

1. Consider  $\Gamma$  to be the join of two copies of  $\mathbb{Z}^3$  at their origins. Write  $\mathbb{Z}_{(i)}^3, i = 1, 2$  the two copies, and  $0_i$  for their origins. Let

$$F = \{X \text{ is ultimately in } \mathbb{Z}_{(1)}^3\}$$

and let  $h(x) = \mathbb{P}^x(F)$ .

- Show that  $h$  is harmonic,
- Show that  $h(x) \geq \mathbb{P}^x(X \text{ never hits } 0_1)$  for  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_{(1)}^3$ .
- Show that  $h(x) \leq \mathbb{P}^x(X \text{ hits } 0_2)$  for  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_{(2)}^3$ .
- Conclude that  $\Gamma$  does not satisfy the Liouville Property

Let  $(\Gamma = (V, E), \mu)$  be a locally finite, connected, infinite vertex, weighted graph. Let  $\Omega = V^{\mathbb{Z}^+}$ . For any  $n \geq 0$ , let  $X_n : \Omega \rightarrow V$  be given by  $X_n(\omega) = \omega_n$ ,

$$\mathcal{F}_n = \sigma\{X_k : 0 \leq k \leq n\}, \mathcal{G}_n = \sigma\{X_k : 0 \leq k \leq n\}, \text{ and } \mathcal{F} = \mathcal{G}_0 = \sigma\{X_n : n \geq 0\}.$$

**Random Walk on  $(\Gamma, \mu)$  :** For any  $x \in V$  let  $\mathbb{P}^x$  be the unique measure on  $(\Omega, \mathcal{F})$  such that

$$\mathbb{P}^x(X_0 = x_1, X_1 = x_2, \dots, X_n = x_n) = 1_x(x_0) \prod_{i=1}^n \mathcal{P}(x_{i-1}, x_i),$$

where  $x_i \in V$  and  $\mathcal{P}(x, y) = \frac{\mu_{xy}}{\mu_x}$ . For  $x \in V$ , a  $\sigma$ -field  $\mathcal{K}$  is  $\mathbb{P}^x$  trivial if  $\mathbb{P}^x(K) \in \{0, 1\}$  for all  $K \in \mathcal{K}$ .

2. Let  $X_n$  be a random walk on  $\mathbb{Z}$ .
- Show that  $L = \sup\{n \geq 1 : X_n = 1\}$  is not a stopping time.
  - Show that  $F = \inf\{n \geq 1 : X_n \in \{0, 4\}\}$  is a stopping time. Can you find the distribution of  $X_F$  ?
  - Show that the return time  $T_i$  to a state  $i \in S$  is a stopping time.
  - Let  $T_a = \inf\{n \geq 1 : X_n = a\}$ . Show that  $T_a$  is a stopping time and the 'inf' in  $T_a$  is actually a minimum almost everywhere.
  - (Reflection Principle)** Suppose  $M_n = \max_{0 \leq i \leq n} X_i$ . Show that

$$P(M_n \geq a, X_n < a) = P(M_n \geq a, X_n > a).$$

(Hint: Apply the strong markov property at  $T_a$  and symmetry of the distribution of the Bernoulli trials.)