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Q2

i) Irreducible if there exists a single closed communicating class.

Let $i, j \in S$

If $i < j$

Note there exists a path from $i \rightarrow j$

$(i, i+1, i+2, \dots, j)$

where all hopping probabilities are $= p > 0$.

$\Rightarrow P(X_n = j | X_0 = i) > 0 \quad \forall j > i \Rightarrow i \rightarrow j \quad \forall j > i$

Similarly, $j < i$.

$i, i-1, i-2, \dots, j$

is such a path. with all hopping probability $= 1-p > 0$

$\Rightarrow P(X_n = j | X_0 = i) > 0 \quad \forall j < i \Rightarrow i \rightarrow j \quad \forall j < i$

Hence $i \rightarrow j \quad \forall i, j \in S \Rightarrow$ any c.c. class must include all nodes, and hence there is only 1 c.c. class, which is S itself. } Definition of C.C. class.

Similarly, every subset has flow outward except for S itself. Hence, we have a single communicating class.

ii) Period of state is a class property.

Note $\overset{(1)}{P_{ii}} = 0 \quad \forall i$; $\overset{(2)}{P_{ii}} = 2p(1-p) \quad \forall i \in \{0, 1, N-1, N\}$.
 $\overset{(2)}{P_{11}} = 1-p+p(1-p)$; $\overset{(2)}{P_{N-1, N-1}} = p+p(1-p)$
 $\overset{(4)}{P_{00}} = 1-p$; $P_{NN} = p$

$\Rightarrow \overset{(2)}{P_{ii}} \neq 0 \quad \forall i$

$\Rightarrow \overset{2n}{P_{ii}} \neq 0$; $\overset{2n+1}{P_{ii}} = 0 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ from K.C. Theorem

$$\Rightarrow d_i = \gcd(\{2n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}) = 2. \quad \forall i$$

$$\text{iii)} \quad \text{let } A_i = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, i\} \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, N-1\}.$$

$$P(A_i, A_i^c) = p \pi_i = (1-p) \pi_{i+1} = P(A_i^c, A_i).$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\pi_i}{\pi_{i+1}} = \frac{1-p}{p}.$$

$$\frac{\pi_0}{\pi_1} = (1-p).$$

$$\sum \pi_i = 1.$$

$$\frac{\pi_i}{\pi_0} = \frac{\pi_i}{\pi_{i-1}} \cdot \frac{\pi_{i-1}}{\pi_{i-2}} \cdot \dots \cdot \frac{\pi_1}{\pi_0} \cdot \pi_0 \quad \forall i \geq 1 \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$= \left(\frac{p}{1-p} \right)^{i-1} \frac{1}{1-p} \pi_0 \quad \forall i \geq 1.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_i \pi_i &= \frac{\pi_0}{1-p} \sum_{i=1}^N \left(\frac{p}{1-p} \right)^{i-1} + \pi_0 \\ &= \frac{\pi_0}{1-p} \left[\sum_{i=0}^{N-1} \left(\frac{p}{1-p} \right)^i \right] + \pi_0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{let } r = \frac{p}{1-p}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum \pi_i = \frac{\pi_0}{1-p} \cdot \frac{1-r^N}{1-r} + \pi_0 = 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi_0 = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{1-p} \frac{1-r^N}{1-r} + 1} \quad ; \quad \pi_{i \neq 0} \text{ can be found from } \textcircled{1}$$

Q5 Let i and l be modes such that they are max
 $P_{ij}^{(n)} \leq P_{lj}^{(n)} ; P_{ij}^{(n+1)} \leq P_{lj}^{(n+1)} \quad \forall k \in S$

$$P(X_{n+1}=j \mid X_0=i) = \sum_{k \in S} P(X_{n+1}=j \mid X_1=k) P(X_1=k \mid X_0=i) \quad \text{K.T.}$$

$$= \sum_{k \in S} P(X_n=j \mid X_0=k) P_{ik} \quad \text{Markov property.}$$

$$\leq P(X_n=j \mid X_0=l) \sum_k P_{lk}$$

$$= P(X_n=j \mid X_0=l) \cdot 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{ij}^{(n+1)} \leq P_{lj}^{(n)}$$

Now assume i, l st they are min.
 $P_{ij}^{(n+1)} \leq P_{lj}^{(n+1)} ; P_{ij}^{(n)} \leq P_{lj}^{(n)} \quad \forall k \in S$

$$P(X_{n+1}=j \mid X_0=i) = \sum_{k \in S} P(X_{n+1}=j \mid X_1=k) P_{ik} \quad \text{K.C.T.}$$

$$= \sum_{k \in S} P(X_n=j \mid X_0=k) P_{ik} \quad \text{Markov property.}$$

$$\geq P(X_n=j \mid X_0=l) \sum_{k \in S} P_{lk}$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{ij}^{(n+1)} \geq P_{lj}^{(n)}$$