Chapter 6 Renewal Processes

Renewal Processes



(embedded renewal points form a new Renewal process)

Outline

- Distribution and Limiting Behavior of $\tilde{n}(t)$
 - Pmf of $\tilde{n}(t)$: $P(\tilde{n}(t)=k) = ? -$

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- Limiting time average : $\lim_{t\to\infty} \frac{\tilde{n}(t)}{t} = ?$ (Law of Large Numbers)
- Limiting PDF of $\tilde{n}(t)$ (Central Limit Theorem)
- Renewal Function $E[\tilde{n}(t)]$, and its Asymptotic (Limiting) behavior
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probability mass function (pmf)
probability density function (pdf)

Outline

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 - Key Renewal Theorem
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Introduction

- A renewal process is a generalization of the Poisson process.
- In essence, the Poisson process is a <u>continuous-time Markov</u> process on the positive integers (usually starting at zero) which has <u>independent identically distributed</u> *holding times* at each integer *i* (<u>exponentially distributed</u>) before advancing (with probability 1) to the next integer *i*+1.
- In the same informal spirit, we may define a renewal process to be the same thing, except that the *holding times* take on a more <u>general</u> distribution.
- Note that the independence and identical distribution (IID) property of the holding times is retained.

Introduction

Formal definition

- Let S_1 , S_2 , S_3 , S_4 , S_5 , be a sequence of positive independent identically distributed random variables such that $0 < E[S_i] < \infty$
- We refer to the random variable S_i as the "*i*-th" holding time and E[S_i] is the expectation of S_i
- Define for each n > 0: $J_n = \sum_{i=1}^n S_i$
- Each J_n is referred to as the "*n*-th" jump time and the intervals $[Jn, Jn_+]$ being called <u>renewal intervals</u>.



Distribution and Limiting Behavior of $\tilde{n}(t)$



Distribution and Limiting Behavior of $\tilde{n}(t)$

- $\tilde{n}(t)$
- 1. pmf of $\tilde{n}(t) \rightarrow$ closed-form
- 2. Limiting time average [Law of Large Numbers]:

with probability 1

$$\frac{\tilde{n}(t)}{t} \xrightarrow{w.p.1} \frac{1}{\overline{X}} , \ t \to \infty$$

3. Limiting time and ensemble average [Elementary Renewal Theorem]:

$$\frac{E[\tilde{n}(t)]}{t} \stackrel{w.p.1}{\to} \frac{1}{\bar{X}} , \ t \to \infty$$

Distribution and Limiting Behavior of $\tilde{n}(t)$

4. Limiting ensemble average (focusing on arrivals in the vicinity of *t*) [Blackwell's Theorem]:

$$\frac{E[\tilde{n}(t+\delta) - \tilde{n}(t)]}{\delta} \stackrel{w.p.1}{\to} \frac{1}{\bar{X}} , \ t \to \infty$$

5. Limiting PDF of $\tilde{n}(t)$ [Central Limit Theorem]:

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} P\left[\frac{\tilde{n}(t) - t/\bar{X}}{\sigma\sqrt{t}(\bar{X})^{-3/2}} < y\right] = \int_{-\infty}^{y} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} dx \sim Gaussian(\frac{t}{\bar{X}}, \sigma\sqrt{t}\cdot\bar{X}^{-\frac{3}{2}})$$



Limiting Time Average

- $\lim_{t \to \infty} \tilde{n}(t) = ?$ $\therefore P\left[\lim_{t \to \infty} \tilde{n}(t) < \infty\right] = P\left[\tilde{n}(\infty) < \infty\right] = P\left[\tilde{x}_n = \infty \text{ for some } n\right]$ $= P\left[\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} (\tilde{x}_n = \infty)\right] = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P\left[\tilde{x}_n = \infty\right] = 0$ $\therefore \lim_{t \to \infty} \tilde{n}(t) = \tilde{n}(\infty) = \infty \quad w.p.1$
- Question: What is the rate at which $\tilde{n}(t)$ goes to ∞ ?



Strong Law for Renewal Processes

• Theorem. For a renewal process $N = {\tilde{n}(t), t \ge 0}$ with mean interrenewal interval \overline{X} , then

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{\tilde{n}(t)}{t} = \frac{1}{\bar{X}}, \ w.p.1$$





Strong Law for Renewal Processes 同乘 $\tilde{n}(t)$ + 1 $\tilde{S}_{\tilde{n}(t)} \leq t < \tilde{S}_{\tilde{n}(t)+1} \longrightarrow \exists \hat{R}(t)$ Squeeze Theorem $\Rightarrow \quad \frac{\tilde{S}_{\tilde{n}(t)}}{\tilde{n}(t)} \le \frac{t}{\tilde{n}(t)} < \frac{\tilde{S}_{\tilde{n}(t)+1}}{\tilde{n}(t)} = \frac{\tilde{S}_{\tilde{n}(t)+1}}{\tilde{n}(t)+1} \times \frac{\tilde{n}(t)+1}{\tilde{n}(t)}$ $\Rightarrow \lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{\tilde{S}_{\tilde{n}(t)}}{\tilde{n}(t)} \le \lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{t}{\tilde{n}(t)} < \lim_{t \to \infty} \left[\underbrace{\frac{\tilde{S}_{\tilde{n}(t)+1}}{\tilde{n}(t)+1} \times \underbrace{\tilde{n}(t)+1}_{\tilde{n}(t)}}_{\bar{n}(t)} \right]^{\prime}$ $=\bar{X}$ why?

 $\therefore \quad \lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{\tilde{n}(t)}{t} = \frac{1}{\bar{X}} \quad \text{strong law of large number}$

Renewal Function $E[\tilde{n}(t)]$

- Let $m(t) = E[\tilde{n}(t)]$, which is called "*renewal function*".
- 1. Relationship between m(t) and F_n

 $m(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} F_n(t)$, where F_n is the *n*-fold convolution of F

- 2. Relationship between m(t) and F[Renewal Equation] $m(t) = F(t) + \int_0^t m(t-x)dF(x)$
- 3. Relationship between m(t) and $L_{\tilde{x}}(r)$ (Laplace Transform of \tilde{x})

$$L_m(r) = \frac{L_{\tilde{x}}(r)}{r[1 - L_{\tilde{x}}(r)]}$$

Renewal Function $E[\tilde{n}(t)]$

 \rightarrow [Wald's Equation]

- 4. Asymptotic behavior of m(t) ($t \rightarrow \infty$, Limiting)
 - \rightarrow [Elementary Renewal Theorem]
 - \rightarrow [Blackwell's Theorem]

Renewal Function $E[\tilde{n}(t)]$ 1. $m(t) = E[\tilde{n}(t)] \stackrel{?}{\longleftrightarrow} F_n$ (i.e., PDF of \tilde{S}_n) Let $\tilde{n}(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n$, where $I_n = \begin{cases} 1, & n_{th} \text{ renewal occurs in } [0, t]; \\ 0, & \text{Otherwise;} \end{cases}$ $m(t) = E[\tilde{n}(t)] = E\left|\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n\right|$ $= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E[I_n]$ $\overline{n=1}$ Indicator $= \sum P[n_{th} \text{ renewal occurs in } [0, t]]$ **Function** n=1 $= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P[\tilde{S}_n \le t]$

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Renewal Function $E[\tilde{n}(t)]$



Renewal Function $E[\tilde{n}(t)]$ 第n個到第n-1的interval time 2. $m(t) \stackrel{?}{\longleftrightarrow} F_{\tilde{x}}(t)$ (i.e., PDF of \tilde{x}) **Distribution Function** $\tilde{S}_n = \tilde{S}_{n-1} + \tilde{x}_n$, for all $n \ge 1$, and \tilde{S}_{n-1} and \tilde{x}_n are independent, for $n = 1, \tilde{x}_1 = \tilde{S}_1, P[\tilde{S}_1 \le t] = F_{\tilde{x}}(x)$ $\therefore \quad m(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P[\tilde{S}_n \le t] = F_{\tilde{x}}(t) + \int_0^t \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} P[\tilde{S}_{n-1} \le t - x] dF_{\tilde{x}}(x)$ $m(t) = F_{\tilde{x}}(t) + \int_{0}^{t} m(t-x) \cdot dF_{\tilde{x}}(x) \Rightarrow \text{Renewal Equation}$

Renewal Function $E[\tilde{n}(t)]$

3. $L_m(r) \stackrel{?}{\longleftrightarrow} L_{\tilde{x}}(r)$ (Laplace Transform of \tilde{x}) (Laplace Transform of $m(t) = L_m(r)$)

Answer:

$$L_m(r) = \frac{L_{\tilde{x}}(r)}{r[1 - L_{\tilde{x}}(r)]}$$

 $<\underline{\text{Homework}}>$ Prove it.

4. Asymptotic behavior of m(t):

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{m(t)}{t} = \lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{E[\tilde{n}(t)]}{t} = ?$$

Stopping time

- In probability theory, in particular in the study of stochastic processes, a stopping time (also Markov time) is a specific type of "random time": a random variable whose value is interpreted as the time at which a given stochastic process exhibits a certain behavior of interest.
- A stopping time is often defined by a stopping rule, a mechanism for deciding whether to continue or stop a process on the basis of the present position and past events, and which will <u>almost always</u> lead to a decision to stop at some finite time.

Stopping Time (Rule)

 \tilde{N} 只要觀察 $\tilde{x}_1, \tilde{x}_2, \dots \tilde{x}_n$ 就可以, 不用考慮 $\tilde{x}_{n+1}, \tilde{x}_{n+2}, \dots$, 就是一個stopping time

Definition. \tilde{N} , an integer-valued r.v., is said to be a "*stopping time*" for a set of independent random variables $\tilde{x}_1, \tilde{x}_2, \ldots$ if event $\{\tilde{N} = n\}$ is independent of $\tilde{x}_{n+1}, \tilde{x}_{n+2}, \ldots$

Example 1.

- Let $\tilde{x}_1, \tilde{x}_2, \ldots$ be independent random variables,
- $P[\tilde{x}_n = 0] = P[\tilde{x}_n = 1] = 1/2, n = 1, 2, ...$
- if $\widetilde{N} = \min\{n : \widetilde{x}_1 + \ldots + \widetilde{x}_n = 10\}$

 \rightarrow Is \widetilde{N} a stopping time for $\widetilde{x}_1, \widetilde{x}_2, \ldots$? Yes

Stopping Time (Rule)

Example 2.

• $\tilde{n}(t), X = \{\tilde{x}_n, n = 1, 2, 3, ...\},$ • $S = \{\tilde{S}_n, n = 0, 1, 2, 3, ...\},$ • $\tilde{S}_n = \tilde{S}_{n-1} + \tilde{x}_n$



 \rightarrow Is $\tilde{n}(t)$ the stopping time of $X = \{\tilde{x}_n, n = 1, 2, ...\}$? No

Stopping Time (Rule)

Example 3. Is $\tilde{n}(t)$ + 1 the stopping time for $\{\tilde{x}_n\}$? Yes

Answer:

跟
$$S_{n+1}$$
無關, 只跟 S_{n-1} 到 S_n 有關
whether $\tilde{n}(t) + 1 = n \ (\to \tilde{n}(t) = n - 1)$ depends on $\tilde{S}_{n-1} \leq t < \tilde{S}_n$

 \therefore depends on \tilde{S}_{n-1} and \tilde{S}_n , i.e., up to \tilde{x}_n

 $\therefore \tilde{n}(t) + 1$ is the stopping time for $\{\tilde{x}_n\}$, so is $\tilde{n}(t) + 2, \tilde{n}(t) + 3, \ldots$

Stopping Time - from \tilde{I}_n

- **Definition.** \tilde{N} , an integer-valued r.v. is said to be a *stopping time* for a set of independent random variables $\{\tilde{x}_n, n \ge 1\}$, if for each n > 1, \tilde{I}_n , conditional on $\tilde{x}_1, \tilde{x}_2, \ldots, \tilde{x}_{n-1}$, is independent of $\{\tilde{x}_k, k \ge n\}$
- **Define.** \tilde{I}_n a decision rule for stopping time \tilde{N} , $n \ge 1$

$$\tilde{I}_n = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if the } n_{th} \text{ observation is to be made;} \\ 0, & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

1. \tilde{N} is the stopping time \tilde{I}_n depends on $\tilde{x}_1, \ldots, \tilde{x}_{n-1}$ but not $\tilde{x}_n, \tilde{x}_{n+1}, \ldots$ 2. \tilde{I}_n is also an indicator function of event $\{\tilde{N} \ge n\}$, i.e., $\tilde{I}_n = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } \tilde{N} \ge n; \\ 0, & \text{Otherwise;} \end{cases}$

Stopping Time - from \tilde{I}_n

Because If $\widetilde{N} \ge n$, then n_{th} observation must be made; Since $\widetilde{N} \ge n$ implies $\widetilde{N} \ge n - 1$ and happily, $\widetilde{I}_n = 1$ implies $\widetilde{I}_n = 1$

- Wald's equation, Wald's identity or Wald's lemma is an important identity that simplifies the calculation of the expected value of the sum of a random number of random quantities
- It relates the expectation of a sum of randomly many finitemean, <u>independent and identically distributed random variables</u> to the expected number of terms in the sum and the random variables' common expectation under the condition that the number of terms in the sum is <u>independent</u> of the summands.
- Let $(X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of real-valued, independent and identically distributed random variables and let N be a nonnegative integer-value random variable that is independent of the sequence $(X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$. Suppose that N and the X_n have finite expectations. Then

$$\operatorname{E}[X_1 + \dots + X_N] = \operatorname{E}[N]\operatorname{E}[X_1]$$

Theorem. If $\{\tilde{x}_n, n \ge 1\}$ are i.i.d. random variables with finite mean $E[\tilde{x}]$, and if \tilde{N} is the stopping time for $\{\tilde{x}_n, n \ge 1\}$, such that $E[\tilde{N}] < \infty$. Then, $E\left|\sum_{n=1}^{N} \tilde{x}_{n}\right| = E[\tilde{N}] \cdot E[\tilde{x}]$ 當n>*Ñ 為0,* 所以可以寫成 $\Sigma \tilde{x}_n$ 的式子,沒有影響 **Proof.** Let $\tilde{I}_n = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n \leq \tilde{N}; \\ 0, & \text{otherwise;} \end{cases}$ $E\left|\sum_{n=1}^{N} \tilde{x}_{n}\right| = E\left[\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tilde{x}_{n} \cdot \tilde{I}_{n}\right]^{-1}$ $= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E[\tilde{x}_n \cdot \tilde{I}_n] = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E[\tilde{x}_n] \cdot E[\tilde{I}_n]$



For Wald's Theorem to be applied, other than {~xi, i ≥ 1}
1. Ñ must be a stopping time; and
2. E[Ñ] < ∞ 必須要滿足的條件

• Example. (Example 3.2.3 – Simple Random Walk, [Kao])





1*p + (-1) * q

- Let $\widetilde{N} = \min\{n \mid \widetilde{S}_n = 1\}$ $\rightarrow \widetilde{N}$ is the stopping time $E[\widetilde{S}_n] = E[\widetilde{N}] \cdot E[\widetilde{x}] = E[\widetilde{N}] \cdot (p - q)$ $\therefore \widetilde{S}_{\widetilde{N}} = 1$ for all \widetilde{N} $\therefore E[\widetilde{S}_{\widetilde{N}}] = 1$
- if p = q, $E[\widetilde{N}] = \infty \Rightarrow$ Wald's Theorem not applicable - if p > q, $E[\widetilde{N}] < \infty \Rightarrow E[\widetilde{N}] = 1 / (p-q)$ - if p < q, $E[\widetilde{N}] = \infty \Rightarrow$ Wald's Theorem not applicable

Let
$$\widetilde{M}$$
 = min{n| \widetilde{S}_n = 1} - 1 \longrightarrow \widetilde{M} 不是stopping time

$$: \ \tilde{S}_{\tilde{M}} = 0 \qquad \rightarrow \qquad E[\tilde{S}_{\tilde{M}}] = 0$$

assume
$$E[\tilde{N}] < \infty, \ p > q, \ \therefore \ E[\tilde{M}] < \infty$$

but
$$\underbrace{E[\tilde{S}_{\tilde{M}}]}_{=0} \neq \underbrace{E[\tilde{M}]}_{\text{finite}}(p-q)$$

Why???

Corollary

• Before proving
$$\lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{m(t)}{t} \to \frac{1}{\bar{X}}$$
 Ref. Page 13

• Corollary. If $\overline{X} < \infty$, then

$$E[\tilde{S}_{\tilde{n}(t)+1}] = \bar{X}[m(t)+1]$$

• Proof.

$$E[\tilde{S}_{\tilde{n}(t)+1}] = E\left[\sum_{n=1}^{\tilde{n}(t)+1} \tilde{x}_n\right] = \bar{X} \cdot E[\tilde{n}(t)+1] = \bar{X} \cdot [m(t)+1]$$

Why?
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The Elementary Renewal Theorem

• Theorem.



The Elementary Renewal Theorem

2. Consider a truncated renewal process

最大值為M
$$\tilde{x'}_n = \begin{cases} \tilde{x}_n, & \text{If } \tilde{x}_n \leq M; \ n = 1, 2, \dots \\ M, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Let
$$\tilde{S'}_n = \sum \tilde{x'}_n$$
, and $\tilde{N'}(t) = \sup\{n : \tilde{S'}_n \le t\}$. We have that
 $\tilde{S'}_{\tilde{N'}(t)+1} \le t + M$

From the corollary,

$$[m'(t) + 1]\bar{X}' \le t + M, \quad \text{where } \bar{X}' = E[\tilde{x'}_n]$$
$$\therefore \lim_{t \to \infty} \sup \frac{m'(t)}{t} \le \frac{1}{\bar{X}'}$$

The Elementary Renewal Theorem

But since $\tilde{S'}_n \leq \tilde{S}_n \to \tilde{N'}(t) \geq \tilde{N}(t), \ m'(t) \geq m(t)$ $\therefore \lim_{t \to \infty} \sup \frac{m(t)}{t} \leq \frac{1}{\bar{X'}}$



• Ensemble Average.

- to determine the expected renewal rate in the limit of large *t*, without averaging from $0 \rightarrow t$ (time average) $\frac{1}{2} t_{\rm exp} = t_{\rm exp} =$

• Question.

– are there some values of t at which renewals are more likely than others for large t?



• An example. If each inter-renewal interval $\{\tilde{x}_i, i = 1, 2, ...\}$ takes on integer number of time units, e.g., 0, 4, 8, 12, ..., then expected rate of renewals is zero at other times. Such random variable is said to be "lattice".

n=0

Definitions.

- A nonnegative random variable \tilde{x} is said to be *lattice* if there exists $d \ge 0$ such that $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} P[\tilde{x} = nd] = 1$
- That is, \tilde{x} is lattice if it only takes on integral multiples of some nonnegative number d.
- The largest *d* having this property is said to be the *period* of \tilde{x} . If \tilde{x} is lattice and *F* is the distribution function of \tilde{x} , then we say that *F* is *lattice*.
- Answer.
 - Inter-renewal interval random variables are not lattice
 - ⇒ uniform expected rate of renewals in the limit of large t.
 (Blackwell's Theorem)

Theorem. If, for $\{\tilde{x}_i, i \ge 1\}$, which are not lattice, then, for any $\delta > 0$, $\lim_{t \to \infty} [m(t + \delta) - m(t)] = \frac{\delta}{\bar{X}}$

Proof. (omitted)

- For non-lattice inter-renewal process $\{\tilde{x}_i, i \ge 1\}$,
 - 1. $\tilde{x}_i > 0 \Rightarrow$ No multiple renewals (single arrival)
 - 2. From Blackwell's Theorem, the probability of a renewal in a small interval $(t, t + \delta]$ tends to $\delta/\bar{X} + o(\delta)$ as $t \to \infty$,

. Limiting distribution of renewals in $(t, t + \delta]$ satisfies

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} P[\tilde{n}(t+\delta) - \tilde{n}(t) = 1] = \frac{\delta}{\bar{X}} + o(\delta)$$

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} P[\tilde{n}(t+\delta) - \tilde{n}(t) = 0] = 1 - \frac{\delta}{\bar{X}} + o(\delta)$$
$$\lim_{t \to \infty} P[\tilde{n}(t+\delta) - \tilde{n}(t) \ge 2] = o(\delta)$$

\Rightarrow			是指任兩段不重疊的區間 內的事件發生次數互不相干
	single arrival	Stationary	Independent
		Increment	Increment
Poisson	yes	yes	yes
Renewal	yes	yes	no
Process			
(Non-lattice)			
是指某個區間內事件發生 次數的機率分配 只跟那段區間的長度有關。			