

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)

MSc DEGREE EXAMINATION DECEMBER 2023
(Third Semester)

Branch – STATISTICS

STOCHASTIC PROCESSES

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 50 Marks

SECTION-A (5 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks

(5 x 1 = 5)

- 1 If $\{X(t), t \in T\}$ is a stochastic process in which $X(t)$ represents the outcome in the t -th throw of a die, the stochastic process is called
 - (i) Discrete Random Sequence
 - (ii) Discrete random Process
 - (iii) Continuous Random Sequence
 - (iv) Continuous random Process
- 2 A state i is a periodic if
 - (i) $p_{ii}^{(n)} = 0$ for all n
 - (ii) $p_{ii}^{(n)} > 0$ for all n
 - (iii) $p_{ii}^{(n)} < 0$ for all n
 - (iv) $p_{ii}^{(n)} = 0$ for all even values of n
- 3 Which of the following is not true? The Chapman Kolmogorov equation is used to find-----
 - (i) Higher order transition probabilities when the TPM is known
 - (ii) TPM when higher order probabilities are known
 - (iii) whether a state is periodic
 - (iv) All the above
- 4 If the number of arrivals follow Poisson Process, the interarrival time is _____.
 - (i) Poisson Process
 - (ii) Exponential process
 - (iii) Gaussian Process
 - (iv) Binomial Process
- 5 If in a stochastic process $E(X(t))$ is a constant and $E[X(t_1)X(t_2)]$ depends only on the time difference, the stochastic process is said to be
 - (i) Wide sense stationary
 - (ii) Weakly Stationary
 - (iii) Covariance stationary
 - (iv) All the above

SECTION - B (15 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions

ALL Questions Carry EQUAL Marks

(5 x 3 = 15)

- 6 a Consider a Markov Chain $\{X_n, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ with state space $S = \{0, 1, 2\}$ and the initial distribution $(0.3, 0.2, 0.5)$, find

$$P(X_1 = 0, X_2 = 1, X_3 = 0) \text{ when the TPM is } P = \begin{pmatrix} 0.1 & 0.7 & 0.2 \\ 0.2 & 0.5 & 0.3 \\ 0.3 & 0.3 & 0.4 \end{pmatrix}$$

OR

- b One of the three children A, B and C throw a ball to any of the other two children. The child A always throws to child B. The chance that the child B will throw the ball to C is $1/3$. The chance that C will throw the ball to A is $1/4$. The three children A, B and C have the chances $2/5$, $1/5$ and $2/5$ respectively to start the game. Compute

$$P(X_1 = A, X_2 = B, X_3 = C, X_4 = A)$$

Cont...

- 7 a Find the stationary distribution of the markov chain with TPM.

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1/3 & 2/3 \\ 4/5 & 1/5 \end{pmatrix}$$

OR

- b State and prove Chapman Kolmogorov equation.

- 8 a Explain Random walk with an example.

OR

- b Derive the Kolmogorov backward equation.

- 9 a Prove that Poisson process has additive property.

OR

- b Prove that the difference between two Poisson processes is not a Poisson process.

- 10 a Verify whether the Stochastic process $\{X(t), t \in T\}$, is covariance stationary where $X(t) = A \cos(bt+\theta)$. Here A and b are constants and $\theta \sim U(0, 2\pi)$

OR

- b. Describe the renewal process.

SECTION -C (30 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks

(5 x 6 = 30)

- 11 a Derive the condition for the state of a Markov chain to be recurrent or transient.

OR

- b Verify whether the Markov chain is irreducible if the TPM

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

- 12 a Verify whether the state 1 is null recurrent if the TPM is

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

OR

- b How will you classify the states of a markov chain.

- 13 a Explain absorption probabilities.

OR

- b Explain Random walk theory.

- 14 a Derive the differential difference equation of pure birth process.

OR

- b Derive the mean and variance of Poisson process.

- 15 a Derive the relation between P(s) and F(s).

OR

- b Derive the Renewal equation.