



1. (8 points) A fair coin is flipped 15 times. Let  $X$  denote the total number of heads, and  $Y$  the number of heads in the last 6 tosses. Derive  $E[X|Y]$ .

$$X \sim \text{Geo} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \quad E(X) = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 15$$

$$Y \sim \text{Geo} \Rightarrow$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Y=1 &\Rightarrow E(X|Y) = \frac{\frac{1}{2}(9) + 1}{15} \\
 Y=2 &\Rightarrow E(X|Y) = \frac{\frac{1}{2}(9) + 2}{15} \\
 Y=3 &\Rightarrow E(X|Y) = \frac{\frac{1}{2}(9) + 3}{15} \\
 Y=4 &\Rightarrow E(X|Y) = \frac{\frac{1}{2}(9) + 4}{15} \\
 Y=5 &\Rightarrow E(X|Y) = \frac{\frac{1}{2}(9) + 5}{15} \\
 Y=6 &\Rightarrow E(X|Y) = \frac{\frac{1}{2}(9) + 6}{15}
 \end{aligned}
 \left. \vphantom{\begin{aligned} Y=1 \\ Y=2 \\ Y=3 \\ Y=4 \\ Y=5 \\ Y=6 \end{aligned}} \right\} E(X|Y) \Rightarrow \frac{9}{2} + Y$$

2. (8 points) Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be independent Poisson random variables with parameters  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$ . Find the conditional distribution of  $Y$  given  $X + Y = n$ . You may use (without proof) that  $X + Y$  is Poisson distributed with parameter  $\lambda + \mu$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathcal{P}(Y | X+Y) \\
 &= \frac{\mathcal{P}(Y) \cdot \mathcal{P}(X=n-Y)}{\mathcal{P}(X+Y)} \\
 &= \frac{e^{-\mu} \frac{\mu^Y}{Y!} \cdot e^{-\lambda} \frac{(\lambda)^{n-Y}}{(n-Y)!}}{e^{-(\mu+\lambda)} \cdot \frac{(\mu+\lambda)^n}{n!}} \\
 &= \frac{\mu^Y \cdot (\lambda)^{n-Y} \cdot n!}{Y! \cdot (\mu+\lambda)^n \cdot (n-Y)!} \\
 &= \frac{n!}{Y! (n-Y)!} \cdot \frac{\mu^Y \cdot (\lambda)^{n-Y}}{(\mu+\lambda)^n} \\
 &= \binom{n}{Y} \frac{\mu^Y \cdot (\lambda)^{n-Y}}{(\mu+\lambda)^n}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}$$

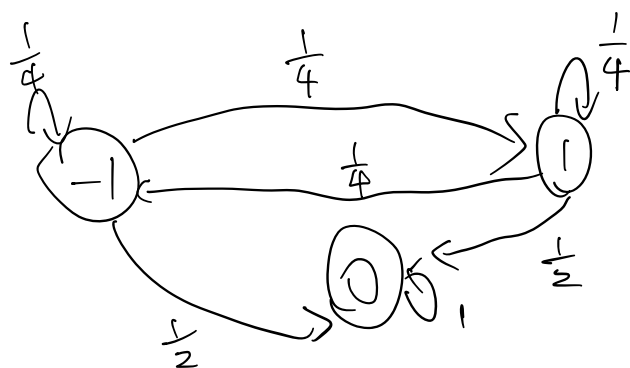
3. (16 points) Let  $(Y_n)_{n \geq 1}$  be a sequence of i.i.d. random variables with  $\mathbb{P}[Y_n = 1] = \mathbb{P}[Y_n = -1] = \frac{1}{4}$  and  $\mathbb{P}[Y_n = 0] = \frac{1}{2}$ . Define  $X_n := \prod_{i=1}^n Y_i$  for all  $n \geq 1$  and  $X_0 = 1$ .
- Explain why  $(X_n)_{n \geq 0}$  is a Markov chain and provide the corresponding transition matrix  $P$  and transition graph.
  - Determine the communication classes and their periodicity.
  - Argue that  $P_{i,j}^{(n)}$  converges for  $n \rightarrow \infty$  for all  $i$  and  $j$  in  $\mathcal{S}$ , and determine the corresponding limits  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_{i,j}^{(n)}$ .
  - Find a stationary distribution for this Markov Chain.

a)  $X_n = \prod_{i=1}^n Y_i = Y_1 \cdot Y_2 \cdots Y_n$

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbb{P}(X_{n+1} = j \mid X_n = i, X_{n-1} = i_{n-1}, \dots, X_0 = i_0) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(Y_1 \cdots Y_n \cdot Y_{n+1} = j \mid Y_1 \cdots Y_n = i, \dots) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(i \cdot Y_{n+1} = j \mid Y_1, \dots, Y_n) \\ &= \mathbb{P}(i \cdot Y_1 = j) = \mathbb{P}(X_1 = j \mid X_0 = i) \end{aligned}$$

Markov property and time homogeneous hold  
 $\Rightarrow$  Markov chain.

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



b)  $\{1, -1, 0\}$ ,  $d(1) = d(-1) = d(0) = \gcd(1, 2, 3, \dots) = 1$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 c). \quad \frac{1}{4} \pi_1 + \frac{1}{4} \pi_2 + \frac{1}{2} \pi_3 = \pi_1 \\
 d). \quad \frac{1}{4} \pi_1 + \frac{1}{4} \pi_2 + \frac{1}{2} \pi_3 = \pi_2 \\
 \quad \quad \quad 1 \pi_3 = \pi_3
 \end{array}
 \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} c). \\ d). \end{array}} \right\}
 \begin{array}{l}
 \pi_1 = \pi_2 = 0 \\
 \pi_3 = 1 \\
 \alpha^T = [0, 0, 1]
 \end{array}$$

if there is limiting distribution, it's stationary dist.

4. (12 points) Let  $X$  be a random variable with moment generating function (m.g.f.)

$$m_X(t) = \frac{1}{\pi}e^{-5t} + \frac{1}{\pi}e^{5t} + \left(1 - \frac{2}{\pi}\right)e^{0t} = 1 - \frac{2}{\pi}$$

(a) Can you obtain the probability mass function of  $X$ ? Is it unique?

(b) What is  $\mathbb{E}[X]$ ?

a)

$X$	$P(X)$
-5	$\frac{1}{\pi}$
5	$\frac{1}{\pi}$
0	$1 - \frac{2}{\pi}$

$P(X=x) \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\pi} & x = -5 \\ \frac{1}{\pi} & x = 5 \\ 1 - \frac{2}{\pi} & x = 0 \\ 0 & \text{o.w.} \end{cases}$

b)

$$\mathbb{E}(X) = 0 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{2}{\pi}\right) + (1) \cdot 0 + (-5) \cdot \frac{1}{\pi} + 5 \cdot \frac{1}{\pi}$$

$$= 0$$

5. (12 points) Probability bounds:

- (a) You are given that a positive valued random variable  $X$  has mean  $\mathbb{E}[X] = 4$ . Use Markov's Inequality to bound the probability  $\mathbb{P}(X \geq 5)$ .
- (b) You are given that a real valued random variable  $X$  has mean  $\mathbb{E}[X] = 20$  and variance  $\text{Var}(X) = 25$ . Use Chebyshev inequality to bound the probability  $\mathbb{P}(X \leq 8)$ .

$$a) \quad \mathbb{P}(X > c) \leq \frac{\mathbb{E}(X)}{c}$$

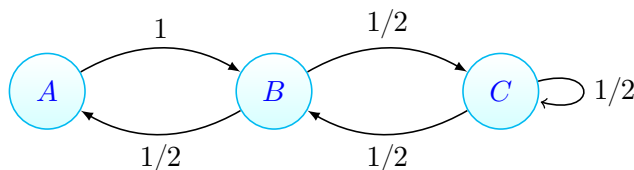
$$\mathbb{P}(X > 5) \leq \frac{4}{5}$$

$$b) \quad \mathbb{P}(|X - \mu| \geq c) \leq \frac{\sigma^2}{c^2}$$

$$\mathbb{P}(|X - 20| \geq 8) \leq \frac{25}{c^2}$$

$$\mathbb{P}(X - 20 \leq -12) \leq \frac{25}{144}$$

6. (16 points) A Markov chain  $X_0, X_1, X_2, \dots$  has the following transition graph:



- Provide the transition matrix for the Markov chain.
- Determine the set of stationary distributions.
- If  $\pi^T = (\pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3)$  is a stationary distribution and the distribution of  $X_0$  (initial distribution of the chain). What do you know about  $\mathbb{P}(X_1 = i)$  for  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ ? What do you know about  $\mathbb{P}(X_k = i)$  for  $i \in \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $k > 1$ ?
- Is there a limiting distribution? If so, determine it. If not, explain why.

a)

	A	B	C
A	0	1	0
B	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$
C	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$

b)

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \pi_2 &= \pi_1 \\ \frac{1}{2}\pi_1 + \frac{1}{2}\pi_3 &= \pi_2 \\ \frac{1}{2}\pi_2 + \frac{1}{2}\pi_3 &= \pi_3 \end{aligned} \right\} \alpha^T = \left[ \frac{1}{5}, \frac{2}{5}, \frac{2}{5} \right]$$

c)  $i=1 \Rightarrow \alpha^T P^1 = \left[ \frac{1}{5}, \frac{2}{5}, \frac{2}{5} \right]$

$i=2 \Rightarrow \alpha^T P^2 = \left[ \frac{1}{5}, \frac{2}{5}, \frac{2}{5} \right]$

$i=3 \Rightarrow \alpha^T P^3 = \left[ \frac{1}{5}, \frac{2}{5}, \frac{2}{5} \right]$

it's stationary dist but also limiting dist.

d) Yes there is.

Irreducible, 1 class, finite class space. Aperiodic


limiting = stationary distribution,  $\left[ \frac{1}{5}, \frac{2}{5}, \frac{2}{5} \right]$

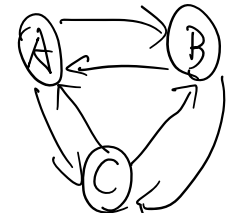


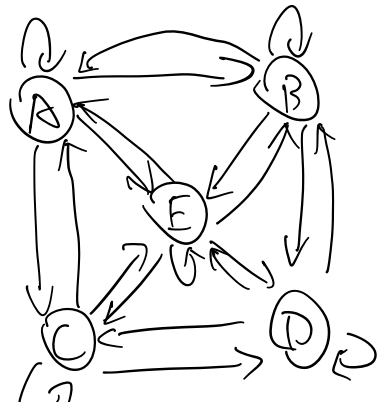
7. (12 points) For each of the below listed descriptions, provide the transition graph of a Markov Chain that satisfies them. Explain in a few sentences why your example has the properties. If such an example does not exist, explain why:

- (a) A 2 state Markov Chain without limiting distribution but with at least one stationary distribution.
- (b) A 2 state Markov Chain with limiting distribution. Determine it.
- (c) An irreducible 3 state Markov Chain which is not aperiodic.
- (d) An irreducible 5 state Markov Chain which is aperiodic.
- (e) An irreducible 4 state Markov Chain which is aperiodic and such that the expected return time to state 1 is infinite (i.e.  $\mathbb{E}[T_1|X_0 = 1] = \infty$ ).
- (f) A Markov Chain with more than one communication class and a limiting distribution.

a)  $A^T \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \pi_1 = \pi_2 = \frac{1}{2}$ , but no limiting, as periodic  $= 2$ .  
So it exists

b)   $\Rightarrow$  there is limiting distribution.  
As it's **Aperiodic**, **irreducible**, **1 class**, **finite class space**, **limiting = stationary distribution**.  
So it exists

c)   $d(A) = d(B) = d(C) = 2$ , So it exists

d)   $d(A) = d(B) = d(C) = d(D) = 1$   
**Aperiodic**  
So it exists

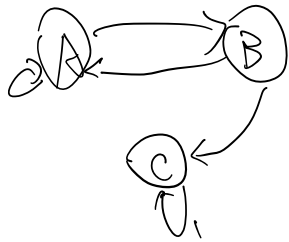
E). No doesn't exist.

$$\mu_i = E[T_j | x_0 = j] = \frac{1}{\pi_j}$$

irreducible + Aperiodic + finite class space  $\Rightarrow$  there is  $\pi_j$

$\frac{1}{\text{finite}} = \text{finite number.}$

f).



if there is absorbing state  
then it exists.

8. (16 points) Let  $(S_n)_{n \geq 0}$  be a simple random walk starting in 0 (i.e.  $S_0 = 0$ ) with  $p = 0.4$  and  $q = 1 - p = 0.6$ . Compute the following probabilities:

(a)  $\mathbb{P}(S_1 = 1 | S_2 = 0)$

(b)  $\mathbb{P}(S_2 = 2, S_5 = 1),$

(c)  $\mathbb{P}(S_2 = 2, S_4 = 3, S_5 = 1),$

(d)  $\mathbb{P}(M_7 \leq -5, S_7 = -5),$  where  $M_n = \min_{0 \leq i \leq n} S_i$ .

$$\binom{n}{\frac{1}{2}(n+k)} p^{\frac{1}{2}(n+k)} q^{\frac{1}{2}(n-k)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a)} \quad \frac{\mathbb{P}(S_1 = 1, S_2 = 0)}{\mathbb{P}(S_2 = 0)} &= \frac{\mathbb{P}(S_2 - S_1 = 0 - 1) \mathbb{P}(S_1 - S_0 = 1 - 0)}{\mathbb{P}(S_2 - S_0 = 0)} \\ &= \frac{q p}{\binom{2}{1} p q} = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{b)} \quad &\mathbb{P}(S_1 - S_2 = 1 - 2) \mathbb{P}(S_2 - S_0 = 2 - 0) \\ &= \left[ \binom{3}{1} p^1 q^2 \right] \left[ \binom{2}{2} p^2 \right] \\ &= 3 p^3 q^2 = 3 \cdot (0.4)^3 (0.6)^2 = 0.06912 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{c)} \quad \mathbb{P}(S_4 = 3) = 0 \Rightarrow \mathbb{P}(S_2 = 2, S_4 = 3, S_5 = 1) = 0$$

$$\text{d)} \quad \mathbb{P}(S_7 = -5) \Rightarrow \mathbb{P}(M_7 \leq -5) = 1$$

$$\mathbb{P}(S_7 = -5) = \mathbb{P}(S_7 - S_0 = -5 - 0) = \binom{7}{1} p^1 q^6 = 0.1306$$

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 TABLES OF RANDOM VARIABLES
 

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## Discrete R.V.

Name	abbrev.	pmf	$\mathbb{E}(X)$	$\text{Var}(X)$	MGF
Binomial	$\text{Bin}(n, p)$	$\binom{n}{k} p^k (1-p)^{n-k}$	$np$	$np(1-p)$	$[(1-p) + pe^t]^n$
Poisson	$\text{Pois}(\lambda)$	$e^{-\lambda} \frac{\lambda^k}{k!}$	$\lambda$	$\lambda$	$\exp(\lambda(e^t - 1))$
Geometric	$\text{Geom}(p)$	$(1-p)^{k-1} p$	$\frac{1}{p}$	$\frac{1-p}{p^2}$	$\frac{pe^t}{1-(1-p)e^t}$ for $t < -\ln(1-p)$

## Continuous R.V.

Name	abbrev.	pdf	$\mathbb{E}(X)$	$\text{Var}(X)$	MGF
Uniform	$\text{Unif}(a, b)$	$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a} & a \leq t \leq b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$	$\frac{a+b}{2}$	$\frac{(b-a)^2}{12}$	$\frac{e^{tb} - e^{ta}}{t(b-a)}$
Exponential	$\text{Exp}(\lambda)$	$\begin{cases} \lambda e^{-\lambda t} & t \geq 0 \\ 0 & t < 0 \end{cases}$	$\frac{1}{\lambda}$	$\frac{1}{\lambda^2}$	$\frac{\lambda}{\lambda-t}$ for $t < \lambda$
Normal	$N(\mu, \sigma^2)$	$\left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} \right) \exp\left( \frac{-(t-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2} \right)$	$\mu$	$\sigma^2$	$e^{\mu t} e^{\sigma^2 t^2 / 2}$