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Department of Mathematics

MAT 3544

Stochastic Process

Max : 75 Marks

Time : 3 hours

(5 × 15 = 75)

Answer any FIVE questions :-

1. Solve the equation $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 2\frac{dy}{dx} - 3y = \sin x$ given that $y = \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ when $x = 0$ using Laplace transform.
2. Consider the random process $X(t) = \cos(\omega t + \theta)$, where θ is uniformly distributed in the interval $-\pi$ to π . Check whether $X(t)$ is stationary or not?

3. The three state Markov chain is given by the transition probability matrix

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 2/3 & 1/3 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Find the steady state distribution of the chain.

4. Define Poisson process and find its mean and variance.
5. Suppose that customers arrive at a bank according to a Poisson process with a mean rate of 3 per minute ; find the probability that during a time interval of 2 minutes
 - (i) exactly 4 customers arrive
 - (ii) more than 4 customers arrive
 - (iii) fewer than 4 customers in 2 minutes interval.
6. Write a note on Birth and Death process in queuing theory.
7. Consider a queueing system where customers arrive according to a Poisson process with a rate of 25 customers per hour. The customers have exponential service requirements. We have a choice of using either two servers, each processing customers in 4 minutes on average, or a single server processing customers in 2 minutes on average.

What is

- a) the expected time in the queue?
- b) the probability that the time in the queue is greater than 12 minutes?
- c) the expected time in the system?
- d) the probability that the time in the system is greater than 12 minutes?
