

We will follow the same procedure to validate the equation $\Pr\{\gamma_i^D \leq x\} = G(x)$ for all x , where γ_i^D is the excess life in the delayed (stationary) renewal process. Let

$$A_x^D(t) = \Pr\{\gamma_i^D > x\}, \quad \text{and} \quad A_x(t) = \Pr\{\gamma_i > x\},$$

where γ_i is the excess life in an ordinary renewal process. The standard renewal argument leads to

$$A_x^D(t) = 1 - G(t+x) + \int_0^t A_x(t-y) dG(y),$$

or

$$A_x^D(t) = 1 - G(t+x) + G * A_x(t). \quad (7.5)$$

The renewal equation

$$A_x(t) = 1 - F(t+x) + F * A_x(t)$$

appeared earlier, in our deliberations of Section 6. By virtue of Theorem 4.1, the solution can be represented in the form

$$A_x(t) = a_x(t) + M * a_x(t), \quad (7.6)$$

where

$$a_x(t) = 1 - F(t+x).$$

Inserting (7.6) into (7.5) and citing the formula $M_D(t) = G(t) + G * M(t)$ (this comes out directly from the definitions involved), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} A_x^D(t) &= 1 - G(t+x) + G * a_x(t) + G * M * a_x(t) \\ &= 1 - G(t+x) + M_D * a_x(t) \\ &= 1 - G(t+x) + \int_0^t a_x(t-y) dM_D(y). \end{aligned}$$

Now $a_x(t-y) = 1 - F(t+x-y)$ and $M_D(y) \equiv y/\mu$, so that $dM_D(y) = \mu^{-1} dy$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} A_x^D(t) &= 1 - G(t+x) + \mu^{-1} \int_0^t \{1 - F(t+x-y)\} dy \\ &= 1 - G(t+x) + \mu^{-1} \int_x^{t+x} \{1 - F(u)\} du \\ &= 1 - G(t+x) + G(t+x) - G(x) \\ &= 1 - G(x), \end{aligned}$$

as was to be shown.

C. CUMULATIVE AND RELATED PROCESSES

Suppose associated with the i th unit or lifetime interval is a second random variable Y_i ($\{Y_i\}$ identically distributed) in addition to the lifetime X_i . We allow X_i and Y_i to be dependent, but assume that the pairs $(X_1, Y_1), (X_2, Y_2), \dots$ are independent. We use the notation $F(x) = \Pr\{X_i \leq x\}$, $G(y) = \Pr\{Y_i \leq y\}$, $\mu = E[X_i]$, and $\nu = E[Y_i]$.

A number of problems of practical and theoretical interest have a natural formulation in these terms.

I. Renewal Processes Involving Two Components to Each Renewal Interval

Suppose that

Y_i represents a portion of the duration X_i .

Figure 7 illustrates the model. In Fig. 7 we have depicted the Y portion occurring at the beginning of the interval, but this is not essential for the results that follow.

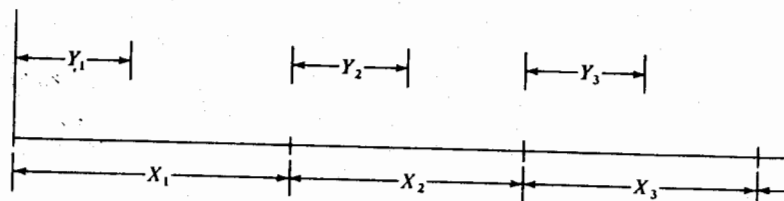


FIG. 7. A renewal process in which an associated random variable Y_i represents a portion of the i th renewal interval.

Let $p(t)$ be the probability that t falls in a Y portion of some renewal interval. By conditioning on the length of the first interval $X_1 = x$ and distinguishing the two possibilities $x < t$ and $x \geq t$, we arrive (by what is now a routine methodology) at the renewal equation

$$p(t) = \Pr\{t \text{ is covered by } Y_1\} + \int_0^t p(t-\xi) dF(\xi).$$

Let

$$I_{Y_1}(t) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } Y_1 \text{ covers } t, \\ 0, & \text{if } Y_1 \text{ does not cover } t. \end{cases}$$

Then

$$\Pr\{t \text{ is covered by } Y_1\} = E[I_{Y_1}(t)],$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^{\infty} \Pr\{t \text{ is covered by } Y_1\} dt &= \int_0^{\infty} E[I_{Y_1}(t)] dt \\ &= E\left[\int_0^{\infty} I_{Y_1}(t) dt\right] \\ &= E[Y_1] = v, \end{aligned}$$

since the totality of points covered by Y_1 is Y_1 . Now applying the renewal theorem, we conclude that if F is nonarithmetic and $\Pr\{t \text{ is covered by } Y_1\}$ is directly Riemann integrable, then

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} p(t) &= \mu^{-1} \int_0^{\infty} \Pr\{t \text{ is covered by } Y_1\} dt \\ &= v/\mu. \end{aligned} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{a rather} \\ \text{obvious result} \end{array} \quad (7.7)$$

Here are some concrete examples.

(a) A Replacement Model

Consider a replacement model in which replacement is not instantaneous. Let Y_i be the operating time and Z_i the lag period preceding installment of the $(i+1)$ st operating unit. (The delay in replacement can be conceived as a period of repair of the service unit.) We assume that the sequence of times between successive replacements $X_k = Y_k + Z_k$, $k = 1, 2, \dots$, constitutes a renewal process. Then $p(t)$, the probability that the system is in operation at time t , converges to $E[Y_1]/E[X_1]$, provided the distribution of X_k is nonarithmetic.

(b) A Queuing Model

If arrivals to a queue follow a Poisson process, then the successive times X_k from the commencement of the k th busy period to the start of the next busy period form a renewal process. (A busy period is an uninterrupted duration when the queue is not empty.) Each X_k is composed of a busy portion Z_k and an idle portion Y_k . Then $p(t)$, the probability that the queue is empty at time t , converges to $E[Y_1]/E[X_1]$.

(c) A Counter Problem

Let X_k , $k = 1, 2, \dots$, denote the sequence of times between successive recorded particles in a counter and let Y_k represent the dead (blocked) time during the X_k renewal period. Then $p(t)$, the probability that the counter is blocked at time t , converges to $E[Y_1]/E[X_1]$.

II. Cumulative Processes

Interpret Y_i as a cost or value, etc., associated with the i th renewal cycle. A class of problems with natural setting in this general context of pairs (X_i, Y_i) , where X_i generates a renewal process, will now be considered. Interest here focuses on the so-called *cumulative process*

$$W(t) = \sum_{k=1}^{N(t)+1} Y_k,$$

the accumulated costs or what-have-you up to time t (assuming transactions are made at the beginning of a renewal cycle). By conditioning on the time $X_1 = x$ until the first renewal, and examining the two possibilities $x > t$ and $x \leq t$, we secure for $A(t) = E[W(t)]$ the renewal equation

$$A(t) = E[Y_1] + \int_0^t A(t-x) dF(x).$$

An appeal to Theorem 4.1 yields the formula

$$\begin{aligned} A(t) &= E[Y_1] + \int_0^t E[Y_1] dM(x) \\ &= E[Y_1][1 + M(t)]. \end{aligned}$$

It follows immediately that, where F is nonarithmetic and $h > 0$, then

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} [A(t) - A(t-h)] = E[Y_1]h/\mu,$$

and in any case,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} A(t) = E[Y_1]/\mu.$$

This justifies the interpretation of $E[Y_1]/\mu$ as a long-run mean cost, value, etc., per unit time, an interpretation that was used repeatedly in the examples of Section 3.

Here are some examples of cumulative processes.

(a) Replacement Models

Suppose Y_i is the cost of the i th replacement. Let us suppose that under an age-replacement strategy (see Example B, Section 3) a planned replacement at age T costs c_1 dollars, while a failure replaced at time $x < T$ costs c_2 dollars. If Y_k is the cost incurred at the k th replacement cycle, then

$$Y_k = \begin{cases} c_1 & \text{with probability } 1 - F(T), \\ c_2 & \text{with probability } F(T), \end{cases}$$

and $E[Y_k] = c_1[1 - F(T)] + c_2 F(T)$. Since the expected length of a replacement cycle is

$$E[\min\{X_k, T\}] = \int_0^T [1 - F(x)] dx,$$

we have that the long-run cost per unit time is

$$\frac{c_1[1 - F(T)] + c_2 F(T)}{\int_0^T [1 - F(x)] dx},$$

and in any particular situation a routine calculus exercise or recourse to numerical computation produces the value of T that minimizes the long-run cost per unit time.

Under a block replacement policy, there is one planned replacement every T units of time and, on the average, $M(T)$ failure replacements, so the expected cost is $E[Y_k] = c_1 + c_2 M(T)$, and the long-run mean cost per unit time is $\{c_1 + c_2 M(T)\}/T$.

(b) Counter Models

In a counter model (see Example C, Section 3), let Y_k be the number of unregistered signals that arise during the period X_k between the $(k-1)$ st and k th recorded signals. Then the long-run mean number of uncounted particles per unit time is $E[Y_1]/E[X_1]$.

(c) Risk Theory

Suppose claims arrive at an insurance company according to a renewal process with interoccurrence times X_1, X_2, \dots . Let Y_k be the magnitude of the k th claim. Then $W(t) = \sum_{k=0}^{N(t)+1} Y_k$ represents the cumulative amount claimed up to time t , and the long-run mean claim rate is

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} E[W(t)] = E[Y_1]/E[X_1].$$

D. TERMINATING RENEWAL PROCESSES

Suppose we allow the possibility of infinite interoccurrence times in a renewal process. Such a process is called a *terminating* renewal process, since the renewals cease at the first infinite interoccurrence time. The situation is diagrammed in Fig. 8.

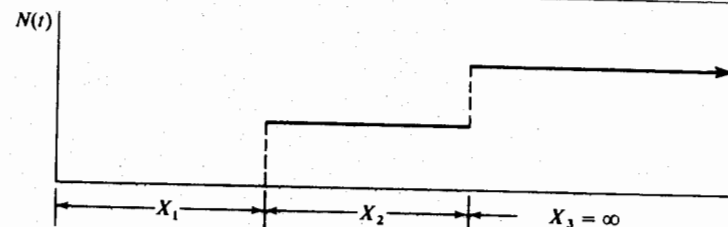


FIG. 8.

Let $L = F(\infty) = \Pr\{X_k < \infty\} < 1$ and $1 - L = \Pr\{X_k = \infty\} > 0$. Then the total number of renewals in all time, denoted by $N(\infty)$, is a finite-valued random variable and follows the geometric probability law

$$\Pr\{N(\infty) \geq k\} = L^k, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots,$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} E[N(\infty)] &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \Pr\{N(\infty) \geq k\} \\ &= L/(1 - L). \end{aligned}$$

The realizations of the termination process still have the property $N(t) \geq k$ if and only if $S_k \leq t$, so that

$$\Pr\{N(t) \geq k\} = \Pr\{S_k \leq t\} = F_k(t),$$

and

$$M(t) = E[N(t)] = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} F_k(t) < \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} L^k = L/(1 - L).$$

Moreover, the renewal argument continues to work, entailing the equation

$$M(t) = F(t) + \int_0^t M(t-x) dF(x).$$

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However, the renewal theorem is *not* automatically applicable owing to the fact that F is not a proper probability distribution function. Fortunately, there is often a way to overcome this lacuna. Suppose that

$$g(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-sx} dF(x)$$

is a finite function of s for $s \geq 0$. Then g will be continuous and $g(0) = L < 1$ and $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} g(s) = 0$, implying the existence of a unique positive value $s_0 = \lambda > 0$, for which

$$g(\lambda) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda x} dF(x) = 1.$$