

ON SOME MODEL OF QUEUEING SYSTEM WITH STATE-DEPENDENT SERVICE TIME DISTRIBUTIONS

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1. Introduction

In some single server queueing situations the following queueing model will be natural. The service-time distribution of a customer is $H_a(t)$ or $H_b(t)$ according as the length of the waiting line behind him at the moment of entering into service is less than or not less than a given integer $N(>0)$, where $H_a(t)$ and $H_b(t)$ are distribution functions in $t \geq 0$, which are arbitrary except that $H_a(0+) < 1$ and $H_b(0+) < 1$, and they may be different. For example, we can conceive a service system in which the speed of service is accelerated when the congestion of the system exceeded some level.

In this paper we consider the model which is the standard $M/G/1$ queueing system except the above-mentioned assumption as to the service time. A more general formulation is given in Harris [2], in which steady-state properties are investigated. In what follows we shall study some transient behaviors for our model in the case of $N=1$. We may treat the case $N \geq 2$ in the same way, but the reason we restrict ourselves to the case $N=1$ is to avoid excessive complexity in expressing the results.

We shall use the following notations after Takács [1]:

λ = the intensity of the input Poisson process;

$$\alpha_b = \int_0^{\infty} x dH_b(x);$$

$\xi(t)$ = the number of customers in the system at the instant t
($0 \leq t < \infty$);

τ_n = the instant of the n th arrival of customer ($n=1, 2, \dots$, and $\tau_0=0$);

$\theta_n = \tau_{n+1} - \tau_n$ ($n=0, 1, 2, \dots$);

η_n = the waiting time of the customer of the n th arrival ($n=1, 2, \dots$);

χ_n = the n th service time ($n=1, 2, \dots$);

τ'_n = the instant of the n th departure of customer ($n=1, 2, \dots$).

In addition we put $\tau'_0=0$ if $\xi(0) > 0$ and the initial service starts at time zero, or $\xi(0)=0$;

$\zeta_n = \xi(\tau'_n + 0)$ = the number of customers in the system immediately after the n th departure ($n=1, 2, \dots$).

Moreover, we put $\zeta_0 = \xi(0)$ if $\xi(0) > 0$ and the initial service starts at time zero, or $\xi(0) = 0$;

$$\phi_a(s) = \int_0^\infty e^{-sx} dH_a(x) \quad \text{for } Rs \geq 0,$$

$$\phi_b(s) = \int_0^\infty e^{-sx} dH_b(x) \quad \text{for } Rs \geq 0.$$

2. Busy period

Let X_0 be the length of the initial busy period and let X_1, X_2, \dots be the lengths of the successive busy periods. It is obvious that X_0, X_1, X_2, \dots form a sequence of mutually independent random variables and every X_n ($n \geq 1$) has the same distribution function. Let $G(x)$ be the distribution function of X_n ($n \geq 1$), and let $\hat{G}(x|\xi(0)=i)$ be the distribution function of X_0 under the condition that $\xi(0)=i$ for $i \geq 1$. For the case where the server is idle at time zero, that is $\xi(0)=0$, we define $\hat{G}(x|\xi(0)=0)=1$ for $x \geq 0$ and $\hat{G}(x|\xi(0)=0)=0$ for $x < 0$. We put

$$(1) \quad \Gamma(s) = \int_0^\infty e^{-sx} dG(x),$$

$$(2) \quad \hat{\Gamma}(s|\xi(0)=i) = \int_0^\infty e^{-sx} d\hat{G}(x|\xi(0)=i),$$

for $Rs \geq 0$. In this section we determine these Laplace-Stieltjes transforms. First we cite the following lemma given in Takács [1].

LEMMA 1. *If $Rs \geq 0$ and $|w| \leq 1$ then $z = \gamma_b(s, w)$, the root of the equation*

$$(3) \quad z = w\phi_b(s + \lambda(1-z))$$

which has the smallest absolute value, is

$$(4) \quad \gamma_b(s, w) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda^{j-1} w^j}{j!} \int_0^\infty e^{-(\lambda+s)x} x^{j-1} dH_b^{j*}(x),$$

where $H_b^{j}(x)$ denotes the j th iterated convolution of $H_b(x)$ with itself.*

This is a continuous function of s and w if $Rs \geq 0$ and $|w| \leq 1$ and, further, $z = \gamma_b(s, w)$ is the only root of (3) in the unit circle $|z| < 1$ if $Rs \geq 0$ and $|w| < 1$ or $Rs > 0$ and $|w| \leq 1$ or $Rs \geq 0$, $|w| \leq 1$ and $\lambda\alpha_b > 1$. Specifically, $\omega_b = \gamma_b(0, 1)$ is the smallest positive real root of the equation

$$(5) \quad z = \phi_b(\lambda(1-z)).$$

If $\lambda\alpha_b > 1$ then $\omega_b < 1$ and if $\lambda\alpha_b \leq 1$ then $\omega_b = 1$.

Now consider an arbitrary busy period and let X be the length of this period, let χ be the length of the first service time in this period, and let ν be the number of customers who arrived during the time χ . Then

$$(6) \quad G(x) = \int_0^\infty P\{X \leq x | \chi = u, \nu = 0\} P\{\nu = 0 | \chi = u\} dH_a(u) \\ + \int_0^\infty P\{X \leq x | \chi = u, \nu = 1\} P\{\nu = 1 | \chi = u\} dH_a(u) \\ + \sum_{j=2}^\infty \int_0^\infty P\{X \leq x | \chi = u, \nu = j\} P\{\nu = j | \chi = u\} dH_a(u).$$

Each term of the right-hand side of (6) is calculated as follows. First,

$$(7) \quad P\{X \leq x | \chi = u, \nu = 0\} = \begin{cases} 1 & u \leq x, \\ 0 & u > x. \end{cases}$$

Under the condition $\chi = u, \nu = 1$, it is obvious that X is decomposed so that

$$(8) \quad X = u + X^{(1)},$$

where $X^{(1)}$ is a random variable independent of χ and ν , which has distribution function $G(x)$. Therefore,

$$(9) \quad P\{X \leq x | \chi = u, \nu = 1\} = \begin{cases} G(x-u) & u \leq x, \\ 0 & u > x. \end{cases}$$

For $j \geq 2$, under the condition $\chi = u, \nu = j$, we can see, using the same argument as in Takács ([1], p. 61), that we may calculate the distribution function of X by introducing appropriate random variables and decomposition of X into them. In fact when we introduce mutually independent random variables $X^{(1)}, X_1^{(2)}, \dots, X_{j-1}^{(2)}$, independent of χ and ν , where the distribution function of $X^{(1)}$ is $G(x)$ and the distribution function of $X_k^{(2)}$ is $K(x)$, which is the distribution function of the busy period in the standard $M/G/1$ queue with the service-time distribution function $H_b(x)$, we can calculate the distribution function of X by considering that X is decomposed as follows:

$$(10) \quad X = u + X_1^{(2)} + \dots + X_{j-1}^{(2)} + X^{(1)}.$$

From this we have

$$(11) \quad P\{X \leq x | \chi = u, \nu = j\} = \begin{cases} G * K^{(j-1)*}(x-u) & u \leq x, \\ 0 & u > x. \end{cases}$$

As, under the condition $\chi=u$, ν distributes according to the Poisson distribution with parameter λu , we have from (6), (7), (9) and (11)

$$(12) \quad G(x) = \int_0^x e^{-\lambda u} dH_a(u) + \int_0^x G(x-u) e^{-\lambda u} \lambda u dH_a(u) \\ + \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \int_0^x G * K^{(j-1)*}(x-u) e^{-\lambda u} \frac{(\lambda u)^j}{j!} dH_a(u).$$

Hence we obtain

$$(13) \quad \Gamma(s) = \frac{\Lambda(s)\phi_a(s+\lambda)}{\Lambda(s) + \phi_a(s+\lambda) - \phi_a[s+\lambda(1-\Lambda(s))]},$$

where

$$(14) \quad \Lambda(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-sx} dK(x).$$

But it is known (Takács [1]) that

$$(15) \quad \Lambda(s) = \gamma_b(s),$$

where $\gamma_b(s)$ is the only root of the equation (3) with $w=1$ in the unit circle. From (13) and (15) we have

$$\Gamma(s) = \frac{\gamma_b(s)\phi_a(s+\lambda)}{\gamma_b(s) + \phi_a(s+\lambda) - \phi_a[s+\lambda(1-\gamma_b(s))]}.$$

The distribution function $G(x)$, whose Laplace-Stieltjes transform is $\Gamma(s)$, may be an improper distribution function. We next consider a condition that $G(x)$ be a proper distribution function. As $G(x)$ is bounded (≤ 1) and non-decreasing function, $G(\infty) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} G(x)$ exists. Hence, by Abel's theorem and noting Lemma 1, we get

$$G(\infty) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0+} \Gamma(s) = \frac{\omega_b \phi_a(\lambda)}{\omega_b + \phi_a(\lambda) - \phi_a(\lambda(1-\omega_b))}.$$

Thus we have

$$0 < \frac{\omega_b \phi_a(\lambda)}{\omega_b + \phi_a(\lambda) - \phi_a(\lambda(1-\omega_b))} \leq 1.$$

In this inequality we have equality if and only if $\omega_b=1$. For, put

$$f_1(s) = s[1 - \phi_a(\lambda)],$$

$$f_2(s) = \phi_a(\lambda(1-s)) - \phi_a(\lambda),$$

for $0 < s \leq 1$. Then $f_2''(s) = \lambda^2 \int_0^{\infty} e^{-\lambda(1-s)x} x^2 dH_a(x) > 0$, $f_1(0) = f_2(0) = 0$ and $f_1(1) =$

$f_2(1)=1-\phi_a(\lambda)$. So $f_2(s)\leq f_1(s)$ for $0 < s \leq 1$, and the equality holds if and only if $s=1$.

Now, by Lemma 1, $\omega_b=1$ if and only if $\lambda\alpha_b\leq 1$. Hence $G(\infty)=1$ if and only if $\lambda\alpha_b\leq 1$.

Summarizing the above results, we get the following.

THEOREM 1. $\Gamma(s)$ is given by

$$(16) \quad \Gamma(s) = \frac{\gamma_b(s)\phi_a(s+\lambda)}{\gamma_b(s) + \phi_a(s+\lambda) - \phi_a[s+\lambda(1-\gamma_b(s))]} ,$$

where $\gamma_b(s)$ is the only root in the unit circle $|z| < 1$ of the equation

$$(17) \quad z = \phi_b(s + \lambda(1-z)) .$$

$G(x)$ is a proper distribution function if and only if $\lambda\alpha_b\leq 1$. In any case

$$(18) \quad G(\infty) = \frac{\omega_b\phi_a(\lambda)}{\omega_b + \phi_a(\lambda) - \phi_a(\lambda(1-\omega_b))} ,$$

and this is < 1 if and only if $\lambda\alpha_b > 1$.

Next we consider $\hat{\Gamma}(s|\xi(0)=i)$. Here and in what follows, when condition $\xi(0)=i$ is imposed for $i\geq 1$, we tacitly assume that the initial service has started at the instant of time zero.

It is obvious that

$$(19) \quad \hat{\Gamma}(s|\xi(0)=0) \equiv 1$$

and

$$(20) \quad \hat{\Gamma}(s|\xi(0)=1) = \Gamma(s) .$$

For $i\geq 2$ we have

$$(21) \quad \hat{G}(x|\xi(0)=i) \\ = \int_0^\infty P\{X_0 \leq x | \chi_i^{(0)} = u, \nu_i^{(0)} = 0\} P\{\nu_i^{(0)} = 0 | \chi_i^{(0)} = u\} dH_b^{(i-1)*}(u) \\ + \sum_{j=1}^\infty \int_0^\infty P\{X_0 \leq x | \chi_i^{(0)} = u, \nu_i^{(0)} = j\} P\{\nu_i^{(0)} = j | \chi_i^{(0)} = u\} dH_b^{(i-1)*}(u) ,$$

where $\chi_i^{(0)}$ is the sum of the lengths of the first $(i-1)$ service times (accordingly the distribution function of $\chi_i^{(0)}$ is $H_b^{(i-1)*}$), and $\nu_i^{(0)}$ is the number of customers who arrived during the time $\chi_i^{(0)}$.

In the same way as above we have

$$(22) \quad P\{X_0 \leq x | \chi_i^{(0)} = u, \nu_i^{(0)} = 0\} = \begin{cases} G(x-u) & u \leq x , \\ 0 & u > x \end{cases}$$

and

$$(23) \quad P\{X_0 \leq x | \chi_i^{(0)} = u, \nu_i^{(0)} = j\} = \begin{cases} G * K^{j^*}(x-u) & u \leq x, \\ 0 & u > x \end{cases}$$

for $j \geq 1$. As, under the condition $\chi_i^{(0)} = u$, $\nu_i^{(0)}$ distributes according to the Poisson distribution with parameter λu , we have from (21), (22) and (23)

$$(24) \quad \hat{G}(x | \xi(0) = i) = \int_0^x G(x-u) e^{-\lambda u} dH_b^{(i-1)^*}(u) \\ + \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_0^x G * K^{j^*}(x-u) e^{-\lambda u} \frac{(\lambda u)^j}{j!} dH_b^{(i-1)^*}(u).$$

From (24) and $\int_0^{\infty} e^{-sx} dK(x) = A(s) = \gamma_b(s)$, we have for $i \geq 2$

$$\hat{\Gamma}(s | \xi(0) = i) = \Gamma(s) [\psi_b \{s + \lambda(1 - \gamma_b(s))\}]^{i-1} = \Gamma(s) [\gamma_b(s)]^{i-1}.$$

Thus we have

THEOREM 2. For $i \geq 1$, if the initial service has started at time zero, $\hat{\Gamma}(s | \xi(0) = i)$ is given by

$$(25) \quad \hat{\Gamma}(s | \xi(0) = i) = \Gamma(s) [\gamma_b(s)]^{i-1},$$

where $\Gamma(s)$ is given by (16). As to the case $i=0$, $\hat{\Gamma}(s | \xi(0) = 0) \equiv 1$.

3. The transition probabilities of $\{\zeta_n\}$

As is easily seen, $\{\zeta_0, \zeta_1, \zeta_2, \dots\}$ forms a homogeneous Markov chain. Let (p_{ik}) be the matrix of transition probabilities of this Markov chain and put $(p_{ik}^{(n)}) = (p_{ik})^n$, $n=1, 2, \dots$. In this section we shall study probabilities $p_{ik}^{(n)}$:

$$(26) \quad p_{ik}^{(n)} = P\{\zeta_n = k | \zeta_0 = i\}.$$

Let us determine the generating function

$$(27) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{ik}^{(n)} w^n z^k = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_{in}(z) w^n$$

for $|w| < 1$ and $|z| \leq 1$, where $p_{ik}^{(0)} = 1$ for $i=k$ and $p_{ik}^{(0)} = 0$ for $i \neq k$, and

$$(28) \quad U_{in}(z) = E\{z^{\zeta_n} | \zeta_0 = i\}.$$

Define ν_n is the number of customers who arrived during the n th service time ($n \geq 1$). Then we obviously have

$$P\{\nu_{n+1}=j|\zeta_n\leq 1, \zeta_0=i\} = q_j ,$$

$$P\{\nu_{n+1}=j|\zeta_n\geq 2, \zeta_0=i\} = p_j ,$$

for all $n\geq 0$, where

$$q_j = \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda x} \frac{(\lambda x)^j}{j!} dH_a(x) ,$$

$$p_j = \int_0^\infty e^{-\lambda x} \frac{(\lambda x)^j}{j!} dH_b(x) .$$

From these it is easily seen that

$$(29) \quad E[z^{\nu_{n+1}}|\zeta_n\leq 1, \zeta_0=i] = \phi_a(\lambda(1-z)) ,$$

$$(30) \quad E[z^{\nu_{n+1}}|\zeta_n\geq 2, \zeta_0=i] = \phi_b(\lambda(1-z)) .$$

Now we can write that

$$(31) \quad \zeta_{n+1} = [\zeta_n - 1]^+ + \nu_{n+1} ,$$

where $[a]^+ = \max\{a, 0\}$. Therefore, for $n\geq 1$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} U_{i,n+1}(z) &= E\{z^{[\zeta_n-1]^+ + \nu_{n+1}}|\zeta_0=i\} \\ &= P\{\zeta_n\leq 1|\zeta_0=i\} E\{z^{\nu_{n+1}}|\zeta_n\leq 1, \zeta_0=i\} \\ &\quad + P\{\zeta_n\geq 2|\zeta_0=i\} \frac{1}{z} E\{z^{\nu_{n+1}}|\zeta_n\geq 2, \zeta_0=i\} E\{z^{\zeta_n}|\zeta_n\geq 2, \zeta_0=i\} , \end{aligned}$$

because, under the condition $\zeta_n\geq 2$, ν_{n+1} and ζ_n are mutually independent. From this, using (29) and (30), we have

$$(32) \quad U_{i,n+1}(z) = \frac{U_{in}(z) - (p_{i0}^{(n)} + zp_{i1}^{(n)})}{z} \phi_b(\lambda(1-z)) + (p_{i0}^{(n)} + p_{i1}^{(n)}) \phi_a(\lambda(1-z)) .$$

Noting $U_{i0}(z) = z^i$, we have the following relation by forming the generating functions for both sides of (32):

$$\begin{aligned} (33) \quad [z - w\phi_b(\lambda(1-z))] \sum_{n=0}^\infty U_{in}(z)w^n \\ = z^{i+1} + wz\{\phi_a(\lambda(1-z)) - \phi_b(\lambda(1-z))\} \sum_{n=0}^\infty p_{i1}^{(n)}w^n \\ + w\{z\phi_a(\lambda(1-z)) - \phi_b(\lambda(1-z))\} \sum_{n=0}^\infty p_{i0}^{(n)}w^n . \end{aligned}$$

Differentiating both sides of (33) with respect to z , and then letting $z\rightarrow 0$ we have

$$[1 + \lambda w\phi_b'(\lambda)] \sum_{n=0}^\infty p_{i0}^{(n)}w^n - w\phi_b(\lambda) \sum_{n=0}^\infty p_{i1}^{(n)}w^n$$

$$= \begin{cases} 1 + w \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_{01}^{(n)} w^n [\phi_a(\lambda) - \phi_b(\lambda)] + w \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_{00}^{(n)} w^n [\phi_a(\lambda) + \lambda \phi'_b(\lambda)] & \text{for } i=0, \\ w \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_{i1}^{(n)} w^n [\phi_a(\lambda) - \phi_b(\lambda)] + w \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_{i0}^{(n)} w^n [\phi_a(\lambda) + \lambda \phi'_b(\lambda)] & \text{for } i \geq 1. \end{cases}$$

From this we have

$$(34) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_{01}^{(n)} w^n = \frac{1}{w \phi_a(\lambda)} \left[\{1 - w \phi_a(\lambda)\} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_{00}^{(n)} w^n - 1 \right],$$

and

$$(35) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_{i1}^{(n)} w^n = \frac{[1 - w \phi_a(\lambda)]}{w \phi_a(\lambda)} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_{i0}^{(n)} w^n, \quad \text{for } i \geq 1.$$

On the other hand from (33) we have

$$(36) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_{in}(z) w^n \\ = \left[z^{i+1} + w z \{ \phi_a(\lambda(1-z)) - \phi_b(\lambda(1-z)) \} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_{i1}^{(n)} w^n \right. \\ \left. + w \{ z \phi_a(\lambda(1-z)) - \phi_b(\lambda(1-z)) \} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_{i0}^{(n)} w^n \right] / [z - w \phi_b(\lambda(1-z))].$$

The left-hand side of (36) is a regular function of z if $|z| < 1$ and $|w| < 1$, and the denominator of the right-hand side of (36) has exactly one zero in the unit circle $|z| < 1$ by Lemma 1. Then this zero must be a zero of the numerator of the right-hand side of (36). Thus if we denote the unique root of $z = w \phi_b(\lambda(1-z))$ in the unit circle by $z = \gamma = g(w)$, we get for $i \geq 0$

$$(37) \quad \gamma^i + [w \phi_a(\lambda(1-\gamma)) - \gamma] \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_{i1}^{(n)} w^n + [w \phi_a(\lambda(1-\gamma)) - 1] \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_{i0}^{(n)} w^n = 0.$$

From (34), (35) and (37) we have, for $|w| < 1$,

$$(38) \quad \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_{00}^{(n)} w^n \right\} [\gamma \{1 - w \phi_a(\lambda)\} - w \{ \phi_a(\lambda(1-\gamma)) - \phi_a(\lambda) \}] \\ = \gamma - w [\phi_a(\lambda(1-\gamma)) - \phi_a(\lambda)],$$

and

$$(39) \quad \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_{i0}^{(n)} w^n \right\} [\gamma \{1 - w \phi_a(\lambda)\} - w \{ \phi_a(\lambda(1-\gamma)) - \phi_a(\lambda) \}] \\ = w \phi_a(\lambda) \gamma^i \quad \text{for } i \geq 1.$$

If in (38) or (39)

$$\gamma\{1-w\phi_a(\lambda)\} - w\{\phi_a(\lambda(1-\gamma)) - \phi_a(\lambda)\} = 0$$

for $|w| < 1$, $w \neq 0$, then $w\phi_a(\lambda)\gamma = 0$ in any case. But if $w \neq 0$, $\gamma = g(w) \neq 0$ because of Lemma 1, hence $w\phi_a(\lambda)\gamma \neq 0$, which is a contradiction. Therefore,

$$\gamma\{1-w\phi_a(\lambda)\} - w\{\phi_a(\lambda(1-\gamma)) - \phi_a(\lambda)\} \neq 0$$

for $|w| < 1$, $w \neq 0$. Then, from (38) and (39) we have, for $|w| < 1$, $w \neq 0$,

$$(40) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_{00}^{(n)} w^n = \frac{\gamma - w[\phi_a(\lambda(1-\gamma)) - \phi_a(\lambda)]}{\gamma[1-w\phi_a(\lambda)] - w[\phi_a(\lambda(1-\gamma)) - \phi_a(\lambda)]},$$

and

$$(41) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_{i0}^{(n)} w^n = \frac{w\phi_a(\lambda)\gamma^i}{\gamma[1-w\phi_a(\lambda)] - w[\phi_a(\lambda(1-\gamma)) - \phi_a(\lambda)]}$$

for $i \geq 1$.

Using (40), (34) and (41), (35) we have for $|w| < 1$, $w \neq 0$,

$$(42) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_{01}^{(n)} w^n = \frac{w[\phi_a(\lambda(1-\gamma)) - \phi_a(\lambda)]}{\gamma[1-w\phi_a(\lambda)] - w[\phi_a(\lambda(1-\gamma)) - \phi_a(\lambda)]}$$

and

$$(43) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p_{i1}^{(n)} w^n = \frac{[1-w\phi_a(\lambda)]\gamma^i}{\gamma[1-w\phi_a(\lambda)] - w[\phi_a(\lambda(1-\gamma)) - \phi_a(\lambda)]}$$

for $i \geq 1$.

Putting (40), (42) or (41), (43) into (36), we finally have the following.

THEOREM 3. *The higher transition probabilities $\{p_{ik}^{(n)}\}$ are given by the following generating functions :*

$$(44) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{0k}^{(n)} w^n z^k = \left\{ z[w\phi_a(\lambda)\{1-g(w)\} - \{g(w) - w\phi_a(\lambda(1-g(w)))\}] \right. \\ \left. + wg(w)[z\phi_a(\lambda(1-z)) - \phi_b(\lambda(1-z))] \right. \\ \left. + w^2(1-z)\phi_b(\lambda(1-z))[\phi_a(\lambda(1-g(w))) - \phi_a(\lambda)] \right\} / \\ [z - w\phi_b(\lambda(1-z))][g(w)\{1-w\phi_a(\lambda)\} - w\{\phi_a(\lambda(1-g(w))) - \phi_a(\lambda)\}],$$

$|w| < 1$, $w \neq 0$, $|z| \leq 1$,

and for $i \geq 1$,

$$(45) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} p_{ik}^{(n)} w^n z^k$$

$$= \left\{ z^{i+1} [w\phi_a(\lambda) \{1-g(w)\} + \{g(w) - w\phi_a(\lambda(1-g(w)))\}] \right. \\ \left. + [g(w)]^i [wz \{ \phi_a(\lambda(1-z)) - \phi_b(\lambda(1-z)) \} + w^2(z-1)\phi_a(\lambda)\phi_b(\lambda(1-z))] \right\} / \\ [z - w\phi_b(\lambda(1-z))] [g(w) \{1 - w\phi_a(\lambda)\} - w \{ \phi_a(\lambda(1-g(w))) - \phi_a(\lambda) \}], \\ |w| < 1, w \neq 0, |z| \leq 1,$$

where $g(w)$ is the only one root in the unit circle $|z| < 1$ of the equation

$$(46) \quad z = w\phi_b(\lambda(1-z)).$$

4. The distribution of $\xi(t)$

In this section we study the distribution of $\xi(t)$ for arbitrary t . Let $P_{ik}(t) = P\{\xi(t) = k | \xi(0) = i\}$. By our assumption we have

$$P_{ik}(t) = P\{\xi(t) = k | \zeta_0 = i\}.$$

We shall determine the above $\{P_{ik}(t)\}$, and to do that, we begin with the following.

LEMMA 2. *The $P_{i0}(t)$ ($i \geq 0$) satisfies the following integral equation*

$$(47) \quad P_{i0}(t) = \widehat{G}(t | \xi(0) = i) - \lambda \int_0^t [1 - G(t-u)] P_{i0}(u) du.$$

Moreover,

$$(48) \quad \lambda \int_0^t P_{i0}(u) du = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P\{\tau_n \leq t, \eta_n = 0 | \zeta_0 = i\}.$$

The proof given in Takács ([1], p. 66) holds valid in the case of our model, too, and hence (48) holds.

LEMMA 3. *Let us define*

$$(49) \quad U_{in}(s, z) = E\{\exp(-s\tau_n') z^{\tau_n} | \zeta_0 = i\}, \\ n = 0, 1, 2, \dots, \quad \text{for } Rs > 0 \text{ and } |z| \leq 1.$$

Then we have

$$(50) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_{in}(s, z) \\ = \left[z^{i+1} + \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_{in}(s, 0) \right\} \left\{ \frac{\lambda z}{\lambda + s} \phi_a(s + \lambda(1-z)) - \phi_b(s + \lambda(1-z)) \right\} \right. \\ \left. + z \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\partial U_{in}(s, z)}{\partial z} \right)_{z=0} \right\} \left\{ \phi_a(s + \lambda(1-z)) - \phi_b(s + \lambda(1-z)) \right\} \right] / \\ [z - \phi_b(s + \lambda(1-z))],$$

where

$$(51) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_{in}(s, 0) = \frac{\phi_a(s+\lambda)[\gamma(s)]^i - [\phi_a(s+\lambda(1-\gamma(s))) - \gamma(s)]\delta_i^{(0)}}{\gamma(s)\left[1 - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda+s}\phi_a(s+\lambda)\right] - [\phi_a(s+\lambda(1-\gamma(s))) - \phi_a(s+\lambda)]},$$

and

$$(52) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\partial U_n(s, z)}{\partial z} \right)_{z=0} = \frac{\left[1 - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda+s}\phi_a(s+\lambda)\right][\gamma(s)]^i - \left[1 - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda+s}\phi_a(s+\lambda(1-\gamma(s)))\right]\delta_i^{(0)}}{\gamma(s)\left[1 - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda+s}\phi_a(s+\lambda)\right] - [\phi_a(s+\lambda(1-\gamma(s))) - \phi_a(s+\lambda)]},$$

$\delta_i^{(0)}$ being 1 or 0 according as $i=0$ or $i \geq 1$, and $\gamma(s)$ being the only one root in the unit circle $|z| < 1$ of the equation

$$(53) \quad z = \phi_b(s + \lambda(1-z)).$$

PROOF. Let ν_n be the number of arrivals during the n th service and let θ_n^* be the time interval between the n th departure and the immediately following arrival of the customer. We write $\chi_{n+1}^{(a)}$ for χ_{n+1} if $\zeta_n \leq 1$, and write $\chi_{n+1}^{(b)}$ for χ_{n+1} if $\zeta_n \geq 2$. Then we have

$$(54) \quad \zeta_{n+1} = [\zeta_n - 1]^+ + \nu_{n+1}$$

and

$$(55) \quad \tau'_{n+1} = \begin{cases} \tau'_n + \theta_n^* + \chi_{n+1}^{(a)} & \text{if } \zeta_n = 0, \\ \tau'_n + \chi_{n+1}^{(a)} & \text{if } \zeta_n = 1, \\ \tau'_n + \chi_{n+1}^{(b)} & \text{if } \zeta_n \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

Here we know that $\chi_n^{(a)}$ or $\chi_n^{(b)}$ is distributed according to $H_a(t)$ or $H_b(t)$, respectively, that θ_n^* has an exponential distribution with parameter λ , and that all τ'_n , θ_n^* and $\chi_{n+1}^{(a)}$ or $\chi_{n+1}^{(b)}$ are mutually independent. Therefore, from (54) and (55), we have

$$\begin{aligned} U_{i,n+1}(s, z) &= P\{\zeta_n = 0 | \zeta_0 = i\} E\{\exp(-s(\tau'_n + \theta_n^* + \chi_{n+1}^{(a)}))z^{\nu_{n+1}} | \zeta_n = 0, \zeta_0 = i\} \\ &\quad + P\{\zeta_n = 1 | \zeta_0 = i\} E\{\exp(-s(\tau'_n + \chi_{n+1}^{(a)}))z^{\nu_{n+1}} | \zeta_n = 1, \zeta_0 = i\} \\ &\quad + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} P\{\zeta_n = k | \zeta_0 = i\} E\{\exp(-s(\tau'_n + \chi_{n+1}^{(b)}))z^{\nu_{n+1}} | \zeta_n = k, \zeta_0 = i\} \\ &= P\{\zeta_n = 0 | \zeta_0 = i\} E\{\exp(-s\theta_n^*)\} E\{\exp(-s\tau'_n) | \zeta_n = 0\} \\ &\quad \cdot E\{\exp(-s\chi_{n+1}^{(a)})z^{\nu_{n+1}} | \zeta_n = 0\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + P\{\zeta_n = 1 | \zeta_0 = i\} E\{\exp(-s\tau'_n) | \zeta_n = 1\} E\{\exp(-s\chi_{n+1}^{(a)}) z^{n+1} | \zeta_n = 1\} \\
& + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} P\{\zeta_n = k | \zeta_0 = i\} E\{\exp(-s\tau'_n) z^{k-1} | \zeta_n = k\} \\
& \cdot E\{\exp(-s\chi_{n+1}^{(b)}) z^{n+1} | \zeta_n = k\}.
\end{aligned}$$

Now it is easily seen that

$$\begin{aligned}
E\{\exp(-s\theta_n^*)\} &= \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + s}, \\
E\{\exp(-s\chi_{n+1}^{(a)}) z^{n+1} | \zeta_n \leq 1\} &= \phi_a(s + \lambda(1-z)), \\
E\{\exp(-s\chi_{n+1}^{(b)}) z^{n+1} | \zeta_n = k\} &= \phi_b(s + \lambda(1-z)), \quad k \geq 2.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(56) \quad U_{i,n+1}(s, z) &= P\{\zeta_n = 0 | \zeta_0 = i\} E\{\exp(-s\tau'_n) | \zeta_n = 0\} \\
&\cdot \left\{ \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + s} \phi_a(s + \lambda(1-z)) - \frac{1}{z} \phi_b(s + \lambda(1-z)) \right\} \\
&+ P\{\zeta_n = 1 | \zeta_0 = i\} E\{\exp(-s\tau'_n) | \zeta_n = 1\} \\
&\cdot \{\phi_a(s + \lambda(1-z)) - \phi_b(s + \lambda(1-z))\} \\
&+ \frac{1}{z} U_{in}(s, z) \phi_b(s + \lambda(1-z)).
\end{aligned}$$

Noting

$$(57) \quad U_{in}(s, 0) = P\{\zeta_n = 0 | \zeta_0 = i\} E\{\exp(-s\tau'_n) | \zeta_n = 0\},$$

and

$$(58) \quad \left(\frac{\partial U_{in}(s, z)}{\partial z} \right)_{z=0} = P\{\zeta_n = 1 | \zeta_0 = i\} E\{\exp(-s\tau'_n) | \zeta_n = 1\},$$

and summing both sides of (56) over n , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(59) \quad & \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_{in}(s, z) \right\} \{z - \phi_b(s + \lambda(1-z))\} \\
&= z \{U_{i0}(s, z) - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} U_{in}(s, z)\} \\
&+ \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_{in}(s, 0) \right\} \left\{ \frac{\lambda z}{\lambda + s} \phi_a(s + \lambda(1-z)) - \phi_b(s + \lambda(1-z)) \right\} \\
&+ z \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\partial U_{in}(s, z)}{\partial z} \right)_{z=0} \right\} \{\phi_a(s + \lambda(1-z)) - \phi_b(s + \lambda(1-z))\}.
\end{aligned}$$

In the right-hand side of (59), $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_{in}(s, 0)$ and $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\partial U_{in}(s, z)}{\partial z} \right)_{z=0}$ are absolutely convergent for $Rs > 0$, and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} U_{in}(s, z) = 0$ for $Rs > 0$, $|z| \leq 1$. For,

from (57) we have

$$\begin{aligned} |U_{in}(s, 0)| &\leq P\{\zeta_n=0|\zeta_0=i\} E\{\exp(-(Rs)\tau'_n)|\zeta_n=0\} \\ &\leq \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} P\{\zeta_n=j|\zeta_0=i\} E\{\exp(-(Rs)\tau'_n)|\zeta_n=j\} \\ &= E\{\exp(-(Rs)\tau'_n)|\zeta_0=i\}. \end{aligned}$$

In the same way, from (58) we have

$$\left| \left(\frac{\partial U_{in}(s, z)}{\partial z} \right)_{z=0} \right| \leq E\{\exp(-(Rs)\tau'_n)|\zeta_0=i\}.$$

But, for $n \geq 1$,

$$\chi_1 + \chi_2 + \dots + \chi_n \leq \tau'_n,$$

and χ_j is distributed according to $H_a(x)$ or $H_b(x)$, and hence for s fixed

$$E\{\exp(-(Rs)\tau'_n)|\zeta_0=i\} \leq [\max\{\phi_a(Rs), \phi_b(Rs)\}]^n, \quad n \geq 1.$$

Therefore, for $Rs > 0$

$$(60) \quad \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E\{\exp(-(Rs)\tau'_n)|\zeta_0=i\} \leq \max \left[\frac{\phi_a(Rs)}{1-\phi_a(Rs)}, \frac{\phi_b(Rs)}{1-\phi_b(Rs)} \right] < \infty.$$

Hence $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_{in}(s, z)$ and $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\partial U_{in}(s, z)}{\partial z} \right)_{z=0}$ are absolutely convergent for $Rs > 0$. Moreover, $|U_{in}(s, z)| \leq E\{\exp(-(Rs)\tau'_n)|\zeta_0=i\}$ for $|z| \leq 1$, so from (60) we have $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} U_{in}(s, z) = 0$ for $Rs > 0, |z| \leq 1$. Accordingly in (59) $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_{in}(s, z)$ is convergent for $Rs > 0, |z| \leq 1$. Differentiating both sides of (59) with respect to z , and then letting $z \rightarrow 0$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\{1 + \lambda\phi'_b(s+\lambda)\} \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_{in}(s, 0) \right\} - \phi_b(s+\lambda) \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\partial U_{in}(s, z)}{\partial z} \right)_{z=0} \right\} \\ &= U_{i0}(s, 0) + \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_{in}(s, 0) \right\} \left\{ \frac{\lambda}{\lambda+s} \phi_a(s+\lambda) + \lambda\phi'_b(s+\lambda) \right\} \\ &\quad + \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\partial U_{in}(s, z)}{\partial z} \right)_{z=0} \right\} \{ \phi_a(s+\lambda) - \phi_b(s+\lambda) \}. \end{aligned}$$

From this we have

$$(61) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\partial U_{in}(s, z)}{\partial z} \right)_{z=0} = \frac{\left\{ 1 - \frac{\lambda}{\lambda+s} \phi_a(s+\lambda) \right\} \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_{in}(s, 0) \right\} - U_{i0}(s, 0)}{\phi_a(s+\lambda)}.$$

On the other hand, from (59) we get

$$(62) \quad \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_{in}(s, z) \\ = \left[zU_{i0}(s, z) + \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_{in}(s, 0) \right\} \left\{ \frac{\lambda z}{\lambda + s} \phi_a(s + \lambda(1-z)) - \phi_b(s + \lambda(1-z)) \right\} \right. \\ \left. + z \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\partial U_{in}(s, z)}{\partial z} \right)_{z=0} \right\} \left\{ \phi_a(s + \lambda(1-z)) - \phi_b(s + \lambda(1-z)) \right\} \right] / \\ [z - \phi_b(s + \lambda(1-z))].$$

The left-hand side of (62) is a regular function of z if $|z| < 1$, and the denominator of the right-hand side of (62) has exactly one zero $z = \gamma(s)$ in the unit circle $|z| < 1$ by Lemma 1. Then this zero must be a zero of the numerator of the right-hand side of (62). Therefore, we get

$$(63) \quad \gamma(s)U_{i0}(s, \gamma(s)) + \left\{ \frac{\lambda\gamma(s)}{\lambda + s} \phi_a(s + \lambda(1-\gamma(s))) - \gamma(s) \right\} \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_{in}(s, 0) \right\} \\ + \gamma(s) \left\{ \phi_a(s + \lambda(1-\gamma(s))) - \phi_b(s + \lambda(1-\gamma(s))) \right\} \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \left(\frac{\partial U_{in}(s, z)}{\partial z} \right)_{z=0} \right\} \\ = 0.$$

From (61) and (63) we have

$$(64) \quad \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_{in}(s, 0) \right\} \left[\phi_a(s + \lambda(1-\gamma(s))) + \left(\frac{\lambda\gamma(s)}{\lambda + s} - 1 \right) \phi_a(s + \lambda) - \gamma(s) \right] \\ = U_{i0}(s, 0) [\phi_a(s + \lambda(1-\gamma(s))) - \gamma(s)] - \phi_a(s + \lambda) U_{i0}(s, \gamma(s)).$$

However,

$$(65) \quad \phi_a(s + \lambda(1-\gamma(s))) + \left(\frac{\lambda\gamma(s)}{\lambda + s} - 1 \right) \phi_a(s + \lambda) - \gamma(s) \neq 0,$$

for, if the left-hand side of (65) is zero, the right-hand side of (64) is also zero. Then, in the case of $i=0$, we have $\frac{\lambda\gamma(s)}{\lambda + s} \phi_a(s + \lambda) = 0$ because of $U_{00}(s, 0) = U_{00}(s, \gamma(s)) = 1$, and in the case of $i \geq 1$, we have $\phi_a(s + \lambda) [\gamma(s)]^i = 0$ because of $U_{i0}(s, 0) = 0$ and $U_{i0}(s, \gamma(s)) = [\gamma(s)]^i$. In any case we have $\gamma(s) = 0$, but this is impossible as $z = \gamma(s)$ is a zero of $z - \phi_b(s + \lambda(1-z))$. Accordingly we obtain (51) from (64). Putting (51) into (61) we have (52).

Now let $\Pi_{ik}(s)$ be the Laplace transform of $P_{ik}(t)$, that is,

$$(66) \quad \Pi_{ik}(s) = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} P_{ik}(t) dt,$$

for $Rs > 0$ and $i, k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. We shall determine them.

THEOREM 4. *The $\Pi_{i0}(s)$ is given by*

$$(67) \quad \Pi_{i0}(s) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{s + \lambda[1 - \Gamma(s)]} & \text{for } i=0, \\ \frac{\Gamma(s)[\gamma(s)]^{i-1}}{s + \lambda[1 - \Gamma(s)]} & \text{for } i \geq 1, \end{cases}$$

where

$$(68) \quad \Gamma(s) = \frac{\gamma(s)\phi_a(s + \lambda)}{\gamma(s) + \phi_a(s + \lambda) - \phi_a(s + \lambda(1 - \gamma(s)))}.$$

PROOF. From Lemma 2 we have

$$\Pi_{i0}(s) = \frac{\hat{\Gamma}(s | \xi(0) = i)}{s + \lambda - \lambda\Gamma(s)},$$

where $\Gamma(s)$ and $\hat{\Gamma}(s | \xi(0) = i)$ are the Laplace-Stieltjes transforms of $G(x)$ and $\hat{G}(x | \xi(0) = i)$, respectively. Then, from Theorems 1 and 2 we get the wanted result.

Define $\delta_i^{(0)} = 1$ if $i = 0$, $\delta_i^{(0)} = 0$ if $i \neq 0$, $\delta_i^{(1)} = 1$ if $i = 1$ and $\delta_i^{(1)} = 0$ if $i \neq 1$. In the following we prove

THEOREM 5. For $Rs > 0$ and $|z| < 1$ $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \Pi_{ik}(s)z^k$ is given by

$$(69) \quad \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \Pi_{ik}(s)z^k = \frac{\Phi_i(s, z)}{s + \lambda(1 - z)},$$

where

$$(70) \quad \begin{aligned} \Phi_i(s, z) = & \Pi_{i0}(s)[s + \lambda\{1 - z\phi_a(s + \lambda(1 - z))\}] \\ & + \delta_i^{(1)}\{1 + (z - 1)\phi_a(s + \lambda(1 - z)) - z\phi_b(s + \lambda(1 - z))\} \\ & + z\left(\frac{\partial \left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_{in}(s, z) \right\}}{\partial z}\right)_{z=0} \{\phi_b(s + \lambda(1 - z)) - \phi_a(s + \lambda(1 - z))\} \\ & + \left[\left\{ \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_{in}(s, z) \right\} - (\delta_i^{(0)} + \delta_i^{(1)})z^i \right] \{1 - \phi_b(s + \lambda(1 - z))\}. \end{aligned}$$

Here $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} U_{in}(s, z)$ is given in Lemma 3 and $\Pi_{i0}(s)$ is given in Theorem 4.

PROOF. When $\zeta_0 = i$, the event $\{\xi(t) = k\}$ for $k \geq 1, i \geq 0$ can be decomposed in the following way into the mutually exclusive events:

$$\begin{aligned} \{\xi(t) = k\} \\ = \{\zeta_0 > 0, t < \tau'_1, \text{ and } k - i \text{ customers arrive during } (0, t]\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\cup \left[\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{j=1}^k \{ \tau'_n \leq t < \tau'_{n+1}, \zeta_n = j, \text{ and } k-j \text{ customers} \right. \\ \left. \text{arrive during } (\tau'_n, t] \right] \\ \cup \left[\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} \{ \eta_n = 0, \tau_n \leq t < \tau_n + \chi_n, \text{ and } k-1 \text{ customers} \right. \\ \left. \text{arrive during } (\tau_n, t] \right].$$

But we have

$$P\{\zeta_0 > 0, t < \tau'_1, \text{ and } k-i \text{ customers arrive during } (0, t]\} \\ = P\{\zeta_0 > 0, t < \chi_1, \text{ and } k-i \text{ customers arrive during } (0, t]\} \\ = \begin{cases} [1 - H_a(t)]e^{-\lambda t} \frac{(\lambda t)^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} & \text{for } i=1, \\ [1 - H_b(t)]e^{-\lambda t} \frac{(\lambda t)^{k-1}}{(k-i)!} & \text{for } 2 \leq i \leq k, \\ 0 & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases}$$

$$P\{\tau'_n \leq t < \tau'_{n+1}, \zeta_n = j, \text{ and } k-j \text{ customers arrive during } (\tau'_n, t]\} \\ = \int_0^t P\{\tau'_n \leq t < \tau'_n + \chi_{n+1}, \zeta_n = j, \text{ and } k-j \text{ customers arrive} \\ \text{during } (\tau'_n, t] | \tau'_n = u, \zeta_n = j\} dP\{\tau'_n \leq u, \zeta_n = j\} \\ = \begin{cases} \int_0^t [1 - H_a(t-u)]e^{-\lambda(t-u)} \frac{[\lambda(t-u)]^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} dP\{\tau'_n \leq u, \zeta_n = 1\} & \text{for } j=1, \\ \int_0^t [1 - H_b(t-u)]e^{-\lambda(t-u)} \frac{[\lambda(t-u)]^{k-j}}{(k-j)!} dP\{\tau'_n \leq u, \zeta_n = j\} & \text{for } 2 \leq j \leq k \end{cases}$$

and

$$P\{\eta_n = 0, \tau_n \leq t < \tau_n + \chi_n, \text{ and } k-1 \text{ customers arrive during } (\tau_n, t]\} \\ = \int_0^t P\{\eta_n = 0, \tau_n \leq t < \tau_n + \chi_n, \text{ and } k-1 \text{ customers arrive} \\ \text{during } (\tau_n, t] | \tau_n = u, \eta_n = 0\} dP\{\tau_n \leq u, \eta_n = 0\} \\ = \int_0^t [1 - H_a(t-u)]e^{-\lambda(t-u)} \frac{[\lambda(t-u)]^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} dP\{\tau_n \leq u, \eta_n = 0\}.$$

Hence, we obtain, for $k \geq 1, i \geq 0$,

$$(71) \quad P_{ik}(t) = \delta_i^{(1)} [1 - H_a(t)]e^{-\lambda t} \frac{(\lambda t)^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} + \delta_{ik}^* [1 - H_b(t)]e^{-\lambda t} \frac{(\lambda t)^{k-i}}{(k-i)!} \\ + \int_0^t [1 - H_a(t-u)]e^{-\lambda(t-u)} \frac{[\lambda(t-u)]^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} dN_{ii}(u)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & + \sum_{j=2}^k \int_0^t [1 - H_b(t-u)] e^{-\lambda(t-u)} \frac{[\lambda(t-u)]^{k-j}}{(k-j)!} dN_{ij}(u) \\
 & + \lambda \int_0^t [1 - H_a(t-u)] e^{-\lambda(t-u)} \frac{[\lambda(t-u)]^{k-1}}{(k-1)!} P_{i0}(u) du,
 \end{aligned}$$

where $\delta_{ik}^* = 1$ for $2 \leq i \leq k$, and $\delta_{ik}^* = 0$ otherwise, and

$$(72) \quad N_{ij}(u) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P\{\tau'_n \leq u, \zeta_n = j | \zeta_0 = i\}, \quad j \geq 1,$$

and (48) was used. From (71) we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (73) \quad \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P_{ik}(t) z^k & = \delta_i^{(1)} [1 - H_a(t)] z e^{-\lambda(1-z)t} \\
 & + [1 - \delta_i^{(0)}] [1 - \delta_i^{(1)}] [1 - H_b(t)] z^i e^{-\lambda(1-z)t} \\
 & + z \int_0^t [1 - H_a(t-u)] e^{-\lambda(1-z)(t-u)} dN_{i1}(u) \\
 & + \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} z^j \int_0^t [1 - H_b(t-u)] e^{-\lambda(1-z)(t-u)} dN_{ij}(u) \\
 & + \lambda z \int_0^t [1 - H_a(t-u)] e^{-\lambda(1-z)(t-u)} P_{i0}(u) du.
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (74) \quad \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \Pi_{ik}(s) z^k & = \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} \left[\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P_{ik}(t) z^k \right] dt + \Pi_{i0}(s) \\
 & = \delta_i^{(1)} \frac{[1 - \phi_a(s + \lambda(1-z))]}{s + \lambda(1-z)} \\
 & + [1 - \delta_i^{(0)}] [1 - \delta_i^{(1)}] z^i \frac{[1 - \phi_b(s + \lambda(1-z))]}{s + \lambda(1-z)} \\
 & + \frac{[1 - \phi_a(s + \lambda(1-z))]}{s + \lambda(1-z)} z \left[\int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} dN_{i1}(t) \right] \\
 & + \frac{[1 - \phi_b(s + \lambda(1-z))]}{s + \lambda(1-z)} \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} z^j \left[\int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} dN_{ij}(t) \right] \\
 & + \frac{[s + \lambda\{1 - z\phi_a(s + \lambda(1-z))\}]}{s + \lambda(1-z)} \Pi_{i0}(s).
 \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$(75) \quad \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} z^j \left[\int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} dN_{ij}(t) \right] = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} U_{in}(s, z).$$

For, the left-hand side of (75) is:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} z^j d_t P\{\tau'_n \leq t, \zeta_n = j | \zeta_0 = i\}$$

$$= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E\{\exp(-s\tau'_n)z^{r_n} | \zeta_0 = i\} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} U_{in}(s, z).$$

Moreover, from (75) we have

$$(76) \quad \int_0^{\infty} e^{-st} dN_{ii}(t) = \left(\frac{\partial \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} U_n(s, z) \right\}}{\partial z} \right)_{z=0}.$$

From (74), (75), (76), (67) and Lemma 3 we obtain the above theorem.

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