

STA 447 Homework #3

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# Problem 1

$$p = \frac{1}{2}, a=5, c=20, T = \inf\{n \geq 0; X_n = 0 \text{ or } c\}, U = T - 1$$

(a). Solution:

$$E(X_T) = c \cdot P(X_T = c) + 0 \cdot P(X_T = 0) = c \cdot P(X_T = c)$$

Since when  $p = \frac{1}{2}$ , Gambler's Ruin has the following equality:

$$S(a) = \frac{a}{c} = P_a(T_c < T_0) = P(X_T = c) = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\therefore \text{Therefore } E(X_T) = 20 \cdot \frac{1}{4} = 5$$

(b). Solution:

If  $X_T = c$ , we know  $U = T - 1$ , so  $X_U = c - 1$

If  $X_T = 0$ ,  $U = T - 1$ ,  $X_U = 1$

From (a) we have  $P(X_T = c) = \frac{1}{4}$ , then  $P(X_T = 0) = 1 - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}$

This is equivalent as  $P(X_U = c-1) = \frac{1}{4}$ ,  $P(X_U = 1) = \frac{3}{4}$

$$\therefore E(X_U) = (c-1) \cdot P(X_U = c-1) + 1 \cdot P(X_U = 1)$$

$$= 19 \cdot \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4}$$

$$= \frac{22}{4} = 5.5$$

Solution:

(c). The Optional Stopping Corollary states: If  $\{X_n\}$  is martingale with stopping time  $T$  (i.e.  $\exists M < \infty$  with  $P(\{|X_n|\}_{n \leq T} \leq M) = 1 \forall n$ ), and  $P(T < \infty) = 1$ , then  $E(X_T) = E(X_0)$ .

So in this case,  $T$  is stopping time

$$\begin{cases} |X_n| \quad 1_{n \leq T} \leq c \\ P(T < \infty) = 1 \text{ since } P(T > M) \leq (1 - P^c)^M \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } M \rightarrow \infty \end{cases}$$

• Therefore,  $E(X_T) = E(X_0)$

• But  $E(X_U) \neq E(X_0)$  because  $U = T - 1$  is not a stopping time  
 It depends on "future", which is not valid as a stopping time.

## # Problem 2

$\{X_n\}$  simple symmetric random walk,  $X_0=0$ ,  $S=\inf\{n \geq 0 : X_n = -5\}$

Proof: We claim that  $T_M = \min(S, M) \leq M < \infty$

is a valid stopping time as  $T_M$  is bounded  
(and not looking into 'future')

- Also, we know that  $\{X_n\}$  is a simple symmetric random walk  $\Rightarrow \{X_n\}$  is a martingale.

So now we can apply Optional Stopping Lemma safely:

$$E(T_M) = E(X_0) = 0$$

$$\text{Then } E(T_M) = E(T_M | S \leq M) \cdot P(S \leq M) + E(T_M | S > M) \cdot P(S > M) = 0$$

$$E(T_M | S \leq M) = -5$$

$$E(T_M | S > M) = E(X_M | S > M),$$

Since  $M \rightarrow \infty, P(S > M) \rightarrow 0$

Therefore  $\lim_{M \rightarrow \infty} E(X_M | S > M) = 0$ . (if not then  $E(T_M) = -5 \cdot P(S \leq M) \leq 0$ )

where  $P(S \leq M) \in [0, 1]$ ,

but we've already know

$E(T_M) = 0$ , contradiction)

### # Problem 3

$$\{X_n\} \text{ MC}, S = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 100\}, V_{30} = V_{40} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \begin{cases} P_{1,1} = P_{100,100} = 1 \\ P_{99,100} = P_{99,98} = \frac{1}{2} \end{cases}$$

$$T = \inf \{n \geq 0 : X_n = 1, \text{ or } 100\}$$

$$\begin{cases} P_{i,i-1} = \frac{2}{3}, 2 \leq i \leq 98 \\ P_{i,i+2} = \frac{1}{3} \end{cases}$$

(a). Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_2 = 41) &= V_{40} P_{40,39} P_{39,41} + V_{40} \cdot P_{40,42} P_{42,41} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} \\ &= \frac{2}{9} \quad \begin{cases} \textcircled{2} \text{ If } i=1, \\ \sum_j P_{i,j} = P_{i,i} = 1 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} \textcircled{4} \text{ If } i=99 \\ \sum_j P_{99,j} = 100 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 98 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 99. \end{cases} \\ &\quad \textcircled{3} \text{ If } i=100, \end{aligned}$$

$$(b). \text{ Solution: } \sum_j P_{100,j} = P_{100,100} = 100$$

Check for martingale: ① If  $i \in [2, 98]$

$$\sum_j P_{ij} = (i-1)P_{i,i-1} + (i+2)P_{i,i+2} = (i-1) \times \frac{2}{3} + (i+2) \times \frac{1}{3} = i$$

so it is a martingale. by ① ② ③ ④.

(c). Solution:

$$\text{Since } T = \inf \{n \geq 0 : X_n = 1 \text{ or } 100\}, |X_n| \mathbf{1}_{n \leq T} \leq 100$$

$$\text{Let } M = 100, \text{ so } P(|X_n| \mathbf{1}_{n \leq T} \leq M) = 1$$

And  $P(T < \infty) = 1$  b/c by part (b),  $\{X_n\}$  is martingale

Then by Optional Stopping Corollary,

$$E(X_T) = E(X_0) = \frac{1}{2} \times 30 + \frac{1}{2} \times 40 = 35$$

$$\text{Also: } E(X_T) = \cancel{P(T < \infty)} P(X_T = 1) \cdot 1 + P(X_T = 100) \cdot 100$$

$$= P(X_T = 1) + 100 P(X_T = 100) = 35$$

And we also know there are only two possible stopping time

$$P(X_T = 1) + P(X_T = 100) = 1$$

Solve this linear equation system we get:

$$P(X_T = 1) = \frac{100 - 35}{99} = \frac{65}{99}$$

# Problem 4

$\{B_t\}_{t \geq 0}$  Brownian motion

~~Proof:~~ Solution:

$$0 \leq s < t$$

$$\begin{aligned} E(B_5 B_8) &= \text{Cov}(B_5, B_8) = E(B_5 [B_8 - B_5 + B_5]) \\ &= E(B_5 [B_8 - B_5]) + E(B_5^2) \\ &= E(B_5)E[B_8 - B_5] + E(B_5^2) \\ &= 0 \cdot 0 + 5 \\ &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$(B_5 B_8)^2 = (B_8 - B_5)^2 * B_5^2 + 2(B_8 - B_5)B_5^3 + B_5^4$$
$$E(B_5^4) = E[(\sqrt{5}B_1)^4] = 25E(B_1^4) = 25 \cdot 3 = 75 \quad (\text{since } E(Z^4) = 3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[(B_8 - B_5)^2 B_5^2] &= E[(B_8 - B_5)^2] E(B_5^2) \\ &= E[(\sqrt{3}B_1)^2] E(\sqrt{5}B_1)^2 \\ &= 3 \cdot 5 \quad (\text{since } E(Z^2) = 1) \\ &= 15 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E[2(B_8 - B_5)B_5^3] &= 2E[(B_8 - B_5)B_5^3] \\ &= 2E[B_8 - B_5] E[B_5^3] \\ &= 2E[\sqrt{3}B_1] E(\sqrt{5}B_1)^3 \\ &= 0 \quad (\text{since } E(Z) = E(Z^3) = 0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence, } E(B_5 B_8)^2 &= E(B_5^4) + E[(B_8 - B_5)^2 B_5^2] + E[2(B_8 - B_5)B_5^3] \\ &= 75 + 15 + 0 \\ &= 90 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore: } \text{Var}(B_5 B_8) &= E[(B_5 B_8)^2] - [E(B_5 B_8)]^2 \\ &= 90 - 25 \\ &= 65 \end{aligned}$$

## # Problem 5

$\{B_t\}_{t \geq 0}$  Brownian motion

$$\theta \in \mathbb{R}, Z_t = \exp(\theta B_t - \theta^2 t / 2)$$

$\{Z_t\}_{t \geq 0}$  is martingale.

Proof:

By lecture notes, if  $0 < t < s$ ,

$$B_s | B_t = B_t + (B_s - B_t) | B_t = B_t + \text{Normal}(0, s-t)$$

$$\sim \text{Normal}(B_t, s-t)$$

(i.e. given  $B_t$ ,  $B_s$  is normal with mean  $B_t$ , variance  $s-t$ )

$$\text{So } E[Z_s | \{B_r\}_{r \leq t}] = E[\exp(\theta B_t - \theta^2 t / 2)]$$

$$= E[\exp(\theta B_s - \theta^2 s \cdot \frac{1}{2}) | \{B_r\}_{r \leq t}]$$

$$= E[\exp(\theta B_s) | \{B_r\}_{r \leq t}] \cdot \exp(-\theta^2 s \frac{1}{2})$$

$$E[\theta \exp(B_s) | \{B_r\}_{r \leq t}] = \exp(\theta B_t + \frac{1}{2}(s-t)\theta^2)$$

as  $B_s | B_t \sim N(B_t, s-t)$  when  $t < s$ .

$$\text{So } E[Z_s | \{B_r\}_{r \leq t}] = \exp(\theta B_t + \frac{1}{2}(s-t)\theta^2) \cdot \exp(-\theta^2 s \frac{1}{2})$$

$$= \exp(\theta B_t - \frac{1}{2}\theta^2 t)$$

$$= Z_t$$

Now we apply law of iterated expectations from notes.

$$E[Z_s | \{Z_r\}_{r \leq t}] = E[Z_s | \{B_r\}_{r \leq t}]$$

$$= E[E[Z_s | \{B_r\}_{r \leq t}] | \{Z_r\}_{r \leq t}]$$

$$= E[Z_t | \{Z_r\}_{r \leq t}]$$

$$= Z_t \quad (\text{so } \{Z_t\}_{t \geq 0} \text{ is a martingale.})$$

## #Problem 6

(a). Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} D_t &= e^{-rt} X_t \\ &= e^{-rt} x_0 \cdot e^{\mu t + \sigma B_t} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \mu = r - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} D_t &= e^{-rt} \cdot x_0 \cdot e^{\sigma B_t + rt - \frac{\sigma^2 t}{2}} \\ &= x_0 \cdot \exp(\sigma B_t - \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 t) \end{aligned}$$

Now assume  $\theta = 0$ , then we can rewrite  $\exp(\sigma B_t - \frac{1}{2} \sigma^2 t)$  as  $Z_t$  defined in the previous problem.

$$so D_t = x_0 \cdot Z_t$$

Then  $E[D_s | \{D_r\}_{r \leq t}] = E[x_0 Z_s | \{x_0 \cdot Z_r\}_{r \leq t}] = x_0 \cdot Z_t = D_t$   
which is consistent with the previous problem.

Hence  $\{D_t\}$  is a martingale as well.

(b). Proof: Before this, we claim that for any  $t$ , we transform

$$E[e^{-rs} \max(0, X_s - K)] \quad B_t \sim N(0, t) \text{ to } B_t = \sqrt{t} X, X \sim N(0, 1)$$

$$= e^{-rs} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \max(0, x_0 \cdot e^{\mu s + \sigma \sqrt{s} X} - K) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2} dx$$

$$\text{Then } \max(0, x_0 \cdot e^{\mu s + \sigma \sqrt{s} X} - K)$$

$$= \begin{cases} x_0 \cdot e^{\mu s + \sigma \sqrt{s} X} - K & \text{if } X \geq \frac{\log(\frac{K}{x_0}) - \mu s}{\sigma \sqrt{s}} \\ 0 & \text{if } X < \frac{\log(\frac{K}{x_0}) - \mu s}{\sigma \sqrt{s}} \end{cases}$$

(by solving  $x_0 \cdot e^{\mu s + \sigma \sqrt{s} X} - K \geq 0$ )

$$\text{So } E[e^{-rs} \max(0, X_s - K)]$$

$$= e^{-rs} \int_{-\log(\frac{K}{X_0}) - rs}^{\infty} (X_0 \cdot e^{rs + \sigma\sqrt{s}x} - K) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2} dx$$

let this <

$$\text{be } m = e^{-rs} X_0 \int_m^{\infty} e^{rs + \sigma\sqrt{s}x} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2} dx - K e^{-rs} \int_m^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2} dx$$

(\*)

Since  $\Phi(u) = \int_{-\infty}^u \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-v^2/2} dv$  is cdf of standard normal.

$$\text{So } (*) = X_0 \int_{-\infty}^{-m} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2} dx \cdot e^{(r-s)s + \sigma\sqrt{s}x}$$

①

$$- e^{-rs} K \int_{-\infty}^{-m} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2} dx$$

② (\*\*)

$$\text{Also } -m = \frac{rs - \log(\frac{K}{X_0})}{\sigma\sqrt{s}}, \quad r = s - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}$$

$$\text{So } -m = \frac{(s - \frac{\sigma^2}{2})s - \log(\frac{K}{X_0})}{\sigma\sqrt{s}}$$

$$\text{So } ② = -e^{-rs} K \Phi(-m)$$

$$\begin{aligned} ① &= X_0 \int_{-\infty}^{-m} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2} dx \cdot e^{\frac{-\sigma^2}{2}s + \sigma\sqrt{s}x} \\ &= e^{(\frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 + r - s)s} X_0 \int_{-\infty}^{-m + \sigma\sqrt{s}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2} dx \\ &= e^{\cancel{(\frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 + s - \sigma\sqrt{s})s}} X_0 \int_{-\infty}^{-m + \sigma\sqrt{s}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} e^{-x^2/2} dx \cdot e^{(\frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 + r - s)s} \\ &= X_0 \Phi(-m + \sigma\sqrt{s}) \end{aligned}$$

~~cancel~~

Now we combine ① + ② :

$$E[e^{-rs} \max(0, X_s - K)] = X_0 \Phi\left(\frac{(r + \frac{\sigma^2}{2})s - \log(\frac{K}{X_0})}{\sigma\sqrt{s}}\right) -$$

$$- e^{-rs} K \Phi\left(\frac{r - \frac{\sigma^2}{2}s - \log(\frac{K}{X_0})}{\sigma\sqrt{s}}\right)$$

## #Problem 7

(a). Solution:

$$S = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

Goal: HTHT

transition probability matrix

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\{\pi_i\}$  is

Assume  $\pi_i . i = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$  ~~is~~ stationary:

$$\text{then } \sum_{i \in S} \pi_i P_{ij} = \pi_j$$

$$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}\pi_0 + \frac{1}{2}\pi_2 + \frac{1}{2}\pi_4 = \pi_0 \\ \frac{1}{2}\pi_0 + \frac{1}{2}\pi_1 + \frac{1}{2}\pi_3 + \frac{1}{2}\pi_4 = \pi_1 \\ \frac{1}{2}\pi_1 = \cancel{\pi_2} \\ \frac{1}{2}\pi_2 = \pi_3 \\ \frac{1}{2}\pi_3 = \pi_4 \end{cases}$$

Solve this system we get  $\pi_0 = \frac{1}{4}, \pi_1 = \frac{2}{5}, \pi_2 = \frac{1}{5}, \pi_3 = \frac{1}{10}, \pi_4 = \frac{1}{20}$

So expected value of the number of flips before seeing "HTHT" is  $\frac{1}{\frac{1}{20}} = 20$ .

(b). ~~Similar~~ Solution: Similarly, write P first.

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\sum_{i \in S} \pi_i P_{ij} = \pi_j \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \pi_0 = \frac{1}{6} \\ \pi_1 = \frac{4}{9} \\ \pi_2 = \frac{3}{9} \\ \pi_3 = \frac{1}{9} \\ \pi_4 = \frac{1}{18} \end{cases}$$

∴ Expected value of number of flips before seeing "HTHT" is  $1/\frac{1}{18} = 18$ .

# Problem 8

$\{N(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  Poisson process,  $\lambda = 3$

(a). Solution:

$$P[N(6)=2 | N(8)=4]$$

$$= \frac{P[N(6)=2, N(8)-N(6)=2]}{P[N(8)=4]}$$

$$= \frac{e^{-6\lambda} \frac{(6\lambda)^2}{2!} \cdot e^{-2\lambda} \frac{(2\lambda)^2}{2!}}{e^{-8\lambda} \frac{(8\lambda)^4}{4!}}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{36 \times 4}{2 \cdot 2}}{\frac{64^2}{24}} = \frac{36}{3} \cancel{\frac{24}{64}} \frac{36 \times 4}{2 \cdot 2} \times \frac{24}{64^2} = \cancel{\frac{27}{3}} \frac{27}{128}$$

(b). Solution:

$$P[N(6)=2 | N(8)=4, N(3)=1]$$

$$= \frac{P[N(6)=2, N(8)=4, N(3)=1]}{P[N(8)=4, N(3)=1]}$$

$$P[N(8)=4, N(3)=1] = P[N(3)=1, N(8)-N(3)=3]$$

$$= \cancel{\frac{3}{1!}} e^{-3\lambda} \frac{(3\lambda)^1}{1!} \cdot e^{-5\lambda} \frac{(5\lambda)^3}{3!} = A$$

$$P[N(3)=1, N(6)=2, N(8)=4] = P[N(3)=1, N(6)-N(3)=1, N(8)-N(6)=2]$$

$$= e^{-3\lambda} \cdot \frac{3\lambda}{1!} \cdot e^{-3\lambda} \cdot \frac{3\lambda}{1!} \cdot e^{-2\lambda} \cdot \frac{(2\lambda)^2}{2!} = B$$

$$\text{So } P[N(6)=2 | N(8)=4, N(3)=1] = \frac{B}{A} = \frac{e^{-8\lambda} (3\lambda \cdot 3\lambda \cdot 4\lambda^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2})}{e^{-8\lambda} (3\lambda \cdot 125\lambda^3 \cdot \frac{1}{6})}$$

$$= \frac{36}{125}$$

(c). Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} & E([N(8)-N(5)][N(7)-N(2)]) \\ &= E([N(8)-N(5)][N(7)-N(5)+N(5)-N(2)])_5 \\ &= E([N(8)-N(5)][N(7)-N(5)]) + \underbrace{E([N(8)-N(5)][N(5)-N(2)])}_5 \end{aligned}$$

But note that  $N(8)-N(5)$  and  $N(5)-N(2)$  are independent.

$$\begin{aligned} & E([N(8)-N(5)][N(7)-N(5)]) \\ &= E([N(8)-N(7)+N(7)-N(5)][N(7)-N(5)]) \\ &= \underbrace{E([N(8)-N(7)][N(7)-N(5)])}_5 + E([N(7)-N(5)]^2) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly,  $N(8)-N(7)$  and  $N(7)-N(5)$  are independent

~~Therefore,  $E([N(8)-N(5)][N(7)-N(2)])$~~

$$= \boxed{\cancel{E(N(7)-N(5))^2}}$$

So now we know  $Y \sim \text{Poisson}(m)$ ,  $E(Y) = \text{Var}(Y) = m$ .

then

$$\begin{aligned} & E([N(8)-N(5)][N(5)-N(2)]) \\ &= E(N(8)-N(5)) \cdot E(N(5)-N(2)) \\ &= 3\lambda \cdot 3\lambda \\ &= 9\lambda^2 = 81 \\ & E([N(8)-N(7)][N(7)-N(5)]) \\ &= E(N(8)-N(7)) E(N(7)-N(5)) \\ &= \cancel{2\lambda} \lambda \cdot 2\lambda \\ &= 2\lambda^2 = 18 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $E([N(8)-N(5)][N(7)-N(2)])$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 9\lambda^2 + 2\lambda^2 + E(\text{Pois}(2\lambda))^2 \\ &= 11\lambda^2 + 4\lambda^2 + 2\lambda \\ &= 15\lambda^2 + 2\lambda \\ &= 141 \end{aligned}$$

### # Problem 9

$\{X(t)\}_{t \geq 0}$  continuous time Markov process

$$S = \{1, 2, 3\}, t \geq 0$$

$$P^{(t)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1-7t & 7t & 0 \\ 0 & 1-3t & 3t \\ t & 2t & 1-3t \end{pmatrix} + O(t)$$

(a). Solution:

$$P_{ij}^{(t)} = \delta_{ij} + t g_{ij}$$

$$\text{where } g_{ij} = \lim_{t \downarrow 0} \frac{P_{ij}^{(t)} - \delta_{ij}}{t} = P'_{ij}(0), \quad \delta_{ij} = P_{ij}^{(0)} = \begin{cases} 1, & i=j \\ 0, & i \neq j \end{cases}$$

$$\text{So, } g_{11} = -7, \quad g_{12} = 7, \quad g_{13} = 0,$$

$$g_{21} = 0, \quad g_{22} = -3, \quad g_{23} = 3$$

$$g_{31} = 1, \quad g_{32} = 2, \quad g_{33} = -3$$

$$\therefore G = \begin{pmatrix} -7 & 7 & 0 \\ 0 & -3 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \end{pmatrix}$$

(b). Solution:

$$\text{We want to show, } \sum_{i \in S} \pi_i g_{ij} = 0 \quad \forall j \in S$$

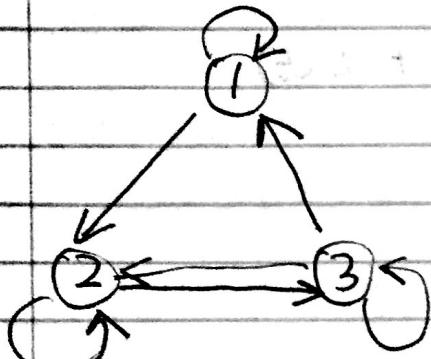
$$\text{So, } \begin{cases} -7\pi_1 + \pi_3 = 0 \\ 7\pi_1 - 3\pi_2 + 2\pi_3 = 0 \\ 3\pi_2 + (-3\pi_3) = 0 \\ \pi_1 + \pi_2 + \pi_3 = 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \pi_1 = \frac{1}{15} \\ \pi_2 = \pi_3 = \frac{7}{15} \end{cases}$$

So  $\pi = \left\{\frac{1}{15}, \frac{7}{15}, \frac{7}{15}\right\}$  is a stationary dist'n for this Markov process.

(c) Proof:

Irreducible:

As  $t \downarrow 0$  but  $t > 0$ , we can know from  $P = \begin{pmatrix} 1-7t & 7t & 0 \\ 0 & 1-3t & 3t \\ t & 2t & 1-3t \end{pmatrix}$



Although  $t$  is small,  
but probabilities like  
 $t, 2t, \dots$  are still not 0.

so  $i \rightarrow j$  for all  $i, j \in S$ .  
Then this continuous-time MC is  
still irreducible.

Stationary dist'n: This is proved in part (b).

By continuous-time Markov Convergence Theorem:

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P_{ij}^{(t)} = \pi_j \quad \forall i, j \in S$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & f & f^* \\ g & 0 & 0 \\ g^* & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \dots$$

Given  $\pi = (f, g, g^*)$  such that  $f + g + g^* = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} f &= \frac{1}{2}(1 - \sqrt{1 - 4g}) \\ g &= \frac{1}{2}(1 + \sqrt{1 - 4g}) \\ g^* &= \frac{1}{2}(1 - \sqrt{1 - 4f}) \end{aligned}$$