Probabilisitc Programming Exercises 2 – Jan Boerman, Jasper van Rooijen

#### **Exercise 1**

#### **Exercise 2**

For target State 6, we consider

$$\sum_{?} = \{s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4\}$$

$$(I - A) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1/2 & 0 & -1/2 \\ -1/3 & 1 & -1/3 & 0 \\ 0 & -3/4 & 1 & -1/4 \\ 0 & 0 & -4/5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x = \begin{bmatrix} s_1 \\ s_2 \\ s_3 \\ s_4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$b = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1/3 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Such that holds:

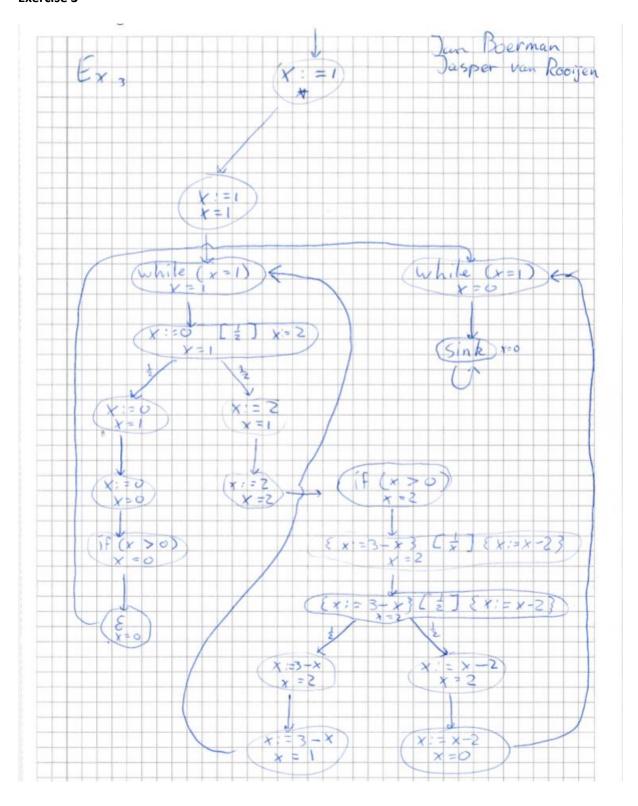
$$(I - A) * x = b$$

Gaussian elimination yields:

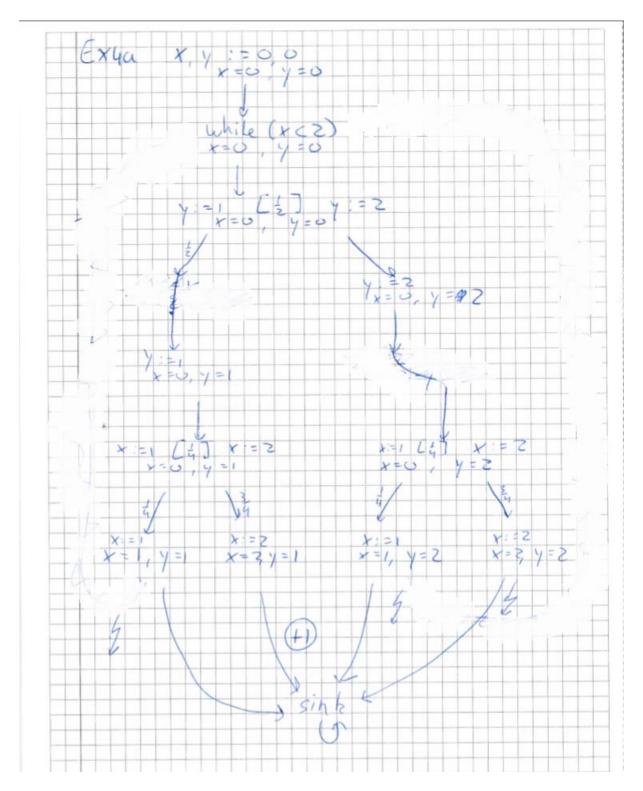
$$\begin{pmatrix} s_1 \\ s_2 \\ s_3 \\ s_4 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 14/19 \\ 16/19 \\ 15/19 \\ 12/19 \end{pmatrix}$$

Thus the probability of reaching state 6 from state 1 is the probability as yielded by the elimination: 14/19, thus 73,7%.

## Exercise 3



## **Exercise 4a**



# **Exercise 4b**

The expected value is defined as (probability of a valid path \* value for that path) / (1 - probability of an invalid path)Thus the expected value of x + y

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= ((1/2)^*(3/4)^*(2+1)) / (1 - ((1/2)^*(1/4) + (1/2)^*(1/4) + (1/2)^*(3/4)))
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= 3

<sup>= ((3/8)\*3) / (1 - (1/8 + 1/8 + 3/8)) = (3\*(3/8)) / (1 - 5/8)</sup> 

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