

# ECE276B-HW1

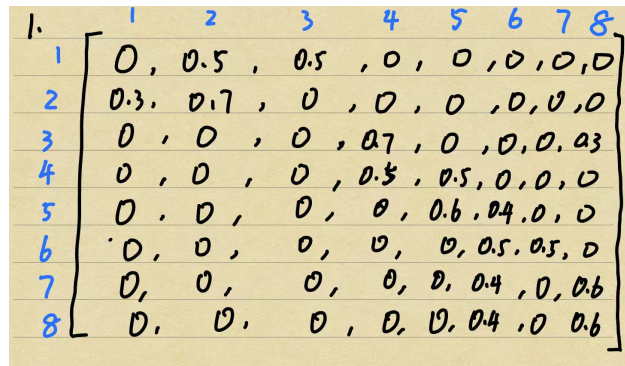
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## 1 Q1

### 1.1 Q1.1

Below is my hand-written solution and derivation process.



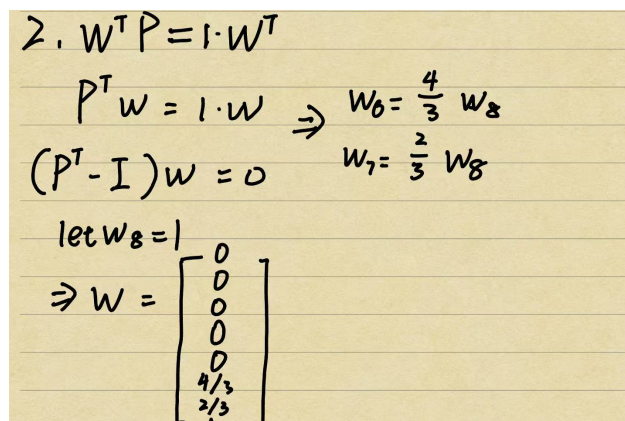
A handwritten transition matrix for an 8-state Markov chain. The states are labeled 1 through 8 in blue. The matrix is written on lined paper and enclosed in large square brackets. The entries are as follows:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	0	0	0
2	0.3	0.7	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	0	0	0	0.7	0	0	0	0.3
4	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	0
5	0	0	0	0	0.6	0.4	0	0
6	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0
7	0	0	0	0	0	0.4	0	0.6
8	0	0	0	0	0	0.4	0	0.6

Figure 1: Q1.1 transition matrix

### 1.2 Q1.2

To find the stationary distribution, we need to find the left eigenvector of the  $P$  matrix that satisfy  $w^T P = 1 \cdot w^T$ , which is equivalent to find the right eigenvector of  $P^T$ . Below is my hand-written solution and derivation process. For solving the linear equations, I use the python sympy package to do the elimination (I attached my code at the end of pdf).



Handwritten derivation for finding the stationary distribution  $w$  such that  $w^T P = 1 \cdot w^T$ .

$$2. w^T P = 1 \cdot w^T$$
$$P^T w = 1 \cdot w \Rightarrow w_6 = \frac{4}{3} w_8$$
$$(P^T - I)w = 0 \Rightarrow w_7 = \frac{2}{3} w_8$$

Let  $w_8 = 1$

$$\Rightarrow w = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ \frac{4}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Figure 2: Q1.2 stationary distribution

### 1.3 Q1.3

The given MC doesn't have absorbing state (with  $P_{ii} = 1$ ). But we can find that the state 6,7,8 forms a absorbing and recurrent class that once we enter state 6,7 or 8, we can't leave the class. Therefore, we can treat state 6,7,8 as a single absorbing state to model the original MC as a absorbing MC, and use the fundamental matrix to solve this problem. Below is my hand-written solution and derivation process.

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0.5 & 0.5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.3 & 0.7 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.5 & 0 & 0.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.6 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$R = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0.3 \\ 0 \\ 0.4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore P^A = \begin{bmatrix} Q & R \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0.5 & 0.5 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.3 & 0.7 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.7 & 0 & 0.3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.5 & 0 & 0.5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.6 & 0.4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Z^A = (I - Q)^{-1}$$

$$E(V_i | X_0 = 1) = Z^A_{11}$$

Figure 3: Q1.3

The answer for this problem is 2.0 which is the  $Z^A_{1,1} = 2.0$ .

### 1.4 Q1.4

Based on the definition of mean first passage time, we are asked to find  $M_{18} = E(\tau_8 | x_0 = 1)$ , and we have

$$M_{18} = 1 + \sum_{k \neq 8} P_{1k} M_{k8}$$

Therefore, for each  $k \neq 8$ , we can write a equation of  $M_{k8}$ . In total we would have a system of equations with 7 equations and 7 unknown, and we can solve it to find  $M_{18}$ . Below is my hand-written solution and derivation process.

$$\begin{aligned}
& 4_1 \\
& M_{18} = 1 + [P_{11} M_{18} + P_{12} M_{28} + P_{13} M_{38} + \\
& \quad P_{14} M_{48} + P_{15} M_{58} + P_{16} M_{68} + P_{17} M_{78}] \\
& M_{28} = 1 + [P_{21} M_{18} + P_{22} M_{28} + P_{23} M_{38} + P_{24} M_{48} \\
& \quad + P_{25} M_{58} + P_{26} M_{68} + P_{27} M_{78}] \\
& M_{38} = 1 + [P_{31} M_{18} + P_{32} M_{28} + P_{33} M_{38} + P_{34} M_{48} \\
& \quad + P_{35} M_{58} + P_{36} M_{68} + P_{37} M_{78}] \\
& \quad \vdots \\
& M_{78} = 1 + [P_{71} M_{18} + P_{72} M_{28} + P_{73} M_{38} + P_{74} M_{48} \\
& \quad + P_{75} M_{58} + P_{76} M_{68} + P_{77} M_{78}] \\
& \quad \downarrow \text{reorder} \\
& (I - P)M = 1 \\
& I \in \mathbb{R}^{7 \times 7} \quad M \in \mathbb{R}^7 \\
& P \in \mathbb{R}^{7 \times 7}
\end{aligned}$$

Figure 4: Q1.4

After solving this via sympy package, the  $M_{18} = 12.9833333333333$ .

## 2 Q2

### 2.1 Q2.1

Firstly, I draw the tree of states at  $T = 4$  and found the valid trajectories that visit all state at  $T = 4$



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15
16     # Probability of path
17     for i in range(1, len(full_path)):
18         prob *= P[full_path[i - 1], full_path[i]]
19     valid_paths.append(full_path)
20     valid_path_probs.append(prob)
21
22     # Cost of path
23     for i in range(0, len(full_path) - 1):
24         cost += visit_cost(full_path[i]+1)
25     cost += terminate_cost(full_path[-1] + 1)
26     valid_costs.append(cost * prob)
27 # Value at t=0 of state 1
28 value = sum(valid_costs)

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As the result,  $V_0(1) = 11.145600000000002$ .

### 3 Q3

#### 3.1 Q3.1

Below is my hand-written solution and derivation process.

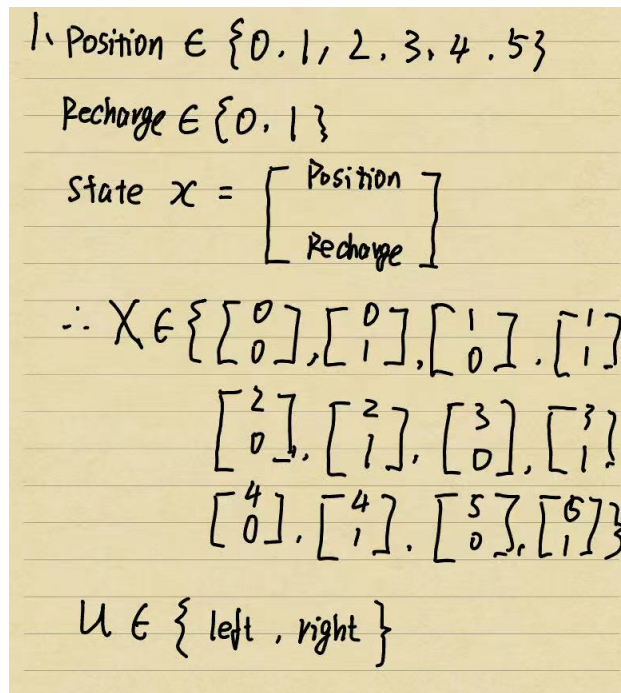


Figure 6: Q3.1

#### 3.2 Q3.2

Below is my hand-written solution and derivation process.

2.  $P_d = P(x_{t+1} | x_t, u_t)$

move in intended direction

$$P\left(\begin{bmatrix} pos+1 \\ \cdot \end{bmatrix} \middle| \begin{bmatrix} pos \\ \cdot \end{bmatrix}, \text{right}\right) = P\left(\begin{bmatrix} pos-1 \\ \cdot \end{bmatrix} \middle| \begin{bmatrix} pos \\ \cdot \end{bmatrix}, \text{left}\right)$$

$$= 0.8$$

move in opposite direction

$$P\left(\begin{bmatrix} pos-1 \\ \cdot \end{bmatrix} \middle| \begin{bmatrix} pos \\ \cdot \end{bmatrix}, \text{right}\right) = P\left(\begin{bmatrix} pos+1 \\ \cdot \end{bmatrix} \middle| \begin{bmatrix} pos \\ \cdot \end{bmatrix}, \text{left}\right)$$

$$= 0.05$$

For both of them, if  $pos-1 = 0$ ,  $recharge' = 0$   
; if  $pos+1 = 5$  and  $recharge = 0$ ,  $recharge' = 1$ ,  
but still use the same motion model

Stay the same

$$P\left(\begin{bmatrix} pos \\ \cdot \end{bmatrix} \middle| \begin{bmatrix} pos \\ \cdot \end{bmatrix}, \text{right}\right) = P\left(\begin{bmatrix} pos \\ \cdot \end{bmatrix} \middle| \begin{bmatrix} pos \\ \cdot \end{bmatrix}, \text{left}\right)$$

$$= 0.15$$

Figure 7: Q3.2

### 3.3 Q3.3

Below is my hand-written solution and derivation process.

3,

For bucket

$$L\left(\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \text{right}\right) = 5$$

$$L\left(\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, \text{right}\right) = 0$$

For battery

$$L\left(\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ recharge \end{bmatrix}, \text{left}\right) = -1, \text{ recharge} \in \{0, 1\}$$

All other stage

$$L(x, u) = 0$$

Figure 8: Q3.3

## 4 Q4

### 4.1 Q4.1

Below is my hand-written solution and derivation process.



$$\begin{aligned}
& 1. \pi(x) = 2x - 1 \\
& V_0^\pi(x) = \mathbb{E} \left[ g(x_2) + \sum_{t=0}^{T-1} l(x_t, \pi(x_t)) \right] \\
& \text{For } u_0 \\
& u_0 = \pi(x_0) = 2x_0 - 1 \\
& \text{For } x_1 \\
& x_1 = f(x_0, u_0, w_0) = 2x_0 - 2x_0 + 1 + w_0 \\
& \quad \quad \quad = w_0 + 1 \\
& \text{For } u_1 \\
& u_1 = \pi(x_1) = 2(w_0 + 1) - 1 = 2w_0 + 1 \\
& \text{For } x_2 \\
& x_2 = f(x_1, u_1, w_1) = 2(u_0 + 1) - 2w_0 - 1 + w_1 \\
& \quad \quad \quad = 2w_0 + 2 - 2w_0 - 1 + w_1 \\
& \quad \quad \quad = w_1 + 1 \\
& \text{For } g(x_2) \\
& g(x_2) = x_2^2 = (w_1 + 1)^2 = w_1^2 + 2w_1 + 1 \\
& \text{For } l(x_0, u_0) \\
& l(x_0, u_0) = x_0^2 \\
& \text{For } l(x_1, u_1) \\
& l(x_1, u_1) = x_1^2 = (w_0 + 1)^2 = w_0^2 + 2w_0 + 1 \\
& \therefore V_0^\pi(x_0) = \mathbb{E} [w_1^2 + 2w_1 + 1 + x_0^2 + w_0^2 + 2w_0 + 1] \\
& \quad \quad \quad \because \mathbb{E}(A+B) = \mathbb{E}(A) + \mathbb{E}(B) \\
& \quad \quad \quad \therefore V_0^\pi(x_0) = 1 + 0 + 1 + \mathbb{E}(x_0^2) + 1 + 0 + 1 \\
& \quad \quad \quad \because x_0 \text{ is deterministic} \\
& \quad \quad \quad \therefore V_0^\pi(x) = x^2 + 4
\end{aligned}$$

Figure 9: Q4.1

$$V_0^\pi(x) = x^2 + 4$$

## 4.2 Q4.2

Below is my hand-written solution and derivation process.

2. For  $u_0$

$$u_0 = u(x_0) = 3x_0$$

For  $x_1$

$$x_1 = f(x_0, u_0, w_0) = 2x_0 - 3x_0 + w_0 = w_0 - x_0$$

For  $l(x_0, u_0)$

$$l(x_0, u_0) = x_0^2$$

For  $u_1$

$$u_1 = u(x_1) = 3x_1 = 3w_0 - 3x_0$$

For  $l(x_1, u_1)$

$$l(x_1, u_1) = x_1^2 = (w_0 - x_0)^2 = w_0^2 - 2w_0x_0 + x_0^2$$

For  $x_2$

$$\begin{aligned} x_2 = f(x_1, u_1, w_1) &= 2x_1 - u_1 - w_1 \\ &= 2w_0 - 2x_0 - 3w_0 + 3x_0 - w_1 \\ &= x_0 - w_0 - w_1 \end{aligned}$$

For  $g(x_2)$

$$\begin{aligned} g(x_2) = x_2^2 &= (x_0 - w_0 - w_1)^2 \\ &= x_0^2 - 2x_0w_0 - 2x_0w_1 + w_0^2 \\ &\quad + 2w_0w_1 + w_1^2 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  Independent,  $\mathbb{E}(w_0) = \mathbb{E}(w_1) = 0$

$\therefore \mathbb{E}(x_0w_0) = \mathbb{E}(x_0) \cdot \mathbb{E}(w_0) = 0$

$\mathbb{E}(x_0w_1) = \mathbb{E}(x_0) \cdot \mathbb{E}(w_1) = 0$

$\mathbb{E}(w_0w_1) = \mathbb{E}(w_0) \mathbb{E}(w_1) = 0$

Figure 10: Q4.2 part 1

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}(l(x_0, u_0)) &= \mathbb{E}(x_0^2) = x_0^2 \\ \mathbb{E}(l(x_1, u_1)) &= \mathbb{E}(w_0^2) - 2\mathbb{E}(x_0w_0) + \mathbb{E}(x_0^2) \\ &= 1 - 0 + x_0^2 = x_0^2 + 1 \\ \mathbb{E}(g(x_2)) &= \mathbb{E}(x_0^2) - 2\mathbb{E}(x_0w_0) - \\ &\quad 2\mathbb{E}(x_0w_1) + \mathbb{E}(w_0^2) + 2\mathbb{E}(w_0w_1) \\ &\quad + \mathbb{E}(w_1^2) \\ &= x_0^2 - 0 - 0 + 1 + 0 + 1 \\ &= x_0^2 + 2 \\ V_0^u(x_0) &= \mathbb{E}[g(x_2) + l(x_1, u_1) + \\ &\quad = l(x_0, u_0)] \\ &= 3x_0^2 + 3 \\ &= 3x^2 + 3 \end{aligned}$$

Figure 11: Q4.2 part 2

$$V_0^u(x) = 3x^2 + 3$$



### 4.3 Q4.3

We can use the dynamic programming to solve this problem. Below is my hand-written solution and derivation process.

At  $t=2$

$$V_2^*(x_2) = g(x_2) = x_2^2$$

At  $t=1$

$$V_1^*(x_1) = \min_{u_1} [L(x_1, u_1) + \mathbb{E}[V_2^*(f(x_1, u_1, w_1))]]$$

$$= \min_{u_1} [x_1^2 + \mathbb{E}[(2x_1 - u_1 + w_1)^2]]$$

$$= \min_{u_1} [x_1^2 + \mathbb{E}[(2x_1 - u_1)^2 + 2(2x_1 - u_1)w_1 + w_1^2]]$$

$$= \min_{u_1} [x_1^2 + (2x_1 - u_1)^2 + 1]$$

$$= \min_{u_1} [x_1^2 + 4x_1^2 - 4x_1u_1 + u_1^2 + 1]$$

$$\frac{d}{du_1} x_1^2 + 4x_1^2 - 4x_1u_1 + u_1^2 + 1$$

$$= -4x_1 + 2u_1 = 0$$

$$u_1 = 2x_1$$

$$\therefore u_1^* = 2x_1$$

$$V_1^*(x_1) = x_1^2 + (2x_1 - 2x_1)^2 + 1 = x_1^2 + 1$$

At  $t=0$

$$V_0^*(x_0) = \min_{u_0} [L(x_0, u_0) + \mathbb{E}[V_1^*(f(x_0, u_0, w_0))]]$$

$$= \min_{u_0} [x_0^2 + \mathbb{E}[(2x_0 - u_0 + w_0)^2 + 1]]$$

$$= \min_{u_0} [x_0^2 + (2x_0 - u_0)^2 + 2]$$

$$\frac{d}{du_0} x_0^2 + (2x_0 - u_0)^2 + 2$$

$$= -4x_0 + 2u_0 = 0$$

$$u_0 = 2x_0 \quad \therefore u_0^* = 2x_0$$

$$\therefore V_0^*(x_0) = x_0^2 + (2x_0 - 2x_0)^2 + 2$$

$$= x_0^2 + 2$$

$$\therefore V_0^*(x) = x^2 + 2$$

Figure 12: Q4.3

$$V_0^*(x) = x^2 + 2$$

### 4.4 Q4.4

Below is my hand-written solution and derivation process.

$$\begin{aligned}
 4. \quad V_0^{\pi}(x) &= x^2 + 4 \\
 V_0^u(x) &= 3x^2 + 3 \\
 V_0^*(x) &= x^2 + 2 \\
 \\ 
 \therefore V_0^{\pi}(x) &= V_0^u(x) \\
 x^2 + 4 &= 3x^2 + 3 \\
 2x^2 - 1 &= 0 \\
 x &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 \text{when } x &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \\
 V_0^{\pi}(x) &= \frac{1}{2} + 4 = 4.5 \\
 V_0^*(x) &= \frac{1}{2} + 2 = 2.5 \\
 \Delta &= V_0^{\pi}(x) - V_0^*(x) = 4.5 - 2.5 = 2
 \end{aligned}$$

Figure 13: Q4.4

## References

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In [11]: import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import sympy
from itertools import product
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## Question 1

```
In [3]: # Question 1.1
P = np.array([
    [0, 0.5, 0.5, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
    [0.3, 0.7, 0.0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
    [0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.7, 0, 0, 0, 0.3],
    [0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.5, 0.5, 0, 0, 0],
    [0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.6, 0.4, 0, 0],
    [0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0., 0.5, 0.5, 0],
    [0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0., 0.4, 0., 0.6],
    [0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0., 0.4, 0., 0.6],
])
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In [4]: A = P.T - np.eye(P.shape[0])
A = np.hstack((A, np.zeros(P.shape[0]).reshape(-1, 1)))
mat = sympy.Matrix(A)
print(mat.rref())
```

```
(Matrix([
[1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
[0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
[0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 2.06514699521048e-16, 0],
[0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 2.89120579329468e-16, 0],
[0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1.44560289664734e-16, 0],
[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, -1.33333333333333, 0],
[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, -0.666666666666667, 0],
[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]]), (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6))
```

```
In [5]: x = np.array([0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 4/3, 2/3, 1]).reshape(-1, 1)
print(P.T @ x)
```

```
[[0.]
 [0.]
 [0.]
 [0.]
 [0.]
 [1.33333333]
 [0.66666667]
 [1.]]
```

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In [6]: # Question 1.3
Q = np.array([
    [0, 0.5, 0.5, 0, 0],
    [0.3, 0.7, 0.0, 0, 0],
    [0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.7, 0],
    [0.0, 0.0, 0.5, 0.0, 0.5],
    [0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.0, 0.6]
])
Z = np.eye(Q.shape[0]) - Q
```

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Z_inv = np.linalg.inv(Z)
print(Z_inv)
```

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[2.          3.33333333  1.53846154  1.07692308  1.34615385]
[2.          6.66666667  1.53846154  1.07692308  1.34615385]
[0.          0.          1.53846154  1.07692308  1.34615385]
[0.          0.          0.76923077  1.53846154  1.92307692]
[0.          0.          0.          0.          2.5        ]]
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```
In [10]: # Question 1.4
sub_A = P[:, :7]
sub_A = np.eye(sub_A.shape[0]) - sub_A
sub_mat = np.hstack([sub_A, np.ones(sub_A.shape[0]).reshape(-1, 1)])
sub_mat = sympy.Matrix(sub_mat)
print(sub_mat.rref())
```

```
(Matrix([
[1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 12.9833333333333],
[0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 16.3166666666667],
[0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 7.65],
[0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 9.5],
[0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 7.5],
[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 5.0],
[0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 3.0]]), (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6))
```

## Question 2

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In [13]: P = np.array([
    [0.1, 0., 0.9],
    [0.7, 0.3, 0.0],
    [0.0, 0.4, 0.6]
])
def visit_cost(state):
    return 2 * state
def terminate_cost(state):
    return -1 * state
```

```
In [10]: # Question 2.1
p1 = P[0,0] * P[0,0] * P[0,2] * P[2,1]

p2 = P[0,0] * P[0,2] * P[2,1] * P[1,0]

p3 = P[0,0] * P[0,2] * P[2,1] * P[1,1]

p4 = P[0,0] * P[0,2] * P[2,2] * P[2,1]

p5 = P[0,2] * P[2,1] * P[1,0] * P[0,0]

p6 = P[0,2] * P[2,1] * P[1,0] * P[0,2]

p7 = P[0,2] * P[2,1] * P[1,1] * P[1,1]

p8 = P[0,2] * P[2,1] * P[1,1] * P[1,0]

p9 = P[0,2] * P[2,2] * P[2,1] * P[1,0]

p10 = P[0,2] * P[2,2] * P[2,1] * P[1,1]
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p11 = P[0,2] * P[2,2] * P[2,2] * P[2,1]
print(p1 + p2 + p3 + p4 + p5 + p6 + p7 + p8 + p9 + p10 + p11)
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0.7668

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In [17]: # Question 2.2
states = [0, 1, 2]
T = 4
initial_state = 0

valid_paths = []
valid_path_probs = []
valid_costs = []

# Generate all paths of T=4
for path in product(states, repeat=T):
    full_path = (initial_state,) + path
    if set(full_path) == {0, 1, 2}:
        prob = 1.0
        cost = 0.0
        for i in range(1, len(full_path)):
            prob *= P[full_path[i - 1], full_path[i]]
        valid_paths.append(full_path)
        valid_path_probs.append(prob)
        for i in range(0, len(full_path) - 1):
            cost += visit_cost(full_path[i]+1)
        cost += terminate_cost(full_path[-1] + 1)
        valid_costs.append(cost * prob)
print(sum(valid_costs))
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11.145600000000002

In [ ]: