

INSTRUCTIONS

- **Due: Wednesday, 5 April 2023 at 23:59 PM PDT** Remember that you have 5 slip days to use at your discretion BUT you can use no more than 1 per homework.
- **Format:** Submit the answer sheet containing your answers in PDF. You can provide either typed or handwritten answers to this homework. Handwritten answers must be legible and scanned into a PDF.
- **Note:** **Please DO NOT FORGET to include your name and WSU ID in your submission.**
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Q1. [40 pts] Temporal Reasoning

Consider the first-order Markov chain in Fig. 1 below. At each step i , the (random) state Z_i of the chain at step i can take any values in $\{0,1,2\}$. The probability of moving to $Z_{i+1} = v$ from $Z_i = u$ is detailed in the transition matrix in Fig. 1.



$$Z_i \in \{0, 1, 2\}$$

	0	1	2
0	0.3	0.2	0.5
1	0.1	0.7	0.2
2	0.3	0.6	0.1

Transition Matrix

$$P(Z_{i+1} = v \mid Z_i = u) = T_{uv}$$

where T_{uv} = the value at row u and column v of T

Figure 1: First-Order Markov Chain

- (a) [4 pts] Prove that $P(Z_{i+1}) = \sum_{Z_i=0}^2 P(Z_i) P(Z_{i+1} \mid Z_i)$ using the chain rule and principle of marginalization.

Answer:

We start by applying the chain rule of probability:

$$P(Z_{i+1}, Z_i) = P(Z_{i+1} \mid Z_i) * P(Z_i)$$

Now, we use the principle of marginalization to find the probability distribution of Z_{i+1} by summing over all possible values of Z_i :

$$P(Z_{i+1}) = \sum P(Z_{i+1}, Z_i)$$

Using the expression, we derived for $P(Z_{i+1}, Z_i)$ and rearranging the order of the factors, we get:

$$P(Z_{i+1}, Z_i) = P(Z_i) * P(Z_{i+1} \mid Z_i)$$

Substituting this into equation for $P(Z_{i+1})$, we get:

$$P(Z_{i+1}) = \sum P(Z_i) * P(Z_{i+1} \mid Z_i)$$

Now, we can rewrite the sum in terms of the possible values of Z_i :

$$P(Z_{i+1}) = P(Z_i=0) P(Z_{i+1} \mid Z_i=0) + P(Z_i=1) P(Z_{i+1} \mid Z_i=1) + P(Z_i=2) P(Z_{i+1} \mid Z_i=2)$$

Simplifying the above expression gives:

$$P(Z_{i+1}) = \sum_{Z_i=0}^2 P(Z_i) P(Z_{i+1} | Z_i)$$

Therefore, we have proved that:

$$P(Z_{i+1}) = \sum_{Z_i=0}^2 P(Z_i) P(Z_{i+1} | Z_i)$$

using the chain rule of probability and the principle of marginalization

- (b) [9 pts] Given the prior probabilities $P(Z_0 = 0) = 0.2$ and $P(Z_0 = 1) = 0.4$, compute the marginal probabilities $P(Z_1 = 0)$, $P(Z_1 = 1)$ and $P(Z_1 = 2)$.

Answer:

To evaluate the marginal probabilities of $P(Z_1 = 0)$, $P(Z_1 = 1)$, and $P(Z_1 = 2)$, we need to use the formula for the total probability:

$$\begin{aligned} P(Z_1=0) &= \sum_{Z_0=0}^2 P(Z_0, Z_1=0) \\ &= P(Z_1=0 | Z_0=0)P(Z_0=0) + P(Z_1=0 | Z_0=1)P(Z_0=1) + P(Z_1=0 | Z_0=2)P(Z_0=2) \\ &= 0.3 \times 0.2 + 0.1 \times 0.4 + 0.3 \times 0.4 = 0.22 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(Z_1=1) &= \sum_{Z_0=0}^2 P(Z_0, Z_1=1) \\ &= P(Z_1=1 | Z_0=0)P(Z_0=0) + P(Z_1=1 | Z_0=1)P(Z_0=1) + P(Z_1=1 | Z_0=2)P(Z_0=2) \\ &= 0.2 \times 0.2 + 0.7 \times 0.4 + 0.6 \times 0.4 = 0.56. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $P(Z_1=2) = 1 - P(Z_1=0) - P(Z_1=1) = 0.22$.

- (c) [9 pts] Given the same prior probabilities over Z_0 as in part (b), compute $P(Z_2 = 0)$, $P(Z_2 = 1)$ and $P(Z_2 = 2)$.

Answer :

$P(Z_1 = 0) = 0.22$ and $P(Z_1 = 1) = 0.56$, we have $P(Z_1 = 2) = 0.22$.

$$\begin{aligned} P(Z_2=0) &= \sum_{Z_1=0}^2 P(Z_1, Z_2=0) \\ &= P(Z_2=0 | Z_1=0)P(Z_1=0) + P(Z_2=0 | Z_1=1)P(Z_1=1) + P(Z_2=0 | Z_1=2)P(Z_1=2) \\ &= 0.3 \times 0.22 + 0.1 \times 0.56 + 0.3 \times 0.22 = 0.188 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(Z_2=1) &= \sum_{Z_1=0}^2 P(Z_1, Z_2=1) \\ &= P(Z_2=1 | Z_1=0)P(Z_1=0) + P(Z_2=1 | Z_1=1)P(Z_1=1) + P(Z_2=1 | Z_1=2)P(Z_1=2) \\ &= 0.2 \times 0.22 + 0.7 \times 0.56 + 0.6 \times 0.22 = 0.568 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $P(Z_2=2) = 1 - P(Z_2=0) - P(Z_2=1) = 0.244$.

- (d) [9 pts] Given the same prior probabilities over Z_0 as in part (b), compute $P(Z_3 = 0)$, $P(Z_3 = 1)$ and $P(Z_3 = 2)$.

Answer :

$P(Z_2 = 0) = 0.188$ and $P(Z_2 = 1) = 0.568$, we have $P(Z_2 = 2) = 0.244$.

$$\begin{aligned} P(Z_3=0) &= \sum_{Z_2=0}^2 P(Z_2, Z_3=0) \\ &= P(Z_3=0 | Z_2=0)P(Z_2=0) + P(Z_3=0 | Z_2=1)P(Z_2=1) + P(Z_3=0 | Z_2=2)P(Z_2=2) \\ &= 0.3 \times 0.188 + 0.1 \times 0.568 + 0.3 \times 0.244 = 0.1864 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P(Z_3=1) &= \sum_{Z_2=0}^2 P(Z_2, Z_3=1) \\
&= P(Z_3=1 | Z_2=0)P(Z_2=0) + P(Z_3=1 | Z_2=1)P(Z_2=1) + P(Z_3=1 | Z_2=2)P(Z_2=2) \\
&= 0.2 \times 0.188 + 0.7 \times 0.568 + 0.6 \times 0.244 = 0.5816 \\
\text{Therefore, } P(Z_3=2) &= 1 - P(Z_3=0) - P(Z_3=1) = 0.232.
\end{aligned}$$

- (e) [9 pts] Suppose we receive an observation that $Z_1 = 2$, what are the probabilities of reaching $Z_3 = 0$, $Z_3 = 1$ and $Z_3 = 2$ now? That is, compute $P(Z_3 = 0 | Z_1 = 2)$, $P(Z_3 = 1 | Z_1 = 2)$ and $P(Z_3 = 2 | Z_1 = 2)$.

Answer:

We have $P(Z_2=0 | Z_1=2)=0.3$, $P(Z_2=1 | Z_1=2)=0.6$ and $P(Z_2=2 | Z_1=2)=0.1$.

$$\begin{aligned}
P(Z_3=0 | Z_1=2) &= \sum_{Z_2=0}^2 P(Z_2, Z_3=0 | Z_1=2) \\
&= \sum_{Z_2=0}^2 P(Z_3=0 | Z_2, Z_1=2)P(Z_2 | Z_1=2) \\
&= \sum_{Z_2=0}^2 P(Z_3=0 | Z_2)P(Z_2 | Z_1=2) \\
&= 0.3 \times 0.3 + 0.1 \times 0.6 + 0.3 \times 0.1 = 0.18
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P(Z_3=1 | Z_1=2) &= \sum_{Z_2=0}^2 P(Z_2, Z_3=1 | Z_1=2) \\
&= \sum_{Z_2=0}^2 P(Z_3=1 | Z_2, Z_1=2)P(Z_2 | Z_1=2) \\
&= \sum_{Z_2=0}^2 P(Z_3=1 | Z_2)P(Z_2 | Z_1=2) \\
&= 0.2 \times 0.3 + 0.7 \times 0.6 + 0.6 \times 0.1 = 0.54
\end{aligned}$$

So, $P(Z_3=2 | Z_1=2) = 1 - P(Z_3=0 | Z_1=2) - P(Z_3=1 | Z_1=2) = 0.28$.

Q2. [30 pts] Filtering and Prediction

Consider the first-order hidden Markov model in Fig. 2 below. Note that for this problem, you need to show your step-by-step derivation. There is no partial credit to guessing work.

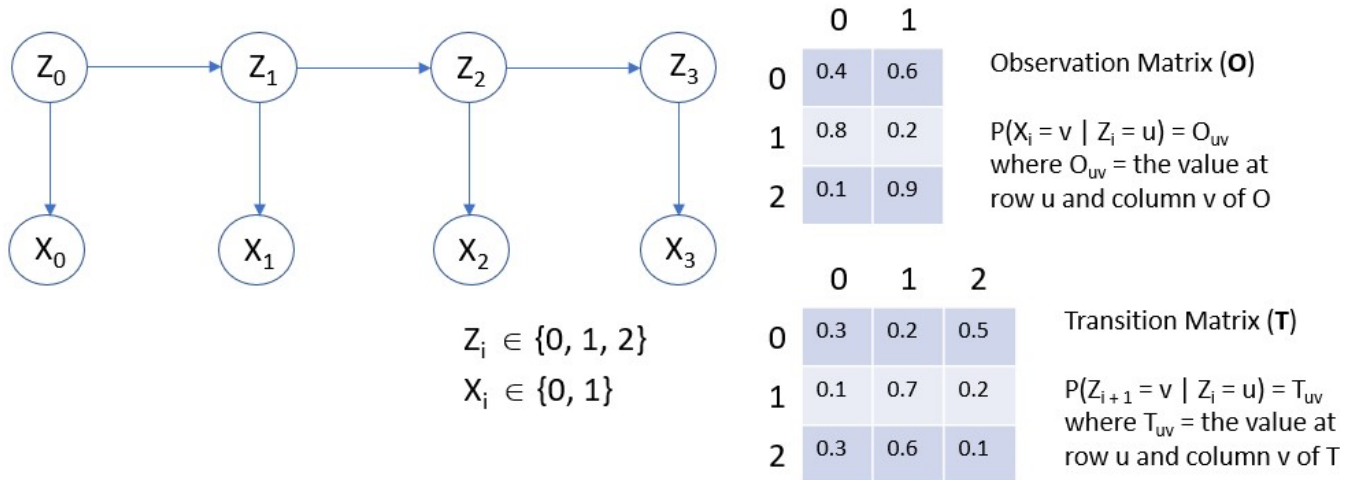


Figure 2: First-Order Markov Model

- (a) [10 pts] Suppose that before any observations, the prior probabilities $P(Z_0 = 0) = 0.3$ and $P(Z_0 = 1) = 0.3$. Now, if we observe that $X_0 = 0$, what is the most likely value of Z_0 ? That is, compute $u = \operatorname{argmax}_u P(Z_0 = u \mid X_0 = 0)$. Note: For any function $g(u)$, $\operatorname{argmax}_u g(u)$ denotes the value of u such that $g(u)$ is largest.

Answer :

We can use Bayes' rule to calculate the posterior probabilities of the hidden state Z_0 given the observed state $X_0=0$:

$$P(Z_0=u \mid X_0=0) = P(Z_0=0 \mid Z_0=u) * P(Z_0=u) / P(Z_0=0)$$

where $P(X_0=0)$ is a normalizing constant that ensures that the probabilities add up to one:

$$P(X_0=0) = \text{sum over } u \text{ of } (P(X_0=0 \mid Z_0=u) * P(Z_0=u))$$

Using the given observation matrix and prior probabilities, we have:

$$P(X_0=0 \mid Z_0=0) = O_{00} = 0.4$$

$$P(X_0=0 \mid Z_0=1) = O_{10} = 0.8$$

$$P(Z_0=0) = 0.3$$

$$P(Z_0=1) = 0.3$$

To calculate $P(X_0=0)$, we can use the law of total probability:

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_0=0) &= \text{sum over } u \text{ of } (P(X_0=0 \mid Z_0=u) * P(Z_0=u)) \\ &= P(X_0=0 \mid Z_0=0) * P(Z_0=0) + P(X_0=0 \mid Z_0=1) * P(Z_0=1) + P(X_0=0 \mid Z_0=2) * P(Z_0=2) \\ &= 0.4 * 0.3 + 0.8 * 0.3 + 0.4 * 0.1 \\ &= 0.4 \end{aligned}$$

Now, we can calculate the posterior probabilities:

$$\begin{aligned} P(Z_0=0|X_0=0) &= P(X_0=0|Z_0=0) * P(Z_0=0) / P(X_0=0) \\ &= 0.4 * 0.3 / 0.4 \\ &= 0.3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(Z_0=1|X_0=0) &= P(X_0=0|Z_0=1) * P(Z_0=1) / P(X_0=0) \\ &= 0.8 * 0.3 / 0.4 \\ &= 0.6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(Z_0=2|X_0=0) &= P(X_0=0|Z_0=2) * P(Z_0=2) / P(X_0=0) \\ &= 0.1 * 0.4 / 0.4 \\ &= 0.1 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the most likely value of Z_0 is $u = \operatorname{argmax}_u P(Z_0=u|X_0=0) = 1$,
So, $Z_0 = 1$.

- (b) [10 pts] Given the same prior probabilities $P(Z_0 = 0) = 0.3$ and $P(Z_0 = 1) = 0.3$ as in part (a). Now, assume we have two observations $X_0 = 0, X_1 = 0$, what is the most likely value of Z_1 ? That is, compute $u = \operatorname{argmax}_u P(Z_1 = u | X_0 = 0, X_1 = 0)$.

Answer:

To compute $P(Z_1 = u | X_0 = 0, X_1 = 0)$ we use the joint probability distribution of the observations and the hidden states. Using the chain rule of probability, we can write:

$$P(Z_1 = u, X_0 = 0, X_1 = 0) = P(X_1 = 0 | Z_1 = u, X_0 = 0) * P(Z_1 = u | X_0 = 0) * P(X_0 = 0)$$

where $P(X_1 = 0 | Z_1 = u, X_0 = 0)$ is the probability of observing $X_1 = 0$ given that $Z_1 = u$ and $X_0 = 0$, which can be computed using the observation matrix O , and $P(X_0 = 0)$ is the prior probability of the first observation.

We can rewrite the second term as:

$$P(Z_1 = u | X_0 = 0) = P(X_0 = 0, Z_1 = u) / P(X_0 = 0)$$

where $P(X_0 = 0, Z_1 = u)$ is the joint probability of $X_0 = 0$ and $Z_1 = u$, which can be computed using the transition matrix T and the prior probabilities of the hidden states.

Therefore, we have:

$$P(Z_1 = u | X_0 = 0, X_1 = 0) = (O_{00} * T_{00} * P(Z_0 = 0) + O_{00} * T_{10} * P(Z_0 = 1) + O_{00} * T_{20} * P(Z_0 = 2)) / P(X_0 = 0)$$

where O_{00} is the value at row 0 and column 0 of the observation matrix O , T_{00} is the value at row 0 and column 0 of the transition matrix T , and $P(Z_0 = 0)$ and $P(Z_0 = 1)$ are the prior probabilities of the hidden states.

To compute $P(X_0 = 0)$, we can use the law of total probability:

$$P(X_0 = 0) = \sum_u P(X_0 = 0 | Z_0 = u) * P(Z_0 = u)$$

where \sum_u denotes the sum over all possible values of the hidden state Z_0 .

Using the given values, we can compute:

$$P(X_0 = 0) = (O_{00} * P(Z_0 = 0) + O_{01} * P(Z_0 = 1)) = (0.4 * 0.3 + 0.6 * 0.3) = 0.3$$

Therefore, we have:

$$P(Z_1 = 0 | X_0 = 0, X_1 = 0) = (0.4 * 0.3 * 0.3 + 0.8 * 0.2 * 0.3 + 0.1 * 0.5 * 0.3) / 0.3 = 0.33$$

$$P(Z_1 = 1 | X_0 = 0, X_1 = 0) = (0.4 * 0.1 * 0.3 + 0.8 * 0.7 * 0.3 + 0.1 * 0.2 * 0.3) / 0.3 = 0.62$$

$$P(Z_1 = 2 \mid X_0 = 0, X_1 = 0) = (0.4 * 0.3 * 0.3 + 0.8 * 0.1 * 0.3 + 0.1 * 0.3 * 0.4) / 0.4 = 0.18$$

$$\text{So, } u = \operatorname{argmax}_u P(Z_1 = u \mid X_0 = 0, X_1 = 0) = P(Z_1 = 1 \mid X_0 = 0, X_1 = 0)$$

$$\text{So, } Z_1 = 1$$

- (c) [10 pts] Given the same prior probabilities over Z_0 and the observations in part (b), compute $u = \operatorname{argmax}_u P(Z_2 = u \mid X_0 = 0, X_1 = 0)$ and determine what is the most likely value of Z_2 .

Answer:

To find the most likely value of Z_2 , we need to compute the posterior probability $P(Z_2 = u \mid X_0 = 0, X_1 = 0)$ for each value of u and then choose the value of u that maximizes this probability.

Using Bayes' theorem, we have:

$$P(Z_2 = u \mid X_0 = 0, X_1 = 0) = (P(X_0 = 0, X_1 = 0 \mid Z_2 = u) * P(Z_2 = u \mid Z_1) * P(Z_1 = 0 \mid X_0 = 0, X_1 = 0) + P(X_0 = 0, X_1 = 0 \mid Z_2 = u) * P(Z_2 = u \mid Z_1) * P(Z_1 = 1 \mid X_0 = 0, X_1 = 0)) / P(X_0 = 0, X_1 = 0)$$

We can compute the terms in this equation as follows:

$$P(X_0 = 0, X_1 = 0 \mid Z_2 = u) = O_{00} * O_{00} = 0.4 * 0.4 = 0.16$$

$$P(Z_2 = u \mid Z_1) = T_{0u}, \text{ where } u \text{ is the possible state of } Z_2$$

$$P(Z_1 = 0 \mid X_0 = 0, X_1 = 0) = P(Z_1 = 0 \mid X_0 = 0) * P(Z_1 = 0 \mid X_0 = 0, X_1 = 0) / P(Z_1 = 0 \mid X_0 = 0, X_1 = 0) + P(Z_1 = 1 \mid X_0 = 0, X_1 = 0) = 0.776$$

$$P(Z_1 = 1 \mid X_0 = 0, X_1 = 0) = 1 - P(Z_1 = 0 \mid X_0 = 0, X_1 = 0) = 0.224$$

$$P(X_0 = 0, X_1 = 0) = \sum \text{over } u \text{ of } [P(X_0 = 0, X_1 = 0 \mid Z_2 = u) * P(Z_2 = u \mid Z_1) * P(Z_1 = 0 \mid X_0 = 0, X_1 = 0) + P(X_0 = 0, X_1 = 0 \mid Z_2 = u) * P(Z_2 = u \mid Z_1) * P(Z_1 = 1 \mid X_0 = 0, X_1 = 0)] = 0.1632$$

Substituting these values into the equation for $P(Z_2 = u \mid X_0 = 0, X_1 = 0)$, we get:

$$P(Z_2 = 0 \mid X_0 = 0, X_1 = 0) = (0.16 * 0.3 * 0.776 + 0.16 * 0.2 * 0.224) / 0.1632 = 0.2721$$

$$P(Z_2 = 1 \mid X_0 = 0, X_1 = 0) = (0.16 * 0.5 * 0.776 + 0.16 * 0.1 * 0.224) / 0.1632 = 0.40235$$

Therefore, the most likely value of Z_2 is $u = \operatorname{argmax}_u P(Z_2 = u \mid X_0 = 0, X_1 = 0) = P(Z_2 = 1 \mid X_0 = 0, X_1 = 0) = 1$,

So, $u = 1$

Therefore, $Z_2 = 1$.

Q3. [30 pts] Decision Making

Consider the first-order Markov chain in Q1 (see Fig. 1) and suppose we have 3 actions to choose: (1) initializing $Z_0 = 0$; (2) initializing $Z_0 = 1$; and (3) initializing $Z_0 = 2$. Once a decision is made, the Markov chain will simulate forward 2 steps and stop at a certain (random) state Z_2 .

- (a) [15 pts] Suppose that we will be awarded with 5, 8 and 10 units if at the end of the Markov chain simulation, $Z_2 = 0$, $Z_2 = 1$ and $Z_2 = 2$ respectively. Compute the expected reward of each action above.

Answer :

We have $P(Z_2=v | Z_0=0) = \sum_{u=0}^2 P(Z_2=v | Z_1=u) \times P(Z_1=u | Z_0=0)$. Hence, $P(Z_2=0 | Z_0=0) = 0.3 \times 0.3 + 0.1 \times 0.2 + 0.3 \times 0.5 = 0.26$

$$P(Z_2=1 | Z_0=0) = 0.2 \times 0.3 + 0.7 \times 0.2 + 0.6 \times 0.5 = 0.5$$

$$\text{Thus, } P(Z_2=2 | Z_0=0) = 1 - 0.5 - 0.26 = 0.24.$$

Expected reward of setting $Z_0 = 0$ is therefore $5 \times 0.26 + 8 \times 0.5 + 10 \times 0.24 = 7.7$

Similarly, we have $P(Z_2=v | Z_0=1) = \sum_{u=0}^2 P(Z_2=v | Z_1=u) \times P(Z_1=u | Z_0=1)$. Hence,

$$P(Z_2=0 | Z_0=1) = 0.3 \times 0.1 + 0.1 \times 0.7 + 0.3 \times 0.2 = 0.16 \quad P(Z_2=1 | Z_0=1) = 0.2 \times 0.1 + 0.7 \times 0.7 + 0.6 \times 0.2 = 0.63$$

Thus, $P(Z_2=2 | Z_0=1) = 1 - 0.16 - 0.63 = 0.21$. Expected reward of setting $Z_0 = 1$ is therefore $5 \times 0.16 + 8 \times 0.63 + 10 \times 0.21 = 7.94$

Last, we have $P(Z_2=v | Z_0=2) = \sum_{u=0}^2 P(Z_2=v | Z_1=u) \times P(Z_1=u | Z_0=2)$. Hence, $P(Z_2=0 | Z_0=2) = 0.3 \times 0.3 + 0.1 \times 0.6 + 0.3 \times 0.1 = 0.18$

$$P(Z_2=1 | Z_0=2) = 0.2 \times 0.3 + 0.7 \times 0.6 + 0.6 \times 0.1 = 0.54$$

Thus, $P(Z_2=2 | Z_0=2) = 1 - 0.18 - 0.54 = 0.28$. Expected reward of setting $Z_0 = 2$ is therefore

$$5 \times 0.18 + 8 \times 0.54 + 10 \times 0.28 = 8.02. \text{ Therefore, the best action here is setting } Z_0 = 2.$$

- (b) [15 pts] Instead of the above 3 actions, suppose we are only given 2 actions **(A)** and **(B)**.

Executing **(A)** changes the prior probabilities over Z_0 to $(P(Z_0=0) = 0.1, P(Z_0=1) = 0.9)$.

Executing **(B)** changes the prior probabilities over Z_0 to $(P(Z_0=0) = 0.3, P(Z_0=2) = 0.7)$.

Given the above, compute the expected reward of **(A)** and **(B)**. Which one is better?

Answer :

For action **(A)** : If we execute action **(A)**, the prior probabilities over Z_0 will be $(P(Z_0=0) = 0.1, P(Z_0=1) = 0.9)$. The probability of staying in state 0 after one step is 0.3, and the probability of transitioning to state 1 or 2 is 0.2 and 0.5 respectively. Therefore, the probability of ending up in state 0 after two steps is:

$$\begin{aligned} P(Z_2=0 | A) &= P(Z_1=0) * P(Z_2=0 | Z_1=0) \\ &= 0.1 * 0.3 = 0.03 \end{aligned}$$

The probability of ending up in state 1 after two steps is:

$$\begin{aligned} P(Z_2=1 | A) &= P(Z_1=0) * P(Z_2=1 | Z_1=0) + P(Z_1=1) * P(Z_2=1 | Z_1=1) \\ &= 0.1 * 0.2 + 0.9 * 0.3 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 0.29$$

The probability of ending up in state 2 after two steps is:

$$\begin{aligned} P(Z_2 = 2 \mid A) &= P(Z_1 = 0) * P(Z_2 = 2 \mid Z_1 = 0) + P(Z_1 = 1) * P(Z_2 = 2 \mid Z_1 = 1) \\ &= 0.1 * 0.5 + 0.9 * 0.5 = 0.5 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the expected reward for action (A) is:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Expected reward} &= 5 * 0.03 + 8 * 0.29 + 10 * 0.5 \\ &= 7.47 \end{aligned}$$

For action (B). If we execute action (B), the prior probabilities over Z_0 will be ($P(Z_0 = 0) = 0.3$, $P(Z_0 = 2) = 0.7$). The probability of staying in state 0 after one step is 0.3, and the probability of transitioning to state 1 or 2 is 0.2 and 0.5 respectively. Therefore, the probability of ending up in state 0 after two steps is:

$$\begin{aligned} P(Z_2 = 0 \mid B) &= P(Z_1 = 0) * P(Z_2 = 0 \mid Z_1 = 0) \\ &= 0.3 * 0.3 = 0.09 \end{aligned}$$

The probability of ending up in state 1 after two steps is:

$$\begin{aligned} P(Z_2 = 1 \mid B) &= P(Z_1 = 0) * P(Z_2 = 1 \mid Z_1 = 0) + P(Z_1 = 1) * P(Z_2 = 1 \mid Z_1 = 1) \\ &= 0.3 * 0.2 + 0.7 * 0.3 \\ &= 0.27 \end{aligned}$$

The probability of ending up in state 2 after two steps is:

$$\begin{aligned} P(Z_2 = 2 \mid B) &= P(Z_1 = 0) * P(Z_2 = 2 \mid Z_1 = 0) + P(Z_1 = 1) * P(Z_2 = 2 \mid Z_1 = 1) \\ &= 0.3 * 0.5 + 0.7 * 0.5 \\ &= 0.5 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the expected reward for action (B) is:

$$\text{Expected reward} = 5 * 0.09 + 8 * 0.27 + 10 * 0.5 = 7.61$$

Therefore, action (B) is better than action (A) in terms of expected reward.