ &\stackrel{N(\tau) \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda\tau)}{=} e^{-\lambda\tau}, \quad t > \tau. \end{aligned}$$

In case $t \leq \tau$, the counter is not locked at time t iff no events occurred in $(0, t]$; the associated probability equals $p(t) = P[N(t) = 0] = e^{-\lambda t}$.

(b) Find the probability that the counter registers at least one signal in the interval $(0, t]$, when $\lambda = \tau = 1$ and $t = 2$. (1.0)

• **R.v.**

Then the number of register signals by time t , $N_R(t)$, results from a non-homogenous Bernoulli splitting of $\{N(t) : t \geq 0\}$ and

$$N_R(t) \stackrel{\text{form.}}{\sim} \text{Poisson} \left(\lambda \int_0^t p(s) ds \right),$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda \int_0^t p(s) ds &= \lambda \left(\int_0^\tau e^{-\lambda s} ds + \int_\tau^t e^{-\lambda\tau} ds \right) \\ &= \lambda \left(\frac{1 - e^{-\lambda\tau}}{\lambda} + (t - \tau)e^{-\lambda\tau} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\lambda \int_0^t p(s) ds \stackrel{\lambda=\tau=1, t=2}{=} 1.$$

• **Requested probability** For $\lambda = \tau = 1$ and $t = 2$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} P[N_R(t) > 0] &= 1 - P[N_R(t) = 0] \\ &= 1 - P_{\text{Poisson}(1)}(0) \\ &= 1 - e^{-1} \\ &\approx 0.632121. \end{aligned}$$

3. Admit that orders arrive to a depot according to a non-homogeneous Poisson process with mean function $m(t) = \ln(1 + t)$, $t \geq 0$. (2.0)

Compute the probability that the time between the arrivals of the first and second orders belongs to the interval $[1, 2]$.⁵

• **Stochastic process**

$\{N(t) : t > 0\} \sim NHPP$

$N(t)$ = number of orders arrived to the depot until time t

• **Mean value and intensity functions**

For $t \geq 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} m(t) &= \int_0^t \lambda(s) ds \\ &= \ln(1 + t) \\ \lambda(t) &= \frac{dm(t)}{dt} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + t} \end{aligned}$$

• **R.v.**

X_2 = time between the arrivals of the first and second order

• **Requested probability**

Please note that, for $n = 1$ and our particular NHPP

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_{n+1} > t) &\stackrel{\text{form.}}{=} \int_0^{+\infty} \lambda(s) e^{-m(t+s)} \frac{[m(s)]^{n-1}}{(n-1)!} ds \\ &\stackrel{n=1}{=} \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{1}{1+s} e^{-\ln(1+t+s)} ds \\ &= \int_0^{+\infty} \frac{1}{(1+s)(1+t+s)} ds \\ &\stackrel{\text{note}}{=} \left. \frac{\ln(1+s)}{t} - \frac{\ln(1+t+s)}{t} \right|_{s=0}^{+\infty} \\ &= \frac{1}{t} \times \ln \left(\frac{1+s}{1+t+s} \right) \Big|_{s=0}^{+\infty} \\ &= \frac{\ln(1+t)}{t}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the requested probability can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_2 \in [1, 2]) &= P(X_{1+1} > 1) - P(X_{1+1} > 2) \\ &= \frac{\ln(1+1)}{1} - \frac{\ln(2+1)}{2} \\ &= \ln(2) - \frac{\ln(3)}{2} \approx 0.143841. \end{aligned}$$

⁵Note: $\int \frac{1}{(1+s)(1+t+s)} ds = \frac{\ln(1+s)}{t} - \frac{\ln(1+t+s)}{t}$.

4. The water of a certain reservoir is depleted at a constant rate of 1 000 units daily. The reservoir is refilled by randomly occurring rainfalls; they occur according to a Poisson process with rate 0.2 per day; and the amount of water added to the reservoir by a rainfall is 5 000 units with probability 0.8 or 8 000 units with probability 0.2. The present water level is at 5 000 units.

(a) Define in some detail the r.v. $W(t)$ representing the water level of the reservoir at time t . (1.0)

• **Auxiliary r.v. and stochastic process**

X_i = water refill by the i^{th} rainfall

X_i i.i.d., $X_i, i \in \mathbb{N}$

$$P(X = x) = \begin{cases} 0.8, & x = 5000 \\ 0.2, & x = 8000 \\ 0, & x \neq 5000, 8000 \end{cases}$$

$N(t)$ = number of rainfalls up to time (in days) t

$N(t) \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda t = 0.2t)$

We admit that $\{N(t), t \geq 0\} \sim PP(\lambda = 0.2) \perp\!\!\!\perp \{X_i : i \in \mathbb{N}\}$.

• **Defining $W(t)$**

Since the water of the reservoir is depleted at a constant rate of 1 000 units daily, etc., the water level of the reservoir at time t is given by

$$W(t) = \max \left\{ 0, 5000 - 1000t + \sum_{i=1}^{N(t)} X_i \right\}$$

(current level – water depleted + water from the rainfalls).

• **Obs.**

$\left\{ \sum_{i=1}^{N(t)} X_i : t \geq 0 \right\}$ is a compound PP.

(b) Find the probability that the reservoir will be empty within the next five days? (1.0)

• **Event**

Capitalizing on the fact that the r.v. X_i are positive, the reservoir will be empty within the next five days iff

$$\begin{aligned} W(5) &= 0 \\ 5000 - 1000 \times 5 + \sum_{i=1}^{N(5)} X_i &\leq 0 \\ \sum_{i=1}^{N(5)} X_i &\leq 0 \\ N(5) &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

that is, iff it does not rain in those 5 days.

• **Requested probability**

$$\begin{aligned} P[W(5) = 0] &= P[N(5) = 0] \\ &= P_{\text{Poisson}(0.2 \times 5)}(0) \\ &= P_{\text{Poisson}(1)}(0) \\ &= \text{tables} \\ &= 0.3679. \end{aligned}$$

Group 2 — Renewal Processes

9.0 points

1. Consider a renewal process $\{N(t) : t \geq 0\}$, with renewal function $m(t) = \frac{\lambda t}{2} - \frac{1 - e^{-2\lambda t}}{4}, t \geq 0$.

(a) Derive the inter-renewal distribution of $\{N(t) : t \geq 0\}$. Comment. (2.5)

• **Deriving the inter-renewal distribution**

Since $m(t) = \frac{\lambda t}{2} - \frac{1 - e^{-2\lambda t}}{4}, t \geq 0$, the LST of the renewal function is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{m}(s) &= \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-st} dm(t) \\ &= \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-st} \times \frac{\lambda}{2} (1 - e^{-2\lambda t}) dt \quad [= \frac{\lambda}{2} (LT[1, s] - LT[e^{-2\lambda t}, s]) \quad (\text{see formulae})] \\ &= \frac{\lambda}{2s} \int_0^{+\infty} s e^{-st} dt - \frac{\lambda}{2(2\lambda + s)} \int_0^{+\infty} (2\lambda + s) e^{-(2\lambda + s)t} dt \\ &= \frac{\lambda}{2s} \int_0^{+\infty} f_{exp(s)}(t) dt - \frac{\lambda}{2(2\lambda + s)} \int_0^{+\infty} f_{exp(2\lambda + s)}(t) dt \quad (s > 0) \\ &= \frac{\lambda}{2s} \frac{\lambda}{2(2\lambda + s)} \\ &= \frac{2\lambda^2 + \lambda s - \lambda s}{2s(2\lambda + s)} \\ &= \frac{\lambda^2}{s(2\lambda + s)}. \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, since $\bar{m}(s) \stackrel{\text{form.}}{=} \frac{\tilde{F}(s)}{1 - \tilde{F}(s)}$ the LST of the inter-renewal distribution can be obtained in terms of the one of m :

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{F}(s) &\stackrel{\text{form.}}{=} \frac{\bar{m}(s)}{1 + \bar{m}(s)} \\ &= \frac{\lambda^2}{s(2\lambda + s)} \\ &= \frac{\lambda^2}{1 + \frac{\lambda^2}{s(2\lambda + s)}} \\ &= \frac{\lambda^2}{\frac{s^2 + 2\lambda s + \lambda^2}{s(2\lambda + s)}} \\ &= \left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda + s} \right)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Taking advantage of the m.g.f. in the formulae, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{F}(s) &= \int_0^{+\infty} e^{-sx} dF(x) \\ &= E(e^{-sX}) \\ &= M_X(-s) \\ \left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda + s} \right)^2 &\equiv M_{\text{Gamma}(2, \lambda)}(-s), \end{aligned}$$

that is, the inter-renewal times are X_i i.i.d. $X, i \in \mathbb{N}$, where $X \sim \text{Gamma}(2, \lambda)$.

• **Comment**

$\{N(t) : t \geq 0\}$ consists of all even arrivals of a $PP(\lambda)$.

(b) Admit that the time unit is an hour and $\lambda = 1$. Calculate an approximate value to the probability that less than 24 arrivals occur in the first two days. (1.5)

• **Renewal process**

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

$N(t)$ = number of even arrivals of a $PP(\lambda = 1)$ until time t

• **Inter-renewal times**

X_i i.i.d., $X_i, i \in \mathbb{N}$

$X \sim \text{Gamma}(2, \lambda = 1)$

$\mu = E(X) \stackrel{\text{form.}}{=} \frac{2}{\lambda} = 2$ [The ERT leads to the value of μ : $\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} m(t)/t = 1/\mu$]

$\sigma^2 = V(X) \stackrel{\text{form.}}{=} \frac{2}{\lambda^2} = 2$ [In this problem, we do not need to know σ^2 to obtain the prob.]

• Requested approximate probability

$$P[N(t) < n] \stackrel{form.}{\approx} \Phi\left(\frac{n - t/\mu}{\sqrt{t\sigma^2/\mu^3}}\right)$$

$$\stackrel{t=48, n=200}{=} \Phi\left(\frac{24 - 48/2}{\sqrt{48 \times 2/2^3}}\right)$$

$$= \Phi(0)$$

$$= 0.5.$$

(c) Show that the renewal function verifies Blackwell's theorem.

• Verification of Blackwell's theorem

Since the inter-renewal distribution is non-lattice,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} [m(t+a) - m(t)] = \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \left[\frac{\lambda(t+a)}{2} - \frac{1 - e^{-2\lambda(t+a)}}{4} \right] - \left[\frac{\lambda t}{2} - \frac{1 - e^{-2\lambda t}}{4} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \left[\frac{\lambda a}{2} - \frac{e^{-2\lambda t} - e^{-2\lambda(t+a)}}{4} \right]$$

$$= \frac{\lambda a}{2}$$

$$\equiv \frac{a}{\mu},$$

hence verifying Blackwell's theorem.

2. Three machines operate independently and all of them are needed for a system to work. Machine i operates for an exponential time with rate λ_i ($i = 1, 2, 3$) before it fails. When a machine fails, the system is shut down and repair begins on the failed machine.⁶ The expected time to repair machine i is μ_i ($i = 1, 2, 3$). Once a failed machine is repaired, it is as good as new and all machines are restarted.

(a) Obtain the expected duration of the up and down cycle.

• R.v.

Y_i = operating time of machine i

$Y_i \stackrel{indep.}{\sim} \text{exponential}(\lambda_i)$, $i = 1, 2, 3$

W_i = repair time of machine i

$E(W_i) = \mu_i$, $i = 1, 2, 3$

• Up time

Since all three machines are needed for a system to work (the system is UP) for a time

$$U = \min_{i=1,2,3} Y_i$$

$$\stackrel{form.}{\sim} \text{exponential}\left(\sum_{i=1}^3 \lambda_i\right)$$

$$E(U) = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^3 \lambda_i}.$$

• Down time

Note that machine i is being repaired if it was the first of the three machines to fail. Thus, the probability that machine i is being repaired equals

$$p_i = P(Y_i = \min_{j=1,2,3} Y_j) \stackrel{form.}{=} \frac{\lambda_i}{\sum_{j=1}^3 \lambda_j}.$$

In that case machine i is being repaired for a period time W_i with expected value $E(W_i) = \mu_i$. Let D represent the repair time (the system is DOWN). Then

⁶During this repair, the remaining machines are in a state of suspended animation, that is, neither working nor being repaired.

$$E(D) = \sum_{i=1}^3 E(W | \text{machine } i \text{ is being repaired}) \times P(\text{machine } i \text{ is being repaired})$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^3 E(W_i) \times \frac{\lambda_i}{\sum_{j=1}^3 \lambda_j}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^3 \mu_i \times \frac{\lambda_i}{\sum_{j=1}^3 \lambda_j}$$

$$\stackrel{form.}{=} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^3 \mu_i \times \lambda_i}{\sum_{i=1}^3 \lambda_i}$$

• Expected length of an up and down cycle

$$E(X) = E(U) + E(D)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^3 \lambda_i} + \frac{\sum_{i=1}^3 \mu_i \times \lambda_i}{\sum_{i=1}^3 \lambda_i}$$

$$= \frac{1 + \sum_{i=1}^3 \mu_i \times \lambda_i}{\sum_{i=1}^3 \lambda_i}$$

(b) Derive an expression for the long-run proportion of time the system is working.

• State variable

$$Z(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if all three machines are operating (i.e., system is up) at time } t \\ 0, & \text{if a machine is being repaired (i.e., system is down) at time } t \end{cases}$$

• Alternating renewal process

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

• Long-run proportion of time the system is working

$E(U + D) < +\infty$, thus

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} P(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} P\{Z(t) = 1\}$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} P(\text{system is up at time } t)$$

$$\stackrel{form.}{=} \frac{E(U)}{E(U) + E(D)}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^3 \lambda_i}}{\frac{1 + \sum_{i=1}^3 \mu_i \times \lambda_i}{\sum_{i=1}^3 \lambda_i}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 + \sum_{i=1}^3 \mu_i \times \lambda_i}.$$

(c) What is the long-run proportion of time machine 1 is being repaired?

• Important

To calculate the requested quantity we are going to think of a renewal reward process by supposing that we earn 1 monetary unit per time unit that machine 1 is being repaired (during an up and down cycle).

• Renewal process

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

$N(t)$ = number completed up and down cycle by time t

• Expected inter-renewal time

$$E(X) = E(U) + E(D) = \frac{1 + \sum_{i=1}^3 \mu_i \times \lambda_i}{\sum_{i=1}^3 \lambda_i}$$

• Reward renewal process

$$\{R(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{N(t)} R_n : t \geq 0\}$$

$R(t)$ = total reward gained until time t

$(X_n, R_n) \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} (X, R), n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$R = \begin{cases} W_1, & \text{if machine 1 is being repaired} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

• **Expected reward per cycle**

$$\begin{aligned} E(R) &= E(W_1) \times P(\text{machine 1 is being repaired}) + 0 \times P(\text{machine 1 is being repaired}) \\ &= \mu_1 \times \frac{\lambda_1}{\sum_{i=1}^3 \lambda_i} \end{aligned}$$

• **Long-run expected total reward per time unit**

Since $E(X), E(R) < +\infty$, we can apply the ERT for renewal reward processes and get

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{E[R(t)]}{t} &= \frac{E(R)}{E(X)} \\ &= \frac{\mu_1 \times \frac{\lambda_1}{\sum_{i=1}^3 \lambda_i}}{\frac{1 + \sum_{i=1}^3 \mu_i \times \lambda_i}{\sum_{i=1}^3 \lambda_i}} \\ &= \frac{\mu_1 \times \lambda_1}{1 + \sum_{i=1}^3 \mu_i \times \lambda_i}. \end{aligned}$$