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ECS455: Chapter 3

Poisson process and Markov chain

3.2 Markov Chain

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The labels on the arrows are probabilities.

P[0 new call request] ≈ 1 - $\lambda\delta$ P[1 new call request] ≈ $\lambda\delta$ P[0 old-call end] ≈ 1 - kµδ P[1 old-call end] ≈ kµδ

Small slot Analysis: Markov Chain

• Case: m = 2





Markov Chain

- One important property: Memoryless
 - It retains no memory of where it has been in the past.
 - Only the current state of the process can influence where it goes next.
- Very similar to the *state transition diagram* in digital circuits.
 - If the system is currently at a particular state, where would it go next on the next time slot?
 - In digital circuit, the labels on the arrows indicate the input/control signal.
 - Here, the labels on the arrows indicate transition probabilities.
- We will focus on **discrete time Markov chain**.

Global Balance Equations

• Easier approach for finding the long-term probabilities

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 2/5 & 3/5 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$$



M/M/m/m Queuing Model

Small Slot Analysis: Markov Chain



Truncated birth-and-death process

- Continuous-time Markov chain
- More general than M/M/m/m



The stationary PMF always exists and is given by $p_i = \frac{R_i}{\sum_{j=0}^{c} R_j}$ where $r_j = \frac{\lambda_{j-1}}{\mu_j}$,

$$R_j = r_j r_{j-1} \cdots r_1$$
 for $j = 1, 2, \dots, c$, and $R_0 = 1$.