

1. Show that  $\mathbb{Z}^3$  is transient by using the flow<sup>1</sup> on  $\mathbb{Z}_+^3$  given by;

$$I_{(x,y,z),(x+1,y,z)} = \frac{x+1}{C}, I_{(x,y,z),(x,y+1,z)} = \frac{y+1}{C}, I_{(x,y,z),(x,y,z+1)} = \frac{z+1}{C},$$

with  $C = (x+y+z+1)(x+y+z+2)(x+y+z+3)$ . Further conclude that  $\mathbb{Z}^d$  is transient for  $d \geq 3$ .

2. Let  $\mathbb{T}$  be a rooted binary tree, with root  $\rho$ , as discussed in class. Let  $\mathbb{T}_n$  be the set of  $2^n$  points at a distance  $n$  from the root  $\rho$ .

- (a) Using the flow  $I$  given by

$$I_{x_n, x_{n+1}} = 2^{-(n+1)} \text{ for } x_n \in \mathbb{T}_n, x_{n+1} \in \mathbb{T}_{n+1} \text{ and } x_n \sim x_{n+1}$$

show that  $R_{\text{eff}}(\rho, \mathbb{T}_n) \leq 1 - 2^{-n}$

- (b) Using the function  $f$  given by

$$f(x) = \frac{1 - 2^{-d(\rho, x)}}{1 - 2^{-n}}$$

show that  $R_{\text{eff}}(\rho, \mathbb{T}_n) \geq 1 - 2^{-n}$

- (c) Show that  $\mathbb{T}$  is transient.

- (d) Suppose we allow weights on  $\mathbb{T}$  to be given by

$$\mu_{x_n, x_{n+1}} = \frac{1}{r_n} \text{ for } x_m \in \mathbb{T}_n, x_{n+1} \in \mathbb{T}_{n+1} \text{ and } x_n \sim x_{n+1},$$

where  $r_n$  is positive sequence of numbers. Decide if  $\mathbb{T}, \mu$  is transient or not.

3. Let  $V_n \uparrow V$ . Then if  $B_0, B_1 \subset V$  show that

$$C_{\text{eff}}(B_0, B_1) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} C_{\text{eff}}(B_0 \cap V_n, B_1 \cap V_n; V_n)$$

4. Let  $I \in \tilde{\mathcal{I}}_o(B_0, B_1)$  and let  $I^n \in \mathcal{I}_o(B_0, B_1)$ , with  $E[I - I^n, I - I^n] \rightarrow 0$ . Then  $I_{xy}^n \rightarrow I_{xy}$  for each  $x, y \in V$ . Show that  $\text{Div} I(x) = 0$  for  $x \in V \setminus B_0 \cup B_1$ . In addition if  $B_0 \cup B_1$  is finite then  $I$  satisfies  $\sum_{x \in B_0} \text{Div} I(x) = 1$  and  $\sum_{x \in B_1} \text{Div} I(x) = -1$

5. Show that  $1 \in H_0^2 \iff H_0^2 = H^2$

<sup>1</sup>Verify  $\text{Div} I(x) = 0$  for all  $x \neq 0$  and  $E(I, I) < \infty$