

**15.072**  
**Homework Assignment 5**

**Given:** April 19, 2006

**Due:** April 26, 2006

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**Problem 1** Consider a Markov process with a countable state space  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n, \dots$ . Given the transition rates  $q_{ij}$  of the process derive the expected time  $1/\mu_i$  that the system stays in state  $i$  and the probability  $p_{ij}$  that the next state visited after state  $i$  is state  $j$ .  
Conversely, suppose you are given  $\mu_i, p_{ij}$ . Obtain the values of the rates  $q_{ij}$ .

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**Problem 2** Exercise 5.3 from Chapter 5.

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**Problem 3** Exercise 5.5 from Chapter 5.

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**Problem 4** Exercise 5.7 from Chapter 5.

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