- Performance measure R(t)
- How to characterize "system performance"?
  Time Average: "I observe the system for a long, long time".
  Ensemble Average: "I come back at time *t* to check on the system "
- $R_t = \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t R(\tau) d\tau$ : time average up to time t.
- $R = \lim_{t \to \infty} R_t$ : time average
- $\bar{R}(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} np_n(t)$ : expected number of jobs at time t
- $\bar{R} = \lim_{t \to \infty} \bar{R}(t)$ : steady-state expected number of jobs in the system

## **Ergodic System:** $R = \overline{R}$

Assumption:  $E[X] < \infty$ 

**Result:**  $R = \overline{R} = \frac{E[R_n]}{E[X]}$  (under some conditions)

## Approach

- Renewal Process
- Renewal Reward Processes

Assumptions:  $X_1, X_2, \dots$  positive IID r.v.;  $\overline{X} < \infty$ ,

**Results:** (Note that  $0 < \overline{X}$ )

 $\lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{N(t)}{t} = \frac{1}{\bar{X}}$ 

 $\lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{E[N(t)]}{t} = \frac{1}{\overline{X}}$ 

 $\lim_{t\to\infty} \left( E[N(t+\delta)] - E[N(t)] \right) = \frac{\delta}{\overline{X}}, \quad \delta > 0$ 

Using Wald's equality:

- $m(t) \ge \frac{1}{E[X]} \frac{1}{t}$
- $m(t) \leq \tilde{m}(t) \leq \frac{1}{E[\tilde{X}]} + \frac{b_t}{tE[\tilde{X}]} \frac{1}{t}$ , where we used

$$\{\tilde{m}(t); t > 0\}, \qquad b_t = \sqrt{t}.$$



**Arithmetic Distribution:** Renewals only happen at integer multiples of some real number d > 0.

**Span of an Arithmetic Distribution:** The largest real number *d* such that the above property holds

## **Blackwell's Theorem**

• For non-arithmetic inter-renewal distribution and  $\delta > 0$ :

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} m(t+\delta) - m(t) = \delta \frac{1}{E[X]}$$

• For arithmetic inter-renewal distribution with span d and any **integer**  $n \ge 1$ 

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} m(t + nd) - m(t) = nd \frac{1}{E[X]}$$

• For non-arithmetic inter-renewal distribution and  $\delta > 0$ :

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} P\left(N(t+\delta) - N(t) = 0\right) = 1 - \delta \frac{1}{E[X]} + o(\delta)$$
$$\lim_{t \to \infty} P\left(N(t+\delta) - N(t) = 1\right) = \delta \frac{1}{E[X]} + o(\delta)$$
$$\lim_{t \to \infty} P\left(N(t+\delta) - N(t) \ge 2\right) = o(\delta)$$

**Note:** Similar to Poisson process, but increments are **not necessarily independent**.

Assumption:  $E[X] < \infty$ 

**Result:**  $R = \overline{R} = \frac{E[R_n]}{E[X]}$  (under some conditions)

## Approach

- Renewal Process
- Renewal Reward Processes

 ${N(t); t \ge 0}$ : Renewal Process  ${R(t); t \ge 0}$ : Reward Function (need some assumptions)

• 
$$R_n = \int_{S_{n-1}}^{S_n} R(t) dt$$
: IID r.v.

• 
$$R = \bar{R} = \frac{E[R_n]}{E[X]}$$
 (non-arithmetic)



• If  $\overline{X} < \infty$  or  $E[R_n] < \infty$ , then

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t R(\tau) d\tau = \frac{E[R_n]}{\bar{X}}, \quad \text{with probability 1.}$$

• If non-arithmetic renewal process and r(z) is directly Rieman integrable, then

$$\lim_{t \to \infty} E[R(t)] = \frac{E[R_n]}{\bar{X}}.$$

• If arithemtic renewal process with span *d*, then

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} E[R(nd)] = \frac{E[R_n]}{\bar{X}}.$$