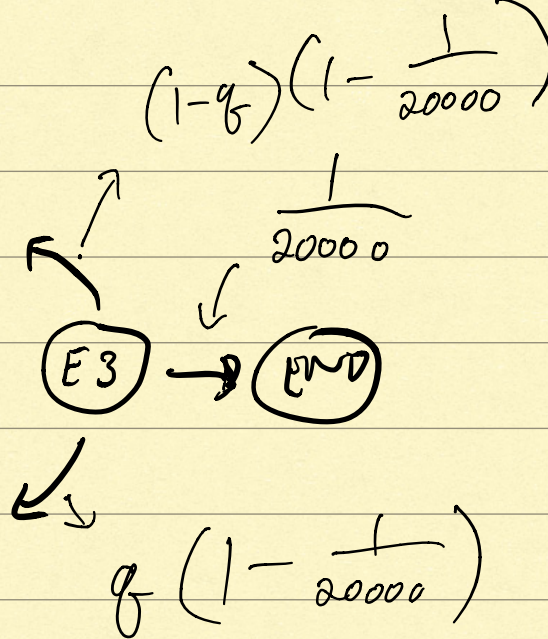


Hi AGAIN!

PS2



MEMORYLESS PROPERTY

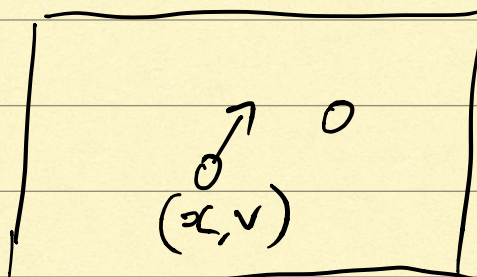
$$P(X_{n+1} | X_n, X_{n-1}, X_{n-2}, \dots) = \underline{P(X_{n+1} | X_n)}$$

EX. 3-STATE SYSTEM THAT DEPENDS ON LAST 2 STATES

$$P(X_{n+1} | X_n, X_{n-1})$$

- REDEFINE STATE AS  $\{X_n, X_{n-1}\}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  9-STATE SYSTEM

BILLIARD TABLE





EX. COIN FLIPS

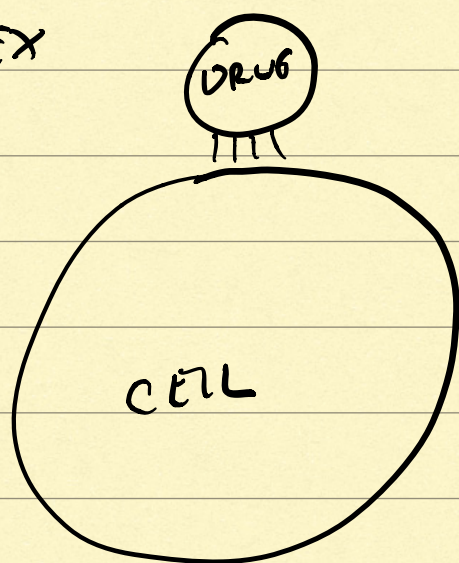


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→ TIME

MEAN FIRST PASSAGE TIMES

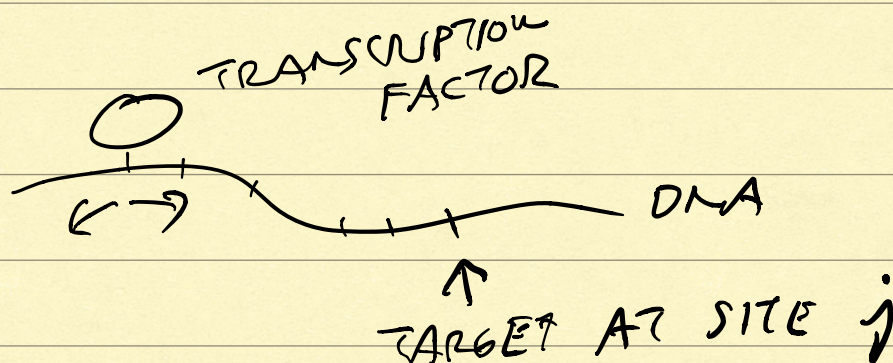
EX



IF CURRENTLY 3 "LEGS" ATTACHED,  
HOW LONG UNTIL 0 LEGS?

3 → 2 → 1 → 2 → 3 → 2 → 1 → 0

EX



FOR A MARKOV CHAIN

$$\vec{p}_{i+1} = M \cdot \vec{p}_i$$

(states)

$$\vec{p}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \end{bmatrix}$$



$n \times n$  ( $n$  states)

ON AVERAGE, HOW LONG FROM STATE  $k$  TO FIRST VISIT TO STATE  $j$ ?

THEOREM:

LET  $M_{-j} =$  
$$\begin{bmatrix} & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ \hline & & & & \\ & & & & \end{bmatrix}$$
  $j$

$j$   $\rightarrow (n-1) \times (n-1)$

$\downarrow M$

LET  $T_{kj}$  BE THE MEAN TIME FROM  $k$  TO  $j$

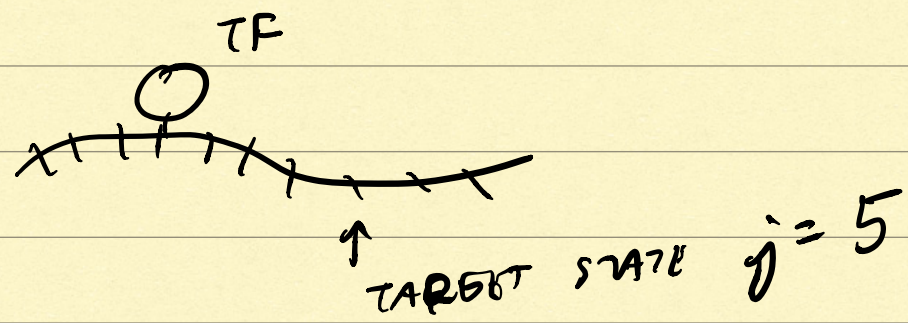
$\vec{T}_j = \begin{bmatrix} T_{1j} \\ T_{2j} \\ \vdots \\ T_{nj} \end{bmatrix}$   $(n-1)$

IDENTITY MATRIX

THEN 
$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = (M_{-j} - I) \cdot \vec{T}_j$$

$\downarrow$

EX





$$\vec{p}_{n+1} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6 & 0.2 & & & 0.2 \\ 0.2 & 0.6 & 0.2 & & \\ & & 0.2 & 0.6 & 0.2 \\ & & & 0.2 & 0.6 & 0.2 \\ 0.2 & & & & 0.2 & 0.6 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \vec{p}_n$$

$$T_{kj} = E[T_j | X_0 = k]$$

$$E[T_j | X_0 = k] = \begin{pmatrix} E[T_j | X_0 = k-1] + 1 \end{pmatrix} p_{k-1} + \begin{pmatrix} E[T_j | X_0 = k] + 1 \end{pmatrix} p_k + \begin{pmatrix} E[T_j | X_0 = k+1] + 1 \end{pmatrix} p_{k+1}$$

$$T_{kj} = (T_{k-1,j} + 1) 0.2 + (T_{k,j} + 1) 0.6 + (T_{k+1,j} + 1) 0.2$$

$$-1 = 0.2 T_{k-1,j} + (0.6 - 1) T_{k,j} + 0.2 T_{k+1,j}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix} = (M_j - I) \cdot \vec{T}_j$$


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