

## Assignments $\mathcal{N}^o$ 4 - PART I

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(solutions can be handed over at the beginning of the lecture)

### Task 1: Holding Time

**3 points**

In the SAOM, the waiting time until the next opportunity for a change is modeled with exponential distributions. What if we used normal distributions instead?

### Task 2: Definition of Network Statistics

**2 points**

Some endogenous network effects to be used within the SAOM framework have been formalized in the lecture. Another effect might be *preferential attachment*: Define a corresponding statistic which might be used to model that 'the rich get richer' in terms of incoming edges.

### Task 3: Transition Probabilities

**5 points**

In the lecture, we gave an example on the calculation of transition probabilities based on the objective function specification. Repeat this calculation for the same network configuration regarding actor 4.