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**Handout 15**  
**Quiz 6 : 10 points**

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**Please READ THE QUESTIONS CAREFULLY before answering.**

1.  $\{A(t)|t \geq 0\}$  is a *Poisson process* with rate  $\lambda$ . So the number of arrivals in any interval of length  $\tau$  is Poisson distributed with parameter  $\lambda\tau$ ,

$$\Pr\{A(t+\tau) - A(t) = n\} = e^{-\lambda\tau} \frac{(\lambda\tau)^n}{n!}, \quad n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

- (a) If  $\lambda = 1$  arrival per second, what is the the probability of zero arrivals from time  $t = 5\text{s}$  to  $t = 10\text{s}$ ? [1 point]
- (b) If  $\lambda = 1$  arrival per second, what is the the probability of zero arrivals from time  $t = 5\text{s}$  to  $t = 10\text{s}$  given that there was one arrival in the interval of time  $[0, 5)$ ? [1 point]
2. The interarrival times of a Poisson process are independent and exponentially distributed. So if  $\tau_n$  is the time between the arrivals of the  $n$ th and  $(n-1)$ th customers, we have

$$\Pr[\tau_n \leq s] = 1 - e^{-\lambda s}, \quad \text{for } s \geq 0.$$

- (a) If  $\lambda = 1$  arrival per second, what is the the probability that the fourth customer will arrive at least 5 seconds after the third customer arrived? [1 point]
- (b) If  $\lambda = 1$  arrival per second, what is the the probability that the fourth customer will arrive at least 5 seconds after the third customer and the fifth customer will arrive at most 10 seconds after the fourth customer? [1 point]
3. Suppose a queueing system has no customers in it at time  $t = 0$ . If customer arrivals occur at times  $t = 1, 3, 4$  and customer departures occur at times  $t = 2, 5, 6$ , plot  $\alpha(t) =$  The number of arrivals in the system upto time  $t$ ,  $\beta(t) =$  The number of departures in the system upto time  $t$  and  $N(t) =$  The number of customers in the system at time  $t$ . [6 points]