

MATH-578B: Midterm

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Problem 1

Problem 1: (a)

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \alpha & \alpha \\ \beta & 1 - \beta \end{bmatrix}$$

Let the stationary state be given by $\pi = (\pi_1, \pi_2)$, then:

$$\begin{aligned} \pi.P &= \pi \\ \pi_1 + \pi_2 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Solving which gives:

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - \alpha)\pi_1 + \pi_2 &= 1 \\ \pi_1 + \pi_2 &= 1 \\ \implies (\pi_1, \pi_2) &= \left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha + \beta}, \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Problem 1: (b)

$w = 101$

$$\beta_{w,w}(0) = 1$$

$$\beta_{w,w}(1) = 0$$

$$\beta_{w,w}(2) = 1$$

$$P_u(0) = 1$$

$$P_u(1) = p_{w_2 w_3} = p_{01} = \alpha$$

$$P_U(2) = p_{w_1 w_2} p_{w_2 w_3} = p_{10} p_{01} = \beta\alpha$$

Now,

$$G_{w,w}(t) = \sum_{j=0}^2 t^j \beta_{w,w}(j) P_{w,w}(j)$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} G_{w,w}(t) &= 1 \times 1 \times 1 + t \times 0 \times \alpha + t^2 \times 1 \times \beta\alpha \\ &= 1 + \alpha\beta t^2 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 1: (c)

X_n : Number of occurrences (overlaps allowed) in $A_1 A_2 A_3 \dots A_n$ Using Theorem 12.1:

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} E(X_n) = \pi_w = \pi_1 \times p_{10} \times p_{01} = 1 \times \beta \times \alpha$$

Thus $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{X_n}{n} = \alpha\beta$

Problem 1: (d)

Spectral decomposition of P :

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} \alpha - \lambda & 1 - \alpha \\ 1 - \beta & \beta - \lambda \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\lambda^2 + (\alpha + \beta - 2)\lambda + (1 - \alpha - \beta) = 0$$

Thus, $\lambda_1 = 1$ and $\lambda_2 = 1 - \alpha - \beta$

Eigenvectors are given by:

$$v_1^T = (x_1 \ x_1) \ \forall x_1 \in R$$

$$\text{and for } \lambda_2, v_2 = (x_1 \ \frac{-\beta x_1}{\alpha})$$

Now using Markov property: $P(X_n = 1 | X_0 = 0) = (P^n)_{01}$

Now,

$$P^n = V D^n V^{-1}$$

where:

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \frac{-\beta}{\alpha} \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$D = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & (1 - \alpha - \beta) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$V^{-1} = \frac{-1}{\frac{\beta}{\alpha} + 1} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\beta}{\alpha} & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus,

$$P^n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \frac{-\beta}{\alpha} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & (1 - \alpha - \beta)^n \end{bmatrix} \times \frac{-1}{\frac{\beta}{\alpha} + 1} \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{\beta}{\alpha} & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P^n = \frac{1}{\alpha + \beta} \begin{bmatrix} \beta + \alpha(1 - \alpha - \beta)^n & \alpha - \alpha(1 - \alpha - \beta)^n \\ \beta - \beta(1 - \alpha - \beta)^n & \alpha + \beta(1 - \alpha - \beta)^n \end{bmatrix}$$