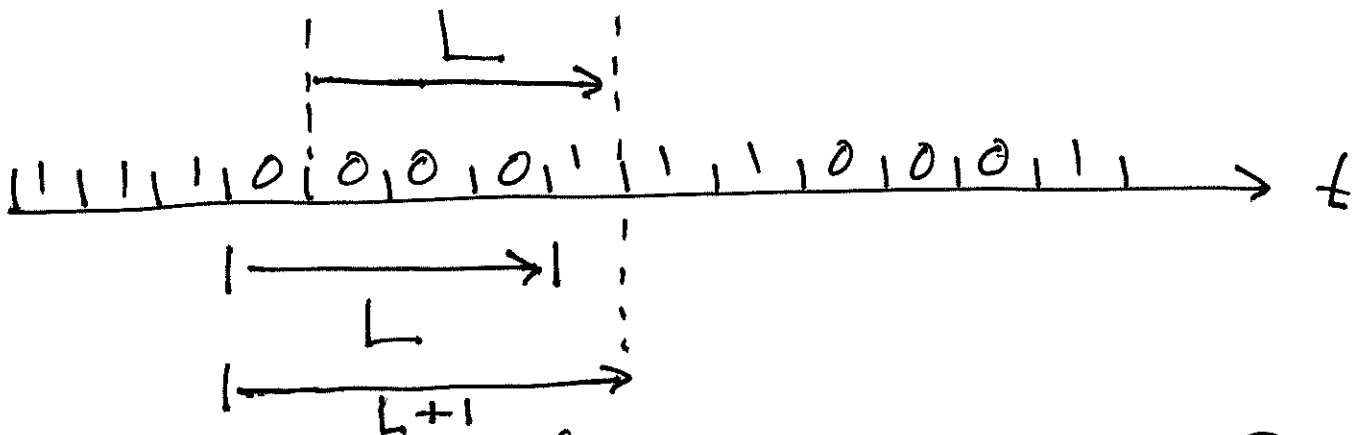


Ex.

$$P(\text{win}) = p$$

You buy a lottery ticket<sup>n</sup> every day.

Let  $L$  be the length of your 1<sup>st</sup> losing streak.



what is the distribution of  $L$ ?

note:  $L$  cannot be 0, so  $L+1$

cannot be 1, so  $L+1$  is not geometric.

L is also the time from 2<sup>nd</sup> loss to next win, so

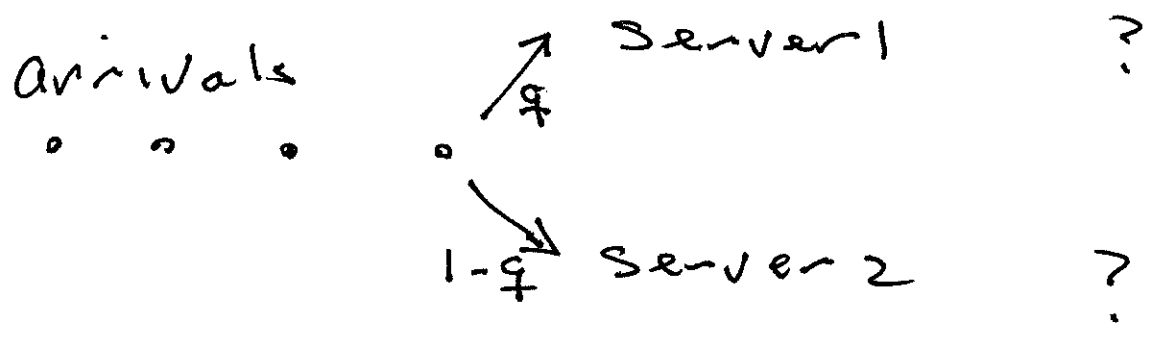
L is geometric with Param p

splitting a Bernoulli Process

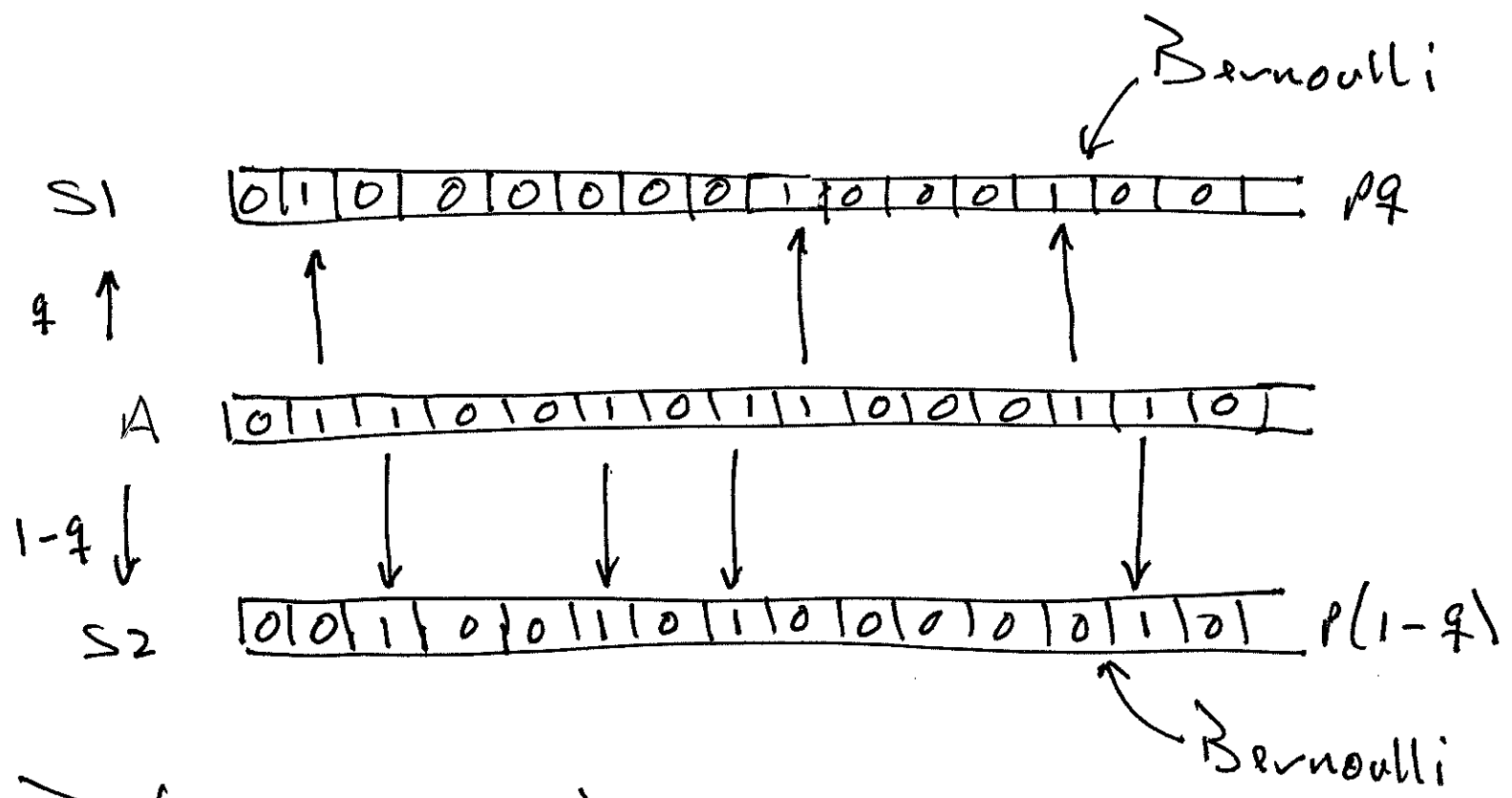
say we have a Bernoulli process of Param p, producing a stream of jobs into a queue. each job goes to one of 2 servers

$$P(\text{server 1}) = q$$

$$P(\text{server 2}) = 1 - q$$



what kind of Processes are seen by  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  ?



$P(\text{arrival in } S_1) = p \cdot q$

$P(\text{arrival in } S_2) = p \cdot (1-q)$

# Merging Bernoulli Processes

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We have independent, simultaneous Bernoulli Processes.

	<u>Param</u>
Stream 1 : $X_1, X_2, \dots$	$p$

stream 2 : $Y_1, Y_2, \dots$	$q$
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Merge  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  into a new process  $M$

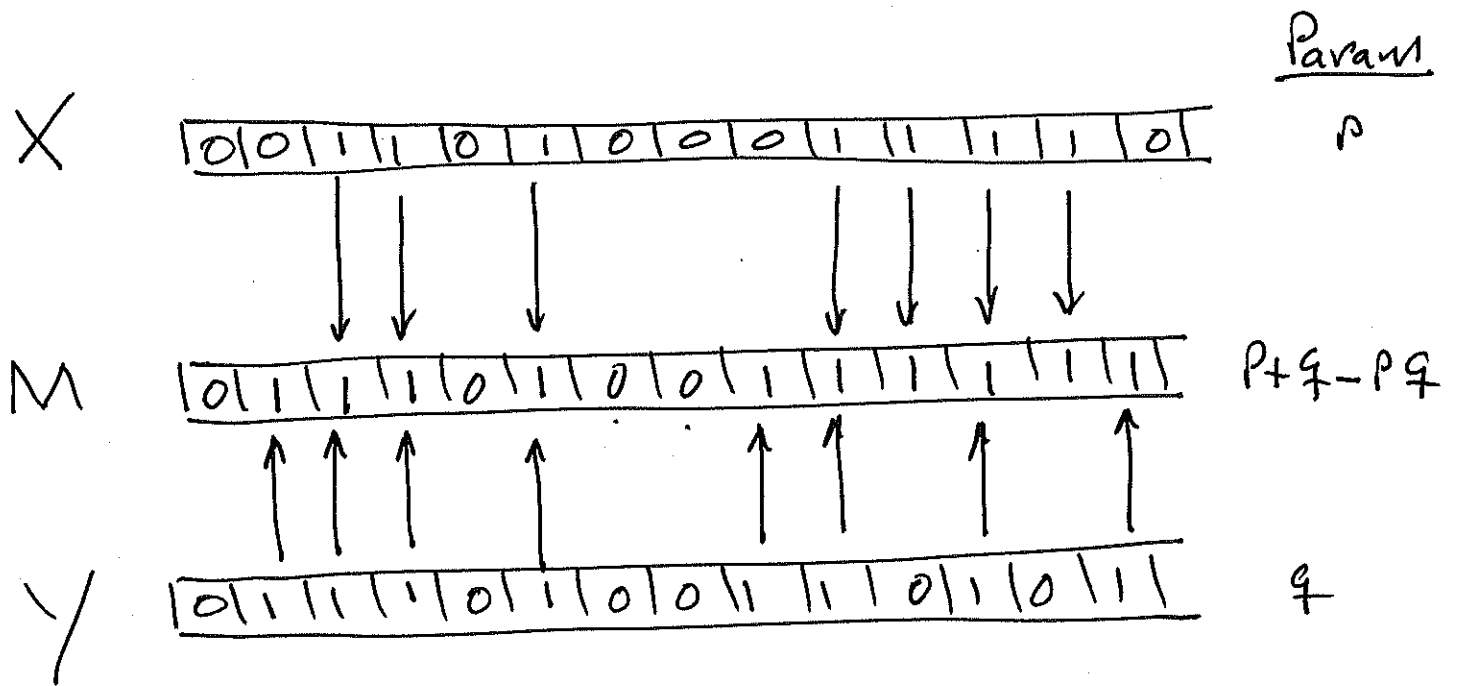
merge :  $M_1, M_2, \dots$  ?

What kind of arrival process is  $M$  ?

merge according to the rule

$$M_t = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{it either } X_t = 1 \text{ or } Y_t = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

inclusion or



$$\begin{aligned}
 P(M_t = 1) &= 1 - P(M_t = 0) \\
 &= 1 - P(X_t = 0, Y_t = 0)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 1 - P(X_t = 0) \cdot P(Y_t = 0)$$

$$= 1 - (1-p)(1-q)$$

$$= 1 - (1 - p - q + pq)$$

$$= p + q - pq$$

note:  $M$  is Bernoulli.

### Exercises

- 1<sup>st</sup> split, then merge. find the parameter of resulting B.V.

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- first merge, then split.

find Parameters of B.P.

- Change bit operation in Merge from (inclusive) or

to : and, exor, nand, nor .

## 6.2 The Poisson Process

Recall: a Bernoulli Process is an infinite seq.

$$X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots$$

where

(1) each  $X_t$  is Bernoulli( $p$ ).

(2) the set  $\{X_t \mid t=1, 2, \dots\}$  is independent, i.e. any finite set is independent!

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{P}(X_5=0, X_{11}=1, X_{44}=1) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(X_5=0) \cdot \mathbb{P}(X_{11}=1) \cdot \mathbb{P}(X_{44}=1). \end{aligned}$$

we defined

$$Y_k = \text{time to } k^{\text{th}} \text{ arrival,}$$

found  $Y_k$  has Pascal distribution  
of order  $k$ . also defined

$$T_1 = Y_1$$

$$T_2 = Y_2 - Y_1$$

$\vdots$

$$T_k = Y_k - Y_{k-1}$$

$T_k$  is geometric (P)

can also define

$$N_t = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_t \quad (t=1, 2, \dots)$$

= # arrivals in  $[1, t]$

$N_t$  is Binomial  $(t, p)$ . We can

recover  $X_t$  from seq.  $N_1, N_2, \dots$

$$X_1 = N_1$$

$$X_t = N_t - N_{t-1} \quad t = 2, 3, \dots$$

Can also recover

$$Y_k = \min\{t \mid N_t = k\} \quad k=1, 2, \dots$$

consider an arrival process that evolves in continuous time

define:

$$P(k, \tau) = P(\# \text{ of arrivals during an interval of length } \tau \text{ is } k)$$

This process is called a Poisson Process iff

(a) time homogeneity

$P(k; \tau)$  is same for all intervals of length  $\tau$ .

Analogous to Prob. of success is  $p$  for all trials.

(b) independence

the # of arrivals in disjoint time intervals are independent.

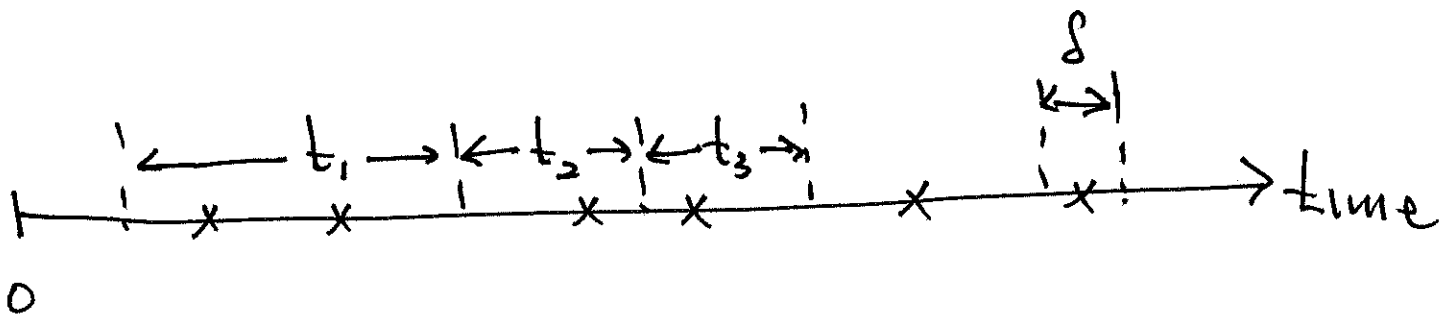
Analogous to different trials being independent in Bernoulli.

(c) small interval probabilities

Let  $\delta > 0$  be small. Then

$$P(k, \delta) \approx \begin{cases} 1 - \lambda \delta & \text{if } k=0 \\ \lambda \delta & \text{if } k=1 \\ 0 & \text{if } k=2, 3, \dots \end{cases}$$

Here  $\lambda$  is the arrival rate, or intensity.



$$P(k, \delta) = \begin{cases} 1 - \lambda \delta & k=0 \\ \lambda \delta & k=1 \\ 0 & k=2, 3, \dots \end{cases} + o(\delta)$$

where  $o(\delta)$  denotes a function with the property

$$\lim_{\delta \rightarrow 0} \frac{o(\delta)}{\delta} = 0$$

For instance  $e^{-\delta^2}$  has this property.

observe

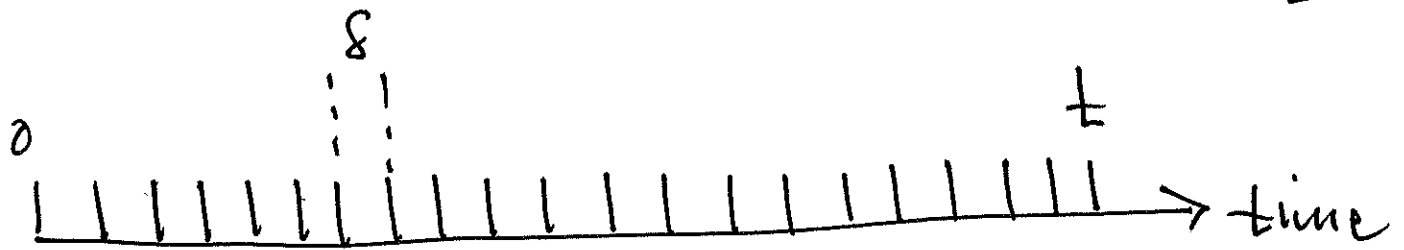
$$E[\# \text{ arrivals in } [t, t+\delta]]$$

$$= (1 - \lambda\delta) \cdot 0 + \lambda\delta \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot (\dots)$$

$$= \lambda\delta$$

$\therefore \lambda$  is expected # arrivals per unit time.

what about # arrivals in a large interval  $[0, t]$



let  $n = \frac{t}{\delta}$  be # of subintervals

choose  $\delta$  so small (i.e.  $n$  large) that  $P(k, \delta) \approx 0$  for  $k \geq 2$ , i.e. Prob. of having more than 1 arrival is negligible.

We have (approximately) a Bernoulli Process with parameter

$$p = \lambda \delta = \frac{\lambda t}{n}$$

approximation improves as  $\delta \rightarrow 0$  (i.e.  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ).

The # of arrivals in  $n$  trials of a Bernoulli Process is Binomial  $(n, p)$ , so approx.

$$\rightarrow (k \text{ arrivals in } [0, t])$$

$$= \binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$$

$$= \binom{n}{k} \cdot \left(\frac{\lambda t}{n}\right)^k \left(1 - \frac{\lambda t}{n}\right)^{n-k}$$

In limit as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  ( $\delta \rightarrow 0$ ) we have Poisson distribution.