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**Multiple Selection Questions: Section 1** (6 × 2 = 12 marks)

Each of the following questions 1 to 6 has four options out of which one or more options can be correct. Write A, B, C or D which corresponds to the correct option for the first correct answer followed by space and the next correct answer and so on. 2 marks is awarded if all correct answers are written, 0 mark for no answer or partial correct or any incorrect answer.

1. Let  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$  be a sample space and  $A \subset \Omega$  fixed. The function  $X : \Omega \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$  is a random variable (RV). Which of the following statements are TRUE? *largest  $\sigma$ -field*

- (A)  $X(w) = \begin{cases} 0, & w \in A \\ 1, & w \notin A \end{cases}$  (B)  $X(w) = \begin{cases} 1, & w \in A \\ 0, & w \notin A \end{cases}$   
 (C)  $X(w) = \begin{cases} -1, & w \in A \\ 1, & w \notin A \end{cases}$  (D)  $X(w) = \begin{cases} 0.5, & w \in A \\ 0.5, & w \notin A \end{cases}$  Answer: ABD (2 marks)

2. Let  $X$  be a non-negative integer valued random variable such that  $E(X)$  exists. Which of the following statements are TRUE?

- (A)  $E(X) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} P(X > k)$  (B)  $E(X) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} P(X \geq k)$   
 (C)  $E(X) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P(X > k)$  (D)  $E(X) = \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} P(X > k)$  Answer: A (2 marks)

3. If  $E[Y/X] = 1$ , which of the following statements are NOT TRUE?

- (A)  $Var[XY] \geq Var[X]$  (B)  $Var[XY] > Var[X]$   
 (C)  $Var[XY] < Var[X]$  (D)  $Var[XY] \leq Var[X]$  Answer: AB (2 marks)

4. Let  $\{X_n, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  be a DTMC with finite state space  $S$  and  $i \in S$  is an absorbing state. Which of the following statements are TRUE?

- (A) The period of state  $i, d_i = 1$ . (B) The mean recurrence time of state  $i, \mu_i = 1$ .  
 (C) State  $i$  is a +ve recurrent. (D) State  $i$  is a null recurrent. Answer: ABC (2 marks)

5. Let  $N(t)$  be the random variable denoting the number of events occurs upto and including time  $t$ . Let  $\{N(t), t \geq 0\}$  be a Poisson process with parameter  $\lambda$ . Let  $T_i$  be the inter-arrival times of the  $i^{th}$  event  $i = 1, 2, \dots$  Which of the following statements are TRUE?

- (A)  $Cov(T_i, T_j) > 0$ , for  $i \neq j$  (B)  $P(T_2 \leq t) = 1 - e^{-\lambda t}, 0 \leq t < \infty$ .  
 (C)  $T_i$ 's are independent. (D)  $\sum_{i=1}^n T_i$  follows  $B(n, \lambda)$ . Answer: BC (2 marks)

6. Consider a  $M/M/3/\infty$  queueing model where  $X(t)$  denotes the number of customers in the system at any time  $t$ . Then, the number of customers undergoing service at time  $t$  is

- (A)  $\min\{X(t), 3\}$  (B)  $\max\{X(t), 3\}$  (C) 3 (D)  $\min\{X(t), 1\}$  Answer: A (2 marks)

**Comprehensive Type Questions: Section 2** (2 + 2 + 4 + 4 × 3 = 20 marks)

Each of the following questions 7 to 13 has some subparts. For each subpart, write the answer upto 4 decimal places (D) or in fraction (F) or the expression (E). 1 mark/2 marks is awarded if correct answer is written, 0 mark for no answer or partial correct or any incorrect answer.

7. Let  $P[X \leq 0.29] = 0.75$ , where  $X$  is a continuous type RV with some CDF defined over  $(0,1)$ . If  $Y = 1 - X$ , Find  $k$  so that  $P[Y \leq k] = 0.25$ . Answer(D):  $0.71$  (2 marks)

8. Let  $0 < p < 1$  and  $N$  be a positive integer. Let  $X \sim B(N, \frac{p}{N})$ . Find  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} (1 - \frac{p}{N})^N$ , if it exists. Answer(E):  $e^{-p}$  (2 marks)

9. Let  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  be independent exponential distributed random variables with parameters 4 and 3 respectively. Define  $X_{(1)} = \min\{X_1, X_2\}$  and  $X_{(2)} = \max\{X_1, X_2\}$ .

(a) Find  $Var(X_{(1)})$ ? Answer(F): (1 mark)

(b) Find the distribution of  $X_{(1)}$ ? Answer(E):  $\text{exp}(7/12)$  (1 mark)

(c) Find  $E(X_{(2)})$ ? Answer(F):  $7/24$  (2 marks)

10. Let  $X_0$  be an integer-valued random variable,  $P(X_0 = 0) = 1$ , that is independent of the i.i.d. sequence  $Z_1, Z_2, \dots$ , where  $Z_n$  can take values in the set  $\{-1, 1\}$  such that  $P(Z_n = -1) = \frac{1}{3}, P(Z_n = 1) = \frac{2}{3}$ . Let  $X_n = X_{n-1} + Z_n, n = 1, 2, \dots$

(a) Find  $P(X_3 = 1)$ ? Answer(F):  $4/9$  (1 mark)

(b) Find the value of  $P(X_5 = -1 | X_2 = 0)$ ? Answer(F):  $2/9$  (2 marks)

11. Let us assume that cars arrive according to a Poisson process at rate 8 per hour. Assume each car will pick up a hitchhiker (usually strangers, for a ride in their car) with probability  $\frac{1}{8}$ . You are third in line.

(a) What is the probability that no cars arrive in first 30 minutes? Answer(E):  $e^{-4}$  (1 mark)

(b) What is the probability that you will have to wait for more than 2 hours? Answer(E):  $e^{-16} + 16e^{-16} + \frac{(16)^2 e^{-16}}{2}$  (2 marks)

12. Assume the life times of  $N = 200$  soldiers are iid following an exponential distribution with parameter  $\mu$ , then the process of the number of surviving soldiers by time  $t, \{X(t), t \geq 0\}$ , is a pure death process with death rates  $\mu_i = i\mu, i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ . Assume that,  $X(0) = N$ .

(a) Find  $P(X(t) = N - 1)$ ? Answer(E):  $200\mu e^{-200\mu t}$  (2 marks)

(b) Let  $S_N$  be the time of the death of the last member of the population, i.e.,  $S_N$  is the time to extinction. Find  $E(S_N)$ ? Answer(E):  $\frac{1}{200\mu} + \frac{1}{199\mu} + \dots + \frac{1}{\mu}$  (1 mark)

13. Patients visit a doctor in accordance with a Poisson process at the rate of 4 per hour, and the time doctor takes to examine any patient is independent exponential distributed with mean 6 minutes. All arriving patients attended by the doctor.

(a) Write the Kendall notation for the underlying queueing model. Answer(E):  $M/M/1/\infty$  (1 mark)

(b) Find the expected waiting time (in minutes) in queue of any patient. Answer(F): 4 minutes (2 marks)

$200\mu e^{-200\mu t}$

$\frac{1}{2(\mu-1)} - \frac{1}{\mu}$

$\frac{\mu^n}{(1-\mu)^{n+1}}$

**Subjective Type Questions: Section 3** (4 × 5 = 20 marks)  
 Write the answer in the same page provided for the questions 14 to 17. Full marks are awarded if all the steps are correct, and partial marks for an incorrect answer with wrong steps.

14) Let  $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ .

- (a) Find three different  $\sigma$ -algebras  $(\mathcal{F}_n)$  for  $n = 1, 2, 3$  such that  $\mathcal{F}_1 \subset \mathcal{F}_2 \subset \mathcal{F}_3$ . (3 marks)
- (b) Further, create a set function  $P: \mathcal{F}_3 \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$  such that,  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_3, P)$  is a probability space. (2 marks)

a)  $\Omega = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$   $\mathcal{F}_1 \subset \mathcal{F}_2 \subset \mathcal{F}_3$

Consider  $\mathcal{F}_3 = \{ \emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{4\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{1, 4\}, \{2, 3\}, \{2, 4\}, \{3, 4\}, \{1, 2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 4\}, \{1, 3, 4\}, \{2, 3, 4\}, \Omega \}$   
 $\emptyset, \Omega \} \rightarrow$  largest  $\sigma$  field

$\mathcal{F}_2 = \{ \emptyset, \{1\}, \{2, 3, 4\}, \Omega \}$

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$\mathcal{F}_1 = \{ \emptyset, \Omega \}$

$\mathcal{F}_1, \mathcal{F}_2$  &  $\mathcal{F}_3$  are  $\sigma$ -algebras & also  $\mathcal{F}_1 \subset \mathcal{F}_2 \subset \mathcal{F}_3$

b)  $P: \mathcal{F}_3 \rightarrow \mathcal{R}$  such that  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_3, P)$  is a probability space  
~~Since  $\mathcal{F}_3$  is the largest  $\sigma$  field (as designed & defined above), any function on it would be a random variable~~

Let  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} P\{X=1\} = 1/4 \\ P\{X=2\} = 1/4 \\ P\{X=3\} = 1/4 \\ P\{X=4\} = 1/4 \end{array} \right]$

- ①  $P\{X=i\} \geq 0$  for all  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$
- ②  $\sum_{i=1}^4 P\{X=i\} = 1 \rightarrow$  Both these properties are satisfied

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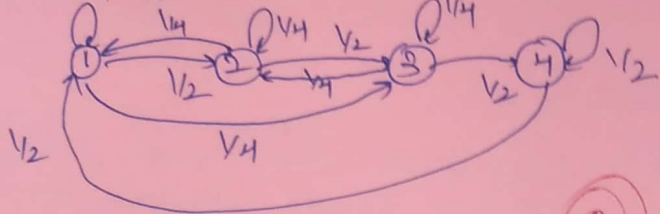
Required set function  $P$  such that  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F}_3, P)$  is a probability space

15. Consider a DTMC  $\{X_n, n = 0, 1, \dots\}$  with  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and its one-step transition probability matrix

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1/4 & 1/2 & 1/4 & 0 \\ 1/4 & 1/4 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/4 & 1/4 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

(a) Classify the states as transient, + recurrent or null recurrent. (2 marks)

(b) Find the stationary distribution,  $\pi = (\pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3, \pi_4)$ , if it exists. (3 marks)



$$\begin{aligned} f_{11} &= f_{11}^{(1)} + f_{11}^{(2)} + f_{11}^{(3)} + \dots \\ &= \frac{1}{4} + (\frac{1}{2})(\frac{1}{4}) + (\frac{1}{4})(\frac{1}{4})(\frac{1}{2}) + \dots \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we can calculate  $f_{22} = f_{33} = f_{44} = 1 \rightarrow$  and also since there are finite no. of states & only one equivalent class  $\rightarrow$  ALL STATES ARE POSITIVE RECURRENT

b) For stationary distribution,  $\pi = \pi P$

$$\Rightarrow (\pi_1 \ \pi_2 \ \pi_3 \ \pi_4) = (\pi_1 \ \pi_2 \ \pi_3 \ \pi_4) \begin{pmatrix} 1/4 & 1/2 & 1/4 & 0 \\ 1/4 & 1/4 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/4 & 1/4 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}$$

& also  $\pi_1 + \pi_2 + \pi_3 + \pi_4 = 1 \rightarrow$  (3)

$$\Rightarrow \pi_1 = \frac{\pi_1}{4} + \frac{\pi_2}{4} + \frac{\pi_4}{2} \rightarrow (1)$$

$$\pi_2 = \frac{\pi_1}{2} + \frac{\pi_2}{4} + \frac{\pi_3}{4} \rightarrow (2)$$

$$\pi_3 = \frac{\pi_1}{4} + \frac{\pi_2}{2} + \frac{\pi_3}{4} \rightarrow (4)$$

$$\pi_4 = \frac{\pi_3}{2} + \frac{\pi_4}{2} \rightarrow (5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{3\pi_1}{4} &= \frac{\pi_2}{4} + \frac{\pi_3}{2} \\ \frac{3\pi_3}{4} &= \frac{\pi_1}{4} + \frac{\pi_2}{2} \\ \text{also } \pi_1 + \pi_2 &= 1 - 2\pi_3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\pi_4}{2} = \frac{\pi_3}{2} \Rightarrow \pi_4 = \pi_3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_1 &= (1 - 2\pi_3) - \frac{3\pi_3}{2} \\ \pi_1 &= 2 - 4\pi_3 - \frac{3\pi_3}{2} = 2 - \frac{11\pi_3}{2} \\ \pi_2 &= 1 - 2\pi_3 - (2 - \frac{11\pi_3}{2}) \\ &= \frac{11\pi_3}{2} - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\pi_1 = \pi_2 = \pi_3 = \pi_4 = \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow \pi = (\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4})$$

10. Let  $\{X(t), t \geq 0\}$  be a Poisson process with parameter  $\lambda$  and  $X(0) = j$  where  $j$  is a positive integer. Consider the random variable  $T_j = \inf\{t : X(t) = j + 1\}$ , i.e.,  $T_j$  is the time of occurrence of the first jump after the  $j$ th jump,  $j = 1, 2, \dots$

(a) Find the distribution of  $T_1$ .

(2 marks)

(b) Find the joint distribution of  $(T_{2017}, T_{2018}, T_{2019})$ .

(3 marks)

a)  $X(0) = j$   $\hookrightarrow X(0) = 1, 2, 20$

$T_1 = \inf\{t : X(t) = 2\}$

$T_1 = \inf\{t : X(t) = 2\} \rightarrow$  Distribution of  $T_1 =$   
 poisson distribution with  
 parameter  $(2/\lambda)$

b) Joint distribution of  $(T_{2017}, T_{2018}, T_{2019})$

$T_{2017} = \inf\{t : X(t) = 2018\} \rightarrow$  poisson distribution with parameter  $(2018/\lambda)$

$T_{2018} = \inf\{t : X(t) = 2019\} \rightarrow$  poisson " " "  $(2019/\lambda)$

$T_{2019} = \inf\{t : X(t) = 2020\} \rightarrow$  " " "  $(2020/\lambda)$

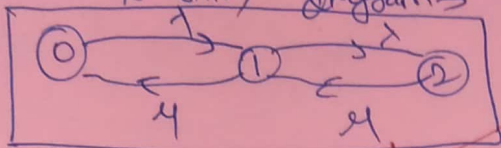
$\therefore$  Joint distribution of  ~~$T_{2017}$~~   $T_{2017}, T_{2018}, T_{2019} \rightarrow$   
 product of the individual poisson distributions with  
 respective parameters for all 3,

17. Consider a  $M/M/1/2$  queuing system. Let  $X(t)$  be a random variable denoting the number of customers in the system at any time  $t$ .

(a) Draw the state transition diagram for the process  $\{X(t), t \geq 0\}$ . (1 mark)

(b) Let  $\pi_n(t)$  be the probability that there are  $n$  customers in the system at time  $t$  given that there was no customers at time 0. Find the time-dependent probabilities  $\pi_n(t)$  for  $n = 0, 1, 2$ . (4 marks)

a) State transition diagram  $\rightarrow$



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$M/M/1/2$

No. of servers = 1

& Max. capacity = 2

b) Generator Matrix  $Q$  is given by  $\rightarrow$

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda & \lambda & 0 \\ \mu & -(\lambda + \mu) & \lambda \\ 0 & \mu & -\mu \end{pmatrix}$$

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$\Pi(t)$  = probability that there are  $n$  customers at time  $t$  given there was no customers at time 0

$$= (\pi_0, \pi_1, \pi_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \Pi Q = 0 \Rightarrow (\pi_0, \pi_1, \pi_2) \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda & \lambda & 0 \\ \mu & -(\lambda + \mu) & \lambda \\ 0 & \mu & -\mu \end{pmatrix} = 0$$

& also  $\pi_0 + \pi_1 + \pi_2 = 1 \rightarrow$  (4)

$$\Rightarrow -\lambda \pi_0 + \mu \pi_1 = \pi_0 \rightarrow$$
 (1)

$$+\lambda \pi_1 - (\lambda + \mu) \pi_1 + \mu \pi_2 = \pi_1 \rightarrow$$
 (2)

$$\lambda \pi_1 - \mu \pi_2 = \pi_2 \rightarrow$$
 (3)

On solving (1), (2), (3) & (4)  $\rightarrow$  we get

$$\pi_0 = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\lambda}{\mu} + \frac{\lambda^2}{\mu^2}}$$

$$\pi_1 = \frac{\lambda \mu}{\lambda \mu + \lambda^2}$$

$$\pi_2 = \frac{\lambda^2 / \mu^2}{1 + \lambda / \mu + \lambda^2 / \mu^2}$$

$\rightarrow$  Required time dependent probabilities