

Say that state j is *accessible* from state i , if $P_{ij}^n > 0$, for some $n \geq 0$. That is, there is positive probability of reaching j from i in a finite number of steps. States i and j *communicate* if i is accessible from j and j is accessible from i .

Example 3.11 Find the communication classes for the Markov chains with these transition matrices.

$$P = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} a & b & c & d & e \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \\ e \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 2/3 & 1/3 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 1/6 & 0 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3/4 & 1/4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}, \quad Q = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} a & b & c & d & e & f \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \\ e \\ f \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 1/6 & 1/3 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3/4 & 1/4 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4/5 & 0 & 0 & 1/5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

Para la matriz P se tiene

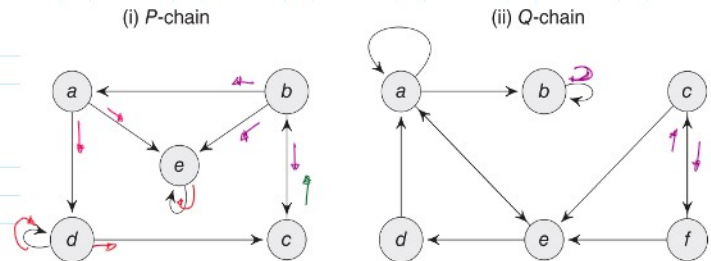
$\{a, b, c, d\}$, $\{e\}$

Matriz Q

$\{b\}$, $\{c, f\}$, $\{a, d, e\}$

Communication is an *equivalence relation*, which means that it satisfies the following three properties.

1. (*Reflexive*) Every state communicates with itself.
2. (*Symmetric*) If i communicates with j , then j communicates with i .
3. (*Transitive*) If i communicates with j , and j communicates with k , then i communicates with k .



el agrupamiento fue debido a la comunicación entre estados

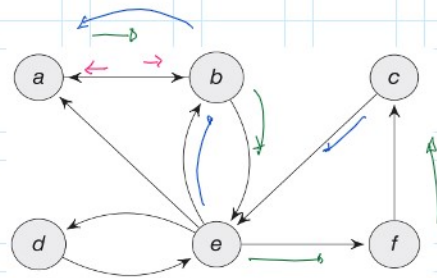
Irreducibility

A Markov chain is called *irreducible* if it has exactly one communication class. That is, all states communicate with each other.

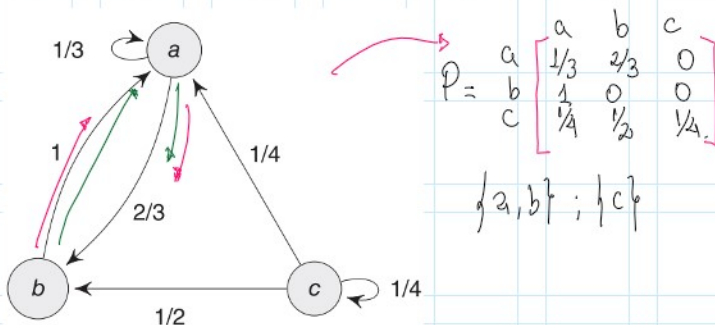
Example 3.12 The Markov chain with transition matrix

$$P = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} a & b & c & d & e & f \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} a \\ b \\ c \\ d \\ e \\ f \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1/4 & 1/4 & 0 & 1/4 & 0 & 1/4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

La cadena de Markov es irreducible!



Recurrencia y transitoriedad



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$\{a, b\}$; $\{c\}$

Given a Markov chain X_0, X_1, \dots , let $T_j = \min\{n > 0 : X_n = j\}$ be the *first passage time to state j* . If $X_n \neq j$, for all $n > 0$, set $T_j = \infty$. Let

$$f_j = P(T_j < \infty | X_0 = j)$$

Recurrent and Transient States

State j is said to be *recurrent* if the Markov chain started in j eventually revisits j . That is, $f_j = 1$.

State i is said to be *transient* if there is positive probability that the Markov

Recurrence, Transience

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State j is said to be *transient* if there is positive probability that the Markov chain started in j never returns to j . That is, $f_j < 1$.

Recurrence and Transience are Class Properties

Theorem 3.3. The states of a communication class are either all recurrent or all transient.

Corollary 3.4. For a finite irreducible Markov chain, all states are recurrent.

(i) State j is recurrent if and only if

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_{jj}^n = \infty.$$

(ii) State j is transient if and only if

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_{jj}^n < \infty.$$

Cadena reversible

Time Reversibility

An irreducible Markov chain with transition matrix P and stationary distribution π is *reversible*, or *time reversible*, if

$$\pi_i P_{ij} = \pi_j P_{ji}, \text{ for all } i, j. \quad (3.8)$$

Example 3.22 A Markov chain has transition matrix

$$\pi = (1/3, 4/15, 2/5) \quad P = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2/5 & 3/5 \\ 1/2 & 1/4 & 1/4 \\ 1/2 & 1/6 & 1/3 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

Determine if the chain is reversible.

Con $\pi = (1/3, 4/15, 2/5)$ la cadena es de tiempo reversible.

If the stationary distribution of a Markov chain is uniform, it is apparent from Equation (3.8) that the chain is reversible if the transition matrix is symmetric.

$$P(X_0 = i, X_1 = j) = P(X_0 = j, X_1 = i), \text{ for all } i, j.$$

$$P(X_0 = i_0, X_1 = i_1, \dots, X_n = i_n) = P(X_0 = i_n, X_1 = i_{n-1}, \dots, X_n = i_0),$$

for all i_0, i_1, \dots, i_n .

$$\pi_1 P_{12} = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \left(\frac{2}{5}\right) = \frac{2}{15} = \left(\frac{4}{15}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \pi_2 P_{21},$$

$$\pi_1 P_{13} = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \left(\frac{3}{5}\right) = \frac{1}{5} = \left(\frac{2}{5}\right) \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \pi_3 P_{31}, \checkmark$$

$$\pi_2 P_{23} = \left(\frac{4}{15}\right) \left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{15} = \left(\frac{2}{5}\right) \left(\frac{1}{6}\right) = \pi_3 P_{32}.$$

Si $\pi = (\pi_1, \dots, \pi_k)$ es uniforme
 $\rightarrow \pi_i = 1/k ; i = 1, 2, \dots, k$

$$\pi_i P_{ij} = \pi_j P_{ji}$$

$$\frac{1}{k} P_{ij} = \frac{1}{k} P_{ji} \sim P_{ij} = P_{ji} ; \forall i, j$$

$\hookrightarrow P$ es simétrica!