

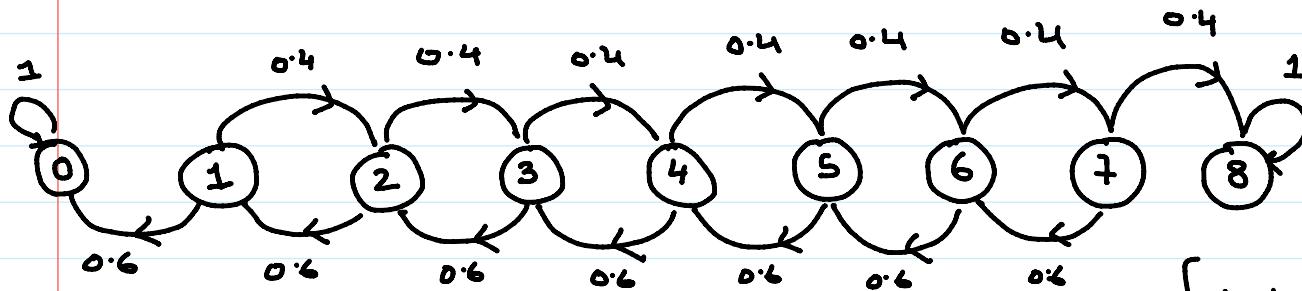
E11 [Gambler Ruin Problem]

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Smith - 3 dollar
Get out from jail 8 dollars

(1) He bets one dollar each time.

[win one dollar = 0.4
lose one dollar = 0.6]



$i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7$

$$\phi_{(i)} = 0.4 \phi_{(i+1)} + 0.6 \phi_{(i-1)}$$

$$\phi_{(1)} = 0.4 \phi_{(2)} + 0.6 \phi_{(0)}$$

$$\phi_{(2)} = 0.4 \phi_{(3)} + 0.6 \phi_{(1)}$$

$$\phi_{(3)} = 0.4 \phi_{(4)} + 0.6 \phi_{(2)}$$

$$\phi_{(4)} = 0.4 \phi_{(5)} + 0.6 \phi_{(3)}$$

$$\phi_{(5)} = 0.4 \phi_{(6)} + 0.6 \phi_{(4)}$$

$$\phi_{(6)} = 0.4 \phi_{(7)} + 0.6 \phi_{(5)}$$

$$\phi_{(7)} = 0.4 \phi_{(8)} + 0.6 \phi_{(6)}$$

\rightarrow failure

$$\phi_{(0)} = 0.$$

$\phi_{(8)} = 1 \rightarrow$ success

Solving the eqs.

$$\Phi_{(1)} = 0.4 \Phi_{(2)} + 0.6 \Phi_{(0)}$$

$$[\because \Phi_{(0)} = 0]$$

$$\boxed{\Phi_{(1)} = 0.4 \Phi_{(2)}} \quad - \quad ①$$

$$\Phi_{(2)} = 0.4 \Phi_{(3)} + 0.6 \underline{\Phi_{(1)}}$$

$$\Phi_{(2)} = 0.4 \Phi_{(3)} + 0.6 \times 0.4 \Phi_{(2)}.$$

$$\Phi_{(2)} - 0.24 \Phi_{(2)} = 0.4 \Phi_{(3)}.$$

$$0.76 \Phi_{(2)} = 0.4 \Phi_{(3)}$$

$$\boxed{\Phi_{(2)} = \frac{0.4}{0.76} \Phi_{(3)}} \quad - \quad ②$$

$$\Phi_{(3)} = 0.4 \Phi_{(4)} + 0.6 \Phi_{(2)}$$

$$\Phi_{(3)} = 0.4 \Phi_{(4)} + 0.6 \times \frac{0.4}{0.76} \Phi_{(3)}.$$

$$\Phi_{(3)} - 0.316 \Phi_{(3)} = 0.4 \Phi_{(4)}$$

$$0.684 \Phi_{(3)} = 0.4 \Phi_{(4)}.$$

$$\Phi_{(3)} = \frac{0.4}{0.684} \Phi_{(4)}.$$

$$\boxed{\Phi_{(3)} = 0.585 \Phi_{(4)}} \quad - \quad ③$$

$$\Phi_{(4)} = 0.4 \Phi_{(5)} + 0.6 \Phi_{(3)}$$

$$\phi_{(4)} = 0.4 \phi_{(5)} + 0.6 \times 0.585 \phi_{(4)}$$

$$\phi_{(4)} - 0.351 \phi_{(4)} = 0.4 \phi_{(5)}$$

$$0.649 \phi_{(4)} = 0.4 \phi_{(5)}$$

$$\phi_{(4)} = \frac{0.4}{0.649} \phi_{(5)}$$

$$\boxed{\phi_{(4)} = 0.616 \phi_{(5)}} \quad - \quad (4)$$

$$\phi_{(5)} = 0.4 \phi_{(6)} + 0.6 \phi_{(4)}$$

$$\phi_{(5)} = 0.4 \phi_{(6)} + 0.6 \times 0.616 \phi_{(5)}.$$

$$\phi_{(5)} - 0.3696 \phi_{(5)} = 0.4 \phi_{(6)}$$

$$0.6304 \phi_{(5)} = 0.4 \phi_{(6)}$$

$$\phi_{(5)} = \frac{0.4}{0.6304} \phi_{(6)}$$

$$\boxed{\phi_{(5)} = 0.6345 \phi_{(6)}} \quad - \quad (5)$$

$$\phi_{(6)} = 0.4 \phi_{(7)} + 0.6 \phi_{(5)}$$

$$\phi_{(6)} = 0.4 \phi_{(7)} + 0.6 \times 0.6345 \phi_{(6)}$$

$$\phi_{(6)} - 0.3807 \phi_{(6)} = 0.4 \phi_{(7)}$$

$$0.6193 \phi_{(6)} = 0.4 \phi_{(7)}$$

$$\phi_{(6)} = \frac{0.4}{0.6193} \phi_{(7)}$$

$$\boxed{\phi_{(6)} = 0.646 \phi_{(7)}} \quad - \textcircled{6}$$

$$\phi_{(7)} = 0.4 \phi_{(8)} + 0.6 \phi_{(6)}$$

$$\phi_{(7)} = 0.4 \phi_{(8)} + 0.6 \times 0.646 \phi_{(7)}$$

$$\phi_{(7)} - 0.3876 \phi_{(7)} = 0.4$$

$$0.6124 \phi_{(7)} = 0.4$$

$$\phi_{(7)} = \frac{0.4}{0.6124} = \underline{\underline{0.653}}$$

from eq. $\textcircled{6}$

$$\phi_{(6)} = 0.646 \times 0.653 = 0.422.$$

from eq. $\textcircled{5}$

$$\phi_{(5)} = 0.6345 \times 0.422 = 0.268.$$

from eq. $\textcircled{4}$

$$\phi_{(4)} = 0.616 \times 0.268 = 0.165.$$

from eq. $\textcircled{3}$

$$\phi_{(3)} = 0.585 \times 0.165 = 0.097.$$

from eq. $\textcircled{2}$

$\left[\begin{array}{l} \vdots \\ \phi_{(8)} \\ \hline \end{array} \right]$

$$\phi_{(2)} = \frac{0.4}{0.76} \times 0.097 = 0.051.$$

from eq. ①

$$\phi_{(1)} = 0.4 \times 0.051 = 0.0204.$$

Hence.

$$\phi_{(0)} = 0$$

[First step Analysis Method].

$$\phi_{(1)} = 0.0204$$

$$\phi_{(2)} = 0.051$$

$$\phi_{(3)} = 0.097$$

$$\phi_{(4)} = 0.165$$

$$\phi_{(5)} = 0.268$$

$$\phi_{(6)} = 0.422$$

$$\phi_{(7)} = 0.653$$

$$\phi_{(8)} = 1$$

Expected time until the absorption occurs.

Example:- A Markov chain with state space

{1, 2, 3} has transition Prob. matrix

$$P = \begin{matrix} & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1 & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} \\ 2 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{matrix}$$

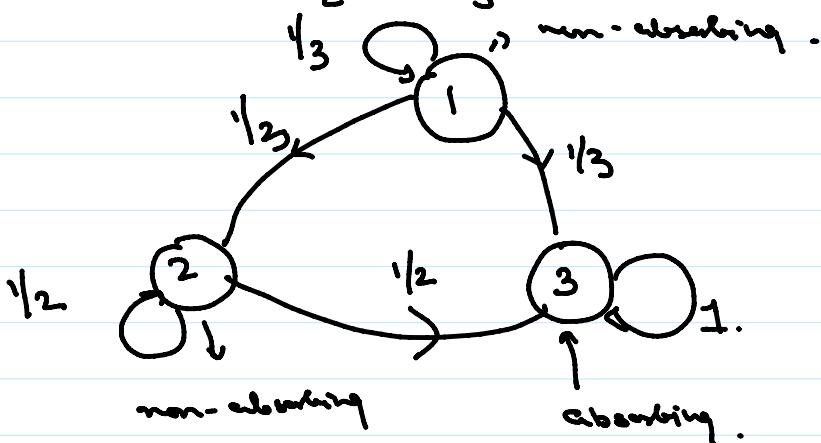
$$P = \begin{matrix} & 1 & - & - \\ 1 & \left[\begin{matrix} 1/3 & 1/3 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{matrix} \right] \\ 2 & & & \\ 3 & & & \end{matrix}$$

Show that state 3 is absorbing and starting from state 1 find the expected time until the absorption occurs.

Solution

Let $\phi_{(i)}$ be the expected time to reach state 3 starting from state i ,

where $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ we have.



$$\phi_{(3)} = 0$$

[$\phi_{(3)}$ = Expected time to reach state 3 starting

from state 3]

$$\phi_{(2)} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}\phi_{(2)} + \frac{1}{2}\phi_{(3)}$$

[Law of total Prob. of recursion]

$$\Phi_{(1)} = 1 + \frac{1}{3}\Phi_{(1)} + \frac{1}{3}\Phi_{(2)} + \frac{1}{3}\Phi_{(3)}$$

Now,

$$\Phi_{(2)} = 1 + \frac{1}{2}\Phi_{(2)} + \frac{1}{2}\Phi_{(3)} \quad \xrightarrow{0}$$

$$\Phi_{(2)} - \frac{1}{2}\Phi_{(2)} = 1.$$

$$\frac{1}{2}\Phi_{(2)} = 1$$

$$\boxed{\Phi_{(2)} = 2}$$

→ Expected time

$$\Phi_{(1)} = 1 + \frac{1}{3}\Phi_{(1)} + \frac{1}{3}\Phi_{(2)} + \frac{1}{3}\Phi_{(3)} \quad \xrightarrow{0}$$

$$\Phi_{(1)} = 1 + \frac{1}{3}\Phi_{(1)} + \frac{1}{3} \times 2$$

$$\Phi_{(1)} - \frac{1}{3}\Phi_{(1)} = 1 + \frac{2}{3}.$$

$$\frac{2}{3}\Phi_{(1)} = \frac{5}{3}.$$

$$\Phi_{(1)} = \frac{5}{2} \times \frac{3}{2} = \frac{5}{2}.$$

Expected time until the absorption occurs.

$$\Phi_{(1)} = \frac{5}{2}, \quad \Phi_{(2)} = 2, \quad \Phi_{(3)} = 0.$$

Expected no. of steps

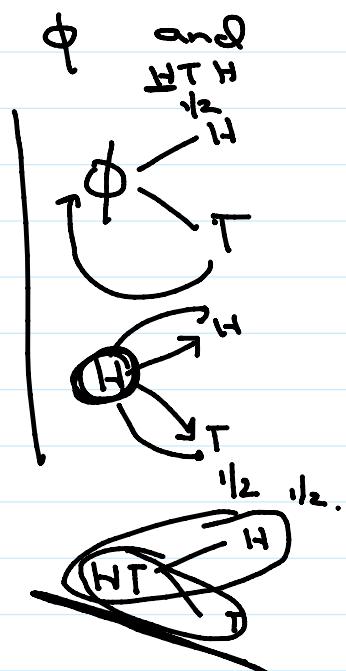
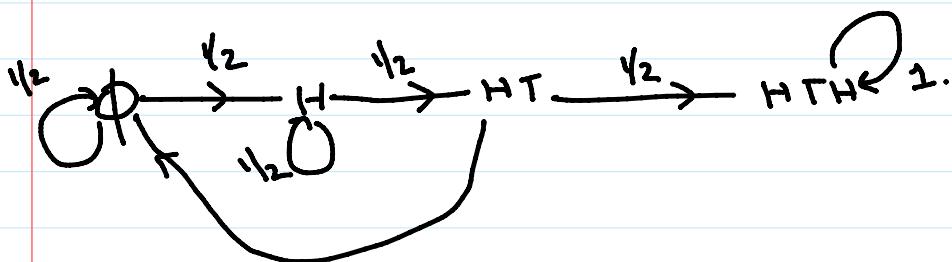
A fair coin is tossed repeatedly and independently. Find the expected no. of tosses

Till the pattern HTH appears.

Soln: - The chain starts from ϕ and absorbed at HTH.

$$P(\text{Head}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P(\text{Tail}) = \frac{1}{2}$$



	ϕ	H	HT	HTH
ϕ	1/2	1/2	0	0.
H	0	1/2	1/2	0
HT	1/2	0.	0	1/2
HTH	0	0	0	1

$\phi \rightarrow 0$

$$H \rightarrow 1$$

$$HT \rightarrow 2$$

$$HTH \rightarrow 3.$$

$$P = \begin{matrix} 0 & \left[\begin{matrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{matrix} \right] \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{matrix}$$

$$P = \begin{matrix} & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & \left[\begin{array}{cccc} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \end{matrix}$$

$\Phi_{(3)}$ = Expected no. of steps to reach states starting from state 3.

$$\Phi_{(3)} = 0$$

$$\Phi_{(2)} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} \Phi_{(0)} + \frac{1}{2} \Phi_{(3)}$$

$$\Phi_{(1)} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} \Phi_{(0)} + \frac{1}{2} \Phi_{(2)}$$

$$\Phi_{(0)} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} \Phi_{(0)} + \frac{1}{2} \Phi_{(1)}$$

Now

$$\Phi_{(2)} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} \Phi_{(0)} \quad \text{--- } ①$$

$$\Phi_{(1)} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} \Phi_{(0)} + \frac{1}{2} \Phi_{(2)}$$

$$\Phi_{(1)} - \frac{1}{2} \Phi_{(0)} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} \left[1 + \frac{1}{2} \Phi_{(0)} \right].$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \Phi_{(1)} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \Phi_{(0)}$$

$$\Phi_{(1)} = 2 \left[1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \Phi_{(0)} \right]$$

$$= 2 + 1 + \frac{1}{2} \Phi_{(0)}$$

$$\boxed{\Phi_{(1)} = 3 + \frac{1}{2} \Phi_{(0)}} \quad \text{--- } ②$$

$$\phi_{(0)} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} \phi_{(0)} + \frac{1}{2} \phi_{(1)}$$

$$\phi_{(0)} - \frac{1}{2} \phi_{(0)} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} \left[3 + \frac{1}{2} \phi_{(0)} \right]$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \phi_{(0)} = 1 + \frac{3}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \phi_{(0)}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \phi_{(0)} - \frac{1}{4} \phi_{(0)} = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \phi_{(0)} = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\phi_{(0)} = \frac{5}{2} \times 4 = 10.$$

$$\phi_{(0)} = 10$$

[Expected no. of steps to reach absorbing state starting from state 0]

From eq ②

$$\phi_{(1)} = 3 + \frac{1}{2} \times 10$$

$$\phi_{(1)} = 8.$$

From eq ①

$$\phi_{(2)} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} \phi_{(0)}$$

$$\phi_{(2)} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} \times 10$$

$$\phi_{(2)} = 6.$$

Hence, we have

$$\phi_{(0)} = 10, \quad \phi_{(1)} = 8, \quad \phi_{(2)} = 6.$$

Checking

$$\phi_{(1)} = \frac{3+1}{2} \phi_{(0)}$$

$$8 = \frac{3+1}{2} \times 16^5$$

$$8 = 8$$