

1. Consider a Markov chain on  $S = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  whose non-zero transition probabilities are as listed below:

$$P(0, 1) = 1, \quad P(m, m+1) = \frac{m}{m+1} \quad \text{and} \quad P(m, 0) = \frac{1}{m+1}, \quad m \geq 1.$$

Let  $T_0$  be the first return time to state 0.

- (a) Compute  $\mathbf{P}_0(T_0 = n)$  for any  $n \geq 1$ .
- (b) Show that  $\mathbf{P}_0(T_0 < \infty) = 1$  and hence 0 is a recurrent state.
- (b) Show that  $\mathbf{E}_0[T_0] = \infty$  and hence 0 is a null recurrent state.

2. Find all stationary distributions of the Markov chain with the following transition matrix:

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>1</b>	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
<b>2</b>	0.1	0	0.3	0	0	0	0.6
<b>3</b>	0	0.7	0	0	0	0	0.3
<b>4</b>	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>5</b>	0	0	0	0	0.2	0.8	0
<b>6</b>	0	0	0	0	0.4	0.6	0
<b>7</b>	0	0.3	0.4	0	0.3	0	0