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Pollaczek-Khinchin (P-K) Formula

- ▶ We know that $V(1) = A(1) = 1$,

$$V(1) = \lim_{z \rightarrow 1} v_0 \left(\frac{A'(z)(z-1) + A(z)}{1 - A'(z)} \right)$$

$$1 = \frac{v_0 A(1)}{1 - A'(1)} = \frac{v_0}{1 - A'(1)}$$

provided $A'(1)$ is finite and is less than 1.

- ▶ Taking $\rho = A'(1)$ we get, $v_0 = 1 - \rho$.
- ▶ Hence,

$$V(z) = \frac{(1 - \rho)(z - 1)f^*(\lambda((1 - z)))}{z - f^*(\lambda(1 - z))}.$$

- ▶ This is known as **Pollaczek-Khinchin (P-K)** formula.



You know that since the $V(z)$ and $A(z)$ s are probability generating functions so $V(1)$ and $A(1)$ are equal to be 1. So using that relation you can find out what is the value of v_0 . So v_0 is nothing but $1 - A'(1)$ and $A'(1)$ is nothing but the expected arrivals. Just now we got expected arrival is equal to ρ , therefore, $v_0 = 1 - \rho$. So earlier we got $V(z)$ in terms of $A(z)$ with the v_0 and already we have the relation, $A(z)$ is a Laplace transform of a probability density function of service time distribution and just now we got v_0 in terms $v_0 = 1 - \rho$. Therefore, the probability generating function of the steady-state probabilities will be in terms of Laplace transform of a probability density function of service time distribution with ρ and this equation is known as Pollaczek-Khinchin or (P-K) formula. So this is the formula used to find out the steady-state probabilities because if you get the coefficient of Z that is the steady-state probabilities.

Limiting Distributions

- ▶ Note that, the quantities of interest are the state probabilities at a different set of points, namely the arrival epochs.
- ▶ From the point of view of an arriving customer, the number of customers that he finds in the system, not the number he leaves behind, is the quantity of interest.
- ▶ Since the arrival follows Poisson process, the equilibrium distribution of the number of customers found by the arrival and the equilibrium distribution of the number of customers left behind by a departure in this queueing model, are the same.
- ▶ Note that, in the $M/G/1$ queue, the limiting distributions of the number of customers in the system at arrival epochs, at departure epochs, and at arbitrary points in time are the same only since the arrivals occur as a Poisson process.



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So we found that the limiting probabilities are the departure epochs, but since the arrival follows a Poisson process, the limiting distribution of number of customers in the system at the arrival epochs and the departure epochs and at the arbitrary time points all are same. This is a standard result which we shall be using without proof.

P-K Mean Value Formula

- ▶ Average number of customers in the system in steady-state is given by

$$L_s = \left. \frac{dV(z)}{dz} \right|_{z=1}$$
- More generally,

$$L_s = \rho + \frac{\lambda^2(E(B^2))}{2(1-\rho)}.$$
- ▶ This is known as the P-K mean value formula.
- ▶ Here, $E(B^2)$ is the second order moment about the origin for the service time.
- ▶ This result holds true for all scheduling disciplines in which the server is busy if the queue is non-empty.
- ▶ The expected system size L_s can be computed without $V(z)$ also.



Now we can find out the average measures. Average number of customers in the system in steady state is given by differentiator, the probability generating function, and substitute, $z=1$, will be the average number of customers. If you do the simplification, you will get rho times, rho plus lambda square, expectation of the service time whole square, expectation of B^2

divided by $2(1-\rho)$. $L_s = \rho + \frac{\lambda^2(E(B^2))}{2(1-\rho)}$. And this equation is known as a P-K mean formula.

The previous one was the P-K formula because that gives the steady-state probabilities, whereas this gives the average measures. Therefore, this is called the P-K mean formula. Here, expectation of B^2 is the second order moment about the origin for service time. This result holds true for all scheduling discipline in which the server is busy if the queue is non-empty.

The expected system size, L_s , can be computed without $V(z)$ because if you know ρ as well as if you know the expectation of B^2 , you can find out the expected system size. Now we are deriving the L_s in a different way, not via the P-K formula. So the derivation is as follows:

Steady-state Measures ...



$$L_s = E(X_{n+1}) = E(X_n)$$

$$L_s = L_s - E(U(X_n)) + E(Arrival)$$

where

$$U(X_n) = \begin{cases} 1, & X_n > 0 \\ 0, & X_n = 0 \end{cases}$$



$$E(U(X_n)) = E(Arrival)$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} E(Arrival|s=t)dB(t)$$

$$= \int_0^{\infty} \lambda t b(t) dt$$

$$= \lambda E(B) = \frac{\lambda}{\mu} = \rho$$



So the L_s in terms of $E(X_{n+1})$ and you find out $E(U(X_n))$ using this, you will get it's equal to ρ .

Steady-state Measures ...

▶ Now,

$$X_{n+1} = X_n - U(X_n) + A_n$$

$$X_{n+1}^2 = X_n^2 + U^2(X_n) + A_n^2$$

$$\quad - 2X_n V(X_n) - 2A_n U(X_n) + 2A_n X_n$$

where $U^2(X_n) = U(X_n)$ and $X_n U(X_n) = X_n$.

▶ Now, taking expectations on both the sides, we get

$$E(X_{n+1}^2) = E(X_n^2) + E(U^2(X_n)) + E(A_n^2)$$

$$\quad - 2E(X_n V(X_n)) - 2E(A_n U(X_n)) + 2E(A_n X_n)$$



And after you do the simplification, you can get the expectation of X_{n+1}^2 also in terms of expectation of X_n^2 as well as expectation of A_n^2 .

P-K Mean Formula

- ▶ Using $E(X_{n+1}^2) = E(X_n^2)$ and $\text{Var}(\text{Arrival}) = \rho + \lambda^2 \sigma_B^2$ where σ_B^2 is the variance of the service time distribution, we get

$$L_s = \rho + \frac{\lambda^2 \sigma_B^2 + \rho^2}{2(1 - \rho)}$$

which is the P-K mean formula.

- ▶ Using this, other measures such as L_q , T_s and T_q can be obtained as follows

$$L_q = L_s - \lambda E(B); \quad E(B) = \frac{1}{\mu}$$

$$T_s = \frac{L_s}{\lambda}; \quad T_q = \frac{L_q}{\lambda}$$



So once you know the expectation of X_{n+1}^2 and the variance of arrival where variance of arrival means the variance of number of arrivals during a service time, you can get the expected number of customers in the system in steady-state. So this is called the P-K mean formula without using the P-K formula.

Once we know the L_s that is average number of customers in the system, you can find out the L_q that is average number of customers in the queue and T_s is nothing but the average time spent in the system and the T_q is the average time spent in the q. So using Little's formula you can find all other measures.

Special Case

- ▶ For the case where the service time is constant, $\text{Var}(B) = 0$, then the P-K formula for M/D/1 queue reduces to

$$L_s = \rho + \frac{\rho^2}{2(1 - \rho)}$$

where $\rho = \lambda/\mu$ and $1/\mu$ is the constant service time.



As a special case, if the variance is 0, variance of service time is 0 that means it is a M/D/1

queue, then you can get the average number of customers in steady state will be

$$L_s = \rho + \frac{\rho^2}{2(1-\rho)} . \text{ Here the } \rho \text{ is nothing but } \lambda/\mu \text{ where } 1/\mu \text{ is a constant service time.}$$


Steady-state Measures ...

- ▶ Alternatively, the steady state probabilities can be obtained in the following way. When the embedded DTMC is irreducible and ergodic, the limiting probability $v_j = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_{ij}^{(n)}$, $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ are given as unique solutions of

$$v_j = a_j v_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{j+1} a_{j-i+1} v_i, \quad j = 0, 1, 2, \dots \quad (1)$$

- ▶ Suppose the mean sojourn time in state j , $\frac{1}{\mu_j}$ (finite) and $\{X_n, n = 0, 1, \dots\}$ is irreducible and ergodic, then

$$P_j = \frac{\frac{1}{\mu_j} v_j}{\sum_k \frac{1}{\mu_k} v_k}, \quad j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$


 v_j are obtained by solving (1).

Alternatively, you can find out the steady-state probabilities by solving a $V=v_p$ you can use the mean sojourn time that is $1/\mu_j$ for the state j , then you can find out the steady-state probabilities, p_j 's nothing average sojourn time multiplied by the steady-state probabilities of embedded Markov chain, the way we have done it in the semi-Markov process.

Special Case

- ▶ Here also, as a special case, when the service time follows exponential distribution with mean $\frac{1}{\mu}$ can be discussed.
- ▶ Assume that $\lambda < \mu$. The one step transition probability matrix P becomes

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \frac{\mu}{\lambda+\mu} & 0 & \frac{\lambda}{\lambda+\mu} & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & \frac{\mu}{\lambda+\mu} & 0 & \frac{\lambda}{\lambda+\mu} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$



As a special case, you can verify when this service time follows exponential distribution with the mean $1/\mu$, you can get the one-step transition probability matrix in this form for the embedded Markov chain,

Special Case ...

- ▶ Then the solution of $V = VP$ is

$$v_j = \left(\frac{\lambda + \mu}{\lambda}\right) \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^j v_0, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots$$

- ▶ Hence, for the $M/M/1$ queueing system, the limiting probabilities are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_j &= \frac{\left(\frac{\lambda + \mu}{\lambda}\right) \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^j \left(\frac{1}{\mu}\right)}{1 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{\mu}\right) \left(\frac{\lambda + \mu}{\lambda}\right) \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^k}, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right) \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^j, \quad j = 0, 1, \dots \end{aligned}$$

- ▶ The expected number of customers in the system is given by the Pollazek-Khintchine formula.

Then you can solve $V=VP$ with the summation of $v_i=1$, you will get v_j 's. Then if you substitute the v_j 's then you can get the steady-state probabilities for the $M/M/1$ queue that is same as a $1 - \rho(\rho)^j$.

Steady-state Measures ...

- ▶ The formula states that mean queueing delay is given by:

$$T_q = \frac{\rho(1 + \mu^2 \sigma_B^2)}{2\mu(1 - \rho)}$$

- ▶ Hence, the average time spent in the system is:

$$T_s = T_q + \frac{1}{\mu} = \frac{1 + \mu^2 \sigma_B^2}{2(\mu - \lambda)} + \frac{1}{\mu}$$

- ▶ By Little's formula, we know: $L_s = \lambda T_s$.

- ▶ Hence

$$L_s = \rho + \frac{\rho^2 + \lambda^2 \sigma_B^2}{2(1 - \rho)}$$

The $1/\mu$ is the mean and σ_B^2 is the variance of the service time distribution and $\rho = \frac{\lambda}{\mu}$.

For any $M/G/1$ queue, you can find out the average time spent in the queue that is a mean queueing delay and once you know the mean queueing delay, you can get the average time spent in the system by adding average service time that is a $1/\mu$. So the T_s will be $T_q + 1/\mu$ that will be the average time spent in the system.

By Little's formula, you can get L_s . $L_s = \lambda(T_s)$. You know the T_s , so from that you can get the λ_s which is same as what you got it in the P-K mean formula.

Special Case

- ▶ When service time is exponentially distributed with mean $\frac{1}{\mu}$, then

$$L_s = \rho + \frac{2\rho^2}{2(1-\rho)} = \frac{\rho}{1-\rho}$$

- ▶ In this derivation, we assume FCFS scheduling to simplify the analysis.
- ▶ However, the above formulae are valid for any scheduling discipline in which the server is busy if the queue is non-empty, no customer departs the queue before completing service, and the order of service is not dependent on the knowledge about service times.
- ▶ Hence, using Little's formula, the average time spent in the system is given by $\lambda T_s = L_s$.



As a special case, when the service time is exponential distribution, with the mean $1/\mu$, you can get the average time spent in the average number of customers in the system will be $\rho/1-\rho$. This is same as the average number of customers in the M/M/1 queue.

In this derivation, we assume first-come first-served scheduling to simplify the analysis. But the above formula are valid for any scheduling discipline in which the server is busy if the queue is non-empty and no customer departs queue before completing the service and the order of service is not dependent on the knowledge about the service time.

If these conditions are satisfied then for any scheduling discipline, you can use the above formula of average number of customers in the system.

So using Little's formula you can find out the average time spent in the system, $\lambda T_s = L_s$.

Example

- ▶ People are entering cricket stadium at New Delhi to watch a cricket match.
- ▶ There is only one ticket line to purchase tickets. Each ticket purchase takes an average of 20 seconds.
- ▶ The average arrival rate is 2 persons per minute.
- ▶ Find the average length of queue and average waiting time in queue assuming M/G/1 queueing with service time follows uniform distribution between 15 and 25 seconds.
- ▶ Departure rate: $\mu = 20$ seconds/person or 3 persons/minute.
- ▶ Arrival rate: $\lambda = 2$ persons/minute
- ▶ $\rho = 2/3$
- ▶ Given $B \sim U(15, 25)$, $E(B) = 1/3$ minute



As a simple example, consider the people entering cricket stadium at New Delhi to watch the match. There is only one ticket line to purchase tickets. Each ticket purchase takes an average of 20 seconds. The average arrival rate is two persons per minute. So the question is find the

average length of queue as well as average waiting time in queue assuming the queuing model is a M/G/1 with the service follows uniform distribution between 15 to 25 seconds.

With this given information, you can get their departure rate, arrival rate. Because it is 20 seconds per person therefore the rate will be three persons per minute, and the arrival rate is two persons per minute. Therefore, you can get λ that is $2/3$. So it is irreducible positive recurrent Markov chain. Therefore, the steady-state probabilities exist and given the service time distribution is uniform distribution between the interval 15 to 25, you can get the measures of steady-state probabilities as well as all the average measures.

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