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 Quiz #1 -- January 29, 1999

Under normal circumstances, 5% of the items produced by a certain process are defective. All items are routinely inspected as soon as they are produced.

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For each random variable below, indicate the number of the probability distribution below which would best be used to model it:

<u>Distribution</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
_____	number of defective items among the first ten
_____	the number of the item having the first defect
_____	the number of the item having the second defect
_____	an indication of whether the first item is defective
_____	number of defective items among the first 100

Probability distributions:

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|---------------|----------------|
| 1. Binomial   | 5. Exponential |
| 2. Bernouilli | 6. Geometric   |
| 3. Erlang     | 7. Normal      |
| 4. Poisson    | 8. Pascal      |

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For each quantity below, indicate the formula which would be used to compute its probability:

<u>Computation</u>	<u>Probability</u>
_____	exactly one of the first ten items is defective
_____	the first and second item are both defective
_____	the second defective item is item #10
_____	two or fewer defective items are found among the first 10 inspected
_____	the tenth item is the first to be found defective

Probability calculations:

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| a. $(0.05)(0.95)^9 = 0.03151$    | f. $(0.05)^1(0.95)^9 + 10(0.05)^1(0.95)^9 + 5(0.05)^2(0.95)^8 = 0.9222$ |
| b. $(0.05)^2 = 0.0025$           | g. $9(0.05)^2(0.95)^8 = 0.01493$                                        |
| c. $9(0.05)(0.95)^9 = 0.2836$    | h. $10(0.05)^1(0.95)^9 + 5(0.05)^1(0.95)^9 + (0.05)^2(0.95)^8 = 0.4743$ |
| d. $10(0.05)^2(0.95)^8 = 0.0166$ | i. $(0.05)^9(0.95) = 1.855 \times 10^{-12}$                             |
| e. $(0.95)^2 = 0.9025$           | j. $10(0.05)^1(0.95)^9 = 0.3151$                                        |

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 Quiz #2 Solutions-- February 5, 1999

Vehicles arrive at a toll booth on the freeway at the average rate of 4 per minute in a completely random fashion. The arrival times are recorded for one hour, beginning at 8:00 am. Eighty percent of the vehicles arriving are cars, while the remainder are trucks, buses, etc.

For each random variable below, indicate the number of the probability distribution below which would best be used to model it:

<u>Distribution</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
<u>Poisson</u>	the number of vehicles which arrive between 8:00 & 8:03 a.m.
<u>Exponential</u>	time between arrivals of vehicles
<u>Erlang (or Gamma)</u>	the time at which the fourth vehicle arrives
<u>Binomial</u>	number of cars in the first 16 vehicles to arrive
<u>Geometric</u>	the number of the vehicle which is the first non-car (truck or bus)

Probability distributions:

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Binomial          | 7. Gamma              |
| 2. Erlang            | 8. Normal             |
| 3. Bernoulli         | 9. Geometric          |
| 4. Exponential       | 10. Pascal            |
| 5. Weibull           | 11. Poisson           |
| 6. Negative binomial | 12. None of the above |

For each quantity below, indicate the formula which would be used to compute its probability: Note: arrival rate is  $\lambda=4/\text{minute}$

<u>Computation</u>	<u>Probability</u>
$1 - e^{-1} = 63.2\%$	the first vehicle arrives during the first 15 seconds
$1 - \frac{2^0 e^{-2}}{1} - \frac{2^1 e^{-2}}{1} = 59.4\%$	the second vehicle arrives during the first 30 seconds
$(0.2)^2 = 4\%$	neither the first nor the second item are cars
$28 (0.8)^6 (0.2)^2 = 29.4\%$	exactly six of the first 8 vehicles are cars
$\frac{2^2 e^{-2}}{2} = 27.1\%$	exactly two vehicles arrive during the first 30 seconds

Probability calculations:

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| a. $\frac{2^0 e^{-2}}{1} + \frac{2^1 e^{-2}}{1} + \frac{2^2 e^{-2}}{2} = 20.9\%$ | h. $\frac{2^2 e^{-2}}{2} = 27.1\%$     |
| b. $(0.2)^2 = 4\%$                                                               | i. $1 - \frac{2^2 e^{-2}}{2} = 72.9\%$ |
| c. $(0.8)^6 (0.2)^2 = 1\%$                                                       | j. $1 - e^{-1} = 63.2\%$               |
| d. $1 - \frac{2^0 e^{-2}}{1} - \frac{2^1 e^{-2}}{1} = 59.4\%$                    | k. $(0.8)(0.2) = 16\%$                 |
| e. $1 - e^{-1} - e^{-2} = 49.7\%$                                                | l. $28 (0.8)^6 (0.2)^2 = 29.4\%$       |
| f. $1 - e^{-1/2} = 39.3\%$                                                       | m. $e^{-1} = 36.8\%$                   |
| g. $e^{-4} = 1.8\%$                                                              | n. <i>None of the above</i>            |



We wish to generate some random numbers having the same distribution as the inter-arrival times above (where the average is 2.225 minutes.) Suppose that a procedure for generating uniformly-distributed random numbers has yielded the value  $R=0.353$ . We want to generate a random value for  $T_1$ , i.e., the time at which the *first* car arrives.

d or h 15. Using the Inverse Transformation method, then according to the table below the *nearest* value of  $Y_1$  should be

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|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| a. 0.25 minute | e. 1.25 minute  | i. 2.5 minutes                |
| b. 0.5 minute  | f. 1.5 minutes  | j. 2.75 minutes               |
| c. 0.75 minute | g. 2 minutes    | k. 3 minutes                  |
| d. 1 minute    | h. 2.25 minutes | l. <i>greater than 3 min.</i> |

*Note:  $F(1) = 0.362$ , and it would appear by interpolation that  $F^{-1}(0.353) \approx 0.997$ . So the first random number is 0.997. If you used  $1-R$  instead of  $R$ , then you would obtain  $F^{-1}(0.647) \approx 2.335$ .*

1 16. Suppose that the next uniformly-generated random number is 0.619. Then the corresponding arrival time of the *second* car is (choose *nearest* value):

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|----------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| a. 0.25 minute | b. 1.25 minute  | c. 2.5 minutes                |
| d. 0.5 minute  | e. 1.5 minutes  | f. 2.75 minutes               |
| g. 0.75 minute | h. 2 minutes    | i. 3 minutes                  |
| j. 1 minute    | k. 2.25 minutes | l. <i>greater than 3 min.</i> |

*Note:  $F(2) = 0.593$ , and it would appear by interpolation that  $F^{-1}(0.619) \approx 2.333$ . So the second random number is 2.333. This represents the time between arrivals, and so the second simulated car arrives at time  $0.997+2.333 \approx 3.33$ , i.e., *greater than 3 minutes*. If you used  $1-R$  instead of  $R$ , you would obtain  $F^{-1}(0.381) \approx 1.074$  for the inter-arrival time, and so the time of arrival of the second car would be  $2.335+1.074 = 3.409$ .*

x	$P\{T \leq x\}$	$\Delta p$	$P\{T > x\}$
0	0.00000000	0.00000000	1.00000000
0.5	0.20125937	0.20125937	0.79874063
1	0.36201340	0.16075403	0.63798660
1.5	0.49041418	0.12840078	0.50958582
2	0.59297310	0.10255892	0.40702690
2.5	0.67489108	0.08191798	0.32510892
3	0.74032229	0.06543122	0.25967771

c 17. We want to generate random numbers  $X$  between 0 and 3, having the triangular distribution whose density function is shown below. What is the value of  $C$ ? (*Choose nearest value.*)

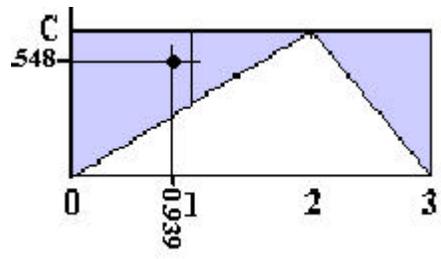
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|--------|--------|--------|
| a. 0.2 | d. 0.8 | g. 1.4 |
| b. 0.4 | e. 1.0 | h. 1.6 |
| c. 0.6 | f. 1.2 | i. 1.8 |

*Note: The area of the triangle must be  $(1/2)3C = 1$ , which requires that  $C = 2/3$ .*

g 18. Suppose that we generate two uniformly-distributed random numbers in the interval  $[0,1]$ , namely  $R_1=0.313$  and  $R_2=0.824$ , and apply the *rejection* method. What random number is generated from this pair of numbers? (*Choose nearest value.*)

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|--------|--------|----------------|
| a. 0.5 | d. 2.0 | g. <i>None</i> |
| b. 1.0 | e. 2.5 |                |
| c. 1.5 | f. 3.0 |                |

*Note: 0.939 is 0.313 times the base of the rectangle, and 0.548 is 0.824 times the height. As shown in the figure, the point (0.939, 0.548) does not lie within the triangle, and so the number 0.939 is rejected and no random number is generated from this pair.*



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 Quiz #4 Solutions -- Spring 1999

True (+) or False (o)?

- o 1. The Weibull distribution is usually appropriate for the maximum of a large number of nonnegative random variables. *Note: appropriate for minimum of nonnegative rv's, or maximum of rv's with an upper bound.*
- o 2. When choosing between two different regression models, i.e., "fits" of a curve to data points, the model with the lower value of  $R^2$  should be chosen.
- + 3. Given only a coefficient of variation for the Weibull distribution, the parameter  $k$  can be determined.
- + 4. If you use the *Minitab* program to fit a line, it will choose the straight line which minimizes the sum of the squares of the errors, i.e., the sum of the squares of the vertical distances between each data point and the line.

Multiple Choice:

- d 5. The "Cumulative Distribution Function" (CDF) of a random variable  $X$  is
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|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| a. $f(x) = P\{x   X\}$                      | b. $F(x) = P\{X \geq x\}$ | c. $f(x) = P\{x\}$     |
| <b>d. <math>F(x) = P\{X \leq x\}</math></b> | e. $F(x) = P\{X = x\}$    | f. $f(x) = P\{X   x\}$ |
- b 6. Suppose that a steel chain is made up of many links. The strength of the chain is, of course, the strength of its weakest link, since the chain fails whenever any link fails. A reasonable assumption for the probability distribution for the strength of the chain is
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|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| a. Normal distribution | <b>b. Weibull distribution</b> | c. Exponential distribution |
| d. Gumbel distribution | e. Uniform distribution        | f. <i>None of the above</i> |
- c 7. The CDF, i.e.,  $F(x)$ , of the Weibull distribution with parameters  $k$  and  $u$  is
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|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| a. $e^{(-e^{-k(x-u)})}$        | b. $1 - e^{-k(x-u)}$             | <b>c. <math>1 - e^{-(x/u)^k}</math></b> |
| d. $u - \frac{\ln(-\ln x)}{k}$ | e. $1 - \frac{u \ln(-\ln x)}{k}$ | f. <i>None of the above</i>             |
- d 8. The "coefficient of variation" of a probability distribution with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ , is
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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| a. $\sqrt{\mu^2 + \sigma^2}$        | b. $\mu^2 / \sigma^2$ | c. $\sigma^2 / \mu^2$       |
| <b>d. <math>\sigma / \mu</math></b> | e. $\mu / \sigma$     | f. <i>None of the above</i> |
- b 9. The "Gamma" function is related to the factorial function for integers by
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|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| a. $\Gamma(1-k) = k!$                   | d. $\Gamma(k) = (k+1)!$     |
| <b>b. <math>\Gamma(1+k) = k!</math></b> | e. $\Gamma(1+1/k) = k!$     |
| c. $\Gamma(k) = k!$                     | f. <i>None of the above</i> |
- f 10. To generate a single random number  $x$  having a Weibull distribution  $F(x)$ , you should
- obtain two random numbers  $(x,y)$  having uniform distribution in  $[0,1]$ .
  - obtain a single random number  $y$  uniformly-distributed in the interval  $[0,1]$ .
  - Derive the inverse of the function  $F$ , and compute  $F^{-1}(y)$  where  $y$  has uniform distribution in  $[0,1]$ .
  - Plot a randomly-generated point  $(x,y)$ , and accept  $x$  if  $y \leq f(x)$ , otherwise try again.
  - Both (a) and (d) are true.
  - Both (b) and (c) are true.** *Note: the inverse transformation can be used, but the rejection method cannot, because the density function cannot be "put into a box", i.e., there is no interval such that  $f(x)=0$  outside this interval.*
  - None of the above.*
- b 11. Given a set of data points  $(x_i, y_i)$ ,  $i=1,2,\dots,n$ , "linear regression" is a method for determining a relationship  $y = f(x)$  which
- minimizes the sum of the errors  $\sum_i \{y_i - f(x_i)\}$
  - minimizes the sum of the squares of the errors:  $\sum_i (y_i - f(x_i))^2$**
  - minimizes the sum of the absolute values of the errors:  $\sum_i |y_i - f(x_i)|$
  - minimizes the maximum error  $\max \{y_i - f(x_i)\}$
  - None of the above*

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## Quiz #5 -- March 1, 1999

True (+) or False (o)? (Many of the questions relate to the homework exercise in which the failure times of a set of light bulbs were used to estimate reliability.)

- \_\_\_ 1. We assumed in this HW that the lifetime of a light bulb has a Weibull distribution.
- \_\_\_ 2. If 10 units of this bulb are installed in a light fixture, the number still functioning after 500 hours has a Weibull distribution.
- \_\_\_ 3. To estimate the time at which 90% of the bulbs will have failed, evaluate  $1 - F(0.90)$ .
- \_\_\_ 4. The quantity  $R_t$  is the expected fraction of the bulbs which have survived until time  $t$ .
- \_\_\_ 5. The method used in homework #5 to estimate the Weibull parameters  $u$  &  $k$  requires that the light bulbs be tested until all have failed.
- \_\_\_ 6. We assumed in this exercise that the number of failures at time  $t$ ,  $N_f(t)$ , has a Weibull distribution.
- \_\_\_ 7. The Weibull CDF, i.e.,  $F(t)$ , gives, for each light bulb, the probability that it has failed at time  $t$ .
- \_\_\_ 8. The time between the failures in the batch of 500 light bulbs was assumed to have the Weibull distribution.
- \_\_\_ 9. The CDF of the failure time of a light bulb is assumed to be  $F(t) = 1 - e^{-(k/u)^t}$  for some parameters  $u$  &  $k$ .
- \_\_\_ 10. When choosing between two different regression models, i.e., "fits" of a curve to data points, the model with the lower value of  $R^2$  should be chosen.
- \_\_\_ 11. The exponential distribution is a special case of the Weibull distribution, with a constant failure rate.
- \_\_\_ 12. A value of  $k > 1$  indicates an increasing failure rate, while  $k < 1$  indicates a decreasing failure rate.
- \_\_\_ 13. Given a coefficient of variation for the Weibull distribution (i.e., the ratio  $\sigma/\mu$ ), the parameter  $k$  can be determined by solving a nonlinear equation (or consulting a table).
- \_\_\_ 14. The slope of the straight line fit by Minitab in this homework exercise was the estimate of the "shape" parameter  $k$ .

Multiple Choice:

- \_\_\_ 15. Given a set of data points  $(x_i, y_i)$ ,  $i=1,2,\dots,n$ , "linear regression" is a method for determining a relationship  $y = f(x)$  which
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- $\sqrt{\mu^2 + \sigma^2}$
  - $\mu^2/\sigma^2$
  - $\sigma^2/\mu^2$
  - $\sigma/\mu$
  - $\mu/\sigma$
  - None of the above

Select the letter below which indicates each correct answer:

When plotting the points to fit a straight line,

- \_\_\_ 18. The vertical axis should represent ...
- \_\_\_ 19. The horizontal axis should represent ...
- \_\_\_ 20. The slope of the line should be approximately ...
- \_\_\_ 21. The vertical intercept (y-intercept) of the line should be approximately ...
- |                |                |                                |                             |
|----------------|----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| a. $t$         | f. $-\ln u$    | k. $\ln \ln 1/t$               | o. coefficient of variation |
| b. $\ln 1/t$   | g. $\ln u$     | l. $\ln \ln 1/R_t$             | p. shape parameter $k$      |
| c. $\ln t$     | h. $\ln R_t$   | m. $\ln \ln R_t$               | q. scale parameter $u$      |
| d. $\ln \ln t$ | i. $\ln 1/R_t$ | n. standard deviation $\sigma$ | r. mean value $\mu$         |
| e. $R_t$       | j. $u$         |                                |                             |

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- d 17. The "coefficient of variation" of a probability distribution with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$ , is
- $\sqrt{\mu^2 + \sigma^2}$
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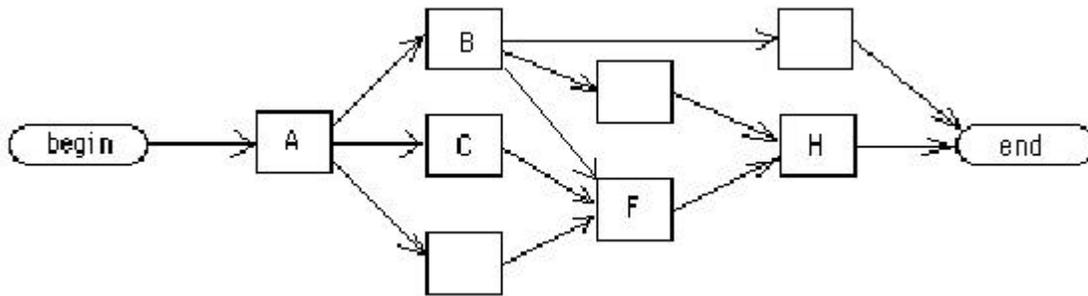
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| e. $R_t$       | j. $u$         |                                |                             |

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 Quiz #6 -- April 9, 1999

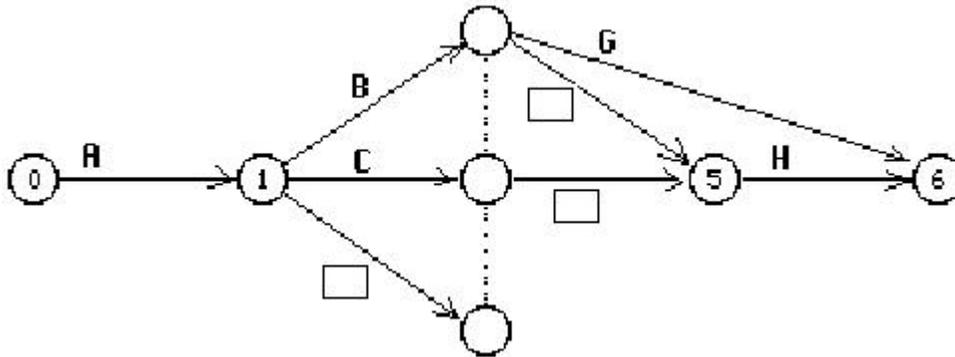
Consider the project consisting of the following activities:

Activity	Description	Predecessor(s)	Duration (days)
A	Clear & level site	none	2
B	Erect building	A	6
C	Install generator	A	4
D	Install water tank	A	2
E	Install maintenance equipment	B	4
F	Connect generator & tank to building	B,C,E	5
G	Paint & finish work on building	B	3
H	Facility test & checkout	D,F	2

1. Complete the AON network by labeling the nodes:



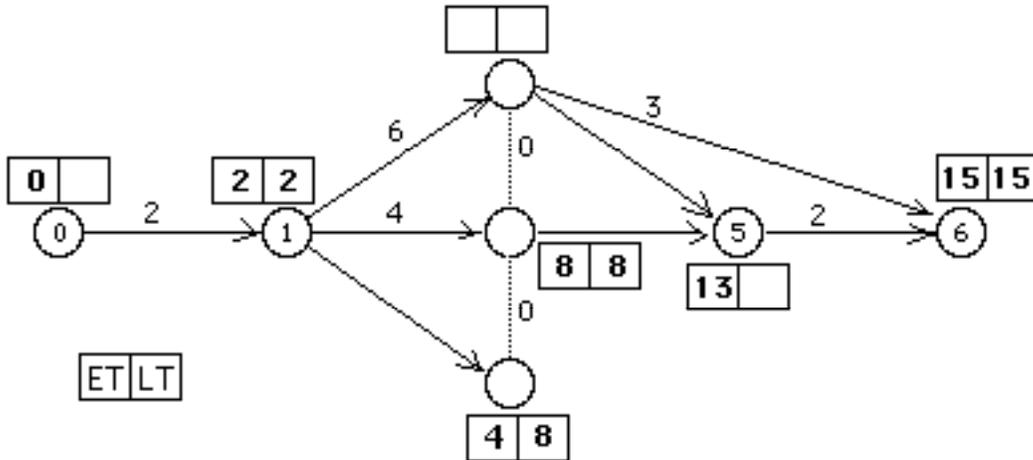
2. Complete the AOA network by labeling the three arrows (not including those for the "dummy" activities):



3. Two "dummy" activities in the AOA network above (vertical lines) have no directions indicated. Add directions to these two arrows.

4. Three nodes in the AOA network above are not labeled. Label them.

5. Complete the computation of the earliest & latest times for the events (indicated in the boxes below).  
*There are four values to be computed!*



6. Indicate whether activity **F** is critical, and for activity **G**, compute:  
 ES = earliest start time                      LS = latest start time  
 EF = earliest finish time                    LF = latest finish time  
 TF = total float (slack)

Activity	Duration	ES	LS	EF	LF	TF	Critical?
A	2	0	0	2	2	0	Yes
B	6	2	2	8	8	0	Yes
C	4	2	4	6	8	2	No
D	2	2	6	4	8	4	No
E	4	8	9	12	13	1	No
F	5	8	8	13	13	0	—
G	3	—	—	—	—	—	No
H	2	13	13	15	15	0	Yes

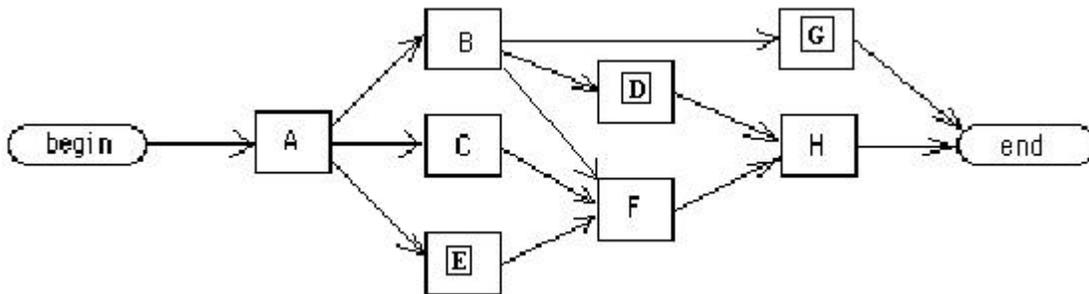
7. What is the earliest completion time for the project? \_\_\_\_\_

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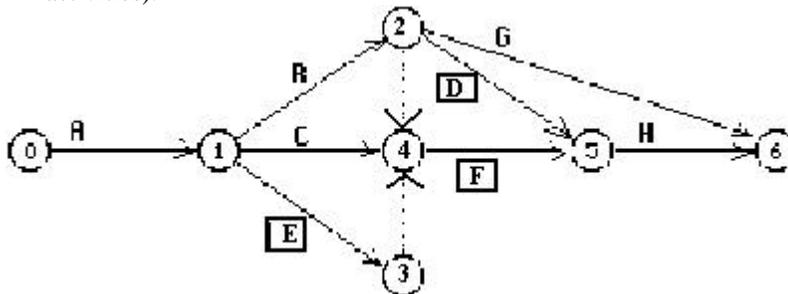
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G	Paint & finish work on building	B	3
H	Facility test & checkout	D,F	2

1. Complete the AON network by labeling the nodes:



2. Complete the AOA network by labeling the three arrows (not including those for the "dummy" activities):



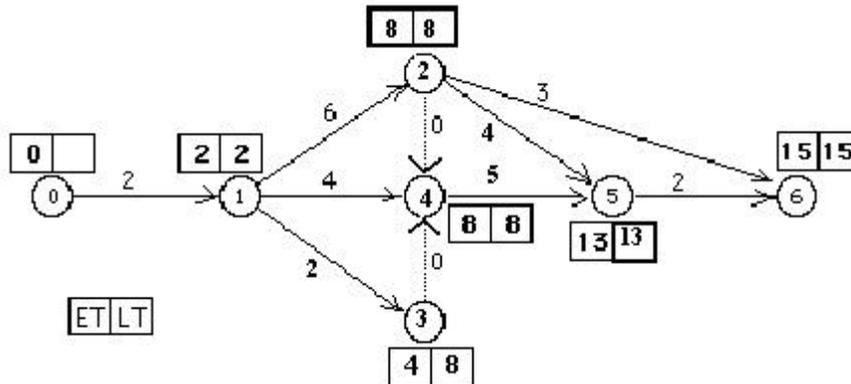
3. Two "dummy" activities in the AOA network above (vertical lines) have no directions indicated. Add directions to these two arrows.

4. Three nodes in the AOA network above are not labeled. Label them.

*Note: the labels "2" & "3" may be reversed in the diagram above!*

**Solutions**

5. Complete the computation of the earliest & latest times for the events (indicated in the boxes below).  
*There are four values to be computed!*



6. Indicate whether activity **F** is critical, and for activity **G**, compute:  
 ES = earliest start time                      LS = latest start time  
 EF = earliest finish time                    LF = latest finish time  
 TF = total float (slack)

Activity	Duration	ES	LS	EF	LF	TF	Critical?
A	2	0	0	2	2	0	Yes
B	6	2	2	8	8	0	Yes
C	4	2	4	6	8	2	No
D	2	2	6	4	8	4	No
E	4	8	9	12	13	1	No
F	5	8	8	13	13	0	<b>YES</b>
G	3	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	No
H	2	13	13	15	15	0	Yes

*Note: ES = Early Start of activity G is the ET (early time) of node 2, while LF = Late Finish of the activity is the LT (late time) of node 6. The EF (Early Finish) is then ES + duration, while LS (Late Start) = Late Finish - duration. The TF (Total Float) = LS-ES = LF-EF = 4*

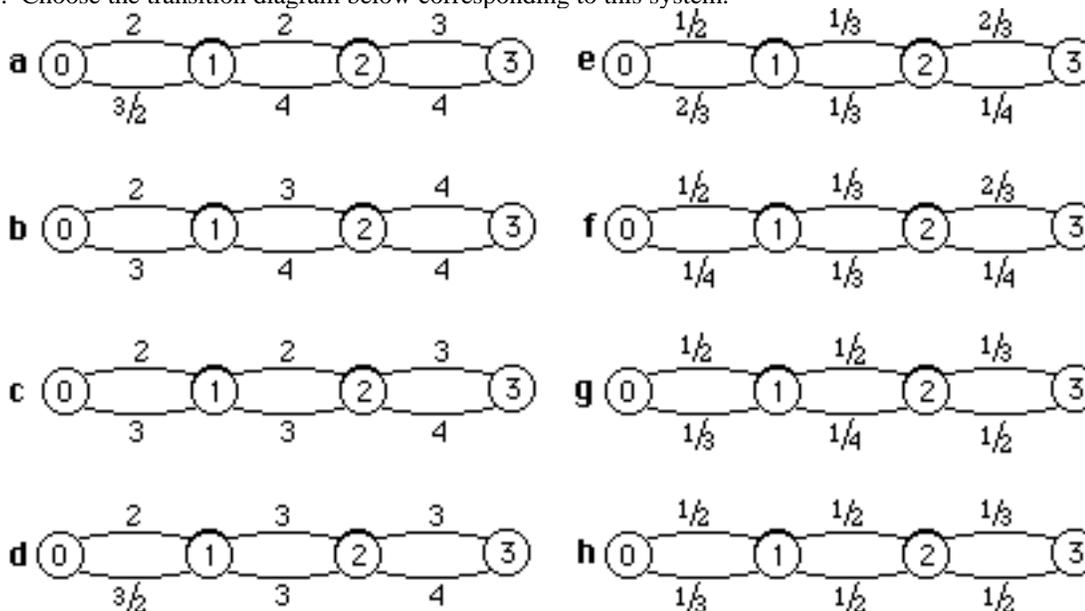
7. What is the earliest completion time for the project? 15

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- If 3 cars are already in the shop, no cars arrive.

\_\_\_\_ 1. Choose the transition diagram below corresponding to this system.



i. None of the above

\_\_\_\_ 2. The steadystate probability  $\pi_0$  is computed by the formula:

- |                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| a. $\frac{1}{\pi_0} = 1 + \frac{3}{2} + \frac{3}{2} \times 1 + \frac{3}{2} \times 1 \times \frac{2}{3}$                     | f. $\frac{1}{\pi_0} = 1 + \frac{3}{2} + 1 + \frac{2}{3}$                                                                    |
| b. $\frac{1}{\pi_0} = 1 + \frac{4}{3} + \frac{4}{3} \times \frac{1}{2} + \frac{4}{3} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{4}$ | g. $\frac{1}{\pi_0} = 1 + \frac{4}{3} + \frac{4}{3} \times \frac{1}{2} + \frac{4}{3} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{4}$ |
| c. $\frac{1}{\pi_0} = 1 + \frac{4}{3} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{4}$                                                          | h. $\frac{1}{\pi_0} = 1 + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{3}{4}$ |
| d. $\frac{1}{\pi_0} = 1 + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{2} + \frac{3}{4}$                                                          | i. $\frac{1}{\pi_0} = 1 + \frac{3}{2} + \frac{3}{2} \times 2 + \frac{3}{2} \times 2 \times \frac{2}{3}$                     |
| e. $\frac{1}{\pi_0} = 1 + \frac{4}{3} + \frac{4}{3} \times 1 + \frac{4}{3} \times 1 \times \frac{3}{4}$                     | j. None of the above                                                                                                        |

For ease of computation in the following questions, suppose that the steady-state probabilities for this system are (*not the actual values*):

$$\pi_0=20\%, \pi_1=30\%, \pi_2=30\%, \text{ \& } \pi_3=20\%.$$

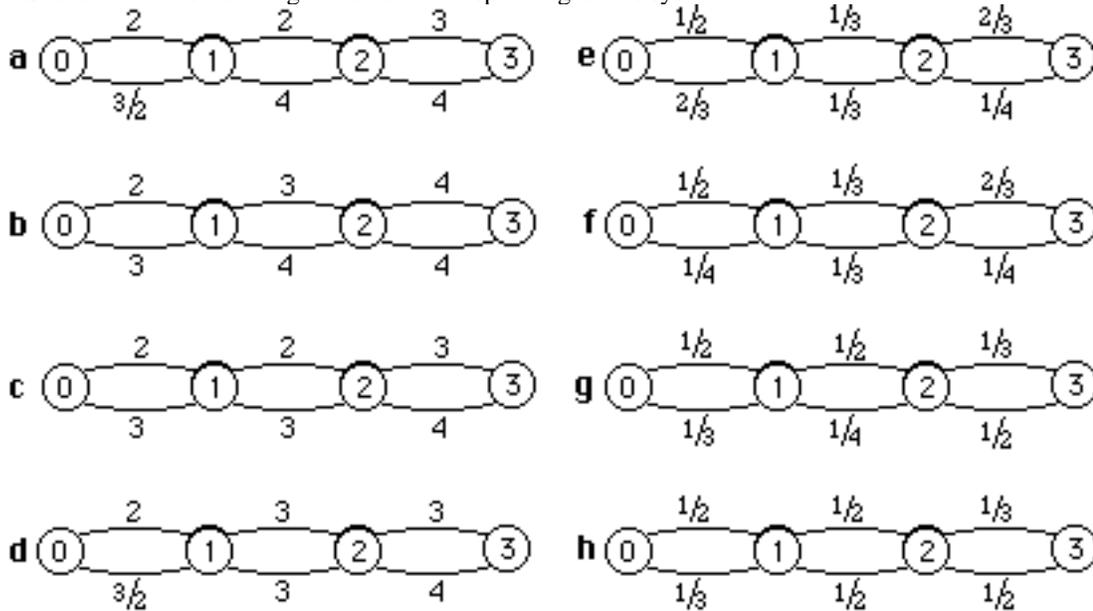
- \_\_\_\_ 3. What fraction of the day will both mechanics be idle?
- |        |        |        |                |
|--------|--------|--------|----------------|
| a. 10% | c. 30% | e. 50% | g. 70%         |
| b. 20% | d. 40% | f. 60% | h. <i>NOTA</i> |
- \_\_\_\_ 4. What fraction of the day will both mechanics be working on the same car?
- |        |        |        |                |
|--------|--------|--------|----------------|
| a. 10% | c. 30% | e. 50% | g. 70%         |
| b. 20% | d. 40% | f. 60% | h. <i>NOTA</i> |
- \_\_\_\_ 5. What is the average number of cars in the shop? (Choose nearest answer.)
- |         |         |         |        |
|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| a. 0.5  | c. 1.0  | e. 1.5  | g. 2.0 |
| b. 0.75 | d. 1.25 | f. 1.75 | h. 2.5 |
- \_\_\_\_ 6. What is the average number of cars waiting to be serviced? (Choose nearest answer.)
- |         |         |         |        |
|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| a. 0.5  | c. 1.0  | e. 1.5  | g. 2.0 |
| b. 0.75 | d. 1.25 | f. 1.75 | h. 2.5 |
- \_\_\_\_ 7. Suppose that the average arrival rate in steady state is approximately one every 2.5 *hours* (*not the actual value*), i.e., 0.4/hour. According to Little's Formula, the average total time spent by a car in the shop (including both waiting and repair time) is (*choose nearest value*):
- |            |            |            |            |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| a. 2 hours | c. 3 hours | e. 4 hours | g. 5 hours |
| b. 6 hours | d. 7 hours | f. 8 hours | h. 9 hours |
- \_\_\_\_ 8. What is the average time that a car spends in the shop waiting to be serviced? (Choose nearest answer.)
- |               |               |               |              |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| a. 0.5 hours  | c. 1.0 hours  | e. 1.5 hours  | g. 2.0 hours |
| b. 0.75 hours | d. 1.25 hours | f. 1.75 hours | h. 2.5 hours |

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h 1. Choose the transition diagram below corresponding to this system.



i. None of the above

a 2. The steadystate probability  $\pi_0$  is computed by the formula:

- |                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
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| b. $\frac{1}{\pi_0} = 1 + \frac{4}{3} + \frac{4}{3} \times \frac{1}{2} + \frac{4}{3} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{4}$ | g. $\frac{1}{\pi_0} = 1 + \frac{4}{3} + \frac{4}{3} \times \frac{1}{2} + \frac{4}{3} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{3}{4}$ |
| c. $\frac{1}{\pi_0} = 1 + \frac{4}{3} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{4}$                                                          | h. $\frac{1}{\pi_0} = 1 + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{3}{4}$ |
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For ease of computation in the following questions, suppose that the steady-state probabilities for this system are (*not the actual values*):

$$\pi_0=20\%, \pi_1=30\%, \pi_2=30\%, \text{ \& } \pi_3=20\%.$$

- b 3. What fraction of the day will both mechanics be idle?  
 a. 10%                      c. 30%                      e. 50%                      g. 70%  
 b. 20%                      d. 40%                      f. 60%                      h. *NOTA*

**Solution:**  $\pi_0$

- c 4. What fraction of the day will both mechanics be working on the same car?  
 a. 10%                      c. 30%                      e. 50%                      g. 70%  
 b. 20%                      d. 40%                      f. 60%                      h. *NOTA*

**Solution:**  $\pi_1$

- e 5. What is the average number of cars in the shop? (Choose nearest answer.)  
 a. 0.5                      c. 1.0                      e. 1.5                      g. 2.0  
 b. 0.75                      d. 1.25                      f. 1.75                      h. 2.5

**Solution:**  $L = 0\pi_0 + 1\pi_1 + 2\pi_2 + 3\pi_3 = 0 + 1 \times 0.3 + 2 \times 0.3 + 3 \times 0.2 = 0.3 + 0.6 + 0.6 = 1.5$

- a 6. What is the average number of cars waiting to be serviced? (Choose nearest answer.)  
 a. 0.5                      c. 1.0                      e. 1.5                      g. 2.0  
 b. 0.75                      d. 1.25                      f. 1.75                      h. 2.5

**Solution:**  $L_q = 0\pi_0 + 0\pi_1 + 0\pi_2 + 1\pi_3 = 0 + 0 + 0 + 1 \times 0.2 = 0.2$ , since only in state 3 will a car be waiting to be serviced!

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 b. 6 hours                      d. 7 hours                      f. 8 hours                      h. 9 hours

**Solution:**  $L = \lambda W \Rightarrow W = L/\lambda = (1.5)/(0.4/\text{hr}) = 3.75 \text{ hrs}$

- a 8. What is the average time that a car spends in the shop waiting to be serviced? (Choose nearest answer.)  
 a. 0.5 hour                      c. 1.0 hour                      e. 1.5 hours                      g. 2.0 hours  
 b. 0.75 hour                      d. 1.25 hours                      f. 1.75 hours                      h. 2.5 hours

**Solution:**  $W_q = L_q/\lambda = 0.2/(0.4/\text{hr}) = 0.5 \text{ hr.}$