

# Makov Chains

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# Markov Chains

- Formal definition

- A Markov chain is a sequence of random variables  $X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots$  with the Markov property.

$$P(X_n | X_0, X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}) = P(X_n | X_{n-1}) \quad \text{there is no memory in a Markov process.}$$

- The possible values of  $X_i$  form a countable set  $S$  called the **state space** of the chain.
  - $P(X_n | X_{n-1})$  values are obtained from  $P$ , the **Transition Matrix**

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} p_{1,1} & p_{1,2} & \dots & p_{1,j} & \dots \\ p_{2,1} & p_{2,2} & \dots & p_{2,j} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots \\ p_{i,1} & p_{i,2} & \dots & p_{i,j} & \dots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots \end{pmatrix}.$$

$$\sum_j P_{ij} = 1$$

The probability of transitioning from  $i$  to  $j$  in two steps is then given by the  $(i,j)^{\text{th}}$  element of the square of  $P$

$$(P^2)_{ij}$$

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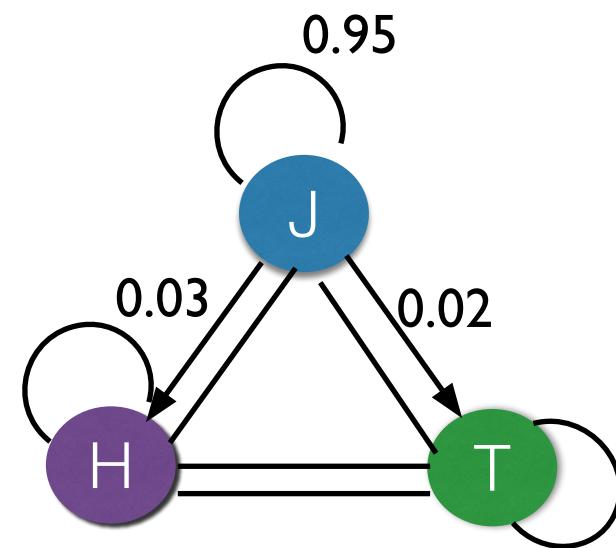
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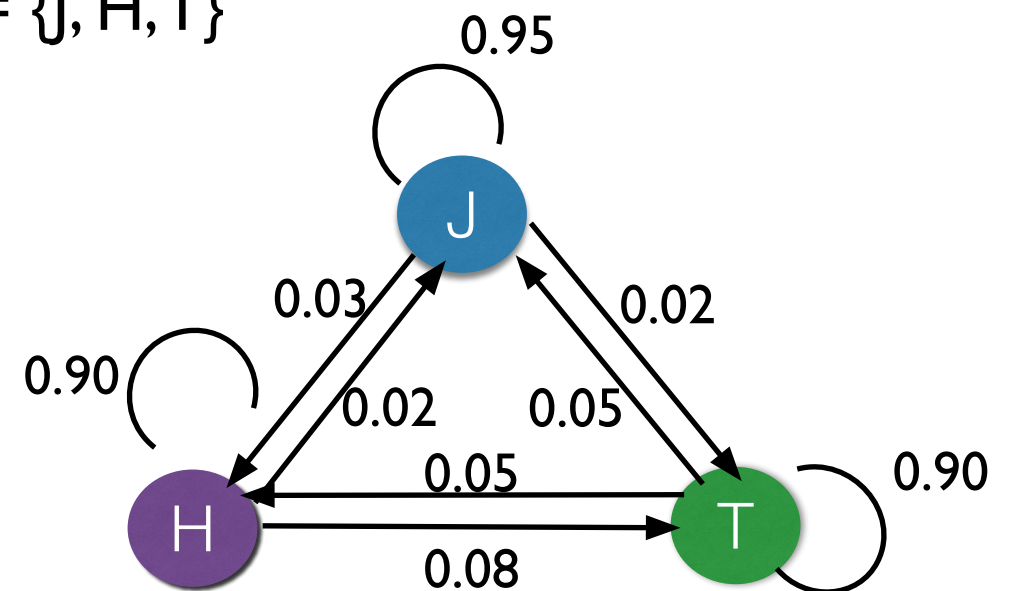
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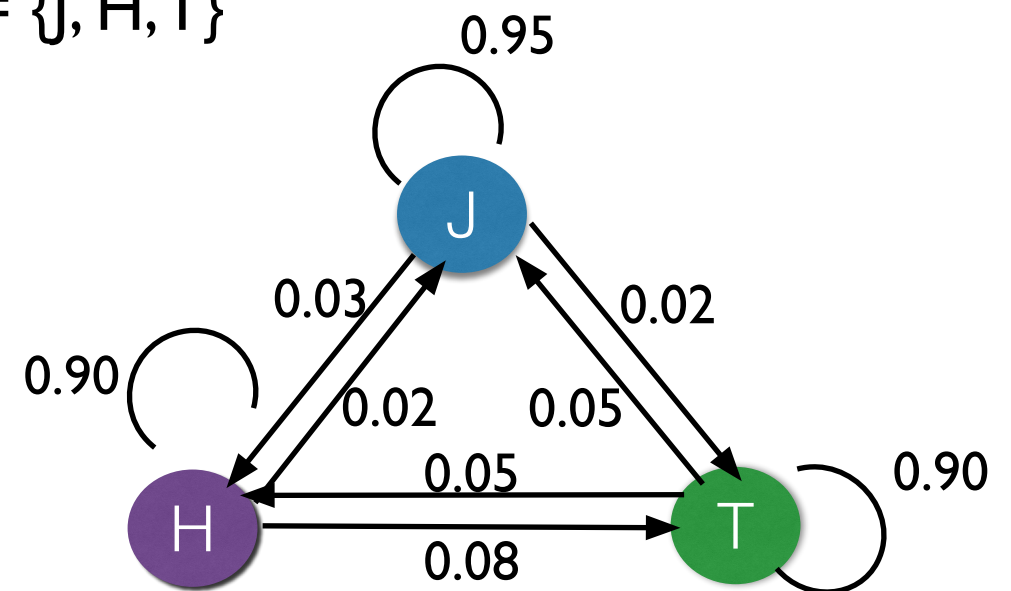
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Take	J	0.95	0.03	0.02	=1
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Transition Matrix  $P$

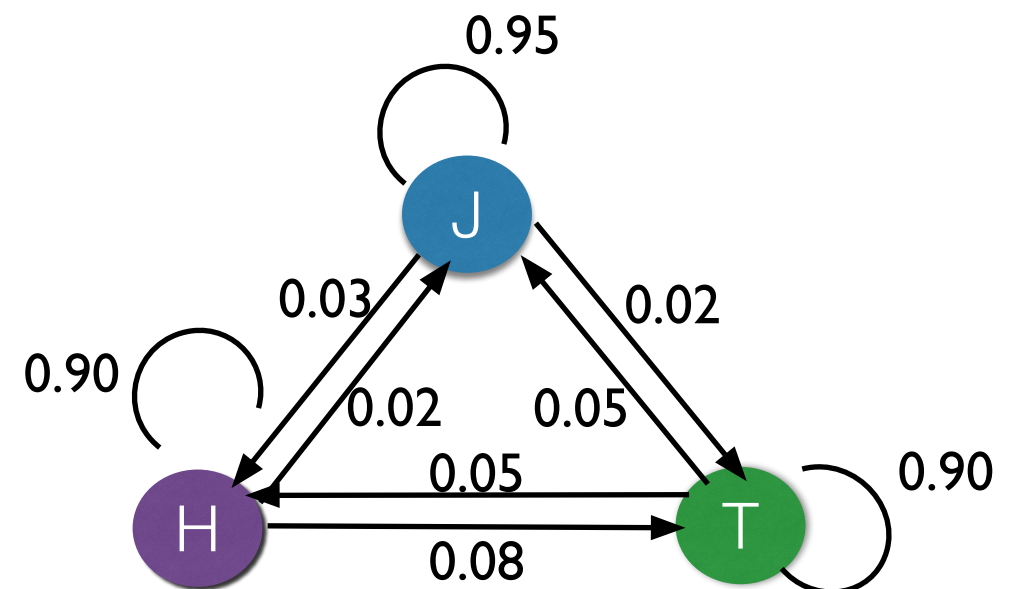


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$$\begin{array}{c} \pi \\ \uparrow \\ \text{Initial distribution} \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 \\ 0.3 \\ 0.2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{c} J \\ H \\ T \end{array} \quad \pi_1 = P\pi_0 = 0.5 \begin{bmatrix} 0.95 \\ 0.03 \\ 0.02 \end{bmatrix} + 0.3 \begin{bmatrix} 0.02 \\ 0.90 \\ 0.08 \end{bmatrix} + 0.2 \begin{bmatrix} 0.05 \\ 0.05 \\ 0.90 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.491 \\ 0.295 \\ 0.214 \end{bmatrix} \begin{array}{c} J \\ H \\ T \end{array}$$

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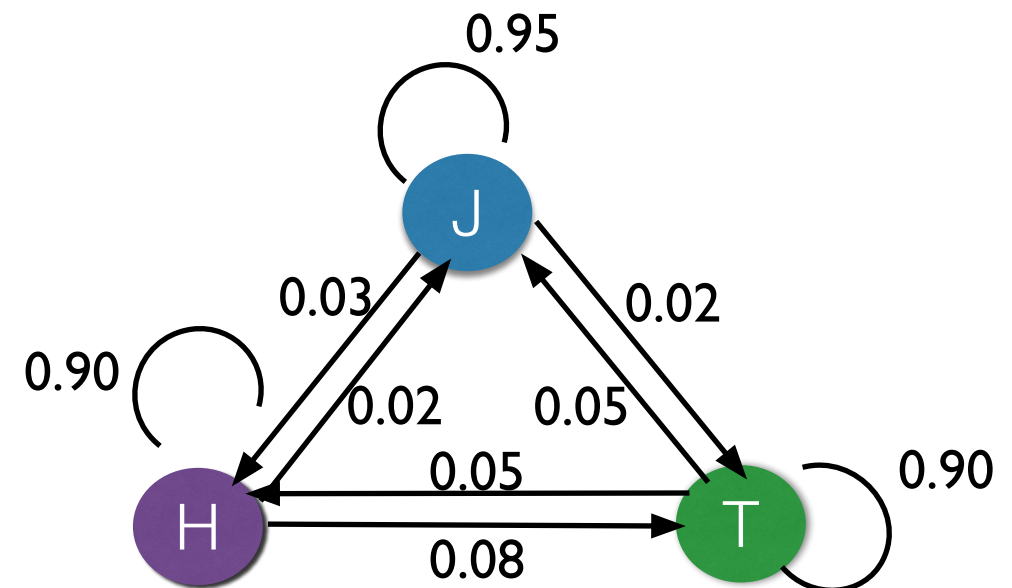
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$$\pi_0 \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 \\ 0.3 \\ 0.2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} J \\ H \\ T \end{matrix} \quad \pi_1 = P\pi_0 = 0.5 \begin{bmatrix} 0.95 \\ 0.03 \\ 0.02 \end{bmatrix} + 0.3 \begin{bmatrix} 0.02 \\ 0.90 \\ 0.08 \end{bmatrix} + 0.2 \begin{bmatrix} 0.05 \\ 0.05 \\ 0.90 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.491 \\ 0.295 \\ 0.214 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} J \\ H \\ T \end{matrix}$$

$$\pi_2 = P\pi_1$$

$$= PP\pi_0$$

$$= P^2\pi_0$$

$$\pi_k = P\pi_{k-1}$$

ou

$$\pi_k = P^k\pi_0$$

$$\pi_4 \begin{bmatrix} 0.417 \\ 0.278 \\ 0.305 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \pi_5$$

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0

1

$\pi^*$

Stationary probability vector

# Stationary Probabilistic Vector

▸ Stationary probability vector  $\pi^*$

is defined as a vector that does not change under application of the transition matrix;

$$P\pi^* = \pi^*$$

It is defined as the eigenvector of the probability matrix, associated with eigenvalue 1:

How to compute  $\pi^*$  in a way that  $P\pi^* = \pi^*$  ?



# How to compute $\pi^*$ in a way that $P\pi^* = \pi^*$ ?

- Let  $u$  and  $v$  be two vectors
- They are scalar multiples of each other, also parallel or collinear, if there is a scalar  $\lambda$ , such that

$$v = \lambda u \quad \begin{array}{l} v \text{ is the eigenvector of } u \\ \lambda \text{ is the eigenvalue of } u \end{array}$$

Example:  $u = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $v = \begin{pmatrix} -20 \\ -60 \\ -80 \end{pmatrix}$ .  $u = \lambda v$ .  
In this case  $\lambda = -1/20$ .

- Now consider the linear transformation of  $n$ -dimensional vectors defined by an  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ , that is,  $Av = w$
- If it occurs that  $w$  and  $v$  are scalar multiples then

$$Av = \lambda w$$

$$A = P \quad v = w = \pi^* \quad \lambda = 1$$

$$P\pi^* = \pi^*$$

$\pi^*$  is the eigenvector of the probability matrix  $P$ , associated with eigenvalue 1

# Markov Chains

- Determining the transition matrix  $P^n$  after  $n$  iterations to find  $\pi^n$  and  $\pi^*$

$$\pi_k = P^k \pi_0$$

$$\begin{matrix} J \\ H \\ T \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 \\ 0.3 \\ 0.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$n = 2 \quad \pi_2 = P^2 \pi_0$$

		J	H	T
$P^2 =$	J	0.9041	0.0410	0.0935
	H	0.0565	0.8146	0.0915
	T	0.0394	0.1444	0.8150

$$\pi_2$$

J	0.48305
H	0.29093
T	0.22602

$$n = 3 \quad \pi_3 = P^3 \pi_0$$

		J	H	T
$P^3 =$	J	0.861995	0.062462	0.131405
	H	0.079943	0.741590	0.125905
	T	0.058062	0.195948	0.742690

$$\pi_3$$

J	0.4760171
H	0.2876295
T	0.2363534

# Markov Chains

- Determining the transition matrix  $P^n$  after  $n$  iterations to find  $\pi^n$  and  $\pi^*$

	0	1	2	3	...	48	49	50
J	0.5	0.491	0.48305	0.4760171	...	0.4173411	0.41728	0.4172245
H	0.3	0.295	0.29093	0.2876295	...	0.2775646	0.2775831	0.2776
T	0.2	0.214	0.22602	0.2363534	...	0.3050944	0.3051369	0.3051755

$$\pi_k = P^k \pi_0$$

$n = 49$

$$\pi_{49} = P^{49} \pi_0$$

J H T

$$P^{49} = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} J & H & T \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} J \\ H \\ T \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0.4227516 & 0.4101549 & 0.4142888 \\ 0.2757332 & 0.2800620 & 0.2784892 \\ 0.3015152 & 0.3097831 & 0.3072220 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$n = 50$

$$\pi_{50} = P^{50} \pi_0$$

J H T

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$\pi_{49}$   
J 0.417  
H 0.278  
T 0.305

$\pi_{50}$   
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$\pi^*$

# Predicting trajectories

$$\pi_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 \\ 0.3 \\ 0.2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Give back

J H T

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$$\pi_k = P\pi_{k-1}$$

$$\pi_1 = P\pi_0$$

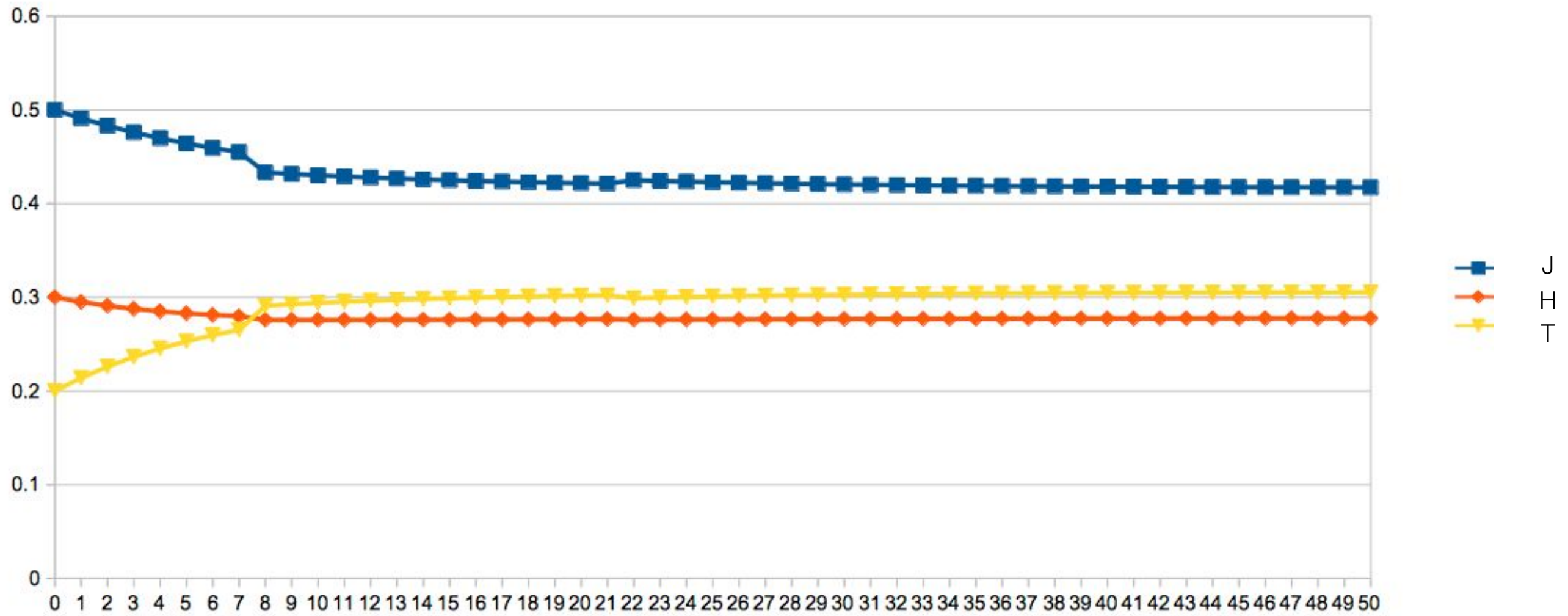
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# Plotting trajectories



# Predicting trajectories

Now let's change  $\pi_0$

$$\pi_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 \\ 0.6 \\ 0.3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Give back

$$\pi_k = P\pi_{k-1}$$

$$P = \begin{array}{c|ccc} & J & H & T \\ \hline J & 0.95 & 0.03 & 0.02 \\ H & 0.02 & 0.90 & 0.08 \\ T & 0.05 & 0.05 & 0.90 \end{array}$$

Take

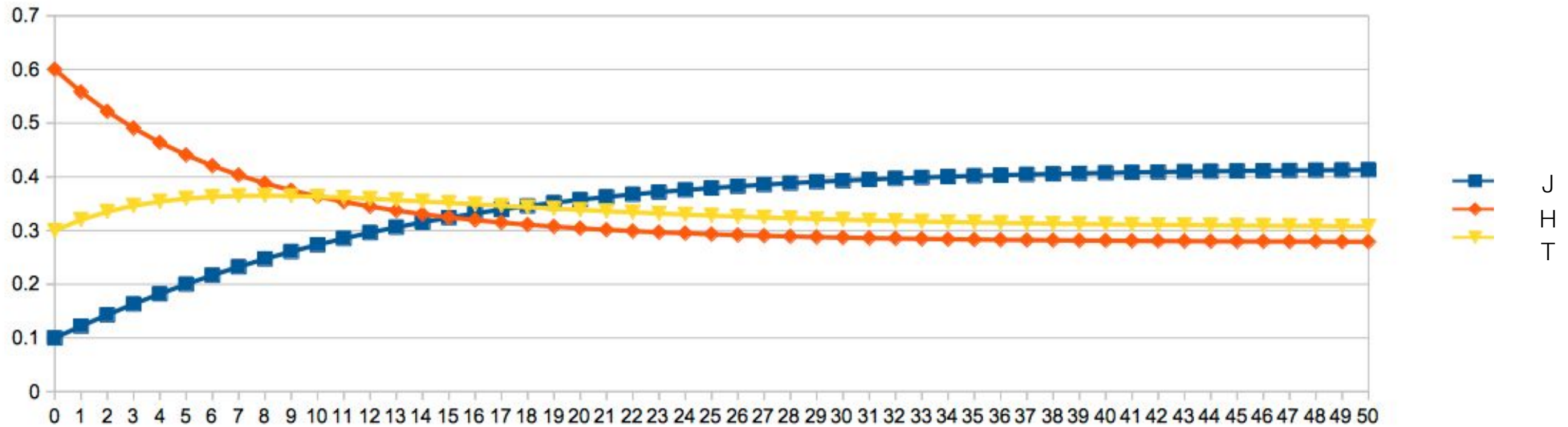
$$\pi_1 = P\pi_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.122 \\ 0.558 \\ 0.32 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\pi_2 = P\pi_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.143 \\ 0.521 \\ 0.335 \end{bmatrix}$$

0	1	2	3	4	...	48	49	50
0.1	0.122	0.14306	0.1630982	0.1820668	...	0.4122596	0.4126547	0.4130145
0.6	0.558	0.52186	0.4907198	0.4638499	...	0.2792971	0.2791573	0.2790306
0.3	0.32	0.33508	0.346182	0.3540833	...	0.3084433	0.308188	0.3079548



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$X_0, X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n$



$\pi_0$

Give back

J H T

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$$\pi_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 \\ 0.3 \\ 0.2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} J \\ H \\ T \end{matrix}$$

We take a random number  $y_0$  in  $[0, 1]$

if  $y_0 < 0.2$  then  $X_0 = T$

elseif  $y_0 \geq 0.2$  and  $y_0 < 0.5$  then  $X_0 = H$

else  $X_0 = J$

$y_0 = 0.7$

$X_0 = J$

Take



# Simulating trajectories

J

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$P_1$

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We take a random number  $y_1$  in  $[0, 1]$

if  $y_1 < 0.02$  then  $X_1 = T$

elseif  $y_1 \geq 0.02$  and  $y_1 < 0.05$  then  $X_1 = H$

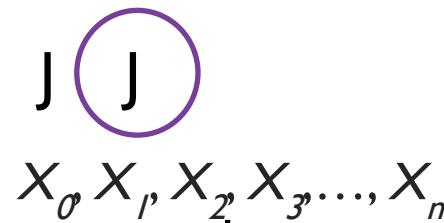
else  $X_1 = J$

$y_1 = 0.4$

$X_1 = J$

$$\pi_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 \\ 0.3 \\ 0.2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} J \\ H \\ T \end{matrix}$$

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Give back

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Take

We take a random number  $y_2$  in  $[0, 1]$

if  $y_2 < 0.02$  then  $X_2 = T$

elseif  $y_2 \geq 0.02$  and  $y_2 < 0.05$  then  $X_2 = H$

else  $X_2 = J$

$y_2 = 0.046$

$X_2 = H$

$$\pi_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 \\ 0.3 \\ 0.2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} J \\ H \\ T \end{matrix}$$

# Simulating trajectories

J J **H**  
 $X_0 X_1 X_2 X_3 \dots, X_n$

↓  
 $P_2$

Give back

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if  $y_3 < 0.02$  then  $X_3 = J$

elseif  $y_3 \geq 0.02$  and  $y_3 < 0.1$  then  $X_3 = H$

else  $X_3 = J$

$y_3 = 0.6$

$X_3 = H$

J J H H ... T  
 $X_0 X_1 X_2 X_3 \dots, X_t$

Take

# Simulating trajectories

► N populations

► N = 10 and n=17

$X_0, X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n$

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
2	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	H	T	T	T
3	H	H	H	H	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J
4	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
5	H	H	H	H	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
6	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	J	J	J	J	J	J
7	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H
8	T	T	T	T	T	H	H	H	H	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
9	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	H	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J	J
10	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	J	J	J	J	J	H	H	T

Trajectoire moyenne

$$H = 6/10 = 0.6$$

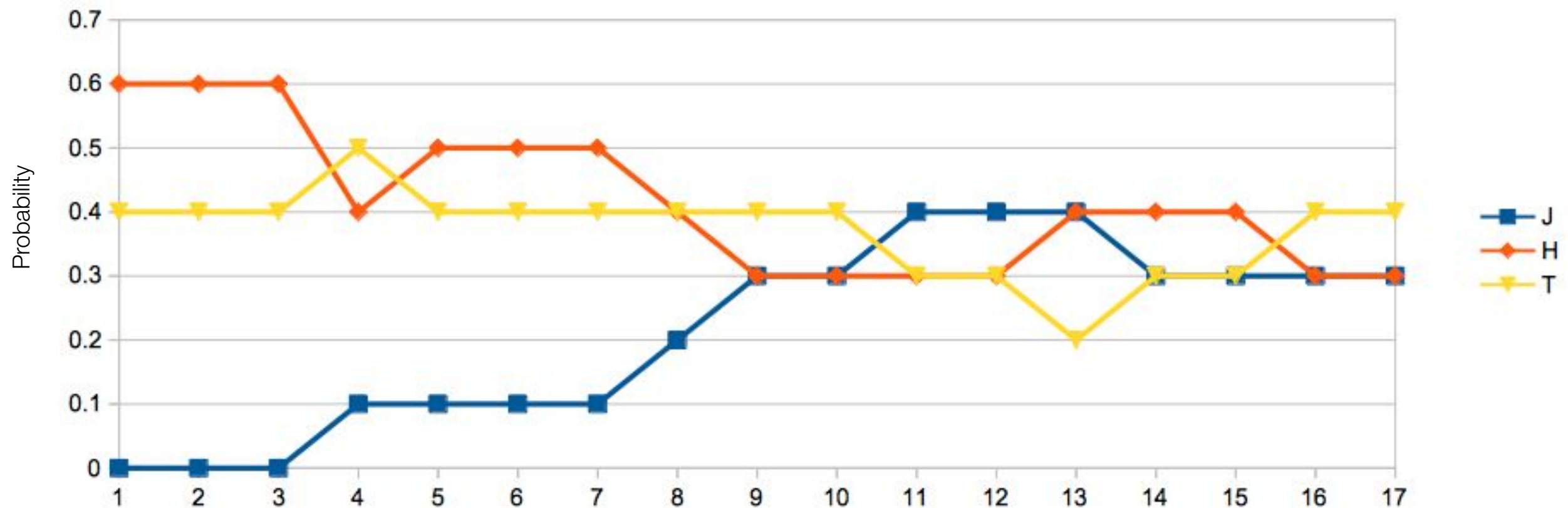
$$J = 0/10 = 0.0$$

$$T = 4/10 = 0.4$$

	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
J	0	0	0	0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
H	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3
T	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4

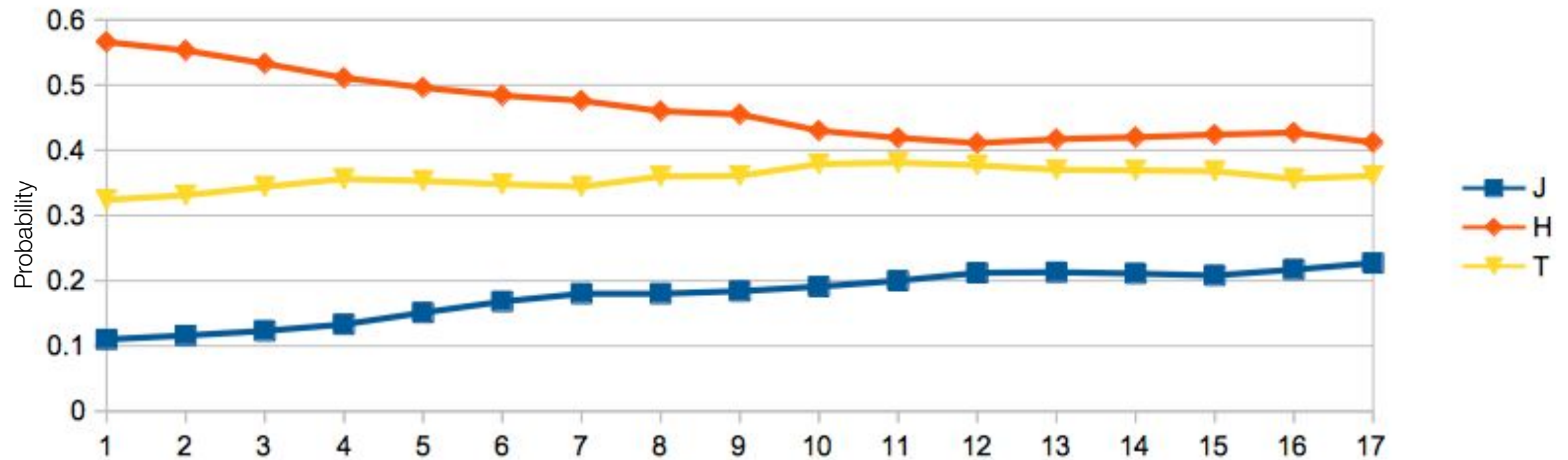
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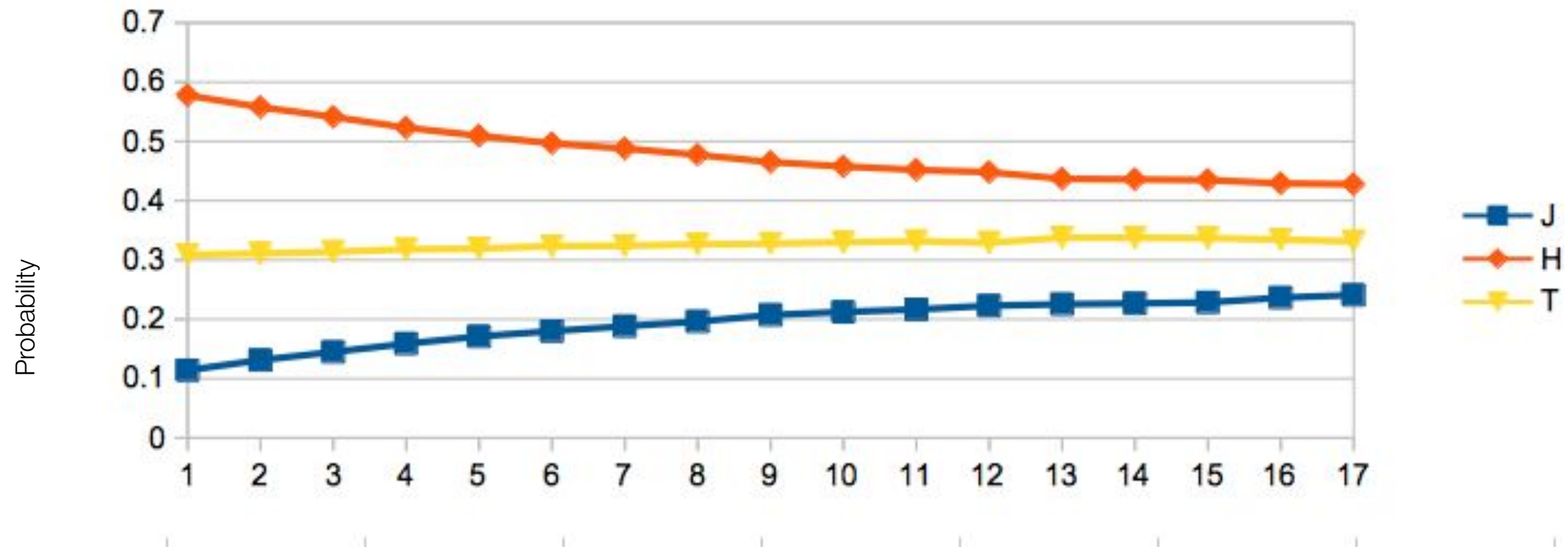
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▸ Simulating trajectories n populations

▸  $N = 10000$  and  $n=17$



# Computing probability of a trajectory

- Let's suppose we have simulated the trajectory<sub>1</sub>

trajectory<sub>1</sub> : HHHJJT

$$\text{Prob}(\text{trajectory}_1) = P(H) P(H|H) P(H|H) P(J|H) P(J|J) P(T|J)$$

$$\log(\text{Prob}(\text{trajectory}_1)) = \log[P(H)] + \log[P(H|H)] + \log[P(H|H)] + \log[P(J|H)] + \log[P(J|J)] + \log[P(T|J)]$$

$$\log[P(H)] = \log(0.6) = -0.5108256$$

Take	Give back			
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$$\pi_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1 \\ 0.6 \\ 0.3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} J \\ H \\ T \end{matrix}$$



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$$\log[P(H|H)] = \log(0.90) = -0.1053605$$

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$$\log[P(J|H)] = \log(0.02) = -3.912$$

$$\log[P(J|J)] = \log(0.95) = -0.05129329$$

$$\log[P(T|J)] = \log(0.02) = -3.912$$

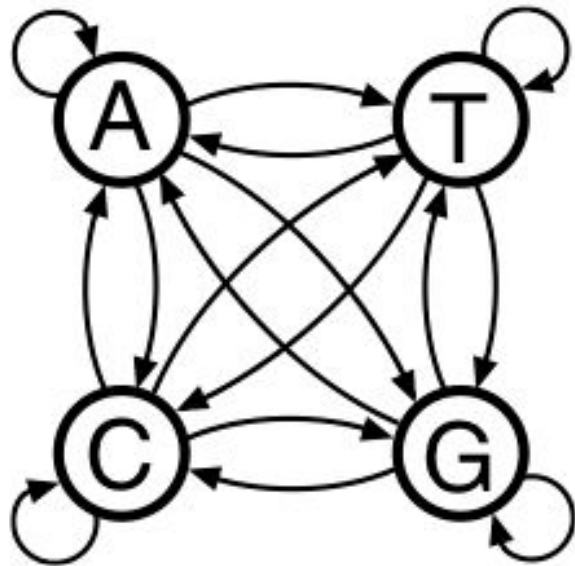
$$\log(\text{Prob}(\text{trajectory}_1)) = -8.5968859603254852$$

# Markov chain Applications

# CpG islands

- CpG sites are regions of DNA where a cytosine is followed by a guanine in the linear sequence of bases along its 5' → 3' direction.
- CpG islands (or CG islands) are regions with a high frequency of CpG sites.
- CpG island is a region with at least 200 bp, and a GC percentage that is greater than 50%
- Many genes in mammalian genomes have CpG islands associated with the start of the gene, so it is used in gene border predictions.

# Markov Chains for CpG islands



Derive two Markov chain models:

**‘+’ model:** from the CpG islands

**‘-’ model:** from the remainder of sequence

Transition probabilities for each model:

$$a_{st}^+ = \frac{c_{st}^+}{\sum_{t'} c_{st'}^+}$$

$c_{st}^+$  is the number of times  
letter  $t$  followed letter  $s$   
inside the CpG islands

$$a_{st}^- = \frac{c_{st}^-}{\sum_{t'} c_{st'}^-}$$

$c_{st}^-$  is the number of times  
letter  $t$  followed letter  $s$   
outside the CpG islands

# Markov Chains for CpG islands

CpG islands					non CpG islands				
+	A	C	G	T	—	A	C	G	T
A	0.180	0.274	0.426	0.120	A	0.300	0.205	0.285	0.210
C	0.171	0.368	0.274	0.188	C	0.322	0.298	0.078	0.302
G	0.161	0.339	0.375	0.125	G	0.248	0.246	0.298	0.208
T	0.079	0.355	0.384	0.182	T	0.177	0.239	0.292	0.292

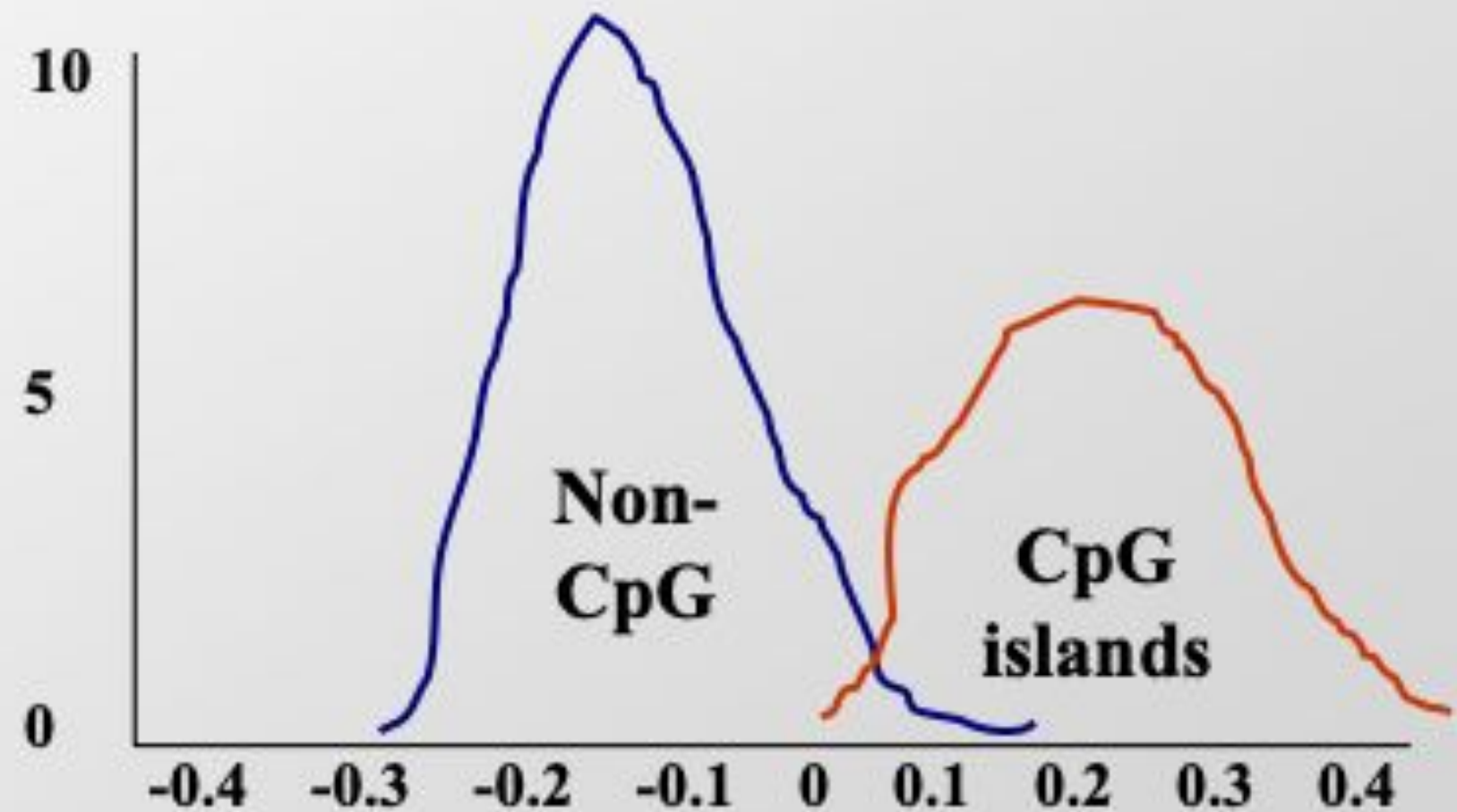
Given a short sequence  $x$ , does it come from CpG island (**Yes-No** question)

- To use these models for discrimination, calculate the log-odds ratio:

$$S(x_L) = \frac{\Pr(x \mid \text{model+})}{\Pr(x \mid \text{model-})} \sum_{i=1}^L \log \frac{A^+(x_{i-1}, x_i)}{A^-(x_{i-1}, x_i)}$$

# Markov Chains for CpG islands

Histogram of log odds scores



**Stochastic State Transitions  
Give Rise to Phenotypic Equilibrium in Populations  
of Cancer Cells**

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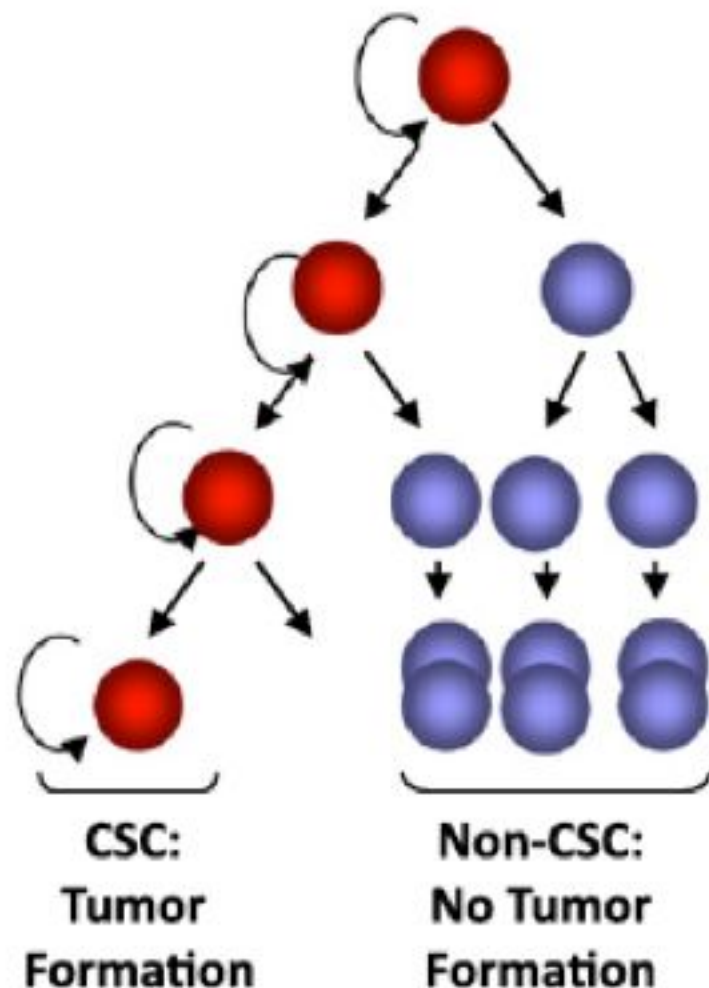
# Cancer cells phenotypic

- › Cancer cells within individual tumors often exist in distinct phenotypic states that differ in functional attributes.

## The classical Picture

### Cancer stem cells (CSC)

#### CSC model I



- one of phenotypical states
- give rise to non-CSCs during tumor growth
- non-CSCs cannot produce CSCs
- CSC differentiation gives rise to cell-state equilibrium
- only CSC seed tumors

► hierarchical cell-lineage structure  
like in normal tissue development

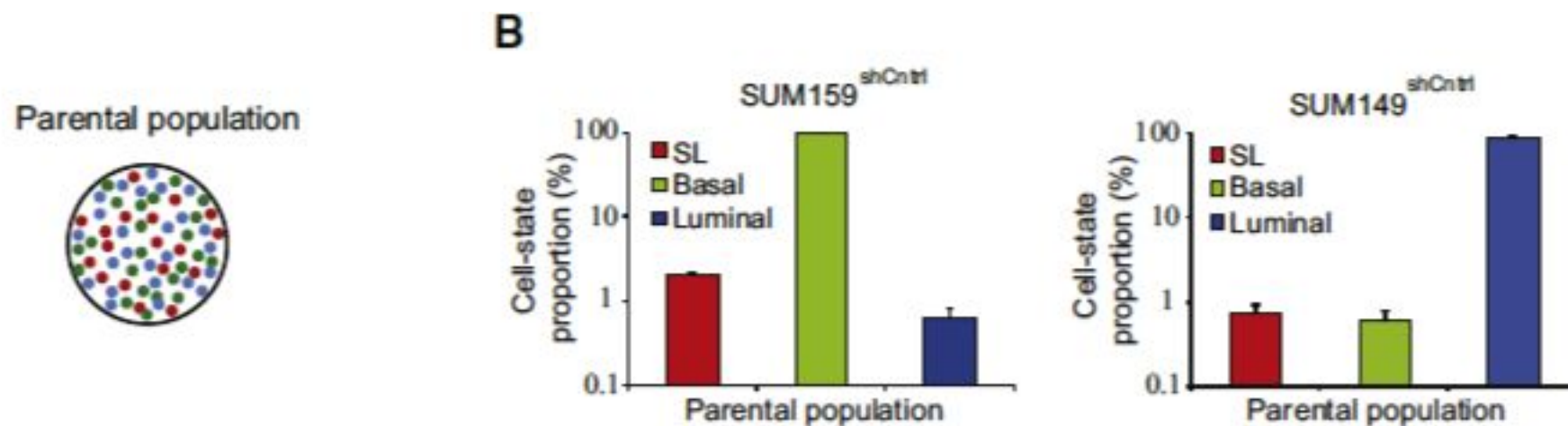


# Cancer cells phenotypic

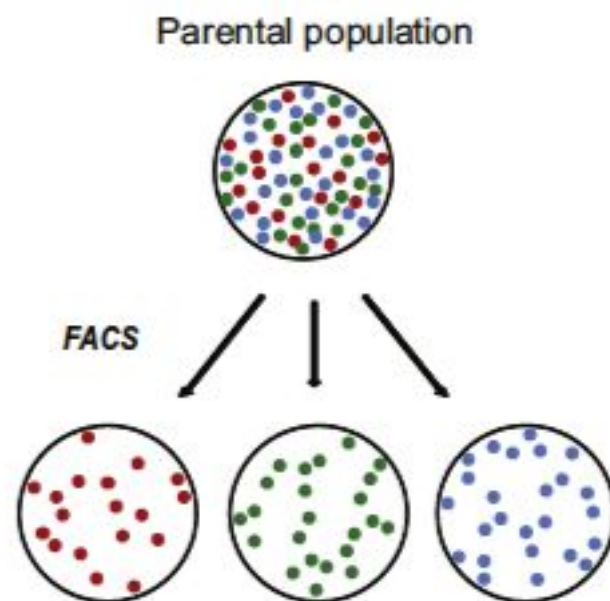
- ▶ The goal is to study **the dynamics of phenotypic** proportions in human breast cancer cell lines : SUM159 and SUM149
- ▶ It is showed that subpopulations of cells purified for a given phenotypic state return towards equilibrium proportions over time.
- ▶ This equilibrium can be explained by a **Markov model** in which cells transition stochastically between states.

# The experiment

- › Determination of the proportions of the individual cell-states in the SUM159 and SUM149

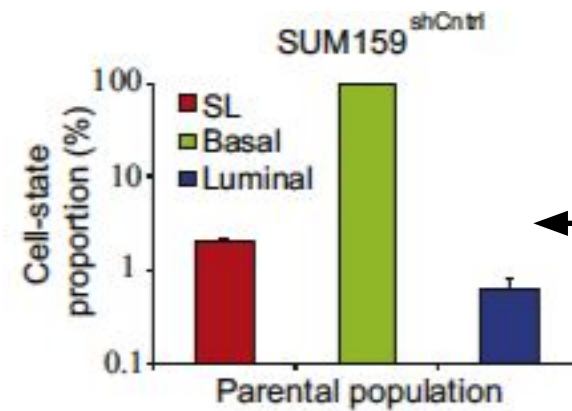
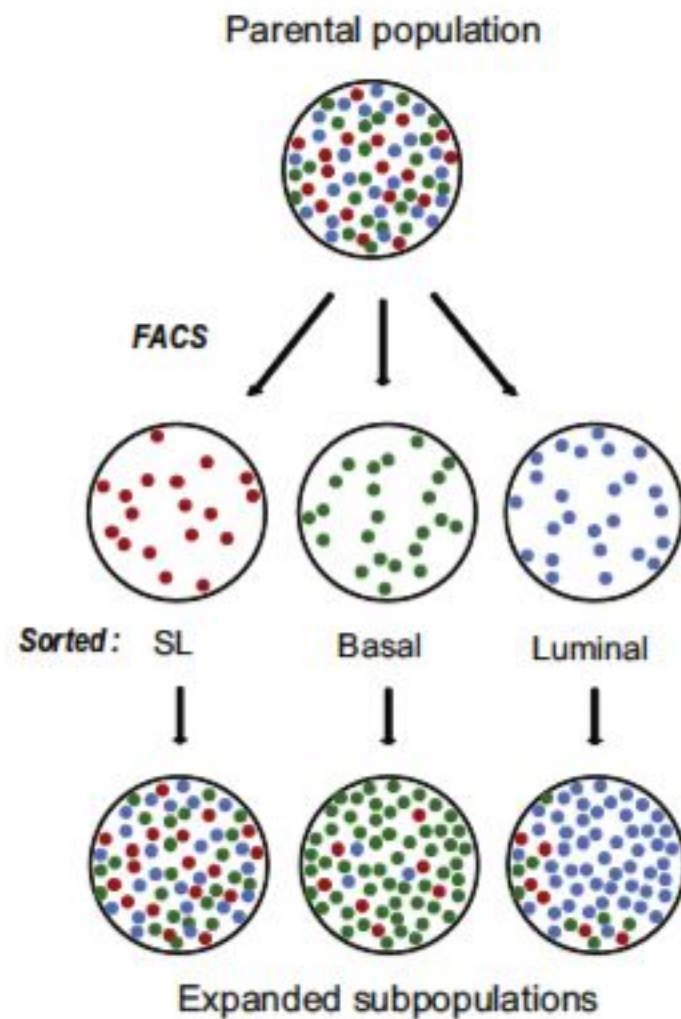


- › Fluorescence-activated cell sorting (**FACS**) to isolate three mammary epithelial cell states: stem-like, basal, and luminal



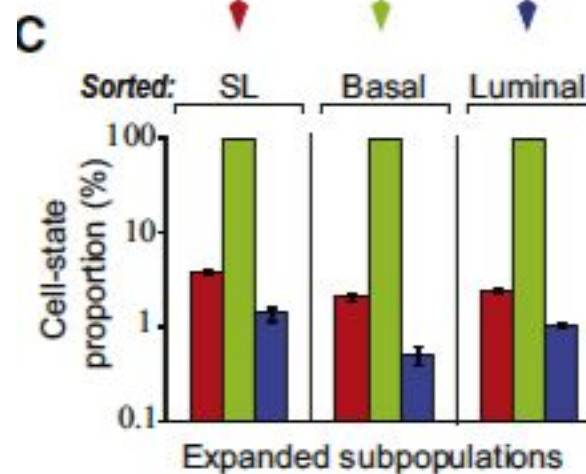
- ▶ 99% purification by FACS (fluorescence-activated cell sorting)
- ▶ 6 days of cell growth (ca. 6 cell cycles)

# Results SUM159



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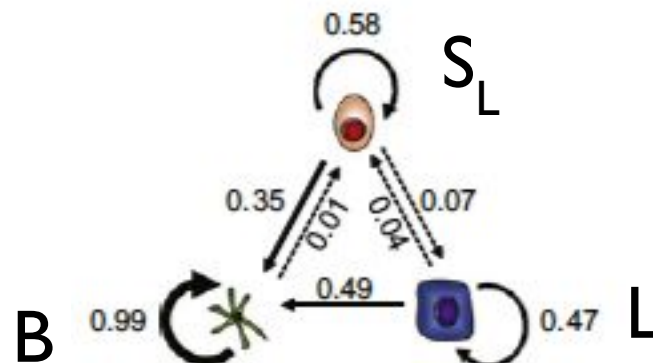
After 6 days



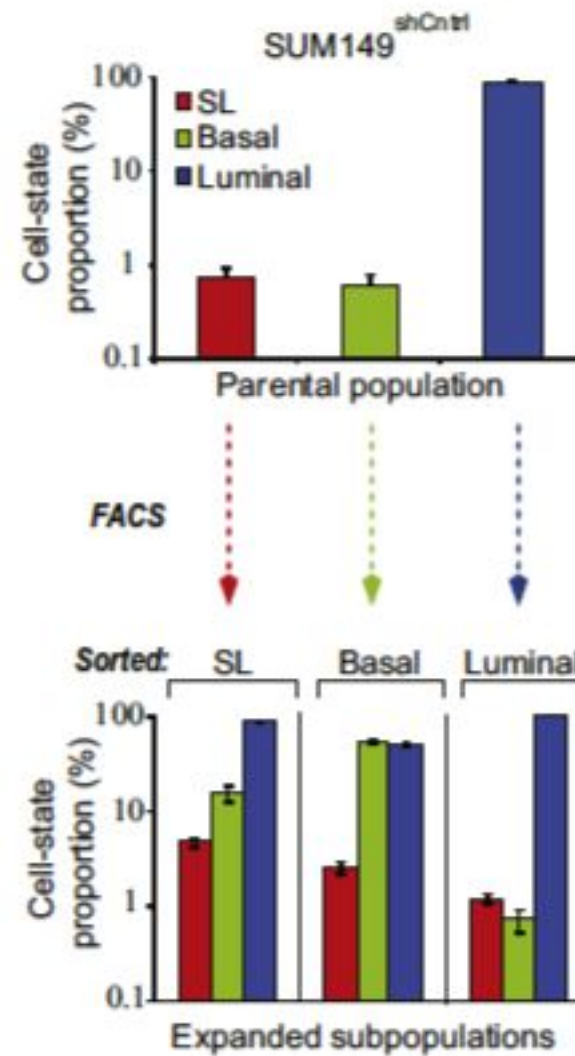
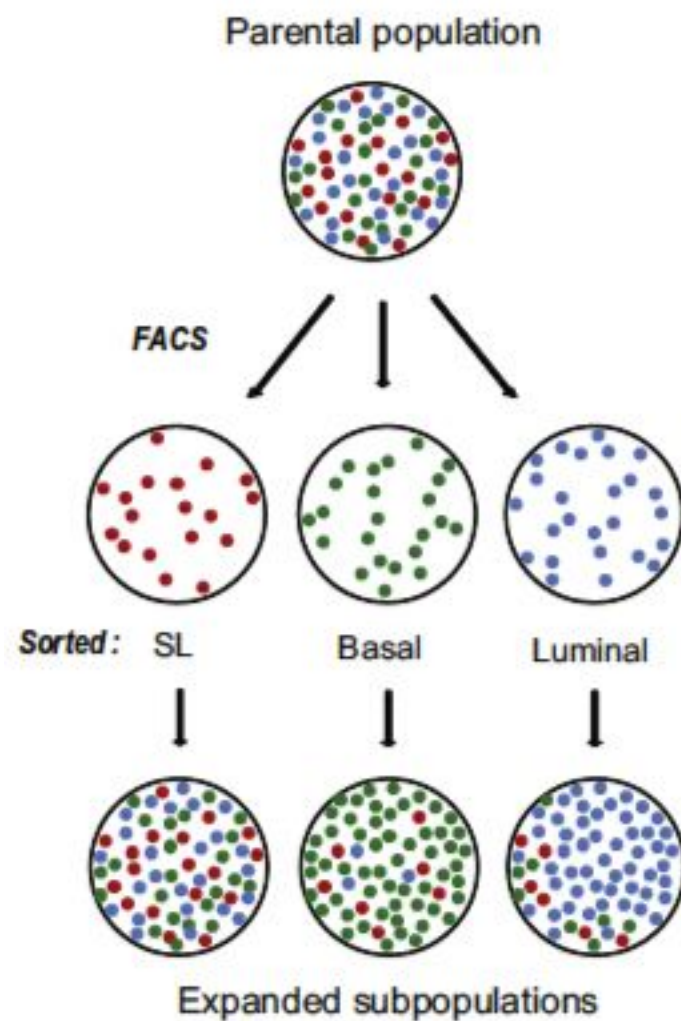
$A = P^6$

How to obtain P ?

$$P = A^{1/6}$$



# Results SUM149



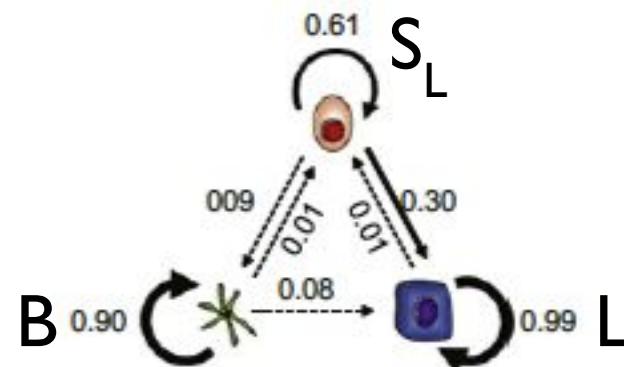
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After 6 days

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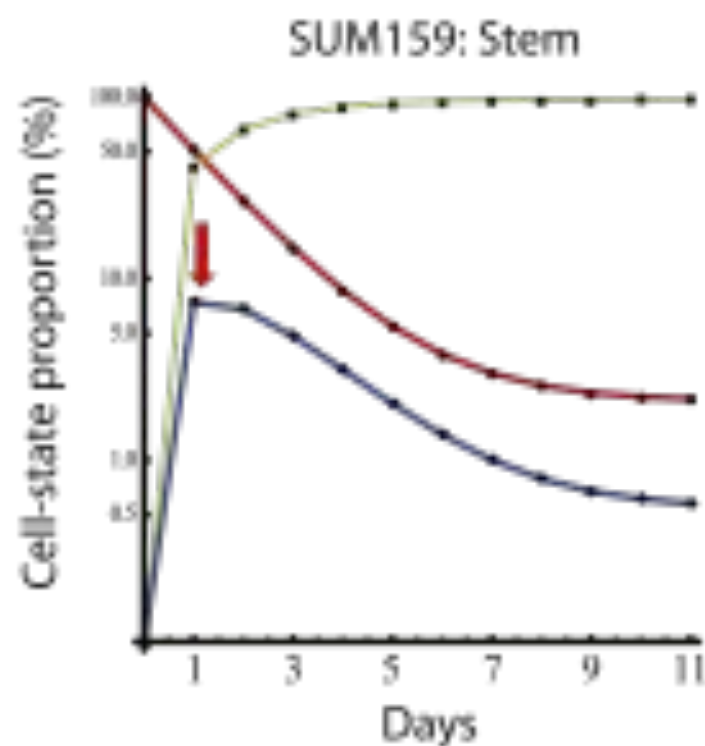
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# Predicting trajectories

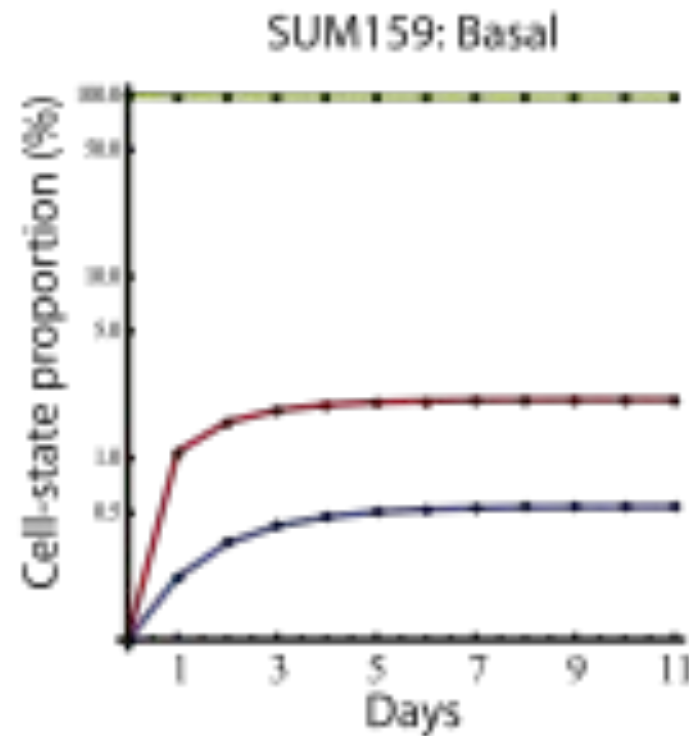
- Predicting trajectories to predict how a population of cells evolves over time given the initial proportion of cell states



$S = 100\%$

$B = 0\%$

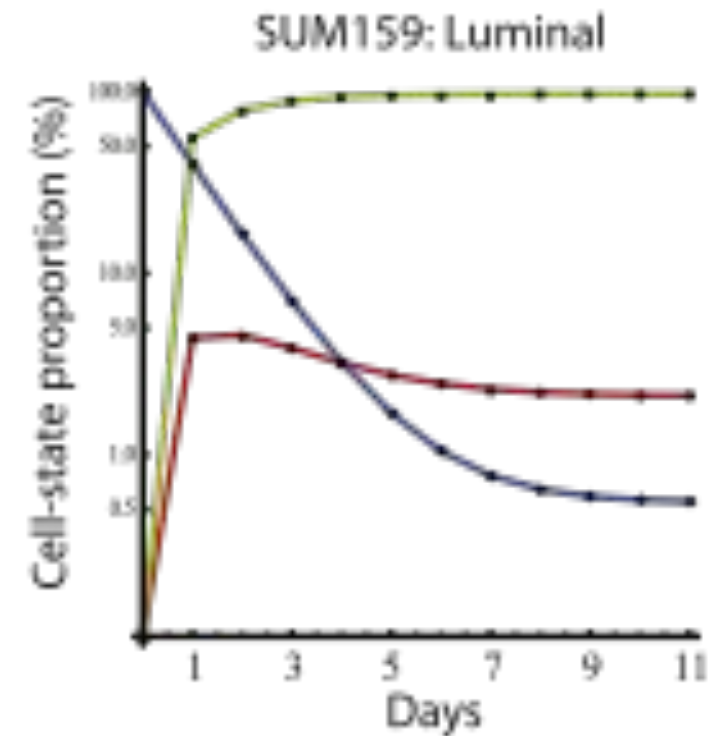
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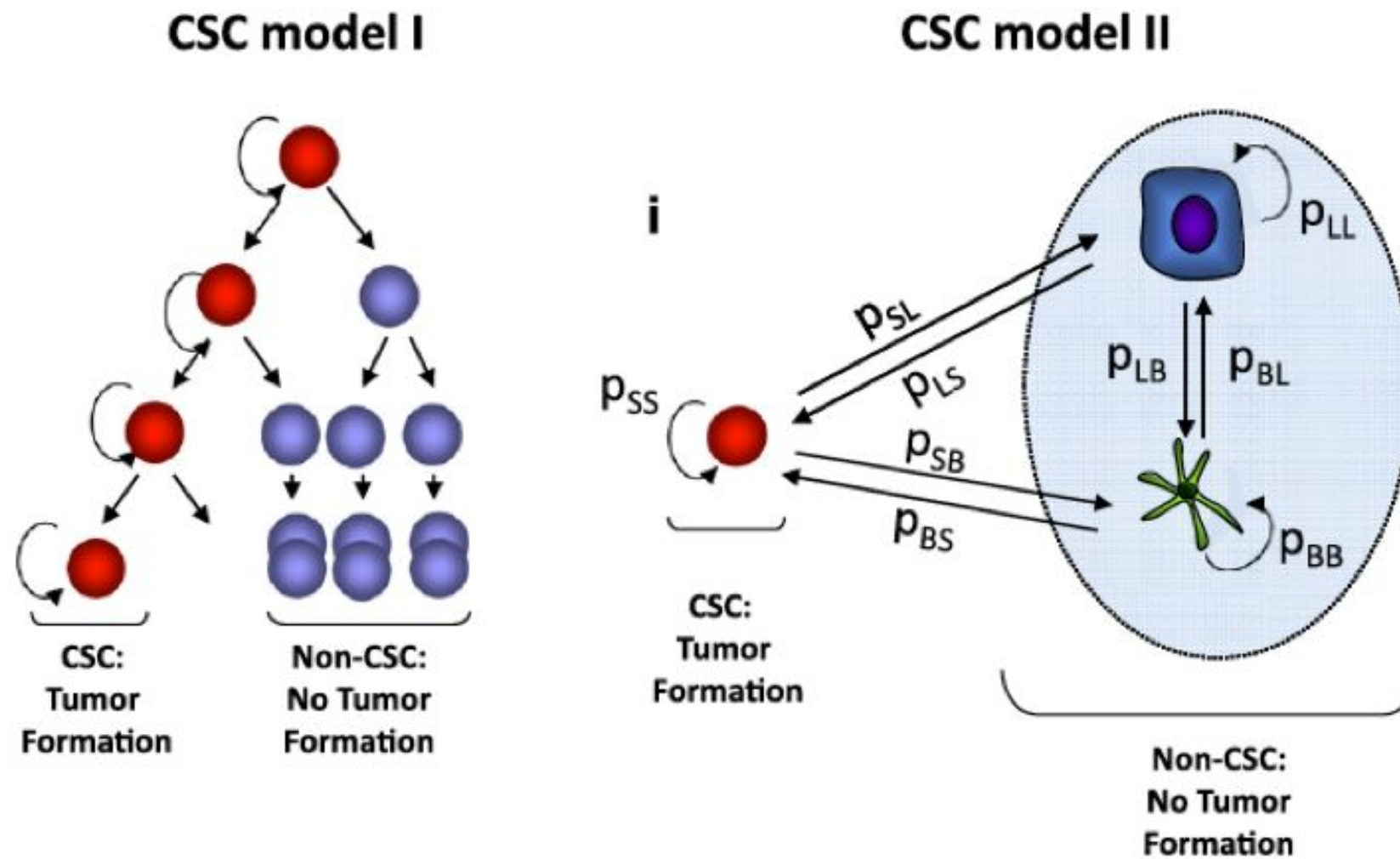
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# Conclusion

A modified picture



Important therapeutic implications!