

CSE 107 3-12-25

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7.1 Discrete Markov Chains

- state space

$$\mathcal{S} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m\}$$

- Let $X_0, X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n, \dots$ be a seq. of r.v. with values in $\mathcal{S}$.

X_n = state of Process at time n .

Define

$$P_{ij} = P(X_{n+1} = j \mid X_n = i)$$

for any $i, j \in \mathcal{S}$ and $n \geq 0$. called state transition probabilities.

• Markov Property

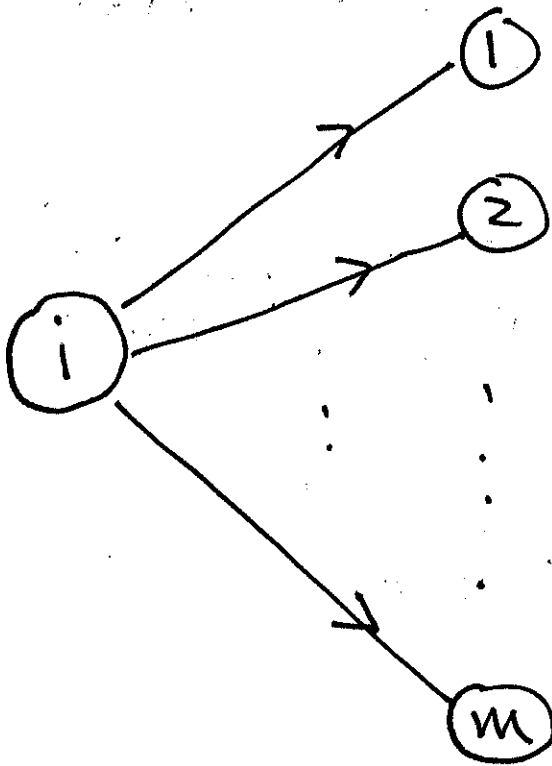
$$P(X_{n+1}=j \mid X_n=i, X_{n-1}=i_{n-1}, \dots, X_0=i_0)$$

$$= P(X_{n+1}=j \mid X_n=i) = p_{ij}$$

These are ingredients of a
Markov Chain Model.

Note: we must have

$$\sum_{j=1}^m p_{ij} = 1 \quad (\text{for all } i \in S)$$



Ex. $m=2$, $S = \{1, 2\}$

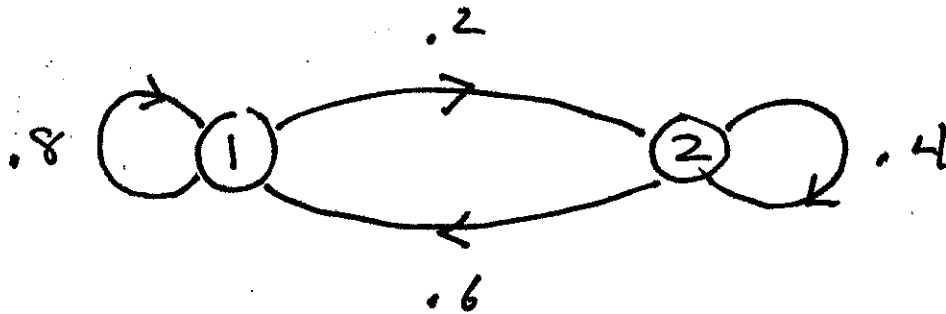
$$P_{11} = .8$$

$$P_{12} = .2$$

$$P_{21} = .6$$

$$P_{22} = .4$$

State transition diagram



Suppose $X_0 = 1$. Find $P(X_2 = 2)$

$$P(X_2 = 2) = P(X_2 = 2 | X_1 = 1) \cdot P(X_1 = 1)$$

$$+ P(X_2 = 2 | X_1 = 2) \cdot P(X_1 = 2)$$

$$= p_{12} \cdot P(X_1 = 1) + p_{22} \cdot P(X_1 = 2)$$

note

$$P(X_1=1) = P(X_1=1|X_0=1) \cdot \overbrace{P(X_0=1)}^1$$

$$+ P(X_1=1|X_0=2) \cdot \overbrace{P(X_0=2)}^0$$

$$= P_{11}$$

and

$$P(X_1=2) = \dots = P_{12}$$

Thus

$$P(X_2=2) = P_{12} \cdot P_{11} + P_{22} \cdot P_{12}$$

$$= P_{11} \cdot P_{12} + P_{12} \cdot P_{22}$$

$$= (.8)(.2) + (.2)(.4) = \boxed{.24}$$

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Similarly, if $X_0 = 1$,

$$P(X_2 = 1) = P_{11} \cdot P_{11} + P_{12} \cdot P_{21} \\ = \boxed{.76}$$

In the same manner, if $X_0 = 2$, then

$$P(X_2 = 1) = P_{21} \cdot P_{11} + P_{22} \cdot P_{21} = \dots = \boxed{.72}$$

$$P(X_2 = 2) = P_{21} \cdot P_{12} + P_{22} \cdot P_{22} = \dots = \boxed{.28}$$

Summarize using transition

Probability matrix

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} .8 & .2 \\ .6 & .4 \end{pmatrix}$$

observe

$$R^2 = \begin{pmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} p_{11}^2 + p_{12}p_{21} & p_{11}p_{12} + p_{12}p_{22} \\ p_{21}p_{11} + p_{22}p_{21} & p_{21}p_{12} + p_{22}^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} .76 & .24 \\ .72 & .28 \end{pmatrix}$$

Defn

A Probability Matrix is a square $m \times m$ matrix in which each row sums to 1: i.e.

if $A = (a_{ij})$ $1 \leq i \leq m, 1 \leq j \leq m$

then

$$\sum_{j=1}^m a_{ij} = 1 \quad \text{for all } 1 \leq i \leq m.$$

Exercise

Prove that the Product of two Probability matrices, is a Probability matrix.

Defn

The n -step transition Probabilities

are

$$r_{ij}(n) = P(X_n = j | X_0 = i)$$

for any $i, j \in S$ and $n \geq 0$.

observe that

$$r_{ij}(1) = p_{ij}$$

Chapman-Kolmogorov equations

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

for any $i, j \in S$, $n \geq 2$

Matrix form

$$\left(p_{ij}(n) \right)_{i,j \in S} = \overset{n-1}{R} \cdot R = \overset{n}{R}$$

See proof in 7.1 of text.

$r_{ij}(n)$ is computed by conditioning on every possible predecessor of j

