

SOLUTION HW 3.

P14. Suppose $X(t) = i$. Then the next arrival occurs with rate λ . The next service completion occurs with rate μ . Each of the $i - 1$ customers in the queue waiting for service leaves due to impatience with rate θ . Hence $\{X(t), t \geq 0\}$ is birth and death process with birth parameters $\lambda_i = \lambda, i \geq 0$ and death parameters $\mu_0 = 0, \mu_i = \mu + (i - 1)\theta, i \geq 1$.

P15. $\{X(t), t \geq 0\}$ is a CTMC on state-space $\{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ with positive elements of the generator matrix as given below:

$$q_{i,i+1} = .4i\lambda, \quad q_{i,i+2} = .3i\lambda, \quad q_{i,i-1} = .3i\mu, \quad i \geq 0.$$

P16. Let $X(t)$ be the number of customers in the system at time t , and $Y(t) = 1$ if the server is busy at time t , and 0 otherwise. The operating policy implies that the server cannot be idle if there are N or more customers in the system. Thus $X(t) \geq N \Rightarrow Y(t) = 1$. Hence the state space is $\{1, 2, \dots\} \cup \{(0, 0), (1, 0), \dots, (N - 1, 0)\}$. Here state i indicates that $X(t) = i$ and $Y(t) = 1$, and state $(i, 0)$ indicates that $X(t) = i$ and $Y(t) = 0$. The triggering event analysis yielded the following rates:

$$\begin{aligned} q_{(i,0),(i+1,0)} &= \lambda, \quad 0 \leq i \leq N - 1, \\ q_{(N-1,0),N} &= \lambda, \quad q_{(1,0),0} = \mu, \\ q_{i,i+1} &= \lambda, \quad i \geq 1, \quad q_{i,i-1} = \mu, \quad i \geq 2. \end{aligned}$$

P1. Define $Z(t) = 0$ if $X(t)$ is even, and $Z(t) = 1$ if $X(t)$ is odd. Then $\{Z(t), t \geq 0\}$ is a CTMC on state-space $\{0, 1\}$ with generator matrix

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} -\alpha & \alpha \\ \beta & -\beta \end{bmatrix}.$$

Using results of Example 6.12, equation 6.38, we get

$$P(X(t) \text{ odd} | X(0) = 0) = P(Z(t) = 1 | Z(0) = 0) = p_{0,1}(t) = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta} (1 - e^{-(\alpha + \beta)t}).$$

P6. Using the transition rates from the modeling Exercise 15, the forward equations 6.29 become

$$p'_{i,j}(t) = .3(j + 1)\mu p_{i,j+1}(t) - j\mu p_{i,j} + .4(j - 1)\mu p_{i,j-1} + .3(j - 2)\mu p_{i,j-2}(t), \quad j \geq 0,$$

where we interpret $p_{i,j}(t) = 0$ for $j < 0$. Following the steps in the solution to Computational Exercise 2, we get

$$m'(t) = .7\mu m(t), \quad m(0) = i.$$

Solution is given by

$$m(t) = ie^{.7\mu t}.$$

Thus the size of the amoeba colony explodes exponentially with time.