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(For candidates admitted from 2022–2023 onwards)

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Mathematics — Elective

STOCHASTIC PROCESSES

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (20 marks)

I. (A) Choose the correct answer : (5 × 1 = 5)

1. The m -step transition probability is denoted as

(a) P_m (b) $P_{jk}^{(m)}$

(c) $P_{\bar{m}}$ (d) $P_{jk}^{(\bar{m})}$

2. A markov chain $\{x_n, n \geq 0\}$ with k-stats, where K is finite, is said to be _____ Markov chain

(a) Infinit (b) Finite

(c) Zero (d) None of the above

3. The state i is said to aperiodic if _____

(a) $di > 1$ (b) $di < 1$

(c) $di = 1$ (d) $di \neq 1$

4. A state j is said to be persistent if _____

(a) $f_{jj} > 1$ (b) $f_{jj} < 1$

(c) $f_{jj} = 1$ (d) $f_{jj} \neq 1$

5. The number $M_1(t)$ of occurrences not record is also a Poisson process with parameter _____

(a) λp (b) λq

(c) λ/p (d) $\frac{l/q}{\lambda}$

(B) Fill in the blanks : (5 × 1 = 5)

6. $E\{M(t)\} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

7. The renewal event E^* is said to be _____ if there exists an integer ($m > 1$) such that E^* can occur only at trials numbered $m, 2m, \dots$

8. $E\left\{\sum_{i=1}^N X_i\right\} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

9. The p.g.f. $R_n(S)$ of y_n satisfies the recurrence relation $R_n(S) = \frac{1}{1 - P(S)}$, $P(S)$ being the p.g.f of the off spring distribution.

10. If the Markov chain (X_n) is also a branching process, then the (bivariate) process $\{X_n, t_n\}$, $n=0,1,2,\dots$ is known

II. Answer the following questions : $(5 \times 2 = 10)$

11. Define transition matrix.

12. Define stationary distribution.

13. Write the Chapman-Kolmogorov equation.

14. Define mean recurrence time.

15. Write a modified Schroder functional equation.

PART B — $(5 \times 5 = 25)$

Answer ALL questions choosing either (a) or (b).

16. (a) Derive a Chapman - Kolmogorov equation.

Or

(b) Find the transition matrix for random walk between two barriers in general case.

17. (a) Find a state of a following transition matrix in a state space $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$.

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Or

(b) Let the state j is persistent nonnull, Prove that as $n \rightarrow \infty$

(i) $P_{jj}^{(nt)} \rightarrow t/m_{jj}$ when state j is periodic with period t ; and

(ii) $P_{jj}^{(n)} \rightarrow 1/m_{jj}$, when j is aperiodic.

18. (a) State and prove the additive property of the Poisson process.

Or

(b) Prove that the p.g.f. of a non-Homogeneous process $\{N(t), t \geq 0\}$ given by

$$Q(s, t) = \exp\{m(t)(s-1)\} \text{ where } m(t) = \int_0^t \lambda(x) dx$$

is the expectation of $N(t)$.

19. (a) Prove that the renewal function M satisfies the equation $M(t) = F(t) + \int_0^t M(t-x) dF(x)$.

Or

- (b) Derive Wald's equation.

20. (a) For $r, n=0,1,2,\dots$ Prove that $E\{X_{nr}/X_n\} = X_n m^r$.

Or

- (b) Let $m = E(X_1) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k P_k$ and $r^2 = \text{var}(X_1)$,

Prove that $E(X_n) = m^n$ and $\text{var}(X_n) = \frac{m^{n-1}(m^n - 1)}{m-1} r^2$ if $m \neq 1$

$$= nr^2 \text{ if } m=1.$$

PART C — (3 × 10 = 30)

Answer any THREE questions.

21. Derive Markov-Bernoulli chain.
22. State and prove Ergodic theorem.

23. Using the postulates of Independence, Homogeneity, regularity of the Poisson process follows Poisson distribution with mean λt , Prove that $P_n(t) = \frac{e^{-\lambda t} (\lambda t)^n}{n!}$, $n=0,1,2,3,\dots$

24. State and prove elementary renewal theorem.

25. Let $m=1$, $\sigma^2 < \infty$, Prove that

(a) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr\{x_n > 0\} = \frac{2}{\sigma^2}$

(b) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E\left\{\frac{x_n}{n} / x_n > 0\right\} = \frac{\sigma^2}{2}$

(c) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \Pr\left\{\frac{x_n}{n} > M / X_n > 0\right\} \exp\left(\frac{2\mu}{\sigma^2}\right), M \geq 0.$