

# Stochastic Processes (STA3021)

## HW6 Solution

### 1. Exercise Chapter 4 #53

Let  $\pi_i, \pi'_i$  denote the proportion of time a policyholder whose yearly number of accidents follows Poisson distribution with mean  $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}$  in state  $i$  respectively.

To calculate the average premium when the clients accidents follow Poisson(1/4), solve the equation to get  $\pi'_i$ 's.

$$\begin{cases} \pi'_1 = \pi'_1 * .7788 + \pi'_2 * .7788 \\ \pi'_2 = \pi'_1 * .1947 + \pi'_3 * .7788 \\ \pi'_3 = \pi'_1 * .0243 + \pi'_2 * .1947 + \pi'_4 * .7788 \\ \pi'_1 + \pi'_2 + \pi'_3 + \pi'_4 = 1 \end{cases}.$$

The solutions are

$$\pi'_1 = 0.6926, \pi'_2 = 0.1967, \pi'_3 = 0.0794, \pi'_4 = 0.0312.$$

Hence,

$$E[\text{Premium} | \text{Clients with Pois}(1/4)] = 200*0.6926 + 250*0.1967 + 400*0.0794 + 600*0.0312.$$

Since we have calculated the average premium when clients accidents follows Poisson(1/2) as 326.375 in class (see the class note),

$$\begin{aligned} E[\text{Premium}] &= E[\text{Premium} | \text{Clients with Pois}(1/2)] \frac{2}{3} + E[\text{Premium} | \text{Clients with Pois}(1/4)] \frac{1}{3} \\ &= \frac{2}{3} 326.375 + \frac{1}{3} 238.175 = 296.975. \end{aligned}$$

### 2. Exercise Chapter 4 #66

Recall for the branching process,

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_0 &= P(\text{population dies out}) \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} P(\text{population dies out} | X_1 = j) P(X_1 = j) \\ &= \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \pi^j P_j, \pi_0 \text{ is the smallest positive solution.} \end{aligned}$$

(a) Straightforward calculation gives

$$\pi_0 = \frac{1}{4} + \pi_0 * 0 + \pi_0^2 * \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\pi_0 = \frac{1}{3}.$$

(b)

$$\pi_0 = \frac{1}{4} + \pi_0 * \frac{1}{2} + \pi_0^2 * \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\pi_0 = 1.$$

(c)

$$\pi_0 = \frac{1}{6} + \pi_0 * \frac{1}{2} + \pi_0^3 * \frac{1}{3}.$$

$$\pi_0 = \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{3} - 1).$$

### 3. Exercise Chapter 4 #31

Let the state on day  $n$  be 0 if sunny, 1 if cloudy, and 2 if rainy. This gives a three state Markov chain with transition probability matrix

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1/4 & 1/2 & 1/4 \\ 1/4 & 1/4 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Since the Markov chain is irreducible and recurrent, the long-run proportions are the solutions of following equation.

$$\begin{cases} \pi_0 = \frac{1}{4}\pi_1 + \frac{1}{4}\pi_2 \\ \pi_1 = \frac{1}{2}\pi_0 + \frac{1}{2}\pi_1 + \frac{1}{4}\pi_2 \\ \pi_2 = \frac{1}{2}\pi_0 + \frac{1}{4}\pi_1 + \frac{1}{2}\pi_2 \\ \pi_0 + \pi_1 + \pi_2 = 1 \end{cases}.$$

The solutions are

$$\pi_0 = \frac{1}{5}, \pi_1 = \frac{2}{5}, \pi_2 = \frac{2}{5}.$$