

Q5 Let C be closed communicating and finite.

Let j be transient.

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_{ij}^{(n)} = 0$$

But recurrence is a class property

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k \in C} P_{ik}^{(n)} &= \sum_{k \in C} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_{ik}^{(n)} \quad \text{since sum over finite elements.} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

But $P(X_n \in C | X_0 = i) = 1$ since we have a closed communicating class.
Hence we have a contradiction.

Q6 $T_i = \inf \{n \geq 0 \mid X_n \neq i\}$

This is a stopping time, therefore from SMP, Z is also MC.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \tilde{P}_{ij} &= P(Z_n = j \mid \text{PATH}) = P(Z_n = j \mid Z_{n-1} = i) \\ &= P(X_n = j \mid X_n \neq i \mid X_{n-1} = i) \\ &= \frac{P(X_n = j \mid X_{n-1} = i)}{P(X_n \neq i \mid X_{n-1} = i)} = \frac{P_{ij}}{\sum_{k \neq i} P_{ik}} \end{aligned}$$