

1 (30pt) One international airport has two runways, one used exclusively for takeoffs and the other exclusively for landing. Airplanes arrive according to a Poisson process at a mean rate of 10 per hour. The time required for an airplane to land after receiving clearance for landing has an exponential distribution with a mean of 3 minutes. This process must be completed before giving clearance for landing to another plane. Airplanes awaiting clearance must circle the airport.

- (a) Find the average number of airplanes waiting to receive clearance for landing.
- (b) Find the fraction of time the number of airplanes circling the airport to receive landing clearance does not exceed 3.
- (c) Find the probability of an airplane which needs to circle the airport for landing clearance for at least 30 minutes.

2 (35pts) You run a small company that depends on internet sales. You have 3 computer servers to manage the internet activity. These servers are very important. Each one breaks down about once a week with an exponentially distributed inter-breakdown time. About 80% of the time you can fix the problem quickly with an average repair time of $\frac{1}{2}$ hour. The remaining 20% of the time, the repair is more difficult and the average repair time is 6 hours. Both repair times are exponentially distributed.

- (a) Set up the rate diagram for this queue.
- (b) Give the balance equations.
- (c) Find the fraction of time all servers are working.

3 (35pts) A jewelry store stocks up its 1-carat diamond inventory monthly according to this policy: It places an order of 3 diamonds if its 1-carat diamond inventory is empty by the last week of a month; 2 diamonds if it has 1 left; and no order otherwise. The order will be delivered in time for next month's business cycle. It is estimated that the monthly demand D_t for its 1-carat diamonds can be modeled by a Poisson distribution with the rate parameter 2 per month.

- (a) Let X_t denote the number of 1-carat diamonds at the time of inventorying. What are the possible states of X_t ?
- (b) Construct the transition matrix for the Markov chain.
- (c) If $X_0 = 3$, what is the probability that the inventory would be empty in 2 months from now, i.e. $P\{X_2 = 0 | X_0 = 3\}$?
- (d) Find the mean first passage time that the store needs to order 3 diamonds to that the store does not need to order any.