

Chapter 2



$$\{X_t : t \in \{0, 1, \dots\}\}, \quad X_t \in \{0, 1, 2\}$$

$$P(X_n = 1) = \sum_{k=0}^2 P(X_n = 1 | X_{n-1} = k) P(X_{n-1} = k)$$

$$P(X_n = 1) = \sum_{(X_0, X_1, \dots, X_{n-1}) \in \{0, 1, 2\}^n} P(X_n = 1 | X_{n-1} = x_{n-1}, X_{n-2} = x_{n-2}, \dots, X_0 = x_0) P(X_{n-1} = x_{n-1}, \dots, X_0 = x_0)$$

Too complex!

Markov Chain

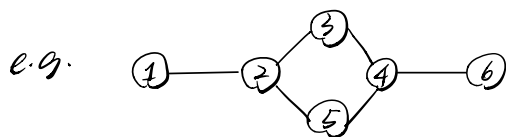
A stochastic process $\{X_t : t \in \mathbb{I}\}$ where

$$P(X_t = x_t | X_{t-1} = x_{t-1}, \dots, X_0 = x_0) = P(X_t = x_t | X_{t-1} = x_{t-1})$$

$\{X_t : t \in \{0, 1, \dots, n, \dots\}\}, \quad X_t \in S$ state space (discrete set of values)

• Time-homogeneous Markov Chain

$$P(X_t | X_{t-1}, \dots, X_0) = P(X_t | X_{t-1}) = P(X_s | X_{s-1}) \quad \forall s, t$$



$$P(X_{t+1} = 2 | X_t = 1) = 1$$

$$P(X_{t+1} = 1 | X_t = 2) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$3 \quad 2 \quad \frac{1}{2}$$

$$5 \quad 2 \quad \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

stochastic matrix

$$P_{ij} = P(X_t = j | X_{t-1} = i)$$

e.g. Not TH

$$P(X_t = 5 | X_{t-1} = 2) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} & t \text{ even} \\ \frac{1}{3} & t \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

$$P(X_t | X_{t-1}) = e^{-\lambda t / 5}$$

Given $X_0 = x_0$, $P(X_t = j | X_{t-1} = i)$

If state space is discrete and finite, then we need to specify k^2 possibilities for k states. \Rightarrow

Transition Probability Matrix (TPM)

If P is a TPM, it is a $k \times k$ matrix for $|S| = k$ where

$$P_{ij} = P(X_t = j | X_{t-1} = i)$$

P is a **stochastic matrix**: Rows sum to 1.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_j P_{ij} &= \sum_j P(X_t = j | X_{t-1} = i) \\ &= \sum_j \frac{P(X_t = j, X_{t-1} = i)}{P(X_{t-1} = i)} \\ &= \frac{P(X_t = i | X_{t-1} = i)}{P(X_{t-1} = i)} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

e.g. $S = \{0, 1\}$ $X_t \in S$

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1-p & p \\ q & 1-q \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P(X_1 = 1 | X_0 = 0) = ?$$

$$\textcircled{1} P(X_1 = 1 | X_0 = 0) = p$$

$$\textcircled{2} P(X_2 = 1 | X_0 = 0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \underbrace{P(X_2 = 1 | X_1 = 1, X_0 = 0)}_{1-q \text{ (TH)}} P(X_1 = 1 | X_0 = 0) + \underbrace{P(X_2 = 1 | X_1 = 0, X_0 = 0)}_{p \text{ (TH)}} P(X_1 = 0 | X_0 = 0) \\ &= (1-q)p + p(1-p) \end{aligned}$$

going starting

$$\textcircled{3} P(X_3 = 1 | X_0 = 0)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \underbrace{P(X_3 = 1 | X_2 = 1, X_0 = 0)}_{1-q \text{ (TH)}} P(X_2 = 1 | X_0 = 0) + \underbrace{P(X_3 = 1 | X_2 = 0, X_0 = 0)}_{p \text{ (TH)}} P(X_2 = 0 | X_0 = 0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1-p & p \\ q & 1-q \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1-p & 1 \\ q & 1-q \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} (1-p)^2 + pq & (1-p)p + p(1-q) \\ (1-p)q + (1-q)p & pq + (1-q)^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow P^2 = \begin{pmatrix} P(X_2 = 0 | X_0 = 0) & P(X_2 = 1 | X_0 = 0) \\ P(X_2 = 0 | X_0 = 1) & P(X_2 = 1 | X_0 = 1) \end{pmatrix}$$

2-step PTM

$$P^3 P = \begin{pmatrix} P(X_3 = 0 | X_0 = 0) & P(X_3 = 1 | X_0 = 0) \\ P(X_3 = 0 | X_0 = 1) & P(X_3 = 1 | X_0 = 1) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P(X_3 = 0 | X_2 = 0) & P(X_3 = 1 | X_2 = 0) \\ P(X_3 = 0 | X_2 = 1) & P(X_3 = 1 | X_2 = 1) \end{pmatrix}$$

Note

$P^n = P^{(n)}$ n -step TPM

$$P(X_{n+m} = i_{n+m} | X_m = i_m) = (P^n)_{i_m, i_{n+m}} \text{ NOT } (P_{i_m, i_{n+m}})^n$$

$$P^{(n+m)} = P^{(n)} \cdot P^{(m)} \Leftrightarrow P^{n+m} = P^n \cdot P^m$$

Note

$$\Pr(X_n = i) = \sum_{l=1}^k \Pr(X_n = i | X_0 = l) \Pr(X_0 = l)$$

$\leftarrow P_{li}^{(n)}$

$\alpha = (\Pr(X_0 = 1), \dots, \Pr(X_0 = k))$ vector of initial state probabilities

$$\Rightarrow \alpha P^n = (\Pr(X_n = 1), \dots, \Pr(X_n = k))$$

$$S = \{1, \dots, k\}$$

Joint probability distribution of $(X_{t_1}, X_{t_2}, \dots, X_{t_m})$ $t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_m$

$$\Pr(X_{t_m} = i_m | X_{t_{m-1}} = i_{m-1}) \dots \Pr(X_{t_2} = i_2 | X_{t_1} = i_1) \Pr(X_{t_1} = i_1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_{n_1} = i_1, X_{n_2} = i_2, \dots, X_{n_{k-1}} = i_{k-1}, X_{n_k} = i_k) \\ = (\alpha P^{n_1})_{i_1} (P^{n_2 - n_1})_{i_1 i_2} \dots (P^{n_k - n_{k-1}})_{i_{k-1} i_k} \end{aligned}$$