





		F	G	Н	Ι
	F	0.20	0.80	0.00	0.00
	G	0.50	0.00	0.50	0.00
	Н	0.75	0.00	0.00	0.25
Ĩ	Ι	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

29. A machine is in one of four states (F, G, H, I) and migrates annually among them according to a Markov process with transition matrix:

At time 0, the machine is in State F. A salvage company will pay 500 at the end of 3 years if the machine is in State F.

Assuming v = 0.90, calculate the actuarial present value at time 0 of this payment.

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- (A) 150
- (B) 155
- (C) 160
- (D) 165
- (E) 170

- **30.** Nancy reviews the interest rates each year for a 30-year fixed mortgage issued on July 1. She models interest rate behavior by a Markov model assuming:
 - (i) Interest rates always change between years.
 - (ii) The change in any given year is dependent on the change in prior years as follows:

from year $t-3$ to year $t-2$	from year $t-2$ to year $t-1$	Probability that year t will increase from year $t-1$
Increase	Increase	0.10
Decrease	Decrease	0.20
Increase	Decrease	0.40
Decrease	Increase	0.25

She notes that interest rates decreased from year 2000 to 2001 and from year 2001 to 2002.

Calculate the probability that interest rates will decrease from year 2003 to 2004.

- (A) 0.76
- (B) 0.79
- (C) 0.82
- (D) 0.84
- (E) 0.87