

1. Birth-death process,  $\mu_n = n\mu$ , and  $\lambda_n = n\lambda + \theta$ , models the population size with linear growth and immigration. Let the initial size be  $x_0$ , i.e.  $X(0) = x_0$ , and let  $m(t)$  denote the expected size of the population at time  $t$ ,  $m(t) = E[X(t)]$ . Determine  $m(t)$ .  
  
Hint: What is the expected value of  $X(t+h)$  when conditioned on  $X(t)$ ,  $E[X(t+h)|X(t)]$ , when  $h$  is small? By taking an expectation from the both sides of the equation (tower property) and by letting  $h$  go to zero you obtain a differential equation for  $m(t)$ .
2. Let  $N(t)$ ,  $t \geq 0$ , be a Poisson process with rate  $\lambda$ . Let  $S_n$  denote the time of occurrence of the  $n$ th event. Find
  - a)  $E[S_4]$
  - b)  $E[S_4|N(1) = 2]$
  - c)  $E[N(4) - N(2)|N(1) = 3]$
3. There is a sliding door in front of a shop. When customer arrives in front of a closed door it takes  $S$  seconds before the door opens. During that time a queue builds up in front of the door. When the door opens all the customers in the queue enter the door at the same time. A timer closing the door gets reseted everytime a customer goes in, and the door is closed if during  $T$  seconds no one goes in. Both  $S$  and  $T$  are some given constants. Furthermore, the interarrival time of customer is assumed to obey  $\text{Exp}(\lambda)$ -distribution.
  - a) How many customers on average goes through the door from the time it opens to the time it closes?
  - b) What is the probability that an arriving customer has to wait in the queue?
4. Service requests arrive at a server according to a Poisson process with intensity  $\lambda$ . If the server is overloaded, its throughput collapses. To prevent this, congestion control based on *gapping* is applied: after every admitted request, new requests are blocked for time  $T$ . Assume that such blocked requests do not result in retrials. What is the rate of admitting requests? In particular, what is this rate in the limits where  $T$  is either very small or very large?
5. It has been observed that in the interval  $(0, t)$  one arrival has occurred from a Poisson process, i.e.  $N(0, t) = 1$ . Prove that conditioned on this information, the arrival time  $\tau$  is uniformly distributed in  $(0, t)$ . Hint: determine the conditional cumulative distribution function of the arrival time  $P\{\tau \leq s \mid \text{one arrival during } (0, t)\}$ .
6. Customers arrive at a queue according to a Poisson process with intensity  $\lambda$ . Let  $X$  denote the service time of a random customer  $X^*(s)$  the Laplace transform of its probability density function. Consider the number of new customers  $N$  that arrive at the queue during the service time  $X$ .
  - a) Derive the generating function  $N(z)$  of  $N$  by conditioning on the values of  $X$ ,  $N(z) = E[z^N] = E[E[z^N|X]]$ .
  - b) Apply the previous result to the case  $X \sim \text{Exp}(\mu)$ . Show that  $N$  has a geometric distribution.
  - c) Derive the same result by reasoning. Hint: What is the probability that the next event is i) the arrival of a new customer ii) service completion?