IEOR 4106, HMWK 3, Professor Sigman

1. Consider the Rat in the Open Maze; 4 rooms, and the outside (state 0) (state space $S = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$), but now the transition probabilities have been changed: The new 1-step transition matrix is given by:

$$P = \left(\begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 5/12 & 7/12 & 0 \\ 0 & 3/4 & 0 & 0 & 1/4 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 1/4 & 1/4 & 0 \end{array}\right).$$

- (a) Solve for the four values for $E(T_{i,0})$, the expected number of moves until the rat escapes given it starts in Room $i, 1 \le i \le 4$. (Hint: Condition on the first move.)
- (b) Compute the probability that the rat, if initially in Room 2, has escaped by (\leq) time/move n=10.
- 2. Consider from class lecture, the weather Markov chain $X_n = (W_{n-1}, W_n)$ where $W_n \in \{0, 1\}$ (1 = rain, 0 = no rain), and the labeling is given by

$$0 = (0,0)$$

$$1 = (0,1)$$

$$2 = (1,0)$$

$$3 = (1,1);$$

the state space is thus $S = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$. Suppose that the transition probabilities are given by the 1-step transition matrix

$$P = \left(\begin{array}{cccc} 0.1 & 0.9 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0.5 & 0.5\\ 0.9 & 0.1 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0.2 & 0.8 \end{array}\right).$$

Today is Monday: Compute the probability that it does not rain 2 days from now (Wed), given that it rained today (Monday) but did not rain yesterday (Sunday).

3. Consider modeling the weather where we now we include (in the state space) the previous two days weather instead of only the day before as we just did in Problem 2 above. Letting W_n denote weather on the n^{th} day (0 = no rain, 1 = rain), let $X_n = (W_{n-2}, W_{n-1}, W_n)$. There are 8 states, and we will relabel them 0—7 as: (0,0,0) = 0, (1,0,0) = 1, (0,1,0) = 2, (0,0,1) = 3, (1,1,0) = 4, (1,0,1) = 5, (0,1,1) = 6, (1,1,1) = 7. We will assume it forms a Markov chain, and that the transition probabilities are given by: If it has rained for the past 3 days, then it will rain today with probability 0.6; if it did not rain on any of the past 3 days, then it will rain today with probability 0.20. In any other case assume that the weather today will with probability 0.8 be the same as the weather yesterday. Derive the transition matrix.

4. Continuation:

Given that it did not rain today, did not rain yesterday and did not rain the day before yesterday, compute the probability that it does rain 2 days from now.

- 5. For the Gambler's Ruin Problem: Suppose N=8.
 - (a) With p = 0.6 and initially i = 4 dollars, compute the probability that the Gambler stops gambling after n = 2, 5, 10 gambles.
 - (b) Continuation: Find the minimum number of gambles n required so that after n gambles the probability of stopping is > 0.5.
 - (c) Compute (a) and (b) again if p = 0.4. Explain why the answers are the same as before.
- 6. Consider a Markov chain $\{X_n : n \geq 0\}$ with $\mathcal{S} = \{0, 1, 2\}$, and transition matrix

$$P = \left(\begin{array}{ccc} 1/3 & 1/6 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 1/7 & 6/7 \\ 1/4 & 0 & 3/4 \end{array}\right).$$

- (a) Compute $E(X_3 | X_0 = i)$, for each of i = 0, 1, 2.
- (b) Suppose that (independently) X_0 is chosen randomly with $P(X_0 = 0) = 1/4$, $P(X_0 = 1) = 1/8$, $P(X_0 = 2) = 5/8$. Compute $E(X_3)$.
- 7. Each of the following transition matrices is for a Markov chain. For each, find the communication classes for breaking down the state space, $\mathcal{S} = C_1 \cup C_2 \cup \cdots$ and for each class C_k tell if it is recurrent or transient.

(a)
$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1/4 & 1/8 & 1/8 & 1/2 \\ 7/8 & 1/8 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1/3 & 0 & 2/3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$P = \left(\begin{array}{cccc} 1/4 & 3/4 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1\\ 3/10 & 1/10 & 4/10 & 2/10\\ 0 & 6/13 & 0 & 7/13 \end{array}\right).$$

 $S = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}.$ (c)

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1/7 & 0 & 2/7 & 0 & 4/7 \\ 0 & 3/4 & 0 & 1/4 & 0 \\ 2/9 & 0 & 4/9 & 0 & 3/9 \\ 0 & 1/6 & 0 & 5/6 & 0 \\ 1/4 & 0 & 1/4 & 0 & 1/2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\mathcal{S} = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}.$$

(d)
$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1/9 & 2/9 & 1/9 & 1/9 & 4/9 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 6/7 & 0 & 0 & 1/7 & 0 \\ 0 & 1/3 & 0 & 0 & 2/3 \\ 2/11 & 0 & 5/11 & 0 & 4/11 \end{pmatrix}.$$

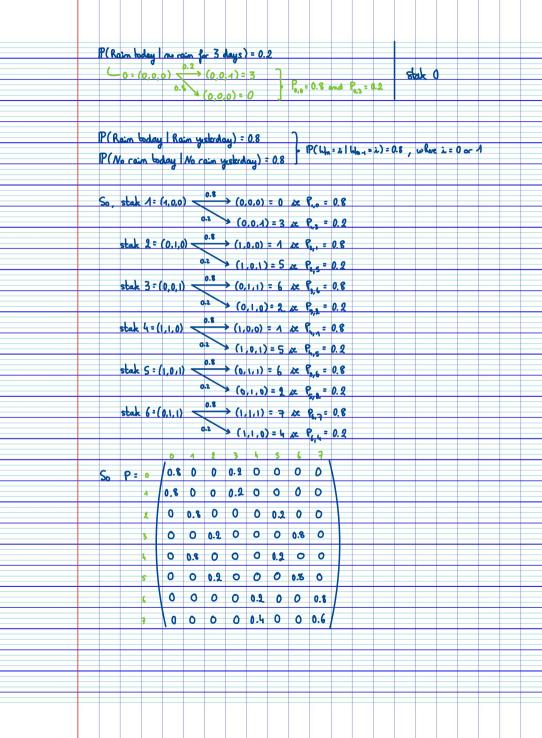
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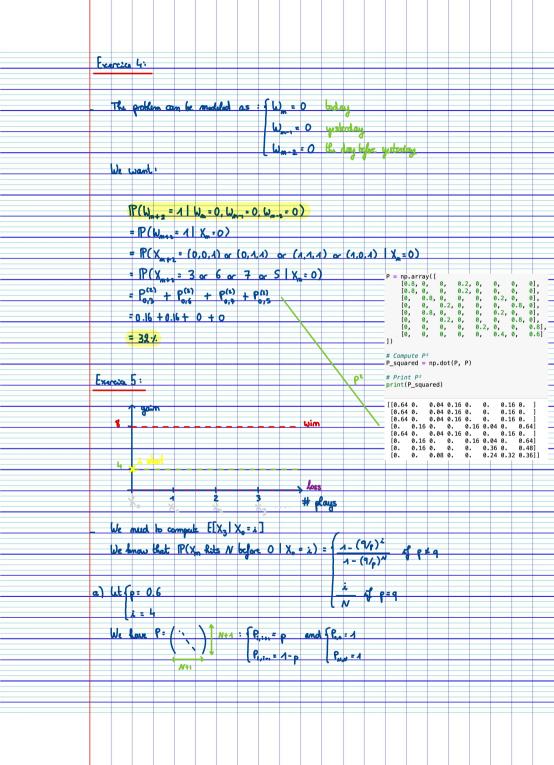
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Exercice 2:
                                 let's consider the following Morlow Chain: Xn = (Wm., Wn), on > 1
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                               P(Rain today rained for 3 days) = 0.6
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We start at stak: To = (0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0)
          m=2: So TI = TI P'
                          = (0,0,0,16,0,0,48,0,0,36,0,0)
                 And P(stop after m = 2) = T, (0) + Ta(N) = 0
   # Compute pi_2 (state distribution after 2 steps)
  pi_2 = np.dot(initial_distribution, np.linalg.matrix_power(P, 2))
  # Print the result
  print(f"State distribution after 2 steps: {pi_2}")
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         m = 5: So TT = TT. P5
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                And P(stop after m = 5) = T(0) + T(W) = 0.1552
    # Compute pi_5 (state distribution after 5 steps)
    pi_5 = np.dot(initial_distribution, np.linalg.matrix_power(P, 5))
   # Print the result
print(f"State distribution after 5 steps: {pi_5}")
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         m=10: So T. = T. P10
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                 And P(stop after m = 40) = TT_(0) + TT_(N) = 0 5323
    # Compute pi_10 (state distribution after 10 steps)
    pi_10 = np.dot(initial_distribution, np.linalg.matrix_power(P, 10))
    # Print the result
    print(f"State distribution after 10 steps: {pi_10}")
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    For m = 10, P (gambler stops after 10 games) = 0.5323
     current_distribution = np.dot(initial_distribution, np.linalg.matrix_power(P, n))
return current_distribution[0] + current_distribution[N] # Probability of reachir
 n = 1
 while True:
     prob = stopping_probability(n)
     if prob > 0.5:
        break
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print(f"Minimum number of steps n: {n}, Stopping probability: {prob}")
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It's basically the same King but Plipping the problem around
c) a. We start at stak: To = (0,0,0,0,1,0,0,0,0) and 0=04
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   # Print the result
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           M=10: So TT = TT. P10
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                    And P(stop after m = 40) = T (0) + T (N) = 0,533
   # Compute pi_10 (state distribution after 10 steps)
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   # Print the result
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        if prob > 0.5:
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    print(f"Minimum number of steps n: {n}, Stopping probability: {prob}")
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