



LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS) CHENNAI – 600 034

M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION – STATISTICS

THIRD SEMESTER – NOVEMBER 2024

PST3MC02 – ADVANCED STOCHASTIC PROCESSES



Date: 09-11-2024

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Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 01:00 pm-04:00 pm

SECTION A – K1 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions

(5 x 1 = 5)

1 Define the following

- a) Markov process.
- b) Pure birth process.
- c) Renewal function.
- d) Branching process.
- e) Brownian motion absorbed at the origin.

SECTION A – K2 (CO1)

Answer ALL the questions

(5 x 1 = 5)

2 Fill in the blanks

- a) A matrix is called doubly stochastic if -----.
- b) The Yule process is an example of ----- process.
- c) The excess life in Poisson process follows ----- distribution.
- d) Electrical pulses in communication theory are often postulated to describe a ----- process.
- e) Brownian motion with drift is a stochastic process with the property that every increment $X(t+s) - X(s)$ follows normal distribution with mean -----.

SECTION B – K3 (CO2)

Answer any THREE of the following

(3 x 10 = 30)

- 3 Explain the following: (i) Types of stochastic process based on index parameter and state space
(ii) One-dimensional random walks. (5+5)
- 4 Derive the differential equations for a pure birth process.
- 5 Narrate Type II counter model with the necessary diagram.
- 6 Explain stationary process with the help of two examples.
- 7 Write about Brownian motion process.

SECTION C – K4 (CO3)**Answer any TWO of the following** (2 x 12.5 = 25)

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| 8 | (a) Show that one-dimensional random walk is recurrent.
(b) Prove that communication is an equivalence relation. (8.5+4) |
| 9 | Derive $P_n(t)$ for Yule process and hence find its mean and variance. |
| 10 | State and prove the elementary renewal theorem. |
| 11 | Write in detail about two contrasting stationary processes. |

SECTION D – K5 (CO4)**Answer any ONE of the following** (1 x 15 = 15)

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| 12 | Derive forward and backward Kolmogorov differential equations of birth and death process. |
| 13 | Establish the generating function relations for branching process and hence find its mean and variance. |

SECTION E – K6 (CO5)**Answer any ONE of the following** (1 x 20 = 20)

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| 14 | Consider the Markov chain $\{X_n, n \geq 1\}$ with state space $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ has the following one-step transition probabilities: $P_{11} = 1/3$, $P_{13} = 2/3$, $P_{22} = 1/2$, $P_{23} = 1/4$, $P_{25} = 1/4$, $P_{31} = 2/5$, $P_{33} = 3/5$, $P_{42} = P_{43} = P_{44} = P_{46} = 1/4$, $P_{55} = P_{56} = 1/2$, $P_{65} = 1/4$, $P_{66} = 3/4$.
(i) Find the equivalence classes
(ii) Find periodicity of states
(iii) Determine recurrent and transient states. (3+5+12) |
| 15 | (a) Prove that the variance of a sum as a martingale.
(b) Show that Poisson process can be viewed as a renewal process. (5+15) |

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