

23. Let  $\{R_t\}$  be a risk process  $R_t = u + ct - \sum_{k=1}^{N_t} \xi_k$  where the term  $u + ct$  stands for the (deterministic) baseline and premiums paid by insurance takers and claims  $\{\xi_t\}$  occur at random time-points according to the Poisson process  $\{N_t\}$ . Make the simplifying assumptions that  $u = 0$ ,  $c = 1$ ,  $\xi_k \equiv 1$  for all  $k$  and let the value of the intensity parameter of the Poisson process be 1. Assume that the process  $\{R_t\}$  is observed at times  $t = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

- (a) Calculate its expectation function,
- (b) Calculate its covariance function,
- (c) Is the process strongly stationary?

Let  $\tau$  be the time of ruin, i.e.  $\tau = \inf\{t \geq 1 : R_t \leq 0\}$ .

- (d) Calculate the probability of ruin at time 3, i.e.  $P(\tau = 3)$ .
- (e) Calculate the general ruin probability function, i.e.  $P(\tau = t)$ .

24. [D. Williams, 1990] The *Riemann zeta function*  $\zeta$  is defined by

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+} n^{-s}$$

for  $s > 1$ . Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be independent positive integer valued random variables with  $P(X = n) = P(Y = n) = n^{-s}/\zeta(s)$ .

- (a) Let  $E_p$  be the event  $\{X \text{ is divisible by } p\}$  and prove that the events  $\{E_p : p \in \{\text{primes}\}\}$  are independent.
- (b) Explain Euler's formula

$$\frac{1}{\zeta(s)} = \prod_{p \in \{\text{primes}\}} (1 - p^{-s})$$

from a probabilistic point of view.

- (c) Show that

$$P(\text{no square other than 1 divides } X) = \frac{1}{\zeta(2s)}.$$

- (d) Prove that if  $H$  is the greatest common divisor of  $X$  and  $Y$ , then

$$P(H = n) = \frac{1}{n^{2s}\zeta(2s)}.$$

$$23 \text{ a) } \sum_{k=1}^{N_t} \mathbb{1}_k \equiv 1 \Rightarrow \sum_{k=1}^{N_t} \mathbb{1}_k = \sum_{k=1}^{N_t} 1 = N_t \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow E(R_t) = E\left(u + ct - \sum_{k=1}^{N_t} \mathbb{1}_k\right) =$$

$$= \underbrace{u}_{=0} + \underbrace{c}_{=1} t - E(N_t) = t - \underbrace{\lambda}_{=1} t = 0$$

$$\text{b) } \text{Cov}(R_s, R_t) = \text{Cov}(s - N_s, t - N_t) =$$

$$= \text{Cov}(N_s, N_t) = \lambda \min(s, t) = \min(s, t)$$

c) Since  $\text{Cov}(R_s, R_t) = \min(s, t)$  is not a function of  $s-t$ , the process  $\{R_t\}$  is not weakly stationary. Since it is not weakly stationary, it is neither strongly stationary.

d) Since the process is observed in discrete time we represent the Poisson process as  $N_t = \sum_{k=1}^t Z_k$  where  $Z_k \in \text{Poi}(1)$  and independent

$$P(\tau=3) = P(R_1 > 0, R_2 > 0, R_3 \leq 0) = P(1 - N_1 > 0,$$

$$2 - N_2 > 0, 3 - N_3 \geq 0) = P(Z_1 < 1, Z_1 + Z_2 < 2, Z_1 + Z_2 + Z_3 \geq 3)$$

$$= P(Z_1 = 0) \left( P(Z_2 = 0, Z_3 \geq 3) + P(Z_2 = 1, Z_3 \geq 3 - 1) \right)$$

$$= P(Z_1 = 0) \left( P(Z_2 = 0) (1 - P(Z_3 \leq 2)) + P(Z_2 = 1) (1 - P(Z_3 \leq 1)) \right)$$

$$= \frac{1^0}{0!} e^{-1} \left( e^{-1} \left( 1 - \frac{1^0}{0!} e^{-1} - \frac{1^1}{1!} e^{-1} - \frac{1^2}{2!} e^{-1} \right) + \frac{1^1}{1!} e^{-1} \left( 1 - \frac{1^0}{0!} e^{-1} - \frac{1^1}{1!} e^{-1} \right) \right)$$

$$= e^{-3} \left( (e - 2.5) + (e - 2) \right) = 0.04663$$

$$\begin{aligned}
e) \quad P(\tau=t) &= P(R_1 > 0, \dots, R_{t-1} > 0, R_t \leq 0) \\
&= P(1 - N_1 > 0, 2 - N_2 > 0, \dots, t-1 - N_{t-1} > 0, t - N_t \leq 0) \\
&= P(Z_1 = 0, Z_1 + Z_2 \leq 1, \dots, Z_1 + \dots + Z_{t-1} \leq t-2, Z_1 + \dots + Z_t \geq t) \\
&= P(Z_1 = 0) P(Z_2 \leq 1, \dots, Z_2 + \dots + Z_{t-1} \leq t-2, Z_2 + \dots + Z_t \geq t) \\
&= e^{-1} \sum_{z_2=0}^1 P(Z_2 = z_2, \dots, Z_3 + \dots + Z_{t-1} \leq t-2-z_2, Z_3 + \dots + Z_t \geq t-z_2) \\
&= e^{-1} \sum_{z_2=0}^1 \sum_{z_3=0}^{2-z_2} P(Z_4 + \dots + Z_{t-1} \leq t-2-z_2-z_3, \dots, Z_4 + \dots + Z_t \geq t-z_2-z_3) \\
&\quad P(Z_2 = z_2) P(Z_3 = z_3) \\
&= e^{-1} \sum_{z_2=0}^1 \sum_{z_3=0}^{2-z_2} \dots \sum_{z_{t-1}=0}^{t-1-z_2-\dots-z_{t-2}} P(Z_t \geq t-z_2-\dots-z_{t-1}) \prod_{k=2}^{t-1} P(Z_k = z_k) \\
&= e^{-1} \sum_{z_2=0}^1 \sum_{z_3=0}^{2-z_2} \dots \sum_{z_{t-1}=0}^{t-1-z_2-\dots-z_{t-2}} (1 - P(Z_t < t-z_2-\dots-z_{t-1})) \prod_{k=2}^{t-1} P(Z_k = z_k) \\
&= e^{-1} \sum_{z_2=0}^1 \sum_{z_3=0}^{2-z_2} \dots \sum_{z_{t-1}=0}^{t-1-z_2-\dots-z_{t-2}} \left( 1 - \sum_{z_t=0}^{t-1-z_2-\dots-z_{t-1}} P(Z_t = z_t) \right) \prod_{k=2}^{t-1} P(Z_k = z_k) \\
&= e^{-1} \sum_{z_2=0}^1 \sum_{z_3=0}^{2-z_2} \dots \sum_{z_{t-1}=0}^{t-1-z_2-\dots-z_{t-2}} \left( 1 - \sum_{z_t=0}^{t-1-z_2-\dots-z_{t-1}} \frac{1}{z_t!} e^{-1} \right) \prod_{k=2}^{t-1} \frac{1}{z_k!} e^{-1} \\
&= e^{-t} \sum_{z_2=0}^1 \sum_{z_3=0}^{2-z_2} \dots \sum_{z_{t-1}=0}^{t-1-z_2-\dots-z_{t-2}} \left( e - \sum_{z_t=0}^{t-1-z_2-\dots-z_{t-1}} \frac{1}{z_t!} \right) \prod_{k=2}^{t-1} \frac{1}{z_k!}
\end{aligned}$$

$$24 \quad \zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-s} \text{ where } s > 1$$

$X$  and  $Y$  independent with

$$P(X=n) = P(Y=n) = n^{-s} / \zeta(s) \text{ for all } n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

a) Let  $E_p$  be the event  $\{p \text{ divides } X\}$ . Now the events  $E_2, E_3, E_5, \dots$  are independent iff for all prime number sequences

$p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$  we have that

$$P(E_{p_1} \cap E_{p_2} \cap \dots \cap E_{p_n}) = P(E_{p_1}) P(E_{p_2}) \dots P(E_{p_n})$$

$$P(E_{p_1}) = P(p_1 \text{ divides } X)$$

$$= P(\{X = p_1\} \cup \{X = 2p_1\} \cup \{X = 3p_1\} \cup \dots)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P(X = kp_1) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(kp_1)^{-s}}{\zeta(s)} =$$

$$= \frac{p_1^{-s}}{\zeta(s)} \underbrace{\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^{-s}}_{\zeta(s)} = p_1^{-s}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(E_{p_1} \cap \dots \cap E_{p_n}) = P(\{p_1 \text{ divides } X\} \cap \dots \cap \{p_n \text{ divides } X\}) =$$

$$= P(\{X = p_1 \dots p_n\} \cup \{X = 2p_1 \dots p_n\} \cup \{X = 3p_1 \dots p_n\} \cup \dots)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P(X = kp_1 \dots p_n) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{(kp_1 \dots p_n)^{-s}}{\zeta(s)} = \frac{(p_1 \dots p_n)^{-s}}{\zeta(s)} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k^{-s} =$$

$$= p_1^{-s} p_2^{-s} \dots p_n^{-s} = P(E_{p_1}) P(E_{p_2}) \dots P(E_{p_n}).$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{b)} \quad \frac{1}{\zeta(s)} &= P(X=1) = P(\text{no prime divides } X) = \\
 &= P\left(\bigcap_{p \in \{\text{primes}\}} E_p^c\right) = \prod_{p \in \{\text{primes}\}} P(E_p^c) = \prod_{p \in \{\text{primes}\}} (1 - P(E_p)) = \\
 &= \prod_{p \in \{\text{primes}\}} (1 - p^{-s})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{c)} \quad &\text{Show } P(\text{no square other than 1 divides } X) = \frac{1}{\zeta(2s)} \\
 &\text{Need only consider prime squares so} \\
 &P(\text{no prime square divides } X) = P(E_{2^2}^c \cap E_{3^2}^c \cap E_{5^2}^c \cap \dots) = \\
 &= P\left(\bigcap_{p \in \{\text{primes}\}} E_{p^2}^c\right) = \prod_{p \in \{\text{primes}\}} (1 - P(E_{p^2})) = \prod_{p \in \{\text{primes}\}} (1 - (p^2)^{-s}) \\
 &= \prod_{p \in \{\text{primes}\}} (1 - p^{-2s}) \stackrel{\text{(b)}}{=} \frac{1}{\zeta(2s)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{d)} \quad &H = \text{GCD}(X, Y). \text{ Show } P(H=n) = \frac{1}{n^{2s} \zeta(2s)} \\
 &P(H=n) = P(\underbrace{\{n \text{ divides } X, n \text{ divides } Y\}}_A \cap \\
 &\quad \underbrace{\left\{ \bigcap_{p \in \{\text{primes}\}} \left\{ \{np \text{ does not divide } X\} \cup \{np \text{ does not divide } Y\} \right\} \right\}}_B) = \\
 &= P(A \cap B) \stackrel{\text{(c)}}{=} P(B|A) P(A) \text{ where} \\
 &P(B|A) \stackrel{\text{(c)}}{=} \frac{1}{\zeta(2s)} \text{ and } P(A) = (n^{-s})^2.
 \end{aligned}$$