

2.  $X_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}(p)$ .

$N = \min \{n : X_n = 1\}$  is a stopping time

$N = \min \{n : X_1 + \dots + X_n = 25\}$  is a stopping time

$N = \min \{n : X_n = X_{n-1}\}$  is a stopping time

$N = \min \{n : X_n = \underline{X_{n+1}}\}$  is NOT a stopping time

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### Wald's Equation

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If  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  is a sequence of i.i.d. random variables with finite expectation  $E[X]$ , and if  $N$  is a stopping time for this sequence s.t.

$E[N] < \infty$ , then

$$E\left[\sum_{n=1}^N X_n\right] = E[N] E[X]$$

Pf: Details in book §7.3.

## Corollary of Wald's Equation

If  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  are the interarrival times of a renewal process, then

$$E[X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_{N(t)+1}] = E[X] E[N(t)+1]$$

↗

Observe these  $X_i$ 's  $\perp$  at a time  $\frac{t}{2}$   
then stop at the 1<sup>st</sup> renewal after time  $t$ .  
Then  $N(t)+1$  is a stopping time for the  
seq. of interarrival times

That is,

$$E[S_{N(t)+1}] = \mu(m(t)+1).$$

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Use this to prove the Elementary  
Renewal Thm.

Details

$$S_{N(t)+1} = \sum_{i=1}^{N(t)+1} X_i$$

$$\Rightarrow E[S_{N(t)+1}] = E\left[\sum_{i=1}^{N(t)+1} X_i\right] = \underbrace{E[X_i]}_{\mu} \underbrace{E[N(t)+1]}_{m(t)+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow E[S_{N(t)+1}] = \mu(m(t)+1)$$

Note:  $X_i$ 's and  $N(t)$  are NOT independent!

$N(t) = n$  and  $X_{n+1}, X_{n+2}, \dots$  are dependent.

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$N(t)+1 = n$  and  $X_{n+1}, X_{n+2}, \dots$  are INDEPENDENT!

$N(t)+1$  is a stopping time for the sequence of interarrival times  $X_i$ 's

$\Rightarrow$  By Wald's Equation,

$$E\left[\sum_{i=1}^{N(t)+1} X_i\right] = E[X_i] E[N(t)+1] = \mu (m(t)+1)$$

The Elementary Renewal Theorem follows from this relation.

(See details on p.422 11<sup>th</sup> Ed Models)

$S_{N(t)+1}$  = 1<sup>st</sup> renewal time after time  $t$

$$\Rightarrow S_{N(t)+1} = t + \underbrace{Y(t)}$$

excess at time  $t$   
i.e. the time from  $t$  until next renewal

$$\Rightarrow E[S_{N(t)+1}] = E[t + Y(t)]$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu(m(t)+1) = t + E[Y(t)]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{m(t)}{t} + \frac{1}{t} = \frac{1}{\mu} + \frac{E[Y(t)]}{t\mu} \quad (*)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{m(t)}{t} \geq \frac{1}{\mu} - \frac{1}{t} \quad \text{since } Y(t) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{m(t)}{t} \geq \frac{1}{\mu} \quad \text{— bounded above (1)}$$

Suppose  $\exists M < \infty$  s.t.  $P(X_i < M) = 1$

$X_i$ 's are bounded

(see book for case of unbounded interarrival times)

$$\Rightarrow Y(t) < M$$

$$\Rightarrow E[Y(t)] < M$$

$$\text{Then } \frac{m(t)}{t} + \frac{1}{t} \leq \frac{1}{\mu} + \frac{M}{t\mu} \quad (\text{from } *)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{m(t)}{t} \leq \frac{1}{\mu} \quad \text{— bounded below (2)}$$

Hence, by (1) & (2),  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{m(t)}{t} = \frac{1}{\mu}$ .  $\square$

## Renewal Reward Process

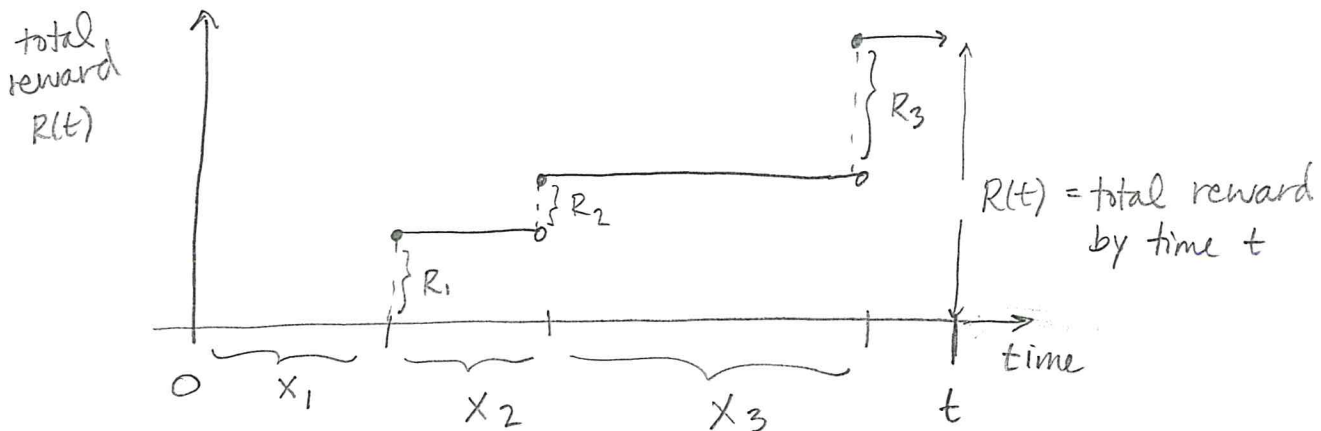
Suppose that each time a renewal occurs we receive a reward.

Let  $R_n$  = the reward earned at the time of the  $n^{\text{th}}$  renewal

Assume that the  $R_n$ 's are i.i.d.

However,  $R_n$  may depend on  $X_n$ , the length of the  $n^{\text{th}}$  renewal.

$\{N(t) : t \geq 0\}$  is a renewal process with interarrival times  $X_i \geq 0$ .



Here,  $N(t) = 3$  — 3 renewals in  $[0, t]$

$$R(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{N(t)} R_n = \text{total reward by time } t$$

(  $R(t)$  is also known as a continuous time random walk if  $X_i$ 's have a continuous distn. )

Fact: IF  $E[R] < \infty$  and  $E[X] < \infty$ , then

$$1) \frac{R(t)}{t} \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} \frac{E[R]}{E[X]} \text{ as } t \rightarrow \infty$$

$$2) \frac{E[R(t)]}{t} \rightarrow \frac{E[R]}{E[X]}$$

Long-run average reward per unit time

$$= \frac{\text{Expected reward per cycle}}{\text{Expected length of cycle}}$$

( A cycle is completed every time a renewal occurs )

Example: Customers arrive at a single-server bank according to a Poisson process with rate  $\lambda$ . Customers only enter the bank if the server is free upon arrival, o.w. goes home. Assume the amount of time spent in bank is a RV with distribution  $G$ , then

(a) At what rate do customers enter the bank?

~~(b)~~ What proportion of potential customers actually enter the bank?

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Let  $\mu_G$  = mean service time.

Mean time b/t entering customers is

$$\mu = \mu_G + \frac{1}{\lambda} \quad \leftarrow \text{ aka mean time of a cycle}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Rate customers enter bank} = \frac{1}{\mu} = \frac{\lambda}{1 + \lambda\mu_G}$$

Now suppose that the amounts that successive customers deposit in the bank are i.i.d. RV w/ distn H.

Then the rate at which deposits accumulate:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\text{Total deposits by time } t}{t} = ?$$

$$\text{Ans: } \frac{E[\text{deposits during a cycle}]}{E[\text{time of a cycle}]} = \frac{\mu_H}{\mu_G + \frac{1}{\lambda}}$$

where  $\mu_H$  is the mean of distn H.