

# Assignment 9

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## Abstract

This document gives the solution for Assignment 9 (Papoulis ch.15 Example 15-9).

(Example 15-9) Here the two end-boundary states  $e_0$  and  $e_{N-1}$  loop together to form a circle so that  $e_{N-1}$  has neighbors  $e_0$  and  $e_{N-1}$  (Fig. 15-3). The random walk continues on this circular boundary by passing from one state either to the right or left neighbor and this corresponds to the following  $N \times N$  transition matrix

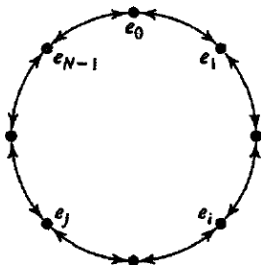
$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & p & 0 & 0 & . & . & . & 0 & q \\ q & 0 & p & 0 & . & . & . & . & 0 \\ 0 & q & 0 & p & 0 & . & . & . & 0 \\ . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . \\ . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . \\ . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . \\ 0 & 0 & . & . & . & . & q & 0 & p \\ p & 0 & . & . & . & . & 0 & q & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

More generally, if we permit transition between any two states  $e_0, e_1, \dots, e_{N-1}$ , then since moving  $k$  steps to the right on a circle is the same as moving  $N - k$  to the left (Fig 15-3). we obtain the following circulant transition matrix

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} q_0 & q_1 & q_2 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & q_{N-1} \\ q_{N-1} & q_0 & q_1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & q_{N-2} \\ q_{N-2} & q_{N-1} & q_0 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & q_{N-3} \\ \cdot & & & & & & \cdot \\ \cdot & & & & & & \cdot \\ \cdot & & & & & & \cdot \\ q_1 & q_2 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & q_{N-1} & q_0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

Here

$$q_k = P\{X_{n+1} = e_{i+k} | X_n = e_i\} = P\{X_{n+1} = e_{i-(N-k)} | X_n = e_i\} \quad (3)$$



**FIGURE 15-3**  
Cyclic Random Walk in (15-23).