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MAIN EXAMINATION

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION AND BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

COURSE CODE: **STA 448**

COURSE TITLE: STOCHASTIC PROCESSES II

DATE: 1/10/2021 **TIME:** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer Question One and Any other TWO Questions

TIME: 2 Hours

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QUESTION 1: (30 Marks)

a) Define the following terms

i. Transient state [1mk]

ii. Ergodic state [1mk]

iii. Recurrent state [1mk]

b) Let X have the distribution of the geometric distribution of the form

$$Prob\,(X = k) = p_k = q^{k-2}\,p\ , \quad k = 2, 3, 4, \ldots$$

Obtain the probability generating function and hence find its mean and variance [9mks]

c) Given that random variable X have probability density function $pr(X = k) = p_k \quad k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \ldots.$ with probability generating function $P(S) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} p_k s^k$ and $q_k = p_k(X = k) = p_{k+1} + p_{k+2} + p_{k+3} + \cdots$ with generating function $\phi(s) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} q_k s^k$

Show that $(1 - s)\phi(s) = 1 - p(s)$ and that $E(X) = \phi(1)$ [6mks]

d) Find the generating function for the sequence $\{0,\ 0, 0, 7, 7, 7, 7, \ldots\}$ [2mks]

e) Classify the state of the following transitional matrix of the markov chains

$$\begin{array}{c} \\ E_1 \\ E_2 \\ E_3 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \end{array}\begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{cccccc} E_1 & E_2 & E_3 & E_4 & E_5 & \cdots \end{array} \\ \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \\ 1/2 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 & \cdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 1/2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \cdots \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

[10mks]

QUESTION 2: (20 Marks)

a) Let X have a Bernoulli distribution with parameters p and q given by $P_r(X = k) = P_k = P^k q^{1-k},\quad q = 1 - p,\ k = 0, 1$

Obtain the probability generating function of X and hence find its mean and variance. [6mks]

b) The difference – differential equation for pure birth process are
$P'_n(t) = \lambda_n p_n(t) + \lambda_{n-1} p_{n-1}(t), \quad n \geq 1$ and
$P'_0(t) = -\lambda_0 p_0(t), \; n = 0.$
Obtain $P_n(t)$ for a non – stationary pure birth process (Poisson process) with $\lambda_n = \lambda$ given that

$$P_0(t) = \begin{cases} 1 & for\ n = 0 \\ 0 & otherwise \end{cases}$$

Hence obtain its mean and variance [14mks]

QUESTION 3: (20 Marks)

a) Let X have a Poisson distribution with parameter λ i.e.
$Prob\ (X = k) = p_k = \frac{e^{-\lambda}\lambda^k}{k!}, \; k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \ldots$
Obtain the probability generating function of X and hence obtain its mean and variance [5mks]

b) Using Feller's method, find the mean and variance of the difference – differential equation
$P'_n(t) = -n(\lambda + \mu)p_n(t) + (n-1)\lambda p_{n-1}(t) + \mu(n+1)p_{n+1}(t),$
$n \geq 1$ given
$m_1(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n p_n(t)$, $m_2(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n^2 p_n(t)$ and
$m_3(t) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n^3 p_n(t)$ conditioned on $p_1(0) = 0, \; p_n(0) = 0, \; n \neq 0$ [14mks]

QUESTION 4: (20 Marks)

a) Define the following terms
   i. Absorbing state [1mk]
   ii. Irreducible markov chains [1mk]
   iii. Period of a state of markov chains [1mk]

b) Consider a series of Bernoulli trials with probability of success P. Suppose that X denote the number of failures preceding the first success and Y the number of failures following the first success and preceding the second success. The joint pdf of X and Y is given by

$$P_{ij} = pr\{X = j, Y = k\} = q^{j+k}p^2 \quad j,k = 0,1,2,3,\ldots$$

i. Obtain the Bivariate probability generating function of X and Y [2mks]

ii. Obtain the marginal probability generating function of X [2mks]

iii. Obtain the mean and variance of X [2mks]

iv. Obtain the mean and variance of Y [2mks]

c) Classify the state of the following stochastic markov chain

$$\begin{array}{c|ccc} & E_1 & E_2 & E_3 \\ \hline E_1 & 0 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ E_2 & 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 \\ E_3 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 \end{array}$$

[9mks]

QUESTION 5: (20 Marks)

The difference – differential equation for the simple birth – death processes are

$$P'_n(t) = -n(\lambda + \mu)p_n(t) + (n-1)\lambda p_{n-1}(t) + (n+1)\mu p_{n+1}(t), \; n \geq 1$$ and

$$P'_0(t) = \mu p_1(t), \; n = 0$$

Obtain $P_n(t)$ for a simple Birth – Death process with $\lambda_n = n\lambda$ and $\mu_n = n\mu$ given that $P_n(0) = \begin{cases} 1 & for\, n = 1 \\ 0 & for\, n = 0 \end{cases}$