

# Stochastic Processes Solutions

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- (1.6) A:  $2/(n + 1)$
- (1.9a) A:  $1/2$   
(1.9b) A:  $13/48$   
(1.9c) A:  $6/13$   
(1.9d) A:  $1/4$   
(1.9e) A:  $1/8$
- (1.10) A:  $5/11$
- (1.14a) A:  $f_{X|Y}(x|y) = 2e^{-(x-y)}, x > y$   
(1.14b) A: The distribution is uniform on  $(0, x)$ .
- (1.16) A:  $21/17$
- (1.20a) A:  $14$   
(1.20b) A:  $2^{k+1} - 2$
- (2.2a) A:  $1/3$   
(2.2b) A:  $5/36$   
(2.2c) A:  $1/4$   
(2.2d) A:  $0$
- (2.7) A: Transition matrix is  $P^3$
- (2.10) A; See Figure 1.
- (2.14a) A:

$$P_{ij} = \begin{cases} i/n, & \text{if } j = i \\ (n-i)/n & \text{if } j = i + 1 \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

(2.14b) A:  $195/512$

- (3.9a) A: Yes  
(3.9b) A: No, take

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

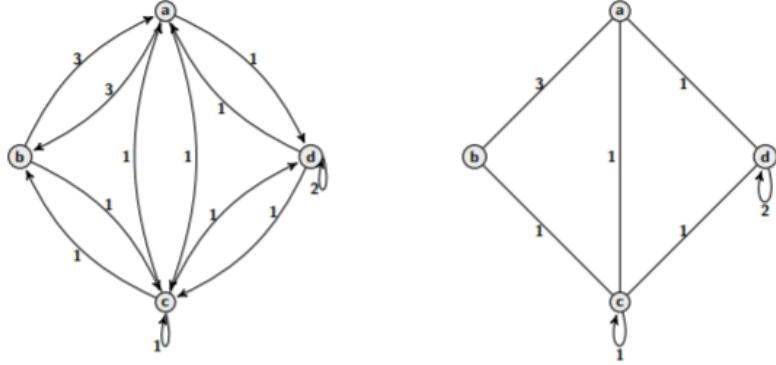


Figure 1: Exercise 2.12

- (3.14a) A: Long term probability of an episode day is 0.489  
 (3.14b) A: 178.62  
 (3.14c) A: 2.04
- (3.18) A: Let  $f_x = \mathbb{E}[T_b | X_0 = x]$  for  $x = a, b, c$ . Then  $f_a = f_c = 2, f_b = 3$
- (3.38a) A:

$$P_{ij} = \binom{5-i}{j-i} \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^{j-i} \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{5-j} \quad (3)$$

(3.38b) A: 13.0237

- (3.41) A  $\pi = (3/13, 5/26, 3/13, 9/26)$
- (4.5a) A: The  $k$ th factorial moment is  $G^{(k)}(1)$   
 (4.5b) A:  $n!p^k / ((n-k)!)$
- (4.6a) A:  $G_Z(s) = e^{-\lambda p(1-s)}$   
 (4.6b) The generating function is that of a Poisson random variable with parameter  $\lambda p$ , which gives the distribution of  $Z$ .
- (4.12a) A:  $\mu = 5/4$   
 (4.12b) A:  $G(s) = 1/4 + s/4 + s^2/2$   
 (4.12c) A:  $1/2$   
 (4.12d) A:  $G_2(s) = 1/32(11 + 4s + 9s^2 + 4s^4 + 4s^6)$   
 (4.12e) A:  $11/32$
- (4.20a) A: e=1  
 (4.20b) A:

$$G_n(s) = \frac{n - (n-1)s}{n+1-ns} \quad (4)$$

$$(4.20c) A: P(T = n) = 1/(n(n + 1))$$

- (4.26a) A: Expected winnings: -0.708
- (4.26b) A:

$$P(T = 1) = 0.9118 \quad (5)$$

$$P(T = 2) = 0.0659 \quad (6)$$

$$P(T = 3) = 0.0161 \quad (7)$$

$$P(T = 4) = 0.0044 \quad (8)$$

- (5.2) Long term average is  $1/k$
- (5.4c) With numerical software one can get

$$\mu_{10} = 2.91667 \quad (9)$$

$$\mu_{100} = 27.7921 \quad (10)$$

$$\mu_{1000} = 276.546 \quad (11)$$

- (5.4d)  $(5 - \sqrt{5})/10$ .

- (5.8a)

$$T = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (12)$$

- (5.8b)

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 & 2/3 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 1/4 & 1/4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 7/18 & 2/18 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/2 & 5/12 & 1/12 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (13)$$

- (5.8c) One can check that the stationary distribution is the binomial distribution.
- (6.2a)  $\mathbb{E}[N_3 N_4] = 54$
- (6.2b)  $\mathbb{E}[X_3 X_4] = 1/4$
- (6.2c)  $\mathbb{E}[S_3 S_4] = 15/4$
- (6.5) The error is that only the distribution of  $N_3$  is equal to that of  $N_6 - N_3$ , the random variables are not equal.

- (6.8a) 0.00679
- (6.8b) 0.435
- (6.8c) 0.0656
- (6.8d) 2/5
- (6.16a) 0.1255
- (6.16b) 0.2485
- (6.16c) 0.0376
- (6.24a)  $\lambda/(\lambda + \mu)$
- (6.24b)  $(\lambda + \mu)e^{-(\lambda + \mu)}$
- (6.24c)  $4\lambda^2\mu e^{-2(\mu + \lambda)}$
- (6.32)  $\lambda/(\lambda + \mu)$
- (7.1)

$$\tilde{P} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (14)$$

$$q_a = 1, q_b = 2, q_c = 4$$

- (7.5)

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -3 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & -4 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \quad (15)$$

- (7.14a)

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} -4 & 4 & 0 \\ 1 & -7 & 6 \\ 6 & 2 & -8 \end{bmatrix} \quad (16)$$

- (7.14b)  $\pi = (11/25, 8/25, 6/25)$

- (7.14c)

$$\tilde{P} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1/7 & 0 & 6/7 \\ 6/8 & 2/8 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad (17)$$

- (7.14d)  $\psi = (11/37, 14/37, 12/37)$

- (7.20) Mean number of customers is  $\lambda/\mu$
- (7.23a)

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} -1/2 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/10 & -3/5 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/5 & -7/10 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3/10 & -11/20 & 1/4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2/5 & -2/5 \end{bmatrix} \quad (18)$$

- (7.23b)  $\pi = (0.0191, 0.0955, 0.2388, 0.3979, 0.2487)$ . Long term average is 2.76
- (7.23c) 0.188
- (7.26)

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} -3/6 & 3/6 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/24 & -9/24 & 8/24 & 0 \\ 0 & 2/24 & -6/24 & 4/24 \\ 0 & 0 & 3/24 & -3/24 \end{bmatrix} \quad (19)$$

$\pi_3 = 64/125$  item (7.30a) Mean is 2 item (7.30b) 0.346

- (7.34) 25,600\$ per day
- (8.2a) 0.76
- (8.2b)  $x$
- (8.2c)  $\sqrt{s/(t+s)}$
- (8.2d) 3
- (8.2e) 0.983
- (8.16)  $a = \pm 1/\sqrt{2}$