

• SETs : Due Sunday 3/17 11:59 PM

• Final Exam:

Wed. 3/20

4:00-5:30 PM

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{ if Rescore $\geq 85\%$
I will add .5%
to all overall scores

Exercise

Define a Probability matrix to be a square ($n \times n$) matrix in which each row sums to 1, i.e. $A = (a_{ij})$

and

$$\sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} = 1 \quad (\text{for all } 1 \leq i \leq n)$$

Prove that the product of probability matrices is another probability matrix.

Note: if $A \cdot B = C$ then

$$C = (c_{ij})$$

where

$$c_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik} \cdot b_{kj}$$

Chapman Kolmogorov Eqs

The n-step trans. Probabilities

$r_{ij}(n)$ satisfy

$$r_{ij}(n) = \sum_{k=1}^m r_{ik}(n-1) \cdot p_{kj} \quad (i, j \in S, n \geq 2)$$

Note:

recall : $P(A|B|C) = P(A|B \cap C)$.

The total Prob. thm.

$$P(A|C) = \sum_{k=1}^m P(A|B_k \cap C) \cdot P(B_k|C)$$

Proof (of chap. - Kol.)

$$r_{ij}^{(n)} = P(X_n = j \mid X_0 = i)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^m P(X_n = j \mid X_{n-1} = k, X_0 = i) \cdot P(X_{n-1} = k \mid X_0 = i)$$

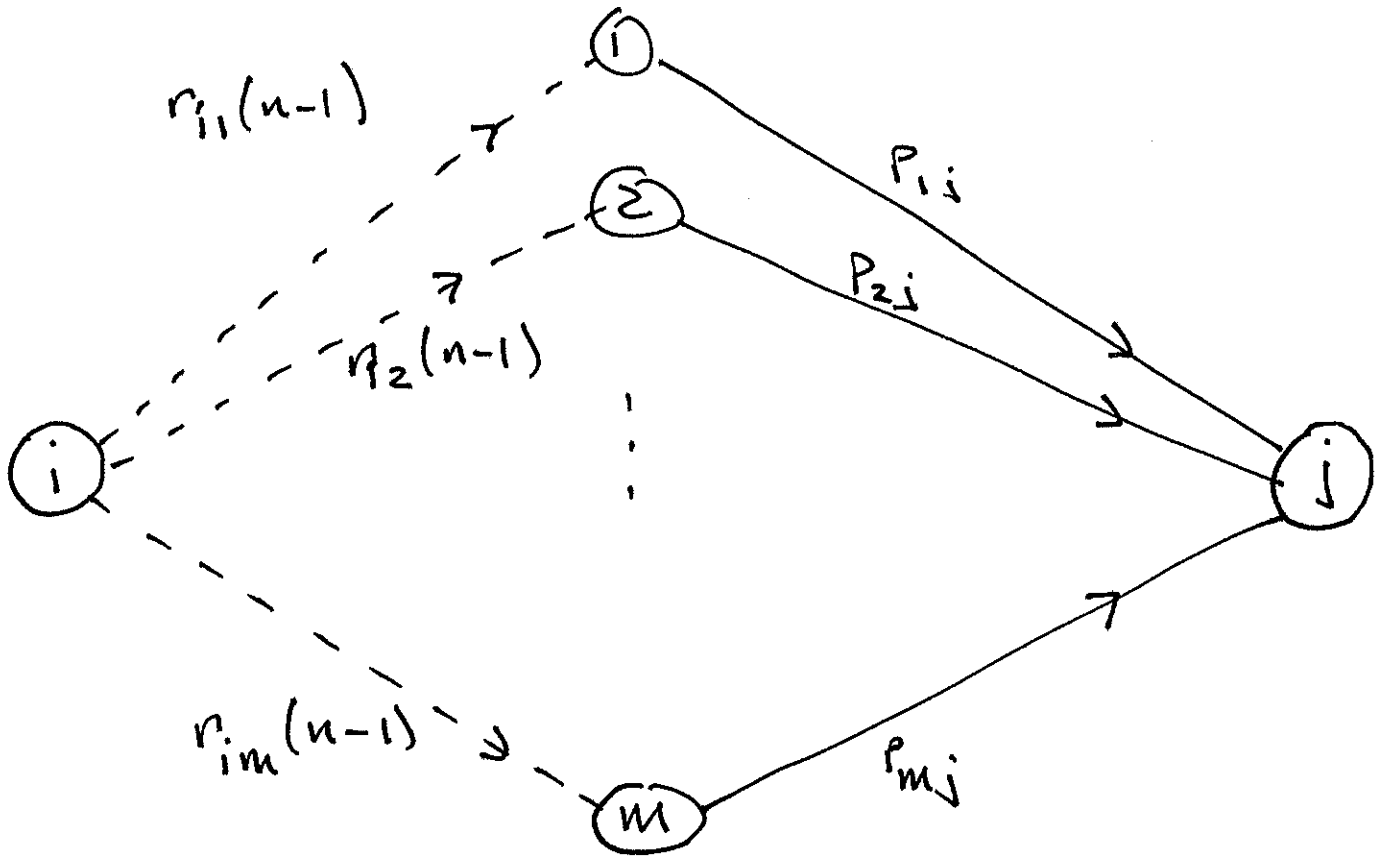
$$= \sum_{k=1}^m P(X_{n-1} = k \mid X_0 = i) \cdot \underbrace{P(X_n = j \mid X_{n-1} = k)}$$

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by Markov
Property

$$= \sum_{k=1}^m r_{ik}^{(n-1)} \cdot P_{kj}$$



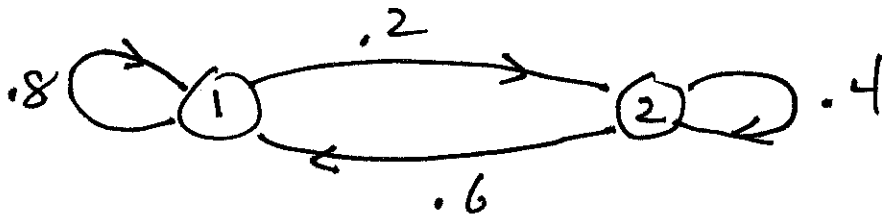
Picture



OK Eqns ! $r_{ij}^{(n)} = \sum_{k=1}^m r_{ik}^{(n-1)} \cdot p_{kj}$

Matrix Form $\left\{ \begin{aligned} (r_{ij}^{(n)}) &= R^{n-1} \cdot R = R^n \end{aligned} \right.$

Ex. Previous



$$R = \begin{pmatrix} .8 & .2 \\ .6 & .4 \end{pmatrix}$$

we have

$$R^3 = \begin{pmatrix} .76 & .24 \\ .72 & .28 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} .8 & .2 \\ .6 & .4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} .752 & .248 \\ .744 & .256 \end{pmatrix}$$

so for instance

$$P(X_3=1 | X_0=2) = .744 = r_{21}^3$$

with some effort

$$R^{10} = \begin{pmatrix} .7500000256 & .2499999744 \\ .7499999232 & .2500000768 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(X_{10} = 1 | X_0 = 2) = r_{21}(10) = .7499999232.$$

It can be shown

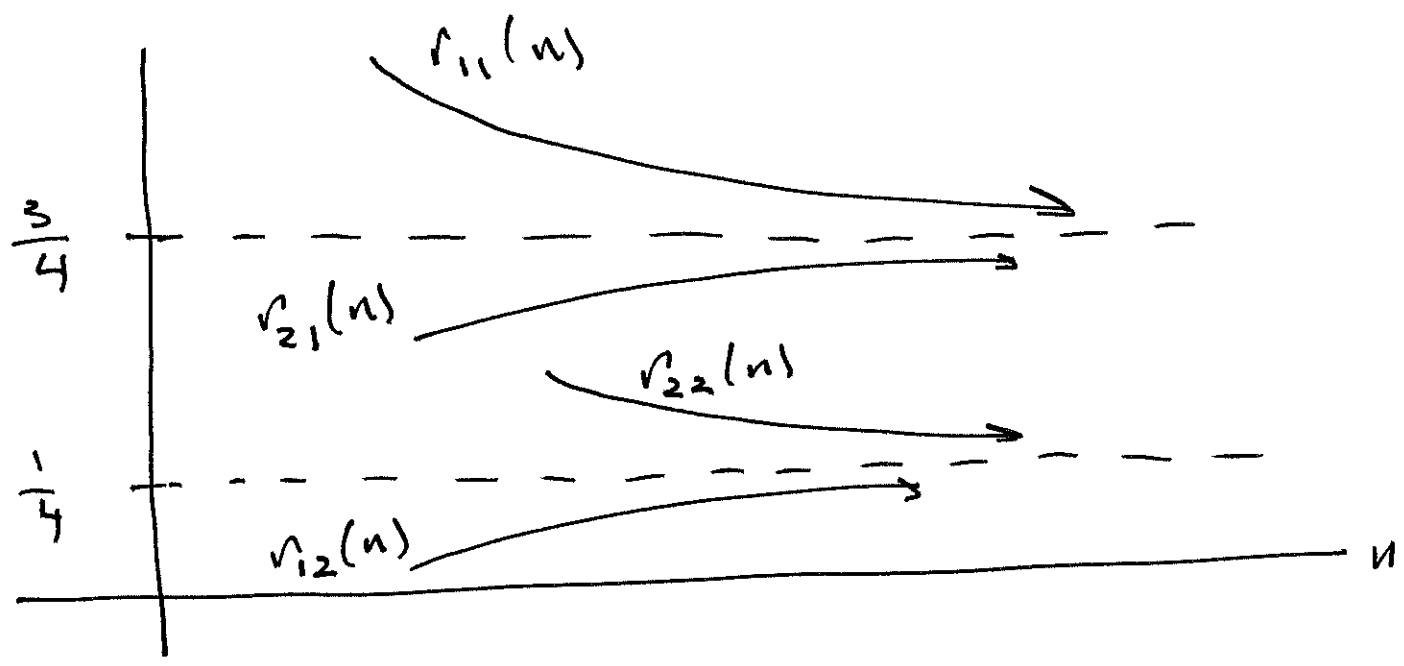
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R^n = \begin{pmatrix} .75 & .25 \\ .75 & .25 \end{pmatrix}$$

i.e.

$$r_{11}(n) \rightarrow \frac{3}{4}^+, \quad r_{12}(n) \rightarrow \frac{1}{4}^-$$

$$r_{21}(n) \rightarrow \frac{3}{4}^-, \quad r_{22}(n) \rightarrow \frac{1}{4}^+$$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

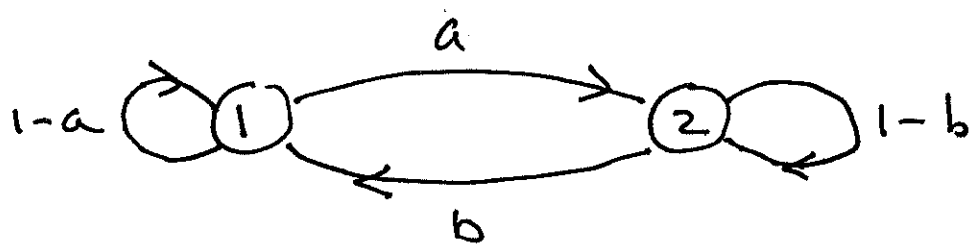


Thus, if we wait a long time

$$P(X_n = 1) \approx \frac{3}{4} \text{ and } P(X_n = 2) \approx \frac{1}{4}$$

Steady state Probabilities

Ex.



where $0 < a < 1$, $0 < b < 1$.

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} 1-a & a \\ b & 1-b \end{pmatrix}$$

one can show

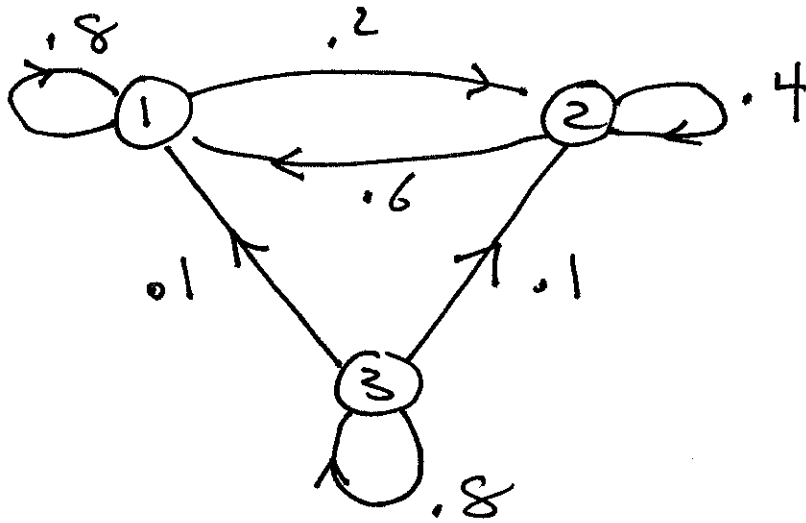
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R^n = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{b}{a+b} & \frac{a}{a+b} \\ \frac{b}{a+b} & \frac{a}{a+b} \end{pmatrix}$$

so

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(X_n = 1) = \frac{b}{a+b}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(X_n = 2) = \frac{a}{a+b}$$

Ex



$$R = \begin{pmatrix} .8 & .2 & 0 \\ .6 & .4 & 0 \\ .1 & .1 & .8 \end{pmatrix}$$

We can show

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} R^n = \begin{pmatrix} .75 & .25 & 0 \\ .75 & .25 & 0 \\ .75 & .25 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

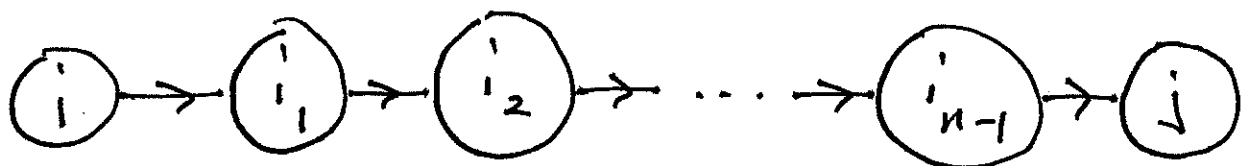
7.2 Classification of states

Defn

we say state j is accessible from state i (or that j is reachable from i) iff

$$r_{ij}^{(n)} > 0 \text{ for some } n \geq 1$$

Equivalently, there exists a seq. of states $i, i_1, i_2, \dots, i_{n-1}, j$ such that the transitions



all have positive probability

Notation: $\textcircled{i} \dashrightarrow \textcircled{j}$

Defn

Let $A(i)$ denote the set of all states accessible from i
i.e.

$$A(i) = \{j \in S \mid \textcircled{i} \dashrightarrow \textcircled{j}\}$$

Defn

A state i is called recurrent if for every j accessible from i , we also have i accessible from j .

Equivalently

$$j \in A(i) \iff i \in A(j)$$

i.e.

$$\textcircled{i} \dashrightarrow \textcircled{j} \iff \textcircled{j} \dashrightarrow \textcircled{i}$$

Thus, if we depart from a recurrent state, there is a positive probability of returning, so if we wait long enough, we will return.

Hence a recurrent state, if it is ever visited, will be visited infinitely often.

Defn

A state i is called transient iff it is not recurrent. Thus

i is transient iff there exists a state j with

$$j \in A(i) \text{ and } i \notin A(j)$$

Thus after a visit to a transient state i , there is a positive probability of entering such a state j . Given enough time this is certain to happen.

Hence a transient state will only be visited finitely many times

Ex.

