

ASSIGNMENT 5
UNIT – III: RANDOM PROCESSES

PART - A

- 1 Define (a) Continuous-time random process (b) Discrete state random process.
- 2 Define Wide sense stationary process.
- 3 Examine whether the Poisson process $\{X(t)\}$ is stationary or not.
- 4 Is a Poisson process a continuous time Markov chain? Justify your answer.
- 5 Define Chapman-Kolmogorov Equation.
- 6 What are the properties of Poisson process?
- 7 The number of particles emitted by a radioactive source is Poisson distributed. The source emits particles at the rate of 6 per minute. Each emitted particle has a probability of 0.7 of being counted. Find the probability that 11 particles are counted in 4 minutes.
- 8 When do you say that a Markov chain is irreducible?

PART B

- 1 a The process $\{X(t)\}$ whose probability distribution under certain condition is given by

$$P[X(t) = n] = \begin{cases} \frac{(at)^{n-1}}{(1+at)^{n+1}}, & n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \\ \frac{at}{1+at}, & n = 0. \end{cases} \quad . \text{ Show that } \{X(t)\} \text{ is not stationary.}$$

(MAY 2012, DEC 2013)

- b Show that the process $X(t) = A \cos \lambda t + B \sin \lambda t$ is wide sense stationary, if $E(A) = E(B) = 0$, $E(A^2) = E(B^2)$ and $E(AB) = 0$, where A and B are random variables.

(MAY 2013)

- 2 a Prove that (i) difference of two independent Poisson processes is not a Poisson process and (ii) Poisson process is a Markov process. (MAY 2013)

- b Suppose that customers arrive at a bank according to Poisson process with mean rate of 3 per minute. Find the probability that during a time interval of two minutes

- (i) exactly 4 customers arrive (ii) greater than 4 customers arrive
- (iii) fewer than 4 customers arrive.

(MAY 2012, DEC 2013)

- 3 a The transition probability matrix of a Markov chain $\{X(t)\}$, $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ having three states 1, 2

and 3 is $P = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 & 0.5 & 0.4 \\ 0.6 & 0.2 & 0.2 \\ 0.3 & 0.4 & 0.3 \end{bmatrix}$ and the initial distribution is $P^{(0)} = (0.7 \quad 0.2 \quad 0.1)$.

Find (i) $P[X_2 = 3]$ (ii) $P[X_3 = 2, X_2 = 3, X_1 = 3, X_0 = 2]$. (MAY 2012, 2014, DEC 2013)

- b A gambler has Rs. 2. He bets Re. 1 at a time and wins Re. 1 with probability $\frac{1}{2}$. He stops

playing if he loses Rs. 2 or wins Rs. 4. (1) What is the tpm of the related Markov chain?

(2) What is the probability that he has lost his money at the end of 5 plays? (MAY 2013)

- 4 a Show that the random process $X(t) = A \sin(w_0 t + \theta)$ is wide-sense stationary, if A and w_0 are constants and θ is uniformly distributed random variable in $(0, 2\pi)$

(DEC 2011, MAY 2014)

- b Let the Markov Chain consisting of the states 0, 1, 2, 3 have the transition probability matrix

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Determine which states are transient and which are recurrent by defining

transient and recurrent states.

(MAY 2010)