

# PROBLEM I

1. Assume  $\{Y_1(n) : n \geq 0\}, \{Y_2(n) : n \geq 0\}$  are two independent migrating branch process with descending distribution  $(p(i) : i \in \mathbb{Z}_+)$  and the migrating probability respectively are  $(\gamma_1(i) : i \in \mathbb{Z}_+), (\gamma_2(i) : i \in \mathbb{Z}_+)$ . Prove:  $\{Y_1(n) + Y_2(n) : n \geq 0\}$  is migrating branching process with descending distribution  $p(i) : i \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  and migrating probability  $\gamma_1 * \gamma_2(i) : i \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ .
2. Let  $\{Y(n) : n \in \mathbb{Z}_+\}$  be migrating branch process with descending distribution  $p(j) : j \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  and the migrating distribution  $\gamma(i) : i \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ .  $P_n^\gamma = (p_n^\gamma(i, j); i, j \in \mathbb{Z}_+)$  is the  $n$ -th transition matrix. Prove:  $\forall i, n \geq 1$

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} p_n^\gamma(i, j) z^j = g_n(z)^i \prod_{k=1}^n h(g_{k-1}(z)), |z| \leq 1$$

where  $h$  is the generating function of  $(\gamma(j) : j \in \mathbb{Z}_+)$ .  $g$  is the generating function of  $(p(j) : j \in \mathbb{Z}_+)$ .

3.  $h, g$  are defined as above. Assume  $m := g'(1-) < \infty, \mu := h'(1-) < \infty$ . Prove:  $\forall i, n \geq 1$ ,

$$\mathbb{P}(Y_n | Y_0 = i) = im^n + \mu \sum_{k=1}^n m^{k-1}$$

PROBLEM II Assume  $b \in (0, 1), p \in (0, 1)$ . Let  $\mu(0) = \frac{1-b-p}{1-p} \mu(j) = bp^{j-1}, j \geq 1$ . Prove:

1.  $(\mu(j) : j \in \mathbb{Z}_+)$  is probability distribution and

$$g(z) := \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \mu(j) z^j = \frac{1-b-p}{1-p} + \frac{bz}{1-pz}.$$

2. Let  $b = (1-p)^2$ . Prove:

(a)  $g'(1) = 1$  and

$$g(z) = p + \frac{(1-p)^2 z}{1-pz} = \frac{p - (2p-1)z}{1-pz}.$$

(b)  $\forall n \geq 1$ , then

$$g_n(z) = \frac{np - ((n+1)p - 1)z}{1 + (n-1)p - npz}.$$

PROBLEM III Let  $\{Y(n) : n \in \mathbb{Z}_+\}$  be branch process with descending distribution  $p(j) : j \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ .

And  $g$  is the generating function. Let  $m_2 := g'(1) + g''(1) < \infty$ .  $\forall k \geq 1, X_n^{(k)} = k^{-1} X_n$ . Prove:  $\forall \varepsilon > 0, i, n \geq 1, \mathbb{P}(|X_n^{(k)} - im^n| \geq \varepsilon | X_0^{(k)} = i) \rightarrow 0, k \rightarrow \infty$ . PROBLEM IV Let  $\{Y(n) : n \in \mathbb{Z}_+\}$  be branch process with descending distribution  $p(j) : j \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ . And  $g$  is the generating function, where  $m := g'(1) \in (1, \infty), m_2 := g'(1) + g''(1) < \infty$ . Let  $\sigma^2 := m_2 - m^2 = \mathbb{D}(Y(1))$ . Prove:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}_1[(m^{-n} X_n - W)^2] = 0, \mathbb{D}_1(W) = \sigma^2 m^{(-1)} (m-1)^{-1}$$

**PROBLEM V** Let  $\{Y(n) : n \in \mathbb{Z}_+\}$  be branch process with descending distribution  $p(j) : j \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ . And  $g$  is the generating function, where  $m := g'(1) \leq 1$ . Prove  $(p^\gamma(j) : j \in \mathbb{Z}_+)$  is the steady-state vector of transition matrix  $P_n^\gamma$ , that is  $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} p^\gamma(i) p_n^\gamma(i, j) = p^\gamma(j), i \geq 0$ . **PROBLEM VI** Let  $\{Y(n) : n \in \mathbb{Z}_+\}$  be branch process with descending distribution  $p(j) : j \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ . And  $g$  is the generating function, where  $m := g'(1) \leq 1$ . Discuss  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}(Y_n \mid Y_0 = i)$ .