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4-Queuing systems

Problem

- jobs arrive as a random process
- server(s) take the jobs from the queue and serve (or drop)
- E.g. first-in-first-out basis
- service time is also random

Examples: Web server



Main parameters

Parameters of a queuing system

λ_A = arrival rate = average number of jobs arriving in one time unit

λ_S = service rate

μ_A = $1/\lambda_A$ = mean interarrival time

μ_S = $1/\lambda_S$ = mean service time

r = $\lambda_A/\lambda_S = \mu_S/\mu_A$ = utilization, or arrival-to-service ratio

Main parameters

Random variables of a queuing system

$X_s(t)$ = number of jobs receiving service at time t

$X_w(t)$ = number of jobs waiting in a queue at time t

$X(t)$ = $X_s(t) + X_w(t)$,
the total number of jobs in the system at time t

S_k = service time of the k -th job

W_k = waiting time of the k -th job

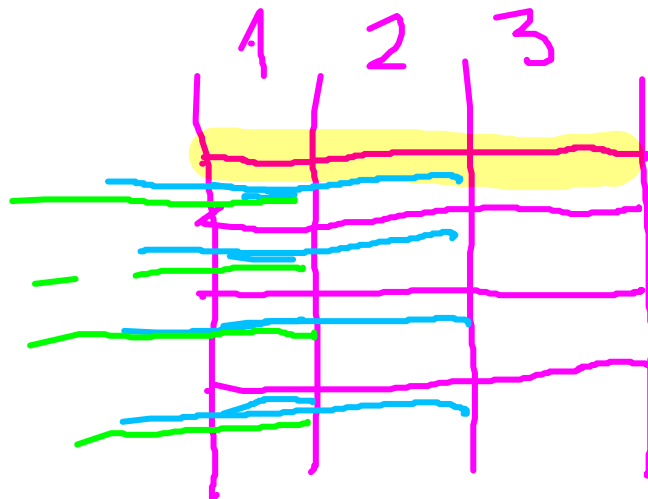
R_k = $S_k + W_k$, response time, the total time a job spends in the system from its arrival until the departure

A stationary system: S_k , W_k and R_k do not depend on k

The Little's Law for a stationary system

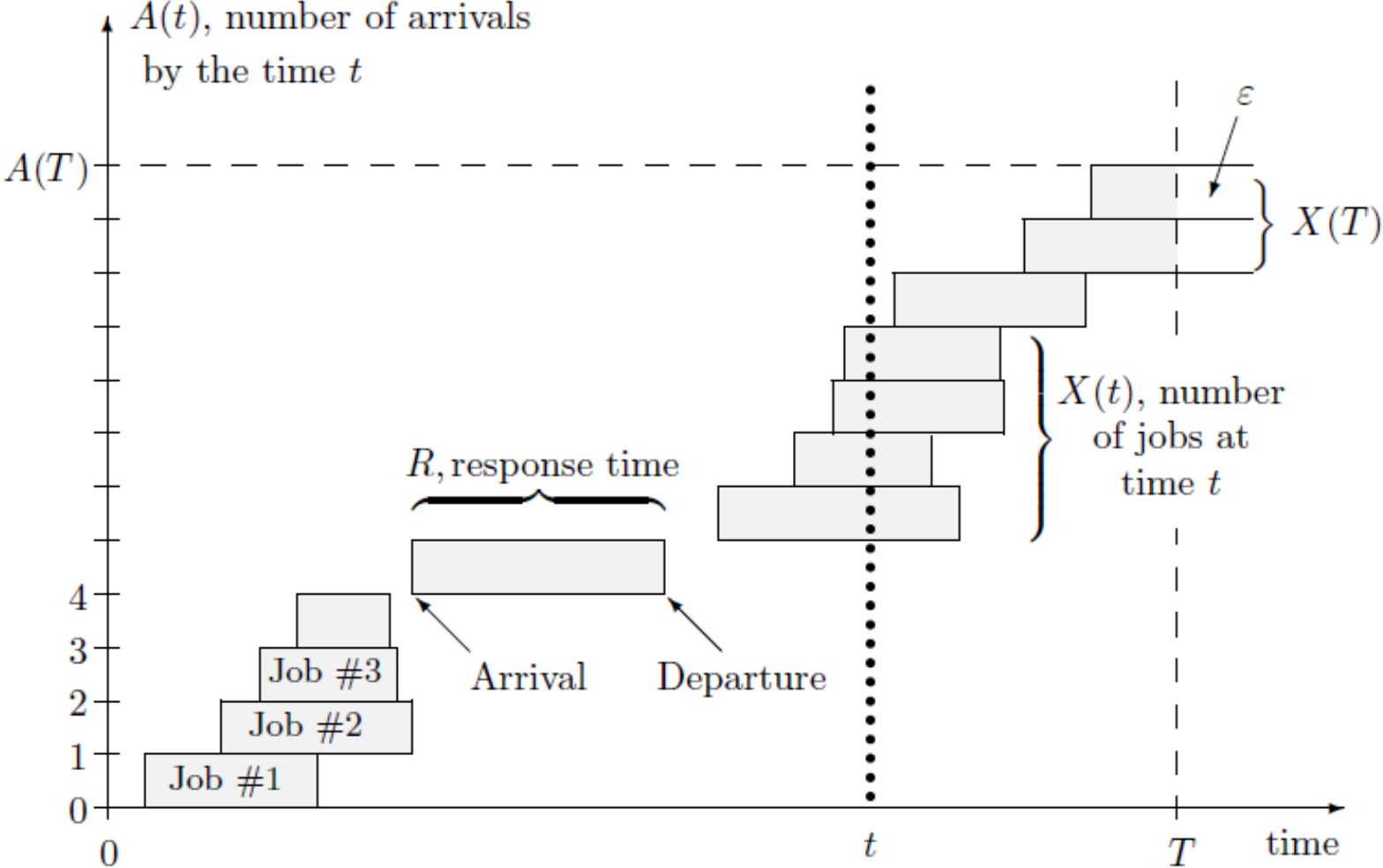
$$\lambda_A \mathbf{E}(R) = \mathbf{E}(X)$$

Intuition:



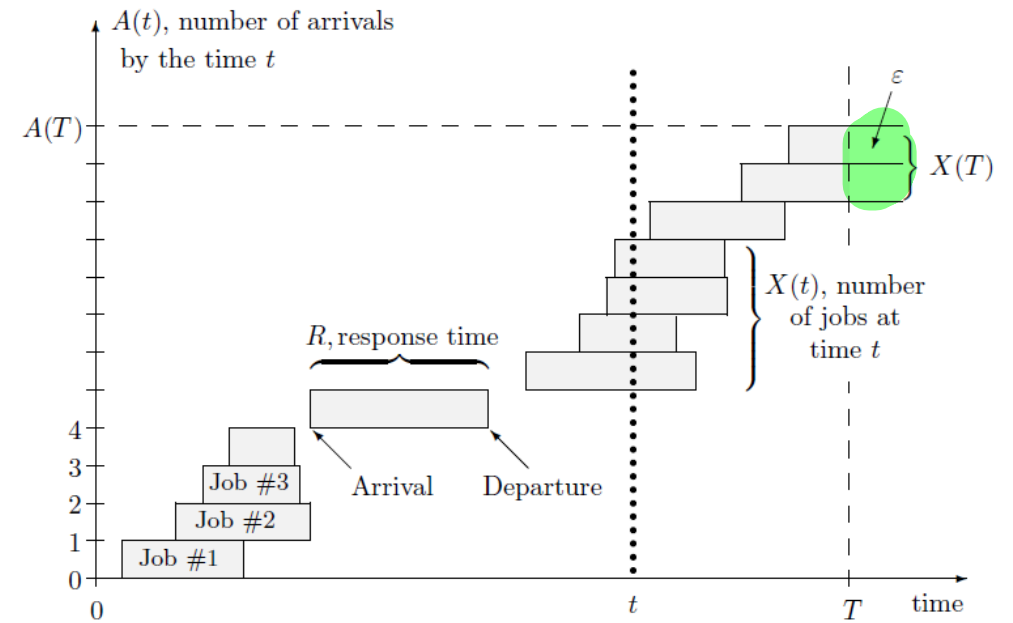
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Proof of Little's Law



Proof of Little's Law

$$\left(\sum_{k=1}^{A(T)} R_k \right) - \varepsilon = \int_0^T X(t) dt.$$



$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{E} \left(\sum_{k=1}^{A(T)} R_k - \varepsilon \right) = \lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\mathbf{E}(A(T)) \mathbf{E}(R)}{T} - 0 = \lambda_A \mathbf{E}(R).$$

$$\lim_{T \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{T} \mathbf{E} \int_0^T X(t) dt = \mathbf{E}(X).$$

Application

Example 7.1 (QUEUE IN A BANK). You walk into a bank at 10:00. Being there, you count a total of 10 customers and assume that this is the typical, average number. You also notice that on the average, customers walk in every 2 minutes. When should you expect to finish services and leave the bank?

Solution. We have $E(X) = 10$ and $\mu_A = 2$ min. By the Little's Law,

$$E(R) = \frac{E(X)}{\lambda_A} = E(X)\mu_A = (10)(2) = \underline{20 \text{ min.}}$$

Since $\lambda_A \cdot E(R) = \hat{E}(X)$

Other corollaries

$$\mathbf{E}(X_w) = \lambda_A \mathbf{E}(W);$$

$$\mathbf{E}(X_s) = \lambda_A \mathbf{E}(S) = \lambda_A \mu_S = r.$$

$$r = \text{utilization} = \frac{\lambda_A}{\lambda_S}$$

Bernoulli single server system

Bernoulli single-server queuing process is a discrete-time queuing process with the following characteristics:

- one server
- unlimited capacity -- the waiting queue can be arbitrarily long
- arrivals occur according to a Binomial process, and the probability of a new arrival during each frame is p_A
- the probability of a service completion (and a departure) during each frame is p_S provided that there is at least one job in the system at the beginning of the frame
- service times and interarrival times are independent

Markov property

changing the queue size does not depend on history

$$\begin{aligned} p_{00} &= P \{ \text{no arrivals} \} = 1 - p_A \\ p_{01} &= P \{ \text{new arrival} \} = p_A \end{aligned}$$

$$p_{i,i-1} = P \{ \text{no arrivals} \cap \text{one departure} \} = (1 - p_A)p_S$$

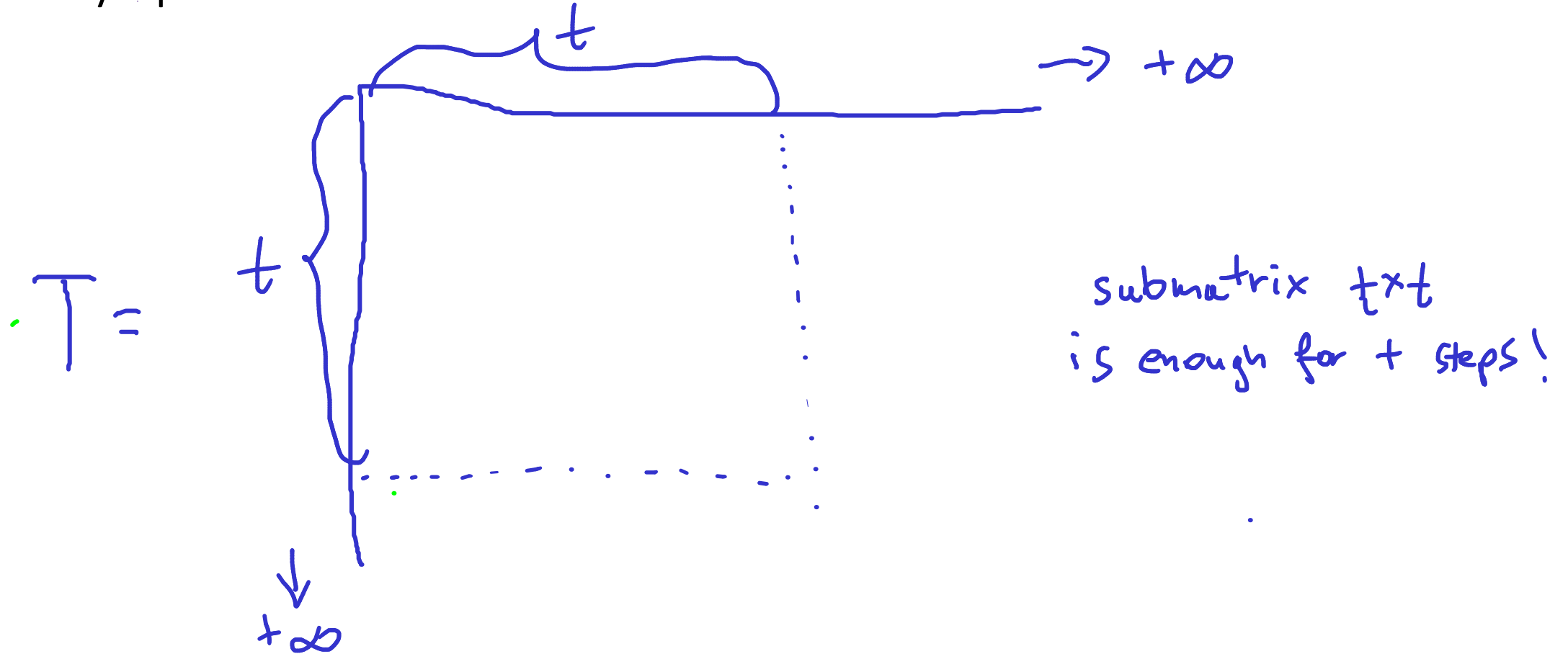
$$\begin{aligned} p_{i,i} &= P \{ \text{no arrivals} \cap \text{no departures} \} \\ &\quad + P \{ \text{one arrival} \cap \text{one departure} \} = (1 - p_A)(1 - p_S) + p_A p_S \end{aligned}$$

$$p_{i,i+1} = P \{ \text{one arrival} \cap \text{no departures} \} = p_A(1 - p_S)$$

applications

Distribution of the number of jobs in a queue after t steps

- Take only a part of the transition matrix



Another model: Queue maximal size C

$$p_{C,C-1} = (1 - p_A)p_S.$$

$$p_{C,C} = (1 - p_A)(1 - p_S) + p_A p_S + p_A(1 - p_S) = 1 - (1 - p_A)p_S.$$

Example 7.3 (TELEPHONE WITH TWO LINES). Having a telephone with 2 lines, a customer service representative can talk to a customer and have another one “on hold.” This is a system with limited capacity $C = 2$. When the capacity is reached and someone tries to call, (s)he will get a busy signal or voice mail.

Steady distribution?

Average 10 calls per hour, average duration 4 minutes

$$\begin{aligned}p_A &= \lambda_A \Delta = 1/6, \\ p_S &= \lambda_S \Delta = 1/4.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}P &= \begin{pmatrix} 1-p_A & p_A & 0 \\ (1-p_A)p_S & (1-p_A)(1-p_S) + p_A p_S & p_A(1-p_S) \\ 0 & (1-p_A)p_S & 1-(1-p_A)p_S \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 5/6 & 1/6 & 0 \\ 5/24 & 2/3 & 1/8 \\ 0 & 5/24 & 19/24 \end{pmatrix}.\end{aligned}$$

Steady distribution

$$\pi P = \pi \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{5}{6} \pi_0 + \frac{5}{24} \pi_1 = \pi_0 \\ \frac{1}{6} \pi_0 + \frac{2}{3} \pi_1 + \frac{5}{24} \pi_2 = \pi_1 \\ \frac{1}{8} \pi_1 + \frac{19}{24} \pi_2 = \pi_2 \end{cases}$$

$$\pi_0 = 25/57 = \underline{0.439}, \quad \pi_1 = 20/57 = \underline{0.351}, \quad \pi_2 = 12/57 = \underline{0.210}.$$

Continuous time queuing system

An M/M/1 queuing process is a continuous-time Markov queuing process with the following characteristics,

- one server;
- unlimited capacity;
- Exponential interarrival times with the arrival rate λ_A ;
- Exponential service times with the service rate λ_S ;
- service times and interarrival times are independent.

Limit of Bernoulli queueing system

$$p_{00} = 1 - p_A = 1 - \lambda_A \Delta$$

$$p_{10} = p_A = \lambda_A \Delta$$

$$p_{i,i-1} = (1 - p_A)p_S = (1 - \lambda_A \Delta)\lambda_S \Delta \approx \lambda_S \Delta$$

$$p_{i,i+1} = p_A(1 - p_S) = \lambda_A \Delta(1 - \lambda_S \Delta) \approx \lambda_A \Delta$$

$$p_{i,i} = (1 - p_A)(1 - p_S) + p_A p_S \approx 1 - \lambda_A \Delta - \lambda_S \Delta$$

$$P \approx \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \lambda_A \Delta & \lambda_A \Delta & 0 & 0 & \dots \\ \lambda_S \Delta & 1 - \lambda_A \Delta - \lambda_S \Delta & \lambda_A \Delta & 0 & \dots \\ 0 & \lambda_S \Delta & 1 - \lambda_A \Delta - \lambda_S \Delta & \lambda_A \Delta & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda_S \Delta & 1 - \lambda_A \Delta - \lambda_S \Delta & \ddots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

Limit of Bernoulli queueing system – steady distribution

Looking for π such that

$$\begin{cases} \pi P = \pi \\ \sum \pi_i = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\pi_0(1 - \lambda_A \Delta) + \pi_1 \lambda_S \Delta = \pi_0 \Rightarrow \lambda_A \Delta \pi_0 = \lambda_S \Delta \pi_1 \Rightarrow \boxed{\lambda_A \pi_0 = \lambda_S \pi_1}.$$

$$\pi_0 \lambda_A \Delta + \pi_1(1 - \lambda_A \Delta - \lambda_S \Delta) + \pi_2 \lambda_S \Delta = \pi_1 \Rightarrow (\lambda_A + \lambda_S) \pi_1 = \lambda_A \pi_0 + \lambda_S \pi_2.$$

$$\boxed{\lambda_A \pi_1 = \lambda_S \pi_2}.$$

And so on ...

$$\boxed{\lambda_A \pi_{i-1} = \lambda_S \pi_i} \quad \text{or} \quad \boxed{\pi_i = r \pi_{i-1}}$$

Steady distribution

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \pi_i = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} r^i \pi_0 = \frac{\pi_0}{1-r} = 1 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \pi_0 = 1-r \\ \pi_1 = r\pi_0 = r(1-r) \\ \pi_2 = r^2\pi_0 = r^2(1-r) \\ \text{etc.} \end{cases}$$

where $r = \frac{\lambda_n}{\lambda_s}$ (utilization)

Steady distribution

This distribution of $X(t)$ is *Shifted Geometric*, because $Y = X + 1$ has the standard Geometric distribution with parameter $p = 1 - r$,

$$P\{Y = y\} = P\{X = y - 1\} = \pi_{y-1} = r^{y-1}(1 - r) = (1 - p)^{y-1}p \text{ for } y \geq 1,$$

$$\mathbf{E}(X) = \mathbf{E}(Y - 1) = \mathbf{E}(Y) - 1 = \frac{1}{1 - r} - 1 = \frac{r}{1 - r}$$

$$\text{Var}(X) = \text{Var}(Y - 1) = \text{Var}(Y) = \frac{r}{(1 - r)^2}$$

Waiting time for X jobs

$$W = S_1 + S_2 + S_3 + \dots + S_X$$

$$\mathbf{E}(W) = \mathbf{E}(S_1 + \dots + S_X) = \mathbf{E}(S) \mathbf{E}(X) = \frac{\mu_S r}{1 - r} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{r}{\lambda_S(1 - r)}$$

Response time

$$\mathbf{E}(R) = \mathbf{E}(W) + \mathbf{E}(S) = \frac{\mu_S r}{1 - r} + \mu_S = \frac{\mu_S}{1 - r} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{1}{\lambda_S(1 - r)}.$$

Queue size

$$X_w = X - X_s.$$

$$\mathbf{E}(X_w) = \mathbf{E}(X) - \mathbf{E}(X_s) = \frac{r}{1-r} - r = \frac{r^2}{1-r}.$$