

ECS 132 - Homework #6

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Problem 1

Cars cross a certain point in the highway in accordance with a Poisson process with rate $\lambda = 3$ cars per minute.

1. If I run blindly across the highway it takes me $s = 10$ seconds to cross the road. Assume that if I am on the highway when a car passes by, then I will be injured. What is the probability that I will be uninjured?
2. Suppose that I am agile enough to escape from a single car, but if I encounter 2 or more cars while attempting to cross the highways, I will be injured. However, it now takes me $s = 30$ seconds to cross the highway. What is the probability that I will be uninjured while crossing the highway?

1.1

$$\begin{aligned}P(\text{Uninjured}) &= P(N(s) = 0) = e^{-\lambda * s} \\&= e^{-3 * \frac{10}{60}} \\&= 0.606\end{aligned}$$

1.2

$$\begin{aligned}P(\text{Uninjured}) &= P(N(s) = 0 | N(s) = 1) \\&= e^{-\lambda * s} + \lambda * s * e^{-\lambda * s} \\&= e^{-3 * \frac{30}{60}} + 3 * \frac{30}{60} * e^{-3 * \frac{30}{60}} \\&= 0.5578\end{aligned}$$

Problem 2

Consider a memory system which only allows you to do sequential search. For example a read/write tape drive. If you want to look for a file you have to search sequentially looking at the first file, then the second file and so on until you find the file. A reasonable strategy would be place the most recently retrieved file at the front (imagine that the tape system can magically do this). This way the files that are accessed more often will be “at the front” and require less searching time in the long run. Consider the case with only 3 files A, B, and C.

1. Let X_n denote the sequence of the memory system after the n th search. For example, if the files were ordered A and then B followed by C, then $X_0 = ABC$. Enumerate the state space.
2. If $X_0 = ABC$, list all possible states of X_1 .
3. If p_A, p_B , and $p_C = 1 - p_A - p_B$ are the probabilities with which files A, B, and C are accessed, respectively, determine the one-step state transition matrix.
4. If $p_A = 0.6$, $p_B = 0.10$, $p_C = 0.3$, determine the steady state probability for the file order ABC.
5. In general show that the steady state probability of the state ABC is given by

2.1

$$SS = \{A, B, C\}$$

2.2

$$\begin{aligned}X_0 &= ABC \\X_1 &= \{ABC, BAC, CBA\}\end{aligned}$$

2.3

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} p_A & p_B & p_C & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ p_A & p_B & 0 & p_C & 0 & 0 \\ p_A & 0 & p_C & 0 & p_B & 0 \\ 0 & p_B & 0 & p_C & 0 & p_A \\ 0 & 0 & p_C & 0 & p_B & p_A \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & p_C & p_B & p_A \end{bmatrix}$$

2.4

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##      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5] [,6]
## [1,]  0.6  0.1  0.3  0.0  0.0  0.0
## [2,]  0.6  0.1  0.0  0.3  0.0  0.0
## [3,]  0.6  0.0  0.3  0.0  0.1  0.0
## [4,]  0.0  0.1  0.0  0.3  0.0  0.6
## [5,]  0.0  0.0  0.3  0.0  0.1  0.6
## [6,]  0.0  0.0  0.0  0.3  0.1  0.6

## [1] 0.1666667 0.1666667 0.1666667 0.1666667 0.1666667 0.1666667
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2.5

$$\begin{aligned} \pi_{ABC} &= \frac{p_a p_b}{p_b + p_c} \\ &= 0.15 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 3

A typical consumer in an specific market buys brand A with probability 0.8 if his last purchase was brand A and with probability 0.3 if his last purchase was brand B. We model the system as a two state Markov process; state 1 is the state occupied by the consumer if his last purchase was brand A and state 2 is the state occupied if his last purchase was brand B. 1. Determine the probability transition matrix P . 2. Compute the steady state probabilities compare with P^{12} .

3.1

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0.8 & 0.2 \\ 0.7 & 0.3 \end{bmatrix}$$

3.2

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda P &= \lambda \\ \lambda &= [0.777778 \quad 0.222222] \end{aligned}$$

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##      [,1] [,2]
## [1,]  0.8  0.7
## [2,]  0.2  0.3

## [1] 0.7777778 0.2222222
## [1] 0.7777778 0.2222222
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Problem 4

For the memory interference problem considered in the class, determine the (one step) probability transition-matrix P with two processors and three memory modules. Also determine the steady state probabilities π . An access requests memory module M_i with probability p_i . Compute π when $p_1 = 0.5$; $p_2 = 0.25$; $p_3 = 0.25$. You may use the method in the previous problem to determine the steady state probabilities

4.1

Solution. There are 2 CPUs and 3 Memory Modules, So the most amount of requests is 2 among the 3 modules.

$$SS = \{(1, 1, 0), (1, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1), (2, 0, 0), (0, 2, 0), (0, 0, 2)\}$$

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##      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5] [,6]
## [1,] 0.25 0.25 0.25 0.25 0.0625 0.0625
## [2,] 0.25 0.25 0.25 0.25 0.0625 0.0625
## [3,] 0.25 0.25 0.25 0.25 0.0625 0.0625
## [4,] 0.25 0.25 0.25 0.25 0.0625 0.0625
## [5,] 0.50 0.25 0.25 0.25 0.0625 0.0625
## [6,] 0.25 0.50 0.25 0.25 0.0625 0.0625

## [1] 0.1554248+0i 0.1554248+0i 0.1554248+0i 0.1554248+0i 0.1891505+0i
## [6] 0.1891505+0i
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Problem 5

A certain person goes for a run each morning. When he leaves the house for his run, he is equally likely to go out either the front or the back door and similarly when he returns, he is equally likely to go to either the front or the back door. The runner owns 3 pairs of running shoes which he takes off after the run at whichever door he happens to be. If there are no shoes at the door from which he leaves to go running, he runs barefoot. We are interested in determining the proportion of time that he runs barefoot. 1. Give the states and the one-step transition probability matrix.

Solution. The states represent the number of shoes left at the front door. This also accounts for the shoes left at the back door inherently.

$$SS = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0.5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.5 & 0.5 & 0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.5 & 0.5 & 0.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.5 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Solution. Since there is equal probabilities that he runs through either door, and each pair of shoes he uses is also equally likely. The probability he runs barefoot is $\frac{1}{3+1} = 0.25$

Problem 6

In a Binary Symmetric (Communication) Channel (BSC) data is sent using bits 0 and 1. When the source and the destination are far apart, there are repeaters that decode the bit and transmit generate a signal. However due to noise, there is a decoding error, i.e., there is a probability α that a bit 0 will be decoded as (and hence transmitted) as 1. Similarly, β is the probability that a bit 1 will be decoded as (and hence transmitted) as 0. Let X_0 be the bit's initial parity and let X_n be the bit's parity after the n th repeater.

6.1

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

6.2

$$\begin{aligned} [0.8 \quad 0.2] * P &= \\ &= [0.8(1 - \alpha) + 0.2(1 - \beta) \quad 0.8\alpha + 0.2\beta] \end{aligned}$$

6.3

$$[0.8 \quad 0.2] * P^5$$

Classmate Collaborators

Include the names and email IDs of everyone you collaborated with. You are free to discuss with your peers but everyone's work must be individual.

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