

Exam Applied Stochastic Modeling

18 December 2006, duration: 3 hours

This exam consists of 4 problems, each consisting of several questions.

All answers should be motivated, including calculations, formulas used, etc.

It is allowed to use 1 sheet of paper (or 2 sheets written on one side) with **hand-written** notes.

The minimal note is 1. Questions 1, 3, and 4 each give 2 points when correctly answered, question 2 can give 3 points.

The use of a calculator is allowed.

A table of the Poisson distribution is attached.

1. Consider the $M|M|2$ queue.
 - a. Draw the state-transition diagram.
 - b. Give its stationary distribution.
 - c. Give the distribution as it is perceived by an arbitrary arriving customer. Motivate your answer.
 - d. Give the distribution as it is perceived by an arbitrary departing customer.

2. A multi-order deterministic-demand inventory model is considered with $K = 400$, $h = 1$, and $\lambda = 2$.

- a. Calculate the optimal order quantity and the time between two orders.
- b. One considers to set the re-order period to 28 time units. Estimate the consequences to the total costs compared to the optimal re-order period.

Now suppose the demand is Poisson distributed, with λ as expectation. The lead time is 2 time units, and the order quantity is 50.

- c. At what inventory level should be ordered as to have less than 5% backorders?
- d. Suppose we order at the level found under c, but that λ is actually twice as high. What would be the backorder percentage?

3. Consider the $M|G|1$ queue with $\lambda = 1$ and $\beta = 0.8$.
- a. For exponential service times, calculate the expected waiting time.
 - ~~b. For deterministic service times, calculate the expected waiting time.~~
 - c. Consider a queueing system with the queues of a and b in tandem. Which order (exponential first or deterministic first) will have a lower total waiting time? Motivate your answer.

4. Consider a homogeneous Poisson process on $[0, T]$ with rate λ .
- a. What is the expected number of arrivals in this interval?
 - b. Let the first arrival occur at t . Conditioned on this event, what is the expected number of arrivals in $[0, T]$?
 - c. Calculate the expected number of arrivals in $[0, T]$ again, but now using the law of total probability and the answer found under b.
 - d. Repeat a, b and c for an inhomogeneous Poisson process.

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