

# ECS132 HOMEWORK 1

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**Problem 2.(Matloff): Consider the ALOHA example. Suppose it is known that  $X1 \neq X2$ . Find the probability that there were 0, 1 or 2 collisions during those two epochs analytically and confirmed via R simulation.**

Let C be the number of collisions in the first two epochs.

Assume that  $X0 = 2$ , so at the start of the first epoch, there are two active nodes.

By using  $p = 0.4$  and  $q = 0.8$  from the material:

Since that  $X1 \neq X2$ , so we need to calculate all probabilities of 0, 1, or 2 collisions that occur conditioned on the event where  $X1 \neq X2$ .  $P(C = 0|X1 \neq X2)$ ,  $P(C = 1|X1 \neq X2)$ ,

and  $P(C = 2|X1 \neq X2)$ . By the definition of conditional probability we got:

$P(C=a|X1 \neq X2) = P(C=a, X1 \neq X2) / P(X1 \neq X2)$  to each case

$P(X1 \neq X2) = P((X1 = 2, X2 = 1) \text{ or } (X1 = 1, X2 = 2) \text{ or } (X1 = 1, X2 = 0))$

$= P(X1 = 2, X2 = 1) + P(X1 = 1, X2 = 2) + P(X1 = 1, X2 = 0)$

Case  $X1 = 2, X2 = 1$ : In the first epoch:  $(p^2 + (1-p)^2)$  and 2.

In the second epoch one node sent  $(2p(1-p))$ . so  $P(X1 = 2, X2 = 1) = (p^2 + (1-p)^2)2p(1-p)$

Case  $X1 = 1, X2 = 2$ : When 1 in the first epoch, one node sent  $(2p(1-p))$  and 2

The second epoch, both nodes are active at the end:  $(p^2 + (1-p)^2)$ :

$P(X1 = 1, X2 = 2) = 2p(1-p)q(p^2 + (1-p)^2)$

Case  $X1 = 1, X2 = 0$ : When 1 in the first epoch, one node sent  $(2p(1-p))$  and 2.

The second epoch: the inactive is still inactive, the active node sent  $p$

$P(X1 = 1, X2 = 0) = 2p(1-p)(1-q)p$

From above:  $P(X1 \neq X2) = (p^2 + (1-p)^2)2p(1-p) + 2p(1-p)q(p^2 + (1-p)^2) + 2p(1-p)(1-q)p$  approximately is 0.48768. Now we see three scenarios:  $C = 2, X1 \neq X2$ :

there is no way to get  $C = 0$  and  $X1 \neq X2$  at the same time. Thus,  $P(C=2|X1 \neq X2) = P(C=2, X1 \neq X2) / P(X1 \neq X2) = 0 / P(X1 \neq X2) = 0$ .  $C=1, X1 \neq X2$ :

Case 1: The collision is in the first epoch ( $p^2$ ), making  $X1 = 2$ , and in the second epoch, an active node must be sent, so this case has probability  $p^2[2p(1-p)]$

Case 2: The collision is in the second epoch, indicating it should be  $X2 = 2$  so  $X1 = 1$  to get them unequal. so, one node sent in the first epoch is  $(2p(1-p))$ , in the second epoch generates  $q$ , so both nodes are tended to send messages as  $p^2$ , thus its probability is  $2p(1-p)qp^2$

Thus:  $P(C=1|X1 \neq X2) = P(C=1, X1 \neq X2) / P(X1 \neq X2) =$

$(p^2[2p(1-p)] + 2p(1-p)qp^2) / (p^2 + (1-p)^2)2p(1-p) + 2p(1-p)q(p^2 + (1-p)^2) + 2p(1-p)(1-q)p$

Approximately equals 0.2834646. Under the scenario  $C = 0, X1 \neq X2$ : Case 1: In the first epoch neither nodes were sent  $((1-p)^2)$ . In the second epoch, one node sent  $2p(1-p)$ , its probability here is thus  $(1-p)^2[2p(1-p)]$ . Case 2: in the first epoch, one node sent, so  $X1 = 2p(1-p)$ , in the second epoch, one node generated  $(1-q)$  the active node sent  $p$ . So its probability is  $2p(1-p)(1-q)p$

Case 3: in the first epoch one node sent,  $X1 = 2p(1-p)$ . In the second epoch,  $q$  is generated, so  $X2 = 2$ , its probability:  $2p(1-p)q(1-p)^2$ . In summary of all three scenarios with their cases above:

$P(C=0|X1 \neq X2) = (P(C=0, X1 \neq X2)) / P(X1 \neq X2)$

$= [(1-p)^2]2p(1-p) + 2p(1-p)(1-q)p + 2p(1-p)q(1-p)^2 / (p^2 + (1-p)^2)2p(1-p) + 2p(1-p)q(p^2 + (1-p)^2) + 2p(1-p)(1-q)p$  approximately equals to 0.7165354. Therefore, the probability that there were 0 collisions during those two epochs is 0.7165354, the probability that there were 1 collisions during those two epochs is 0.2834646, the probability that there were 2 collisions during those two epochs is 0.

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1 SimulateFunc <- function (p, q, nreps) {
2   #count for x1 not equal to x2
3   resultval <- 0
4   num_col_0 <- 0
5   num_col_1 <- 0
6   num_col_2 <- 0
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8   for ( i in 1 : nreps) {
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10    # at epoch 1
11    #no message attempted to send
12    NumSent <- 0
13    # number of collisions here
14    num_col <- 0
15    # simulate
16    for ( j in 1 : 2 ) {
17      if ( runif( 1 ) < p) NumSent <- NumSent + 1
18    }
19    if ( NumSent == 1 ) X1 <- 1
20    if ( NumSent == 0 ) X1 <- 2
21    if ( NumSent == 2 ) {
22      X1 <- 2
23      num_col <- num_col + 1
24    }
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26   # at epoch 2
27   # if X1 = 1
28   # one node generate a new message
29   ActiveNum <- X1
30   if ( X1 == 1 && runif( 1 ) < q)
31     ActiveNum <- ActiveNum + 1
32
33   # check if send or not
34   if ( ActiveNum == 1 )
35   {
36     if ( runif( 1 ) < p) X2 <- 0
37     else X2 <- 1
38   }
39   else { # is the active number is 2
40     NumSent <- 0
41     for ( i in 1 : 2 ) {
42       if ( runif( 1 ) < p)
43         NumSent <- NumSent + 1
44     }
45     if ( NumSent == 1 ) X2 <- 1
46     if ( NumSent == 0 ) X2 <- 2
47     if ( NumSent == 2 ) {
48       X2 <- 2
49       num_col <- num_col + 1
50     }

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49     num_col <- num_col + 1
50   }
51 }
52 if ( X1 != X2 ) {
53   # increment our result as when x1!=x2
54   resultval <- resultval + 1
55
56   if ( num_col == 0 ) num_col_0 <- num_col_0 + 1
57   if ( num_col == 1 ) num_col_1 <- num_col_1 + 1
58   if ( num_col == 2 ) num_col_2 <- num_col_2 + 1
59 }
60 }
61 # print our results
62
63 cat(" P(X1!=X2) = ", resultval / nreps , "\n")
64 cat(" P( C= 0|X1!=X2 ):" , num_col_0 / resultval , "\n")
65 cat(" P( C= 1|X1!=X2 ):" , num_col_1 / resultval , "\n")
66 cat(" P( C= 2|X1!=X2 ):" , num_col_2 / resultval , "\n")
67 }
68
69 SimulateFunc(0.4,0.8,100000)
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> source("~/Downloads/problem2.R", echo=TRUE)
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> SimulateFunc <- function (p, q, nreps) {
+   #count for x1 not equal to x2
+   resultval <- 0
+   num_col_0 <- 0
+   num_col_1 <- 0
+   num_col_2 .... [TRUNCATED]
+
> SimulateFunc(0.4,0.8,100000)
P(X1!=X2) = 0.48719
P( C= 0|X1!=X2 ): 0.7148135
P( C= 1|X1!=X2 ): 0.2851865
P( C= 2|X1!=X2 ): 0
>

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