

# mas651 exercises

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**Problem (5.1.1).**

Let  $(S, \mathcal{S})$  be a state space of  $X_n$  where  $S = \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$  and  $\mathcal{S} = 2^S$ . Note that  $N$  is an absorbing state. And  $X_1 = 1$  with probability 1. For fixed  $k$  such that  $1 \leq k < N$ ,  $k \leq n$ ,

$$P(X_{n+1} = k + 1 | X_n = k) = \frac{N - k}{N}$$

and

$$P(X_{n+1} = k | X_n = k) = \frac{k}{N}.$$

If  $k > n$ , then the above are all 0. So it is a temporally inhomogeneous. The Markov property is trivial since the very next state only depends on the current state.

□

**Problem (5.1.2).**

$$P(X_4 = 2 | X_3 = 1, X_2 = 1, X_1 = 1, X_0 = 0) = (1/16)/(1/4) = 1/4$$

but

$$P(X_4 = 2 | X_3 = 1, X_2 = 0, X_1 = 0, X_0 = 0) = (1/16)/(1/8) = 1/2.$$

Thus  $X_n$  is not a Markov chain.

□

**Problem (5.1.5).**

$$P(X_{n+1} = k + 1 | X_n = k) = \frac{m - k}{m} \frac{b - k}{m}$$

because we must choose a white ball in the left urn and a black ball in the right urn.

$$P(X_{n+1} = k | X_n = k) = \frac{k}{m} \frac{b - k}{m} + \frac{m - k}{m} \frac{m + k - b}{m}$$

since there are two cases, choosing both black or both white.

$$P(X_{n+1} = k - 1 | X_n = k) = \frac{k}{m} \frac{m + k - b}{m}$$

since we must choose a black ball in the left urn and a white ball in the right urn. Note that the sum of the above is 1, so there is no other transition probability.

□

**Problem (5.1.6).**

$$P(S_{n+1} = k + 1 | S_n = k) = \frac{P(X_{n+1} = 1, S_n = k)}{P(S_n = k)}$$

where the denominator is

$$\int_{\theta \in (0,1)} P(S_n = k|\theta) dP = \binom{n}{x} \frac{x!y!}{(n+1)!} = \frac{1}{n+1}$$

for  $x =$  the number of  $i$  such that  $U_i \leq \theta$  and  $y = n - x$ . Note that  $x = (n+k)/2$  and  $y = (n-k)/2$  since  $x + y = n$  and  $x - y = k$ . The numerator is

$$\int_{\theta \in (0,1)} P(X_{n+1} = 1, S_n = k|\theta) dP = \binom{n}{x} \frac{(x+1)!y!}{(n+2)!}$$

These are because  $P(S_n = k|\theta) = \theta^x(1-\theta)^y \binom{n}{x}$  and  $P(X_{n+1} = 1, S_n = k|\theta) = P(X_{n+1} = 1|\theta)P(S_n = k|\theta) = \binom{n}{x} \theta^{x+1}(1-\theta)^y$  and using the kernel of beta distribution.

Thus, the probability what we want is  $(n+k+2)/(2n+4)$  which depends on  $n$ . So  $X_n$  is temporally inhomogeneous.

$$P(S_{n+1} = k+1 | S_1 = t_1, \dots, S_n = k) = P(X_{n+1} = 1 | X_1 = t_1, \dots, X_n = t_n)$$

where  $\sum_{i=1}^n t_i = k$ . We can show the above is equal to  $P(S_{n+1} = k+1 | S_n = k) = (n+k+2)/(2n+4)$  similarly, by omitting the  $\binom{n}{x}$  term of both denominator and numerator.

□

**Problem (5.2.1).**

By the given hint,

$$E(1_A 1_B | \mathcal{F}_n) = E(1_A E(1_B | \mathcal{F}_n) | X_n)$$

so it suffices to show that  $E(1_B | \mathcal{F}_n) = E(1_B | X_n)$ .

Let  $Y = 1_{B_n}(\omega_0) \cdots 1_{B_{n+k}}(\omega_k)$ . Then  $Y \circ \theta_n =$  the indicator function of  $\{X_n \in B_n, \dots, X_{n+k} \in B_{n+k}\} = B$ . By the markov property,

$$P(B | \mathcal{F}_n) = E_{X_n} Y.$$

Let  $\varphi(x) = E_x Y$  then  $\varphi(X_n)$  is  $\sigma(X_n)$ -measurable mapping. Thus, when  $B$  has a form of  $\{X_n \in B_n, \dots, X_{n+k} \in B_{n+k}\}$  for some nonnegative integer  $k$ ,

$$P(B | \mathcal{F}_n) = P(B | X_n).$$

Note that a collection of such  $B$  generates  $\sigma(X_n, X_{n+1}, \dots)$ .

Now let  $\mathcal{G} = \{C : P(C | \mathcal{F}_n) = P(C | X_n)\}$ . By putting  $B_{n+i} = S$  for  $0 \leq i \leq k$ , we earn  $\Omega_0 \in \mathcal{G}$ . If  $C, D \in \mathcal{G}$  and  $C \subset D$ , then by properties of conditional expectation,  $D \setminus C \in \mathcal{G}$ . If  $C_i \in \mathcal{G}$  and  $C_i \uparrow C$  then by monotone convergence theorem for conditional expectation,  $C \in \mathcal{G}$ . Thus  $\mathcal{G}$  is a lambda system containing a collection of  $B$ 's which generates  $\sigma(X_n, \dots)$ . Therefore, by Dynkin's theorem, the third equation is satisfied by any  $B \in \sigma(X_n, \dots)$ . By the first equation, we can derive the conclusion. □

**Problem (5.2.4).**

First, claim that

$$P_x(X_n = y | T_y = m) = P_y(X_{n-m} = y).$$

This is because

$$\begin{aligned} P_x(X_n = y | T_y = m) &= \frac{P_x(X_n = y, T_y = m)}{P_x(T_y = m)} \\ &= \frac{\int_{T_y=m} 1_{(X_n=y)} dP_x}{P_x(T_y = m)} \\ &= \frac{\int_{T_y=m} E(1_{(X_n=y)} | \mathcal{F}_m) dP_x}{P_x(T_y = m)} \\ &= \frac{\int_{T_y=m} E_{X_m} 1_{(X_{n-m}=y)} dP_x}{P_x(T_y = m)} \\ &= \frac{P_x(T_y = m) P_y(X_{n-m} = y)}{P_x(T_y = m)}. \end{aligned}$$

Now, note that  $P_x(X_n = y) = \sum_{m=1}^n P_x(X_n = y, T_y = m)$ . From this and

the above discussion,

$$\begin{aligned} p^n(x, y) &= P_x(X_n = y) = \sum_{m=1}^n P_x(X_n = y | T_y = m) P_x(T_y = m) \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^n P_y(X_{n-m} = y) P_x(T_y = m) = \sum_{m=1}^n P_x(T_y = m) p^{n-m}(y, y). \end{aligned}$$

□

**Problem (5.2.6).**

Fix  $x \in S \setminus C$ . Since  $P_x(T_C = \infty) = \lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} P_x(T_C > M) < 1$ , we can choose  $N_x$  and  $\varepsilon$  so that

$$P_x(T_C > M) \leq 1 - \varepsilon$$

whenever  $M \geq N_x$ . Note that we can choose  $N_x$  as an integer. Put  $N = \max_{x \in S \setminus C} N_x$ . Now we get

$$\begin{aligned} P_y(T_C > 2N) &= \sum_{x \in S \setminus C} P_y(T_C > 2N, T_C > N, X_N = x) \\ &= \sum_{x \in S \setminus C} P_y(T_C > 2N | X_N = x, T_C > N) P_y(X_N = x, T_C > N) \\ &\leq \sum_{x \in S \setminus C} P_x(T_C > N) P_y(X_N = x, T_C > N) \\ &\leq (1 - \varepsilon) \sum_{x \in S \setminus C} P_y(X_N = x, T_C > N) \\ &\leq (1 - \varepsilon)^2. \end{aligned}$$

By induction, the result follows.

*Remark 1.* By  $k \rightarrow \infty$ , we can say that  $P_y(T_C = \infty) = 0$ . That is,  $P_y(T_C < \infty) = 1$ .

□

**Problem (5.2.7).**

1. It is similar to the manipulation of problem 5.2.4:

$$\begin{aligned} P_x(V_A < V_B) &= \sum_y P_x(V_A < V_B, X_1 = y) = \sum_y P_x(V_A < V_B | X_1 = y) P_x(X_1 = y) \\ &= \sum_y p(x, y) P_x(V_A < V_B | X_1 = y) = \sum_y p(x, y) P_y(V_A < V_B) \end{aligned}$$

where the first term is  $h(x)$  and the last term is  $\sum_y p(x, y)h(y)$ .

2. I think we must further assume that  $h$  is bounded and measurable. For convenience, let  $\tau = V_A \wedge V_B = V_{A \cup B}$ . By the equation (5.2.2) of our textbook, we get

$$\begin{aligned} E_x(h(X_{n+1})|\mathcal{F}_n) &= \sum_y p(X_n, y)h(y) \\ &= h(X_n) \end{aligned}$$

for  $X_n \notin A \cup B$ .

Now, put  $Y_n = h(X_n)$ . Then

$$Y_{n \wedge \tau} - Y_0 = h(X_{n \wedge \tau}) - h(X_0) = \sum_{k=1}^n 1_{(\tau \geq k)} (Y_k - Y_{k-1}).$$

By using the above,

$$\begin{aligned} E_x(Y_{n+1 \wedge \tau} - Y_0|\mathcal{F}_n) &= \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} 1_{(\tau \geq k)} E_x(Y_k - Y_{k-1}|\mathcal{F}_n) \\ &= 1_{(\tau \geq n+1)} (Y_n - Y_0) + 1_{(\tau < n+1)} (Y_\tau - Y_0) \\ &= 1_{(\tau > n)} (Y_n - Y_0) + 1_{(\tau \leq n)} (Y_\tau - Y_0) \\ &= Y_{n \wedge \tau} - Y_0. \end{aligned}$$

So  $h(X_{n \wedge \tau})$  is a martingale. Note that the first equality is due to (5.2.2), and the last is due to optional stopping.

3. We assumed that  $h$  is bounded. Thus, our martingale is uniformly bounded, so the optional stopping theorem can be applied:

$$x = E_x h(X_0) = E_x h(X_\tau) = E_x [E_x(h(X_\tau)|\mathcal{F}_\tau)]$$

where the last term is equal to

$$E_x [E_{X_\tau} h(X_0)] = E_x [1_{(X_\tau \in A)} + 0 \cdot 1_{(X_\tau \in B)}] = E_x [1_{(X_\tau \in A)}].$$

The above is because  $P_x(\tau < \infty) = 1$  and  $h$  is 1 on  $A$  and 0 on  $B$ . Note that this implies the result, since  $X_\tau \in A$  is equivalent to  $V_A < V_B$ .

□

**Problem (5.2.8).**

Let  $\tau = V_0 \wedge V_N$ . Then  $X_{n \wedge \tau}$  is an uniformly bounded martingale since the state space of  $X_n$  is finite. By the optional stopping theorem, we get

$$E_x X_0 = E_x X_\tau$$

where the LHS is equal to  $x$ . Note that, by the remark 1, we can say that  $P_x(\tau < \infty) = 1$ . Then the RHS of the above eqn is equal to  $0P_x(V_0 < V_N) + NP_x(V_N < V_0)$ . Thus,

$$x = NP_x(V_N < V_0).$$

□

**Problem (5.2.11).**

1. It is similar to the manipulation of problem 5.2.7:

$$\begin{aligned}
E_x V_A &= \sum_{k \geq 1} P_x(V_A \geq k) \\
&= P_x(V_A \geq 1) + \sum_{k \geq 2} P_x(V_A \geq k) \\
&= 1 + \sum_{k \geq 2} P_x(V_A \geq k) \\
&= 1 + \sum_{k \geq 2} \sum_y P_x(V_A \geq k | X_1 = y) P_x(X_1 = y) \\
&= 1 + \sum_y p(x, y) \sum_{k \geq 2} P_y(V_A \geq k - 1) = 1 + \sum_y p(x, y) E_y V_A
\end{aligned}$$

where  $P_x(V_A \geq 1) = 1$  since  $x$  lies outside of  $A$ .

Also,  $E_x V_A < \infty$  because

$$\begin{aligned}
E_x \frac{V_A}{N} &= \sum_{k \geq 1} P_x(V_A \geq kN) \\
&\leq \sum_{k \geq 1} (1 - \varepsilon)^k < \infty.
\end{aligned}$$

2. I think we should assume the measurability, and boundedness of  $g$ . By the manipulation used in problem 5.2.7, we get:

$$\begin{aligned}
E_x(g(X_{n+1}) + n + 1 | \mathcal{F}_n) &= n + 1 + \sum_y p(X_n, y) g(y) \\
&= n + g(X_n)
\end{aligned}$$

for  $X_n \notin A$ .

Now put  $Y_n = g(X_n) + n$  and  $\tau = V_A$  for convenience. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
E_x(Y_{n+1 \wedge \tau} - Y_0 | \mathcal{F}_n) &= \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} 1_{(\tau \geq k)} E_x(Y_k - Y_{k-1} | \mathcal{F}_n) \\
&= 1_{(\tau \geq n+1)}(Y_n - Y_0) + 1_{(\tau < n+1)}(Y_\tau - Y_0) \\
&= Y_{n \wedge \tau} - Y_0.
\end{aligned}$$

So  $X_{n \wedge V_A} + n \wedge V_A$  is a martingale.

3. From the boundedness of  $g$  and the fact that  $V_A$  is  $L^1$  function, our martingale is uniformly integrable. Thus we can apply optional stopping theorem:

$$E_x g(X_0) = E_x [V_A + g(X_{V_A})]$$

where the first term is  $g(x)$  and the second term is  $E_x V_A + E_x g(X_{V_A})$ . But  $X_{V_A}$  lies in  $A$  and  $g$  is 0 on  $A$ . Thus the second term of the equation is  $E_x V_A$ .

□



**Problem (5.3.1).**

Abbreviation of notation:  $P(X_1 \leq x_1, \dots, X_n \leq x_n)$  as  $P(X \leq x)$ , which is a distribution function of a random vector.

First, let's see that they are identically distributed. Since  $y$  is recurrent, the strong Markov property always holds when we are considering  $\mathcal{F}_{R_k}$ .

$$P_y(\nu_k \leq x) = E_y P_y(\nu_k \leq x | \mathcal{F}_{R_{k-1}}) = E_y E_{X_{R_{k-1}}} 1_{(\nu_1 \leq x)} = P_y(\nu_1 \leq x).$$

So  $\nu_k$  are identically distributed.

Now, let's see that they are independent.

$$\begin{aligned} P_y(\nu_1 \leq x_1, \dots, \nu_n \leq x_n) &= E_y P_y(\nu_1 \leq x_1, \dots, \nu_n \leq x_n | \mathcal{F}_{R_{n-1}}) \\ &= E_y [1_{(\nu_1 \leq x_1)} \cdots 1_{(\nu_{n-1} \leq x_{n-1})} P_y(\nu_n \leq x_n)] \\ &= P_y(\nu_1 \leq x_n) P_y(\nu_1 \leq x_1, \dots, \nu_{n-1} \leq x_{n-1}) \\ &= \dots \\ &= P_y(\nu_n \leq x_n) \cdots P_y(\nu_1 \leq x_1) \end{aligned}$$

since they are identically distributed. Note that  $\nu_1, \dots, \nu_{n-1}$  are  $\mathcal{F}_{R_{n-1}}$  measurable. This is because  $\{X_{R_{n-2}+i} \in B\} \cap \{R_{n-1} = k\} \in \mathcal{F}_k$ . □

**Problem (5.3.2).**

On  $\{T_y < \infty\}$ , by the strong Markov property,

$$\rho_{xy} = P_y(T_z < \infty) = E_x (1_{(T_y + T_z < \infty)} | \mathcal{F}_{T_y}).$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{xy} \rho_{yz} &= E_x 1_{(T_y < \infty)} E_x (1_{(T_y + T_z < \infty)} | \mathcal{F}_{T_y}) \\ &= E_x 1_{(T_y < \infty)} 1_{(T_y + T_z < \infty)} \\ &= P_x(T_y + T_z < \infty) \leq P_x(T_z < \infty) = \rho_{xz}. \end{aligned}$$

**Problem (5.3.5).**

As in the proof of theorem 5.3.8,  $\varphi(X_{n \wedge \tau})$  is a nonnegative supermartingale. So the supermartingale converges to  $Y$  a.s. From the modified condition  $\varphi \rightarrow 0$ , we know that  $\{x : \varphi(x) > M\}$  is a finite set. So  $X_n$  visits  $\{x : \varphi(x) > M\}$  only finitely many times for all  $M > 0$ . Thus  $\varphi(X_n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . If  $\tau < \infty$  almost surely, then  $\varphi(X_{n \wedge \tau}) \rightarrow \varphi(X_\tau) = 0$ . But we have the other condition:  $\varphi > 0$  on  $F$ . So  $\varphi(X_\tau) = 0$  cannot happen; thus  $P_x(\tau = \infty) > 0$ .

If the chain is recurrent, then  $\tau < \infty$  a.s. But our case is not the case, so the chain must be transient. □

**Problem (5.3.7).**

First assume the recurrence. Let  $f$  be a superharmonic function, so  $f(X_n)$  is a nonnegative supermartingale. By the martingale convergence theorem,  $f(X_n) \rightarrow$

$Y$  a.s. By the recurrence,  $P(X_n = x \text{ i.o.}) = 1$  for all  $x \in S$ . So  $P(f(X_n) = f(x) \text{ i.o.}) = 1$ , which says  $f(X_n) \rightarrow f(x) = Y$  a.s. But  $x \in S$  is arbitrary,  $f$  must be a constant.

Now, assume the transience. Fix  $z \in S$ . Let  $V = \inf \{n \geq 0 : X_n = z\}$ . Let  $f(x) = P_x(V < \infty)$ . We will show that  $f$  is a nonconstant superharmonic function. For  $x \neq z$ ,

$$f(x) = P_x(V < \infty) = \sum_y p(x, y) P_y(V < \infty) = \sum_y p(x, y) f(y).$$

For  $x = z$ ,

$$\sum_y p(z, y) f(y) \leq \sum_y p(z, y) = 1 = f(z)$$

since  $f \leq 1$ . Thus,  $f$  is superharmonic.

Now claim that there is  $y \in S$  such that  $f(y) < 1$ . If no such  $y$  exists, then  $f(y) = 1$  for all  $y \in S$ . This says that  $P_y(V < \infty) = 1$  for all  $y$  which is equivalent to the recurrence of  $z$ . But we assumed the transience of our chain. So there is  $y \in S : f(y) < 1$ . And this says  $f$  is nonconstant. □

**Problem (5.5.2).**

Let  $N_y^x$  be the number of hittings to  $y$  before returning to  $x$ . Then  $\mu_x(y) = E_x N_y^x$ . Also, we can write

$$N_y^x = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 1_{(T_y, \dots, T_y^k < T_x)} = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} 1_{(T_y^k < T_x)}.$$

By using the strong Markov property and the induction, we get

$$\begin{aligned} E_x N_y^x &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P_x(T_y^k < T_x) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} E_x [P_x(T_y, T_y^k < T_x | \mathcal{F}_{T_y})] \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} E_x [1_{(T_y < T_x)} P_y(T_y^{k-1} < T_x)] \\ &= \dots \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P_x(T_y < T_x) P_y(T_y < T_x)^{k-1} \\ &= \frac{P_x(T_y < T_x)}{1 - P_y(T_y < T_x)} = \frac{w_{xy}}{w_{yx}}. \end{aligned}$$

□

**Problem (5.5.3).**

Irreducibility and recurrence implies the existence of unique (up to constant multiple) stationary measure. The recurrence implies that  $y \mapsto \mu_x(y)$  is the stationary measure. Thus, for some  $c > 0$ ,  $\mu_y(z) = \mu_x(z) \cdot c$ . So  $\mu_y(z)p(z, y) = c\mu_x(z)p(z, y)$ . By adding over  $z$ ,

$$1 = \mu_y(y) = \sum_z \mu_y(z)p(z, y) = c \sum_z \mu_x(z)p(z, y) = c\mu_x(y).$$

Thus  $c = 1/\mu_x(y)$  and this leads the result.

□

**Problem (5.5.4).**

$E_x T_y = \infty$  says that the chain is expected to not reach the state  $y$ . So  $\mu_x(y) = 0$ , contradiction. Also

$$\sum_x E_x T_y p(x, y) + 1 = E_y T_y < \infty$$

by positive recurrence. Therefore  $E_x T_y$  should be finite.

□

**Problem (5.5.5).**

On the contrary, assume that  $p$  is positive recurrent. Then, with irreducibility, the existence of stationary distribution  $\pi$  is guaranteed. Also, any stationary measure is constant multiple of  $\pi$  by theorem 5.5.9. Thus  $c\pi(x) = \mu(x)$  for some constant  $c > 0$ . Then,

$$\infty = \sum_x \mu(x) = c \sum_x \pi(x) = c < \infty,$$

which is a contradiction. Hence  $p$  cannot be positive recurrent. □

**Problem (5.5.9).**

Note that  $Y_{n \wedge \tau} - Y_0 = \sum_{k=1}^n 1_{(\tau \geq k)} (Y_k - Y_{k-1})$ . Using this,

$$\begin{aligned} E_x(Y_{n+1 \wedge \tau} - Y_0 | \mathcal{F}_n) &= \sum_{k=1}^n 1_{(\tau \geq k)} (Y_k - Y_{k-1}) + 1_{(\tau \geq n+1)} [E_x(X_{n+1} | \mathcal{F}_n) - X_n + \varepsilon] \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^n 1_{(\tau \geq k)} (Y_k - Y_{k-1}) + 1_{(\tau \geq n+1)} [X_n - \varepsilon - X_n + \varepsilon] \\ &= Y_{n \wedge \tau} - Y_0. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $Y_{n \wedge \tau}$  is a nonnegative supermartingale. Now, by theorem 4.8.4, we have

$$x = E_x[Y_0] \geq E_x[Y_\tau] = E_x[X_\tau + \tau\varepsilon] \geq \varepsilon E_x[\tau]$$

since  $X_n \geq 0$ . By dividing both sides by  $\varepsilon$ , we earn the result. □

**Problem (5.6.1).**

For  $n = 1$ ,

$$P_\mu(X_1 = 0) = \mu(0)p(0, 0) + (1 - \mu(0))p(1, 0) = (1 - \alpha - \beta)\mu(0) + \beta.$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} P_\mu(X_{n+1} = 0) &= E_\mu P_\mu(X_{n+1} = 0 | \mathcal{F}_n) \\ &= E_\mu [P_0(X_1 = 0) 1_{(X_n=0)} + P_1(X_1 = 0) 1_{(X_n=1)}] \\ &= P_\mu(X_n = 0)p(0, 0) + P_\mu(X_n = 1)p(1, 0) \\ &= (1 - \alpha)P_\mu(X_n = 0) + \beta(1 - P_\mu(X_n = 0)) \\ &= (1 - \alpha - \beta)P_\mu(X_n = 0) + \beta \\ &= (1 - \alpha - \beta)^{n+1} \left[ \mu(0) - \frac{\beta}{\alpha + \beta} \right] + \frac{\beta(1 - \alpha - \beta)}{\alpha + \beta} + \beta \end{aligned}$$

where the last term is what we desired. □

**Problem (5.6.2).**

Aperiodicity of state  $x$  is defined only when the state  $x$  is recurrent. So aperiodicity of the chain necessarily contains recurrence of the chain. Note that recurrent chain has stationary measure,  $\mu_x(y)$ . With finiteness of the state space, by normalizing, we can earn the stationary distribution  $\pi$ . With irreducibility of the chain, by existence of the stationary measure, the chain is positive recurrent. Now, for any  $x, y \in S$ , by convergence theorem,

$$p^m(x, y) \rightarrow \pi(y) > 0.$$

So we can find  $M_{xy}$  such that  $m \geq M_{xy}$  implies  $p^m(x, y) > \pi(y)/2 > 0$ . Take  $M = \max_{x, y} M_{xy}$ . Then  $M < \infty$  because of the finiteness. For any  $x, y \in S$ ,

$$p^M(x, y) > \pi(y)/2 > 0. \quad \square$$

**Problem (5.6.3).**

By the previous problem, there is  $m > 0$  such that  $p^m(x, y) > 0$  for all  $x, y \in S$ . Fix  $y \in S$ . Let  $p = \min_{x \in S} p^m(x, y)$ . Then

$$P(X_{n+m} = Y_{n+m} = y | X_n = x_1, Y_n = x_2) \geq p^2$$

for all  $x_1, x_2 \in S$  by the definition of  $\bar{p}$ . So  $P(X_{n+m} = Y_{n+m} | X_n, Y_n) \geq p^2$ ,

which is equivalent to  $P(X_{n+m} \neq Y_{n+m} | X_n, Y_n) \leq 1 - p^2$ . Now, consider

$$\begin{aligned}
& P(T > km) \\
&= P(X_1 \neq Y_1, \dots, X_{km} \neq Y_{km}) \\
&= EP(\cdot | \mathcal{F}_{(k-1)m}) \\
&= EP_{X_{(k-1)m}, Y_{(k-1)m}}(X_{km} \neq Y_{km}, \dots, X_{(k-1)m+1} \neq Y_{(k-1)m+1}) 1_{(X_{(k-1)m} \neq Y_{(k-1)m}, \dots, X_1 \neq Y_1)} \\
&\leq (1 - p^2)P(X_1 \neq Y_1, \dots, X_{(k-1)m} \neq Y_{(k-1)m}) \\
&\leq \dots \\
&\leq (1 - p^2)^k.
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$P(T > n) \leq P(T > \left\lfloor \frac{n}{m} \right\rfloor m) \leq (1 - p^2)^{\left\lfloor \frac{n}{m} \right\rfloor} \leq (1 - p^2)^{\frac{n}{m}}$$

where  $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor$  is the floor function. So the convergence occurs at least exponentially fast. □

**Problem (5.6.5).**

Note that  $P_x(T_x^k < \infty) = 1$ . Let  $V_k^f = V_k$ , and  $V_k^{|f|} = V_k'$ .

1. By the strong Markov property,

$$\begin{aligned}
P(V_k \leq a) &= EP(V_k \leq a | \mathcal{F}_{T_x^k}) \\
&= P_x(f(X_0) + \dots + f(X_{T_x^k-1}) \leq a) = P_x(V_0 \leq a).
\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\{V_k^f\}_{k=1}^\infty$  is an identically distributed sequence.

By the strong Markov property,

$$\begin{aligned}
P(V_k \leq a_0, \dots, V_{k+m} \leq a_m) &= EP(\cdot | \mathcal{F}_{T_x^{k+m}}) \\
&= EP_x(V_1 \leq a_m) 1_{(V_k \leq a_0, \dots, V_{k+m-1} \leq a_{m-1})} \\
&= \dots \\
&= \prod_{n=0}^m P_x(V_0 \leq a_n) \\
&= P(V_k \leq a_0) \dots P(V_{k+m} \leq a_m)
\end{aligned}$$

where the last equality is due to the previous result. So they are independent.

Now, consider  $E|V_1|$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
&\leq E \sum_{k \geq 1} 1_{(T_x^1 < k \leq T_x^2)} |f(X_k)| (= EV_1') \\
&= E \sum_{k \geq 1} 1_{(T_x^1 < k \leq T_x^2)} \sum_y |f(y)| 1_{(X_k=y)} \\
&= \sum_y |f(y)| E \sum_{k \geq 1} 1_{(T_x^1 < k \leq T_x^2)} 1_{(X_k=y)} \\
&= \sum_y |f(y)| \mu_x(y) = \sum_y |f(y)| \pi(y) E_x T_x^1 < \infty.
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we can get  $EV_1 = \sum_y f(y) \pi(y) E_x T_x^1$ .

2. Note that  $N_n(x) = \sup \{k : T_x^k \leq n\}$ . So  $N_n(x) \leq K_n$ . If  $N_n(x) < K_n$ , then  $K_n = N_n(x) + 1$ . By SLLN and theorem 5.6.1, as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{m=1}^{K_n} V_m = \frac{N_n(x)}{n} \frac{K_n}{N_n(x)} \frac{1}{K_n} \sum_{m=1}^{K_n} V_m \rightarrow \frac{EV_1}{E_x T_x^1} = \sum_y f(y) \pi(y)$$

$P_\mu$  almost surely since  $N_n(x) \rightarrow \infty$ .

3. Refer to problem 2.3.17, sufficient (in fact, necessary also) condition for  $\max_{m \leq n} V'_m/n \rightarrow 0$  is  $EV'_m < \infty$  for all  $m$ . This is because

$$\sum_{n \geq 1} P(V'_n \geq n\delta) < \infty$$

for all  $\delta > 0$ . Thus, by Borel Cantelli lemma,  $P(V'_n \geq n\delta \text{ i.o.}) = 0$ . So

$$P(V'_n/n < \delta \text{ all but finitely many } n) = 1.$$

Also,

$$\frac{1}{n} \max_{m \leq n} V'_m \leq \frac{1}{n} \left( \max_{m \leq M} V'_m + \max_{M < m \leq n} V'_m \right) \leq \frac{\max_{m \leq M} V'_m}{n} + \max_{M < m \leq n} \frac{V'_m}{m}$$

where the last term  $\leq \delta$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Since  $\delta$  is arbitrary, we can get  $\max_{m \leq n} V'_m/n \rightarrow 0$  a.s.

Now, note that  $K_n \leq n$ . Then

$$\frac{1}{n} \left| \sum_{m=1}^n f(X_m) - \sum_{m=1}^{K_n} V_m \right| \leq \frac{1}{n} \max_{m \leq n} V'_m \rightarrow 0$$

as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

□

**Problem (6.1.1).**

Let  $\varphi$  be a measure preserving map of  $\Omega$  into  $\Omega$ . First,  $\varphi^{-1}\Omega = \Omega$  since codomain contains the range. Second, if  $A$  is an invariant set, then  $\varphi^{-1}A^c = (\varphi^{-1}A)^c = A^c$ , so the complement of  $A$  is invariant. Third, if  $A_i$  is an increasing sequence of invariant set, then  $\varphi^{-1}A = \cup_i \varphi^{-1}A_i = \cup_i A_i = A$ , so  $A = \cup_i A_i$  is also invariant. Therefore  $\mathcal{I}$  is a sigma field.

We say two sets  $A, B$  are equal a.s. if their corresponding indicator functions are equal a.s.

Let  $B$  be a Borel set. Assume that  $X \circ \varphi = X$  a.s. Then  $\varphi^{-1}X^{-1}B = X^{-1}B$  a.s. so  $X^{-1}B$  is invariant, which says  $X$  is  $\mathcal{I}$  measurable. Let's consider the converse. If  $X$  is an indicator function, then the result trivially holds. So we can extend the result to where  $X$  is an simple function, measurable with respect to  $\mathcal{I}$ . If  $X$  is nonnegative function of  $\mathcal{I}$ , then  $s_n \uparrow X$ . Since  $s_n \circ \varphi = s_n$  a.s.,  $X \circ \varphi = \lim_n s_n \circ \varphi = \lim_n s_n = X$  a.s. If  $X \in \mathcal{I}$  any r.v, then by decomposing it to  $X = X^+ - X^-$ , we can conclude the result. □

**Problem (6.1.2).**

1.

$$\begin{aligned} \omega \in \varphi^{-1}(B) &\Rightarrow \varphi(\omega) \in B \Rightarrow \varphi(\omega) \in \varphi^{-n}(A) \Rightarrow \varphi^{n+1}(\omega) \in A \\ &\Rightarrow \omega \in \varphi^{-n-1}(A) \Rightarrow \omega \in B \end{aligned}$$

for some  $n \geq 0$ . Therefore  $\varphi^{-1}(B) \subset B$ .

2.

$$\begin{aligned} \omega \in \varphi^{-1}(C) &\Rightarrow \varphi(\omega) \in \varphi^{-n}(B) \Rightarrow \varphi^{n+1}(\omega) \in B \\ &\Rightarrow \omega \in \varphi^{-n-1}(B) \Rightarrow \omega \in \varphi^{-n}(B) \Rightarrow \omega \in C \end{aligned}$$

for all  $n \geq 0$ . Therefore  $\varphi^{-1}(C) \subset C$ .

$$\begin{aligned} C &= B \cap \varphi^{-1}(B) \cap \dots \\ &\subset \varphi^{-1}(B) \cap \varphi^{-2}(B) \cap \dots \end{aligned}$$

Because  $H \cap G \subset H$ . Therefore  $C = \varphi^{-1}(C)$ .

3. Let  $B, C$  be same as above. Assume that  $A$  is almost invariant.

By elementary set theory, we have the followings:

$$\begin{aligned} A \Delta C &\subset (A \Delta B) \cup (B \Delta C) \\ A \Delta (B \cup C) &\subset (A \Delta B) \cup (A \Delta C) \\ A \Delta (B \cap C) &\subset (A \Delta B) \cup (A \Delta C). \end{aligned}$$



Since  $\varphi^{-n}(A) = \varphi^{-n-1}(A)$ , by the first relation,  $A = \varphi^{-n}(A)$  a.s. Let  $B_n = \bigcup_{k=0}^n \varphi^{-k}(A)$ . Then by the second relation,  $A = B_n$  a.s. But  $B_n \uparrow B$ , so

$$P(A\Delta B) \leq \sum P(A\Delta B_n) = 0$$

by the second relation. So  $A = B$  a.s. Similarly, by using the third relation, we can see that  $B = C$  a.s. Thus  $A = B = C$  a.s, by the first relation, and  $C$  is strictly invariant by (1,2).

Conversely, assume that  $P(A\Delta D) = 0$  for some strictly invariant  $D$ . Since  $\varphi$  is measure preserving,  $P(\varphi^{-1}(A\Delta D)) = P(A\Delta D) = 0$ . So  $\varphi^{-1}(A) = \varphi^{-1}(D)$  a.s. But  $A = C = \varphi^{-1}(C)$  a.s. Thus  $A = \varphi^{-1}(A)$  a.s, equivalent to almost invariance of  $A$ .

□

**Problem (6.1.4).**

Let  $m$  be any integer,  $n$  be any nonnegative integer. Define

$$\mu_{m, \dots, m+n}(A_0, \dots, A_n) = P(X_0 \in A_0, \dots, X_n \in A_n).$$

Then  $\mu_{m, \dots, m+n}$  is consistent, so the Kolmogorov extension thm applies. Let  $Y_n$  be a coordinate map. Then any length  $n+1$  distribution of consecutive sequence of  $Y$  has same distribution with  $X_0, \dots, X_n$ . It means  $Y_n$  is a two sided stationary process, and  $X_n$  is embeded in  $Y_n$

□.

**Problem (6.2.1).**

Assume  $X \in L^p$ . Let  $A_n(X'_M) = \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} X'_M \circ \varphi^m / n$ . Since  $A_n(X'_M) \rightarrow E(X'_M | \mathcal{I})$  a.s. and  $|A_n(X'_M) - E(X'_M | \mathcal{I})|^p \leq (2M)^p \in L^1$ , DCT implies  $L^p$  convergence of  $A_n(X'_M) \rightarrow E(X'_M | \mathcal{I})$ .

Now consider  $\|A_n(X''_M) - E(X''_M | \mathcal{I})\|_p \leq \|A_n(X''_M)\|_p + \|X''_M\|_p$ . But  $\|A_n(X''_M)\|_p \leq \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} \|X''_M \circ \varphi^m\|_p / n = \|X''_M\|_p$ . Since  $|X''_M|^p \leq |X|^p \in L^1$  and  $X''_M \rightarrow 0$  a.s, DCT implies  $L^p$  convergence of  $A_n(X''_M) \rightarrow E(X''_M | \mathcal{I})$ .

□

**Problem (6.2.2).**

1. Fix  $M > 0$ . Let  $h_M = \sup_{m \geq M} |g_m - g|$ . By our assumption,  $h_M \in L^1$  and  $h_M \downarrow 0$  a.s. as  $M \uparrow \infty$ . Since  $g \in L^1$ ,

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} g_m \circ \varphi^m \rightarrow E(g | \mathcal{I}) \text{ a.s.}$$

So, it is sufficient to show that

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} (g_m - g) \circ \varphi^m \rightarrow 0 \text{ a.s.}$$

Consider

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} |g_m - g| \circ \varphi^m \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{m=0}^{M-1} |g_m - g| \circ \varphi^m + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{m=M}^{n-1} h_M \circ \varphi^m.$$

By taking  $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty}$  on both sides,

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} |g_m - g| \circ \varphi^m \leq E(h_M | \mathcal{I}).$$

By theorem 4.1.9 (Monotone convergence theorem for conditional expectation), as  $M \uparrow \infty$ , the last term goes to 0 a.s.

2. Since  $g \in L^1$ ,

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} g \circ \varphi^m \rightarrow E(g | \mathcal{I})$$

a.s. and in  $L^1$  by the Ergodic theorem. Now, it is sufficient to show that

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} (g_m - g) \circ \varphi^m \rightarrow 0$$

in  $L^1$  sense. Fix  $\varepsilon > 0$ . Since  $\|g_n - g\|_1 \rightarrow 0$ , we can choose  $N$  such that  $\|g_n - g\|_1 < \varepsilon$  whenever  $n \geq N$ . Then,

$$\left\| \frac{1}{n} \sum_{m=0}^{n-1} (g_m - g) \circ \varphi^m \right\|_1 \leq \frac{1}{n} \sum_{m=0}^N \|g_m - g\|_1 + \varepsilon.$$

If  $n$  is sufficiently large, then the above is bounded by  $\varepsilon$ . Since  $\varepsilon$  is arbitrary, the above goes to 0 in  $L^1$  sense.

□

**Problem (6.2.3).**

Note that

$$D_k - \alpha > 0 \Leftrightarrow \sup_{i \leq k} \frac{S_i - i\alpha}{i} > 0 \Leftrightarrow \sup_{i \leq k} \frac{\sum_{j=0}^{i-1} (X_j - \alpha)}{i} > 0 \Leftrightarrow \sup_{i \leq k} \sum_{j=0}^{i-1} (X_j - \alpha) > 0.$$

Let the last condition be  $M_k > 0$ . Then the above says  $D_k - \alpha > 0$  is equivalent to  $M_k > 0$ . Therefore by lemma 6.2.2,

$$0 \leq E[(X - \alpha)1_{(M_k > 0)}].$$

Thus,

$$\alpha P(D_k > \alpha) \leq EX1_{(M_k > 0)} \leq E|X|.$$

□

**Problem (7.1.1).**

First, let  $F$  be the distribution function of standard normal,  $f = F'$ . Let

$$I(a) = \int_0^\infty F(ax)f(x)dx.$$

Then

$$I'(a) = \int_0^\infty xf(ax)f(x)dx = \frac{1}{2\pi(1+a^2)}.$$

Note that  $I(0) = 1/4$ . So,

$$I(a) = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_0^a \frac{dt}{1+t^2} = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{\arctan a}{2\pi}.$$

Now, assume that  $B_0 = 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned} P(B_s > 0, B_t > 0) &= \int_0^\infty P(B_t - B_s > -B_s | B_s = x) f_{B_s}(x) dx \\ &= \int_0^\infty P(B_t - B_s > -x) f_{B_s}(x) dx \\ &= \int_0^\infty P(B_t - B_s \leq x) f_{B_s}(x) dx \\ &= \int_0^\infty F\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{t-s}}\right) f_{B_s}(x) dx \\ &= \int_0^\infty F\left(\frac{\sqrt{s}u}{\sqrt{t-s}}\right) f(u) du \\ &= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2\pi} \arctan \sqrt{\frac{s}{t-s}}. \end{aligned}$$

When  $B_0 = y$ , the desired one is

$$\int_{-y/\sqrt{s}}^\infty F\left(\frac{\sqrt{s}u+y}{\sqrt{t-s}}\right) f(u) du.$$

□

**Problem (7.1.2).**

Decompose it by  $(B_3 - B_2), (B_2 - B_1), B_1$ .

**Problem (7.1.3).**

By using the definition of Riemann integration,

$$W = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{t}{n} \left( B\left(\frac{i}{n}t\right) - B\left(\frac{i-1}{n}t\right) \right).$$

This is equal to  $N(B_0, t^3/3)$  by considering the characteristic function because Wiener process has stationary independent increment.

**Problem (7.1.4).**

Let  $\mathcal{G}$  be the collection of such sets. Note that the generator of  $\mathcal{F}_0$  is contained in  $\mathcal{G}$ . So, if  $\mathcal{G}$  is a  $\sigma$ -field, then  $\mathcal{F}_0 \subset \mathcal{G}$ .

Take any sequence and  $B = \mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}$ . This shows  $\Omega_0 \in \mathcal{G}$ . Now assume  $A \in \mathcal{G}$ . Then  $A = \{\omega : (\omega(t_1), \dots) \in B\}$  for some sequence  $t_n$  and  $B \in \mathcal{R}^{\mathbb{N}}$ . The complement of  $A$  is  $\{\omega : (\omega(t_1), \dots) \notin B\}$ . Since  $B$  is Borel set,  $A^c \in \mathcal{G}$ . To show that  $\mathcal{G}$  is a sigma field Let  $A_i \uparrow A$ . Let  $\{t_n^i\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  be the corresponding sequence of  $A_i$ . Let  $q_n$  be an enumeration of  $\cup_i \{t_n^i\}$ . Then we can express  $A_i = \{\omega : (\omega(q_1), \dots) \in E_i\}$  where  $E_i$  is a Borel set. Thus

$$\bigcup_i A_i = \left\{ \omega : (\omega(q_1), \dots) \in \bigcup_i E_i \right\} \in \mathcal{G}.$$

This says  $\mathcal{G}$  is a sigma field.

Now, let me show that  $\mathcal{G} \subset \mathcal{F}_0$ . Fix  $A \in \mathcal{G}$ . Let  $\{t_n\}$  be the corresponding sequence of time. Let  $\pi_t : t \mapsto w(t)$  be the coordinate map. Then, by elementary measure theory,  $\sigma(\pi_t : t \in \{t_n\}) = \{\{w : (w(t_1), \dots) \in B\} : B \in \mathcal{B}^{\mathbb{N}}\}$ . Since  $\mathcal{F}_0$  is the smallest sigma field which makes all coordinate maps measurable,  $\sigma(\pi_t : t \in \{t_n\}) \subset \mathcal{F}_0$ . Therefore, since  $A \in \sigma(\pi_t : t \in \{t_n\})$ ,  $A$  must lie in  $\mathcal{F}_0$ .  $\square$

**Problem (7.1.5).**

Let  $\gamma > 1/2 + 1/m$ .  $A_n$  is the set defined in 7.1.6, with  $C|t - s|$  replaced by  $C|t - s|^\gamma$ .  $Y_{n,k}$  is the set defined in 7.1.6, with  $j = 0, 1, 2$  replaced by  $j = 0, \dots, m$ .  $B_n$  is the set defined in 7.1.6, with  $5C/n$  replaced by  $C(5/n)^\gamma$ .

By the same argument,

$$\begin{aligned} P(A_n) &\leq P(B_n) \leq nP(|B(1/n)| \leq C(5/n)^\gamma)^m \\ &= nP(|Z| \leq 5^\gamma C/n^{\gamma-1/2})^m \\ &\leq D \frac{n}{n^{m\gamma-m/2}}. \end{aligned}$$

But  $m\gamma - m/2 > 1$ . So, by letting  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , the result follows.  $\square$

**Problem (7.1.6).**

Let

$$Y_n = \sum_{m \leq 2^n} \Delta_{m,n}^2.$$

Note that  $\Delta_{m,n} \sim N(0, t/2^n)$ . So

$$\frac{2^n}{t} \Delta_{m,n}^2 \sim \chi_1^2.$$

By definition of chi-squared distribution and property of gamma distribution,

$$\sum_{m \leq 2^n} \Delta_{m,n}^2 \sim \text{Gamma}(2^{n-1}, \frac{t}{2^{n-1}}).$$

Thus  $EY_n = t$  and  $\text{Var}Y_n = t^2/2^{n-1}$ .

By the Markov inequality,

$$\begin{aligned} P\left(|Y_n - t| > \frac{1}{n}\right) &\leq n^2 E(Y_n - t)^2 \\ &= \frac{n^2 t^2}{2^{n-1}}. \end{aligned}$$

So  $\sum_n P(|Y_n - t| > 1/n) < \infty$ . By the Borel-Cantelli lemma,

$$P\left(|Y_n - t| > \frac{1}{n} \text{ i.o. } \right) = 0.$$

This says, for almost every  $\omega \in \Omega$ , there is  $N(\omega)$  such that  $n \geq N(\omega)$  implies  $|Y_n - t| \leq 1/n$ . Thus  $Y_n \rightarrow t$  almost surely.

□

**Problem (7.2.2).**

Note that

$$1_{(L \leq t)} = 1_{(T_0 > 1-t)} \circ \theta_t$$

because the RHS means there is no visits to 0 during  $1 - t$  from time  $t$ . It is equal to the LHS.

Therefore, by the Markov property,

$$P_0(L \leq t) = E_0 1_{(L \leq t)} = E_0 E_{B_t} 1_{(T_0 > 1-t)} = \int p_t(0, y) P_y(T_0 > 1 - t) dy.$$

□

**Problem (7.2.4).**

Note that  $P_0(B(t) \geq 0) = P_0(B(t)/f(t) \geq 0) = 1/2 > 0$ .

1. Let  $X = \limsup_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{B(t)}{f(t)}$ . Then  $X$  is  $\mathcal{F}_0^+$  measurable. Let  $t_n \downarrow 0$ . Then

$$P(X \geq 0) \geq P\left(\limsup_n \frac{B(t_n)}{f(t_n)}\right) \geq \limsup_n P\left(\frac{B(t_n)}{f(t_n)}\right).$$

Since  $t_n \downarrow 0$  is arbitrary, we can observe that

$$P(X \geq 0) \geq \limsup_{t \downarrow 0} P\left(\frac{B(t)}{f(t)}\right).$$

But the RHS of the above is bigger than 0 since  $P_0(B(t)/f(t) \geq 0) = 1/2 > 0$ . Thus, by Blumenthal's 0-1 law,  $P(X \geq 0) = 1$ .

Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $P_0(X \leq \alpha) \in \{0, 1\}$  by 0-1 law. But  $F(\alpha) = P_0(X \leq \alpha)$  is a cdf. So  $F(\alpha)$  is nondecreasing, right continuous function. Since  $F(\alpha) \in \{0, 1\}$  for each  $\alpha$ , we can observe that  $F$  has exactly one jump discontinuity or constant function.

First, consider discontinuous case. Let  $c$  be the discontinuity of  $F$ . Then  $F(c) = 1$  but  $F(c^-) = 0$ , and  $P_0(X = c) = F(c) - F(c^-) = 1$ . But  $P_0(X \geq 0) = 1$ , so  $c \in [0, \infty)$ .

Now, consider the case when  $F$  is constant. Since  $P(Z \geq 0) = 1$ ,  $F(0) = 0$  so  $F = 0$ . This says, for each  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $P(X > \alpha) = 1$ . This means that  $P(X = \infty) = 1$ . Therefore,  $X = c$  almost surely for some  $c \in [0, \infty]$ .

2. When  $f(t) = \sqrt{t}$ , let  $t_n \downarrow 0$  and  $\alpha < \infty$ . Let  $E_N = \left\{ \frac{B(t_n)}{\sqrt{t_n}} > \alpha \text{ for some } n \geq N \right\}$ . Then we have the relation

$$\frac{B(t_N)}{\sqrt{t_N}} > \alpha \Rightarrow E_N.$$

But

$$P_0\left(\frac{B(t_N)}{\sqrt{t_N}} > \alpha\right) = P_0(B_1 \geq \alpha) > 0$$

by property of Brownian motion. So,

$$P_0(E_N) \geq P_0(B_1 > \alpha) > 0$$

for all  $N$ . Let  $N \rightarrow \infty$  then  $E_N \downarrow E = \{X > \alpha\}$ . Therefore

$$P_0(E) \geq P_0(B_1 > \alpha) > 0$$

and by 0-1 law,

$$P_0(E) = 1.$$

Since  $\alpha < \infty$  is arbitrary, by taking  $\alpha_n \uparrow \infty$ , we can see the desired result.  $\square$

**Problem (7.3.2).**

1.  $\{S \wedge T < t\} = \{S < t\} \cup \{T < t\} \in \mathcal{F}_t$ .
2.  $\{S \vee T < t\} = \{S < t\} \cap \{T < t\} \in \mathcal{F}_t$ .
3.  $\{S + T < t\} = \bigcup_{q \leq t} \{S < q\} \cap \{T < t - q\} \in \mathcal{F}_t$  since  $q, t - q \leq t$ .
4.  $\{S \wedge t < r\} = \{S < r\} \cup \{t < r\} \in \mathcal{F}_r$  since  $t$  is constant function.
5.  $\{S \vee t < r\} = \{S < r\} \cap \{t < r\} \in \mathcal{F}_r$ .
6.  $\{S + t < r\} = \{S < r - t\} \in \mathcal{F}_r$  because  $r - t \leq r$ .  $\square$

**Problem (7.3.3).**

1.  $\{\sup_{k \geq n} T_k \leq t\} = \bigcap_{k \geq n} \{T_k \leq t\} \in \mathcal{F}_t$ . So  $\sup_{k \geq n} T_k$  is a stopping time. By taking  $n = 1$ ,  $\sup_n T_n$  is a stopping time.
2.  $\{\inf_{k \geq n} T_k < t\} = \bigcup_{k \geq n} \{T_k < t\} \in \mathcal{F}_t$ . By taking  $n = 1$ ,  $\inf_n T_n$  is a stopping time.
3. Let  $S_n = \sup_{k \geq n} T_k$ . By 1,  $S_n$  is a stopping time. Thus by 2,  $\inf_n S_n = \limsup_n T_n$  is a stopping time.
4. Let  $R_n = \inf_{k \geq n} T_k$ . Similarly, by 1, 2,  $\sup_n R_n = \liminf_n T_n$  is a stopping time.  $\square$

**Problem (7.3.5).**

1.  $\{S < T\} \cap \{S < t\} = \bigcup_{q \leq t} \{S < q\} \cap \{q < T\} \in \mathcal{F}_t$  since  $q \leq t$ . Thus  $\{S < T\} \in \mathcal{F}_S$ .
2.  $\{S > T\} \cap \{S < t\} = \bigcup_{q \leq t} \{T < q\} \cap \{q < S < t\} \in \mathcal{F}_S$ .  
By 1, 2 and symmetry,  $\{S < T\}, \{S > T\} \in \mathcal{F}_S \cap \mathcal{F}_T$ .
3. But  $\{S = T\} = \{S \leq T\} \cap \{S \geq T\} = \{S < T\}^c \cap \{S > T\}^c \in \mathcal{F}_S$  since  $\mathcal{F}_S$  is a sigma field.  $\square$

**Problem (8.1.1).**

By theorem 8.1.1, there is  $T_{U,V}$  stopping time such that

$$B(T_{U,V}) =_d X \text{ and } EX^2 = ET_{U,V}.$$

By exercise 7.5.4,

$$ET_{U,V}^2 \leq 4EB(T_{U,V})^4 = 4EX^4.$$

□

**Problem (8.1.2).**

Let  $\psi(w) = \max \{w(t) : 0 \leq t \leq 1\} - \min \{w(t) : 0 \leq t \leq 1\}$ . Then

$$\frac{R_n}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} + \psi\left(\frac{S_{nt}}{\sqrt{n}}\right).$$

Now  $1/\sqrt{n} \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  in probability, and by theorem 8.1.5, the last term goes to

$$\psi(B_t) = \max_{0 \leq t \leq 1} B_t - \min_{0 \leq t \leq 1} B_t$$

in distribution.

By Slutsky's eqn, we can say that

$$\frac{R_n}{\sqrt{n}} \rightarrow_d \max_{0 \leq t \leq 1} B_t - \min_{0 \leq t \leq 1} B_t.$$

□