

Exam Applied Stochastic Modeling

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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.

All questions have equal weight.

A table of the normal distribution is attached.

1. Consider a birth-death process with state space $\{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$, $\lambda(x, x+1) = \lambda$ for $x \geq 0$, and $\mu(x, x-1) = x\mu$ for $x > 0$.
 - a. Draw the state-transition diagram.
 - b. Calculate the stationary distribution.
 - c. Calculate the long-run average number of customers in the system.
 - d. Calculate from this the expected sojourn time using Little's law and explain intuitively why this answer was to be expected.

2. Consider a random variable S that is 0 with probability p or exponential (with parameter μ) with probability $1 - p$.

- a. Calculate $\mathbb{E}S$ and $\mathbb{E}S^2$.

Consider an $M|G|1$ queue with service times independent with distributions as S .

- b. Give the stability condition.
 - c. Calculate $\mathbb{E}W$ and $\mathbb{E}L_q$.

3. Consider the deterministic periodic continuous review model known as the EOQ model.
- Derive an expression for the optimal order level Q^* .
- Now assume that the order costs K are underestimated with a factor 2 when determining the optimal order level, leading to order level Q' .
- What is the relative difference between the costs under Q' and the optimal level?
 - What is the relative difference between the costs under Q' and the original cost estimation?

- 4a. Write $\mathbb{E}(X - t)^+$ with X a r.v. with a standard normal distribution as an integral over the density of X .
- Calculate this expression as far as possible.
 - Use this to calculate $\mathbb{E}(Y - s)^+$ for Y a r.v. with a normal distribution with expectation μ and standard deviation σ .
 - Calculate this for $\mu = 10$, $\sigma = 2$, $s = 11$ using the table of the standard normal distribution.

Table with value of $P(0 < X < x+y)$ with X a random variable with a standard normal distribution

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