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2. (5 points)

## (a) **Answer:**

Claim. The invariant distribution of P is

$$\pi = \Big(\underbrace{\frac{1}{M+1}, \dots, \frac{1}{M+1}}_{M+1 \text{ components}}\Big).$$

*Proof.* The invariant distribution should satisfy

$$\pi = \pi P$$

$$\pi_j = \sum_{i \in S} \pi_i P_{ij}, \quad \forall j \in S$$

$$\tag{1}$$

and

$$\sum_{i \in S} \pi_i = 1. \tag{2}$$

Then starting with the RHS of (1), we have that  $\forall j \in S$ ,

$$\begin{split} \sum_{i \in S} \pi_i P_{ij} &= \frac{1}{M+1} \sum_{i \in S} P_{ij} \\ &= \frac{1}{M+1} \\ &= \pi_j. \end{split} \ \, \forall P \text{ is right stochastic matrix}$$

Starting with the LHS of (2) gives

$$\sum_{i \in S} \pi_i = \sum_{i \in S} \frac{1}{M+1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{M+1}(M+1)$$

$$= 1.$$

Since P is also irreducible, we can conclude that  $\pi$  is the unique invariant distribution of P.

## (b) **Answer:**

Let  $Y_n=X_n \bmod 11$ . Then  $(Y_n)_{\mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}}$  is a Markov chain with the state space  $S=\{0,1,\dots,10\}$ 

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and transition matrix

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \frac{1}{6} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} \\ \frac{1}{6} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} \\ \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} \\ \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{6} \\ \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} \\ \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

which is an irreducible, aperiodic, and right stochastic matrix. Then by part (a), with M=10, the invariant distribution of P is

$$\pi = \left(\underbrace{\frac{1}{11}, \dots, \frac{1}{11}}_{\text{11 components}}\right).$$

Since the matrix is irreducible and aperiodic, the convergence to equilibrium theorem says that

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} P(X_n \text{ is a multiple of } 11) = \lim_{n\to\infty} P(Y_n = 0)$$
 
$$= \pi_0$$
 
$$\boxed{ = \frac{1}{11}}.$$