PROBABILITY AND RANDOM VARIABLES Assignment 2

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Problem

Gate EC Problem 9

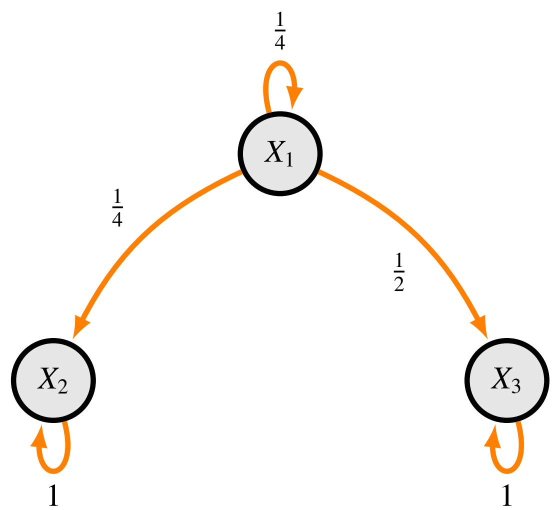
Step 1. Flip a coin twice.
Step 2. If the outcomes are (TAILS, HEADS) then output Y and stop.
Step 3. If the outcomes are either (HEADS, HEADS) or (HEADS, TAILS), then output N and stop.
Step 4. If the outcomes are (TAILS, TAILS), then go to Step 1.
The probability that the output of the experiment is Y is (upto two decimal places) $\cdots$

Solution

Let flipping a coin twice be event H.
Sample space of event H = $\{HH, HT, TH, TT\}$
Let a random variable X; $X_i = i$, where i=1,2,3.
X_1 represents outcome $\{TT\}$,
X_2 represents getting outcome $\{TH\}$ or output Y,
X_3 represents getting output N.
The state transition matrix P is shown below :

$$\begin{array}{c c} & \begin{matrix} X_1 & X_2 & X_3 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ X_3 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{array} \tag{0.0.1}$$

Markov chain diagram



From the transition matrix, we have 1 transient state and 2 absorbing states.
Q = $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix}$ and R = $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$

$$N = (I - Q)^{-1} \tag{0.0.2}$$
$$= \left([1] - \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix} \right)^{-1} \tag{0.0.3}$$
$$= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{3} \end{bmatrix} \tag{0.0.4}$$

We know that probability of being absorbed by state j after starting in state i is given by the $M_{i,j}$, where M = NR.

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \end{bmatrix} \tag{0.0.5}$$

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Hence the probability of being absorbed by state Y (1^{st}element of R) after starting with state X_1 (1^{st}element of Q) is $M_{1,1}$

$$\therefore \Pr(Y) = \frac{1}{3} = 0.33 \,(\text{correct upto 2 decimal places}) . \tag{0.0.6}$$