

MTH 371: Quiz II
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Instructions

- Show all your work to score full marks. Detailed answers are a must.
- You can use a calculator. No phones or other electronic devices may be used.

Questions

1. The transition probability matrix of a Markov process beginning at $X_0 = 1$ with $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ is given by

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	0	1	0	0	0	0
2	0.4	0.6	0	0	0	0
3	0.3	0	0.4	0.2	0.1	0
4	0	0	0	0.3	0.7	0
5	0	0	0	0.5	0	0.5
6	0	0	0	0.3	0	0.7

- (a) (1 point) Draw the corresponding state transition diagram.
- (b) (2 points) Find the classes.
- (c) (2 points) Identify the recurrent and transient states.
- (d) (2 points) Write the period of all the states.
- (e) (2 points) Will the limiting distribution exist, explain.
- (f) (2 points) Find $P(X_0 = 1, X_1 = 2, X_3 = 3)$.
2. The transition probability matrix of a Markov process with $S = \{1, 2, 3\}$ is given by

	1	2	3
1	0.2	0.3	0.5
2	0.1	0	0.9
3	0.55	0	0.45

Answer the following questions

- (a) (2 points) Consider $\{A\} = \{2\}$, find the hitting probability vector.
- (b) (2 points) If initial distribution is $[0.2 \ 0.3 \ 0.5]$ then find $\pi^{(1)}$.
3. (2 points) For $j = 0, 1, \dots$, let $P_{jj+2} = v_j$ and $P_{j0} = 1 - v_j$, construct the transition probability matrix of the corresponding Markov Chain. Identify the recurrent and transient states in the Markov Chain.