

Section 4.2.4). By conditioning on  $N_u$ , we find

$$\begin{aligned} E(T \mid U = u) &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} E(T \mid U = u, N_u = n)P(N_u = n) \\ &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (u + nd)P(N_u = n) \\ &= u \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P(N_u = n) + d \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} nP(N_u = n), \end{aligned}$$

yielding  $E(T \mid U = u) = u + d\lambda u$ . Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} E(T) &= \int_a^b (u + d\lambda u)f(u) du = (1 + \lambda d) \int_a^b uf(u) du \\ &= (1 + \lambda d)E(U). \end{aligned}$$

Since  $E(U) = (a + b)/2$ , the expected value of the time until completion of the unloading of the ship is equal to  $(1 + \lambda d)(a + b)/2$ .

**Problem 13.5** Consider the casino game Red Dog from Problem 3.27 again. Suppose that the initial stake of the player is \$10. What are the expected values of the total amount staked and the payout in any given play? Use the law of conditional expectations to find these expected values.

**Problem 13.6** A replenishment order is placed to raise the stock level of a given product. The current stock level is  $s$  units. The lead time of the replenishment order is a continuous random variable having an exponential distribution with a mean of  $1/\mu$  days. Customer demand for the product occurs according to a Poisson process with an average demand of  $\lambda$  units per day. Each customer asks for one unit of the product. What is the probability of a shortage occurring during the replenishment lead time and what is the expected value of the total shortage?

**Problem 13.7** A fair coin is tossed no more than  $n$  times, where  $n$  is fixed in advance. You stop the coin-toss experiment as soon as the proportion of heads exceeds  $\frac{1}{2}$  or as soon as  $n$  tosses are done, whichever occurs first. Use the law of conditional expectations to calculate, for  $n = 5, 10, 25,$  and  $50$ , the expected value of the proportion of heads at the moment the coin-toss experiment is stopped. *Hint:* define the random variable  $X_k(i)$  as the proportion of heads upon stopping given that  $k$  tosses are still possible and heads turned up  $i$  times so far. Set up a recursion equation for  $E[X_k(i)]$ .