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Fourth Semester

Computer Science and Engineering

MA 2262/MA 44/MA 1252/080250008/10177 PQ 401 — PROBABILITY AND  
QUEUEING THEORY

(Common to Information Technology)

(Regulation 2008/2010)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 100 marks

Use of statistical tables may be permitted.

Answer ALL questions.

PART A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)

1. If the density function of a continuous random variable  $X$  is given by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} ax & ; 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ a & ; 1 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 3a - ax & ; 2 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 0 & ; \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

then find the value of ' $a$ '.

2. Suppose that, on an average, in every three pages of a book there is one typographical error. If the number of typographical errors on a single page of the book is a Poisson random variable. What is the probability of at least one error on a specific page of the book?
3. The joint probability mass function of a two dimensional random variable  $(X, Y)$  is given by  $p(x, y) = k(2x + 3y)$ ;  $x = 0, 1, 2$ ;  $y = 1, 2, 3$ . Find the value of  $k$ .
4. What do you mean by correlation between two random variables?
5. What is a random process? When do we say a random process is a random variable?

7. Draw the state transition rate diagram of a M/M/C queueing model.
8. What is the probability that a customer has to wait more than 15 minutes to get his service completed in a M/M/1 queueing system, if  $\lambda = 6$  per hour and  $\mu = 10$  per hour?
9. State Jackson's theorem for an open network.
10. What do the letter in the symbolic representation M/G/1 of a queueing model represent?

PART B — (5 × 16 = 80 marks)

11. (a) (i) A random variable  $X$  has the following probability distribution :

$x:$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$P(x):$	0	$k$	$2k$	$2k$	$3k$	$k^2$	$2k^2$	$7k^2 + k$

Find

(1) the value of  $k$  (8)

(2)  $P(1.5 < X < 4.5 / X > 2)$

- (ii) Find the MGF of the binomial distribution and hence find its mean and variance. (8)

Or

- (b) (i) The distribution function of a random variable  $X$  is given by  $F(x) = 1 - (1+x)e^{-x}; x \geq 0$ . Find the density function, mean and variance of  $X$ . (8)

- (ii) The mileage which car owners get with a certain kind of radial tire is a random variable having an exponential distribution with mean 40,000 km. Find the probabilities that one of these tires will last at least 20,000 km and at most 30,000 km. (8)

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Compute  $P(X > 1)$ ,  $P\left(Y < \frac{1}{2}\right)$ ,  $P\left(X > 1/Y < \frac{1}{2}\right)$ ,  $P\left(Y < \frac{1}{2}/X > 1\right)$ ;  
 $P(X < Y)$  and  $P(X + Y \leq 1)$ . (16)

Or

- (b) Obtain the equations of the regression lines from the following data. Hence find the coefficient of correlation between  $X$  and  $Y$ . Also estimate the value of  $Y$  when  $X = 38$  and  $X$  when  $Y = 18$ . (16)

$X$ : 22 26 29 30 31 31 34 35

$Y$ : 20 20 21 29 27 24 27 31

13. (a) (i) A fair die is tossed repeatedly. The maximum of the first ' $n$ ' outcomes is denoted by  $X_n$ . Is  $\{X_n; n = 1, 2, \dots\}$  a Markov chain? If so, find its transition probability matrix, also specify the classes. (8)
- (ii) Show that the process  $X(t) = A \cos \lambda t + B \sin \lambda t$  where  $A$  and  $B$  are random variables, is wide-sense stationary, if  $E(A) = E(B) = 0$  and  $E(A^2) = E(B^2)$ ;  $E(AB) = 0$ . (8)

Or

- (b) (i) 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 mins (1) exactly 4 customers arrive and (2) more than 4 customers arrive. (8)
- (ii) An observer at a lake notices that when fish are caught, only 1 out of 9 trout is caught after another trout, with no other fish between, whereas 10 out of 11 non-trout are caught following non-trout, with no trout between. Assuming that all fish are equally likely to be caught, what fraction of fish in the lake is trout? (8)
14. (a) Customers arrive at a one-man barber shop according to Poisson process with a mean inter arrival time of 12 mins. Customers spend on average of 10 mins in the barber's chair.
- (i) What is the expected number of customers in the barber shop and in the queue?
- (ii) Calculate the percentage of time an arrival can walk straight into the barber's chair without having to wait.
- (iii) How much time can a customer expect to spend in the barber's shop?
- (iv) What is the probability that the waiting time in the system is greater than 30 mins? (16)

Or

have problems concerning averages 48 persons arrive in an 8-hr day. Each tax advisor spends 15 mins on the average on an arrival. If the arrivals are Poisson distributed and service times are according to exponential distribution, find

- (i) the average number of customers in the system
- (ii) the average number of customers waiting to be serviced
- (iii) the average time a customer spends in the system. (16)

15. (a) Derive Pollaczek-Khintchine formula of an  $M/G/1$  queueing model. (16)

Or

- (b) (i) Write a brief note on the open queueing networks. (8)
- (ii) A repair facility shared by a large number of machines has 2 series stations with respective service rates of 2 per hour and 3 per hour. If the average rate of arrival is 1 per hour, find
  - (1) the average number of machines in the system.
  - (2) the average waiting time in the system
  - (3) probability that both service stations are idle. (8)