

**PROBLEM I** Assume  $(X_n : n \geq 0)$  is an irreducible Markov chain on  $E$ . Prove that  $(X_n : n \geq 0)$  is recurrent (or transient)  $\iff \forall i \in E$ ,

$$\mathbb{P} \left( \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{k=n}^{\infty} \{X_k = i\} \right) = 1 \text{ (or } 0 \text{)}.$$

**PROBLEM II** Let  $(X_n : n \geq 0)$  is a one dimension simple random walk, and  $P$  is it's transition matrix. Let  $a \leq b \in \mathbb{Z}$  satisfies  $\mathbb{P}(a \leq X_0 \leq b) = 1$ . Define  $\tau = \inf\{n \geq 0 : X_n = a \text{ or } b\}$ ,  $Y_n = X_{n \wedge \tau}$ . Prove:  $(Y_n : n \geq 0)$  is Markov chain on  $[a, b] \cap \mathbb{Z}$ , and give its transition matrix and the classification.

**PROBLEM III** Prove:  $(X_n : n \geq 0)$  is Markov chain on  $E$ , where  $E$  is finite. Then  $\exists x \in E$ ,  $x$  is recurrent.

**PROBLEM IV** Assume  $(X_n : n \geq 0)$  is Markov chain on  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Prove it is transient  $\iff \forall \mu_0$  is primitive distribution,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} |X_n| \stackrel{\text{a.s.}}{=} \infty$ .

**PROBLEM V** Assume  $P$  is a transition matrix on  $\mathbb{Z}^+$ , which has a first line  $\{a_0, a_1, \dots\}$ ,  $\forall i \geq 1$ ,  $p_{i,i-1} = 1$ , and  $\forall j \neq i-1$ ,  $p_{i,j} = 0$ . Discuss the irreducibility, recurrence, ergodicity and periodicity of 0.

**PROBLEM VI** Assume  $P$  is a transition matrix on  $E$ . Prove:  $\forall i \in E$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_{ii}(n)$  exists, and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_{ii}(n) = \frac{1}{F'_{ii}(1)} = \frac{1}{\mathbb{P}_i(T_i)}$ .

**PROBLEM VII** Assume  $P$  is a transition matrix on  $E$  and  $P$  is irreducible,  $j \in E$ . Prove:  $P$  is recurrent  $\iff 1$  is the minimum non negative solution of

$$y_i = \sum_{k \neq j} p_{ik} y_k + p_{ij}, i \in E$$

**PROBLEM VIII** Let  $\{a_k : k \geq 0\}$  satisfies  $\sum_{k \geq 0} a_k = 1$ ,  $a_k \geq 0$ ,  $a_0 > 0$ ,  $\mu := \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k a_k > 1$ . Define

$$p_{ij} = \begin{cases} a_j & , i = 0 \\ a_{j-i+1} & , i \geq 1 \wedge j \geq i-1 \\ 0 & , \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \text{ Prove: } P \text{ is transient.}$$