

# Stochastic Processes

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- \* Stochastic process:- It is a sequence of random variables indexed by a parameter (e.g. time, set length, etc)

$\{x_t : t \in T\}$ , where  $T$  is called the index set / parameter set / Time Space.

Collection of RV: finite, infinite  $\begin{cases} \text{Countably} \\ \text{Uncountably} \end{cases}$

- \* State Space : Set of all possible values of  $x_t$  (S) for each  $t$ .

- \* Time Space : The parameter space is called (T) time space.

- \* Classification of SP :-

Discrete space, discrete time

Syllabus

S and T are finite or countably infinite.

at countes

eg.  $x_t$  = The no. of people waiting in a line at train station.

$$T = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 12\}$$

After 1 hr how many people

$$S = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, \infty\}$$

are waiting

& so on.

$$\{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{12}\}$$

when countes closes after 12

ms no. of people waiting

2) Discrete state, continuous time SP :-

$S \rightarrow$  finite / countably infinite

$T \rightarrow$  continuous (uncountable set)

eg.  $X_t$  = no. of people waiting at counter

$$\{X_t : t \in T\}$$

$$T = \{t : 0 \leq t < \infty\}$$

$$S = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

3) Continuous state, discrete time SP :-

$S \rightarrow$  Uncountable set

$T \rightarrow$  finite / countably infinite

eg  $X_t$  = selling / buying price of Indian Rupees against dollars in a time interval  $[0, t]$

$$S = \{x : 0 \leq x < \infty\}$$

$$T = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

days.

$$\{X_t : t \in T\}$$

i.e. At the end of 1, 2, ... days what was the SP of ?

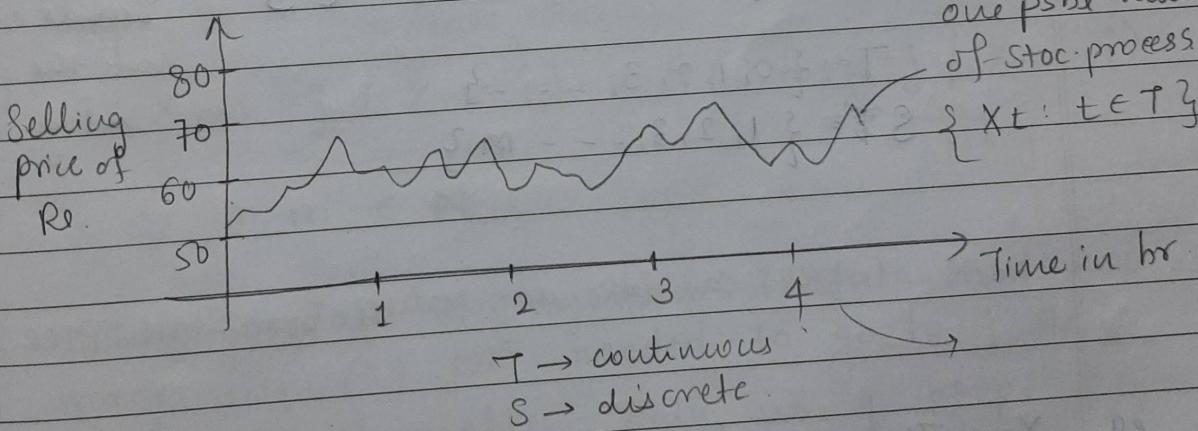
4) Continuous state, continuous time SP:-

$S \rightarrow$  continuous.  
 $T \rightarrow$

$T = \{t : 0 \leq t < \infty\}$  where we are interested  
 in each time unit of what is SP  
 selling price of buying price of shares at that  
 unit.

\* Sample path:

Mapping  $x_t : T \rightarrow S$



\* DTDS Stochastic Processes  $\Rightarrow$

$$\{X_t : t \in T\}$$

$S \rightarrow$  finite / countably infinite

## # Discrete Time Markov chain (DTMC)

A sequence of RV's  $\{X_0, X_1, X_2, \dots\}$  with the state space  $S = \{1, 2, \dots, M\}$  is called DTMC, or simply Markov chain if for all  $n \geq 0$

$$P(X_{n+1} = j \mid X_n = i, X_{n-1} = i_{n-1}, \dots, X_0 = i_0) \xrightarrow{\text{independent}}$$

$$\xrightarrow[\text{dependency}]{\text{1 step}} = P(X_{n+1} = j \mid X_n = i) = p_{ij}^{(1)} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{state} \\ \text{step} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{In future where} \\ \text{you will be only} \\ \text{depends on present} \\ \text{not the past} \end{matrix}$$

where  $i, j, i_{n-1}, \dots, i_0 \in S$

$$T = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

$$S = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, M\}.$$

i.e. Each  $\{X_0, X_1, \dots\}$  RV's can take any values from state space  $S$

eg.  $X_n$ : The no. of customers in Barber shop at the end of  $n$ th hour.

$$\rightarrow \{X_n : n = 0, 1, 2, \dots\} \quad S = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

Time Span

$$P(X_6 = 10 \mid X_5 = 9, X_4 = 4, X_3 = 5, X_2 = 8, X_1 = 9, X_0 = 1)$$

$$= P(X_6 = 10 \mid X_5 = 9)$$

10 customers at  
6th hr

9 customers  
at 5th hr

$p_{ij}^{(1)}$  = One step transition probability from state  $i$  to state  $j$ .

$$S = \{1, 2, \dots, M\}$$

$$P^{(1)} = (p_{ij}^{(1)})_{ij}$$

One step transition probability matrix  $M \times M$

### # Time Homogeneous Markov chain:

$\{x_n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is said to be a time homogeneous MC if

$$P(X_{n+k} = j | X_n = i) = P(X_{m+k} = j | X_m = i)$$

$\underbrace{\qquad\qquad\qquad}_{K \text{ steps}} \qquad \underbrace{\qquad\qquad\qquad}_{K \text{ steps}}$

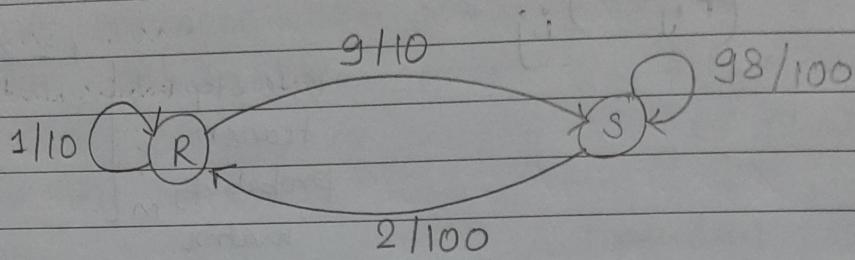
$\forall n, m \in \mathbb{N}$

When you are starting from  $i$  state then how many steps ( $K$ ) are needed to go to  $j$  state  
 Time Space,  $n, m$  doesn't matter, only no. of steps & current state matters.

Time homogeneous

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- Ex. 1)  $R \rightarrow$  Rainy day.  $\rightarrow 0$   
 $S \rightarrow$  Sunny day  $\rightarrow 1$



$X_n$  : The weather on  $n^{\text{th}}$  day.  $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, \dots\}$

$$S = \{0, 1\}$$

$$T = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

1 step prob.  
Trans' matrix.

$$P^{(1)} = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 0 & 1 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1/10 & 9/10 \\ 2/100 & 98/100 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$P_{00}^{(1)}$        $P_{01}^{(1)}$   
 $P_{10}^{(1)}$        $P_{11}^{(1)}$

\* Observations :-

1) Sum of each row is 1

$$\sum_{j=1}^M P_{ij}^{(1)} = 1, \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, M$$

2)  $P_{ij}^{(1)} > 0, \forall i, j$

## # m-step transition probability matrix

$$1) P^{(m)} = P_{ij}^{(m)}, \quad s = \{1, 2, \dots, M\}.$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} & 1 & 2 & \dots & M \\ 1 & & & & \\ 2 & & & & \\ \vdots & & & & \\ M & & & & \end{bmatrix}$$

M-step trans' probability from state  $i$  to state  $j$   
mxM

$$2) P_{ij}^{(0)} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } i=j \\ 0, & \text{if } i \neq j \end{cases}$$

$$3) 0 \leq P_{ij}^{(m)} \leq 1, \quad \forall i, j$$

$\forall i \in S$ .

$$4) \sum_{j=1}^M P_{ij}^{(m)} = 1, \quad \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, M$$

## # Chapman - Kolmogorov Eq's :-

$$P^{(n)} = P^{(n-1)} P^{(1)}$$

$$P^{(3)} = P^{(2)} \cdot P^{(1)}$$

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

$$P^{(2)} = P^{(1)} \cdot P^{(1)}$$

$$P^{(1)} = p$$

$$S = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, M\}$$

$$p(m) = \begin{pmatrix} p_{ij}^{(m)} \\ (M+1) \times (M+1) \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{M-step trans' prob. matrx.}$$

AS 0 to M  $\Rightarrow$  (M+1) states.

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\* Initial distribution:-

If you have a MC  $\{X_n; n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  with state space  $S = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, M\}$ . The probability distribution  $\Pi = (\Pi_0, \Pi_1, \Pi_2, \dots, \Pi_M)$  with what is the probability that in 0 step, you will be in state  $i$

$$\Pi_i = P(X_0 = i)$$

is called the initial distribution.

$$\text{eg. } P(X_0=0) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad P(X_0=1) = \frac{1}{2} \quad S = \{0, 1\}$$

when MC is starting then  $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$  is called initial distribution.  
 A + start of MC.  
 $P(\text{being in state 1})$

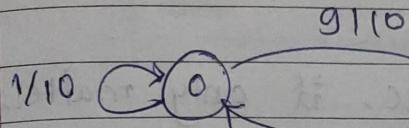
$$P^{(2)} = P^{(1)} \cdot P^{(1)}$$

$$P^{(3)} = P^{(2)} \cdot P^{(1)}$$

$$P^{(4)} = P^{(3)} \cdot P^{(1)}$$

$$= P^{(4)} \cdot P^{(1)} \cdot P^{(1)}$$

eg.1) Rainy Sunny Example:



$$P^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 9/10 & 2/100 \\ 2/100 & 98/100 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P^{(2)} = P^{(1)} \cdot P^{(1)} = \begin{bmatrix} 9/10 & 2/100 \\ 2/100 & 98/100 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 9/10 & 2/100 \\ 2/100 & 98/100 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P^{(2)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{280}{10000} & \frac{9820}{10000} \\ \frac{216}{10000} & \frac{9784}{10000} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P_{00}^{(2)} = \frac{280}{10000} = 0.028 \quad P_{01}^{(2)} = \frac{9820}{10000} = 0.982$$

$$P_{10}^{(2)} = \frac{216}{10000} = 0.0216 \quad P_{11}^{(2)} = \frac{9784}{10000} = 0.9784$$

$P_{00}^{(2)}$  = If today is rainy day then probability that day after tomorrow will be rainy day.

Conditional probability:

$$* P(X_{n+2}=0 / X_n=0) = P_{00}^{(2)}$$

\*  $P(X_2=0)$  = Probability that day after tomorrow will be rainy (0) day. and we don't know what's the state today  
Unconditional probability.

$$P(X_2=0/X_0=0) = P(X_{n+2}=0/X_n=0) = P_{00}^{(2)}$$

Can be calculated using Total probability

$$\therefore P(X_2=0) = P(X_2=0/X_0=0) P(X_0=0) + P(X_2=0/X_0=1) P(X_0=1)$$

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Initial

day Rainy

Initial

day Sunny

As it is time homogeneous Mc, it only matters how many steps ( $k$ ) you need to reach to desired state, your current state does not matter.

$$\text{i.e. } P(X_{n+k}=j | X_n=i) = P(X_{m+k}=j | X_m=i)$$

↑  
current state

i.e. after  $k$  steps you will reach to step  $j$ , current state doesn't matter.

$$P(X_0=0) = \gamma_2 \quad P(X_0=1) = \gamma_2$$

$$P(X_2=0) = P_{00}^{(2)} \cdot \gamma_2 + P_{10}^{(2)} \cdot \gamma_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{UNCD. probability}) &= \frac{140}{280} \times \frac{1}{2} + \frac{108}{216} \times \frac{1}{2} \\ &= \frac{140+108}{10000} = \frac{248}{10000} \end{aligned}$$

eg. 2)  
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$$\therefore P(X_2=1) = P(X_2=1/X_0=0) P(X_0=0) + P(X_2=1/X_0=1) P(X_0=1)$$

$$= P_{01}^{(2)} \frac{\pi_0}{P(X_0=0)} + P_{11}^{(2)} \frac{\pi_1}{P(X_0=1)}$$

$$= \frac{4910}{9820} \times \frac{1}{2} + \frac{4892}{97184} \times \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= \frac{9802}{10000}$$

$S = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, M\}$  states and initial dist' is

$$\Pi = (\Pi_0, \Pi_1, \dots, \Pi_M)$$

$$P(X_n = k) = \sum_{j=0}^M P_{jk}^{(n)} \Pi_j^{(0)}$$

probability that  
after  $n$  steps it  
will be in state ' $k$ '

$$P(X_2 = 1) = \sum_{j=0}^M P_{jk}^{(2)} \Pi_j^{(0)}$$

$$P(X_2 = 1) = \frac{P_{01}^{(2)} \Pi_0 + P_{11}^{(2)} \Pi_1}{P(X_0 = 0) \quad P(X_0 = 1) \leftarrow \text{Initial distribution}}$$

### Gambler's Ruin Problem

eg.2) Two players A and B.

g.15 A's capital =  $x \in \mathbb{N}$  dollars

B's capital =  $y \in \mathbb{N}$  dollars.

Let  $a = x+y = 3$  (any number).

$P(A \text{ wins } \$1 \text{ from } B) = p$

$P(B \text{ wins } \$1 \text{ from } A) = 1-p$

$$pq = 1/2$$

The game goes on until one of the players loses all of his capital, that is until  $X_n = 0$  or  $X_n = a$ .

$X_n$  = capital of the player A in the  $n$ th round.

$T = \mathbb{N}$ ,  $S = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, a\}$ .

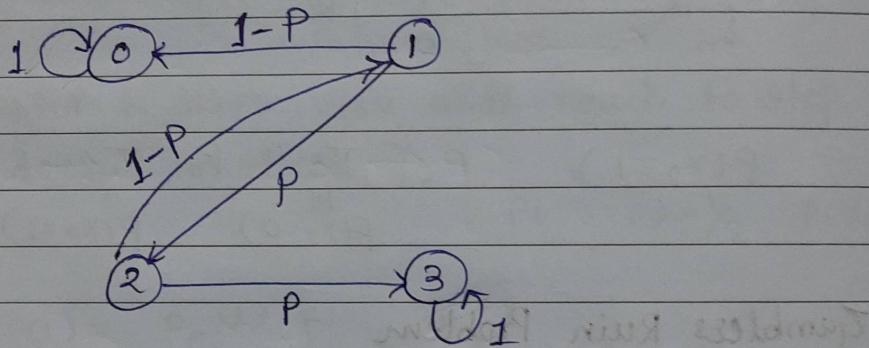
$\{X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots\}$  forms a MC.

capital of A at end of 1st game

$X_n$  = capital of player A at end of  
Game nth round.

$$S = \{0, 1, 2, 3\} \quad \text{as } x+y=3.$$

$$P^{(1)} = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{matrix} & \left[ \begin{matrix} 1 & P & 0 & 0 \\ 1-P & 0 & P & 0 \\ 0 & 1-P & 0 & P \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{matrix} \right] \end{matrix}$$



n-step transition  $P^{(n)}$  = ?

probability matrix

$$P^{(n)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} ( \dots )$$

After long run,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P^{(n)} = \text{limiting distribution}$

long run behaviour?

of Markov chain.

i.e. after maybe 1M games what's the probability that player A will be in state 0, 1, 2 or 3?

To know whether limiting distribution exists or not & even if exists how to calculate that, limiting distribution  $\rightarrow$  classification of state.

## \* Classification of States

We have a MC,  $\{x_n : n \geq 0\}$  with state space  $S$ .

### ① Accessible State:-

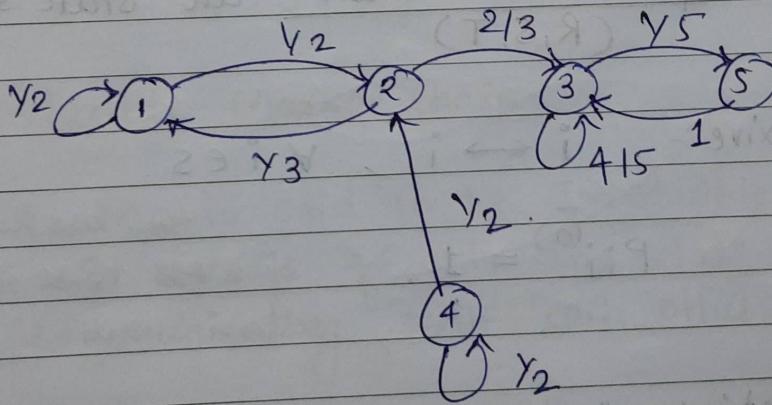
In a MC, a state  $j \in S$  is said to be accessible from a state  $i \in S$  if.

$$P_{ij}^{(n)} > 0 \text{ for some } n \geq 0.$$

(then state  $j$  is accessible from state  $i$ )

$$j \leftarrow i$$

e.g.  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$



$P_{42}^{(1)} = y_2$ , state 2 can be accessed from state 4 with probability  $y_2$

$$2 \leftarrow 4 \text{ but } 4 \not\leftarrow 2$$

## ② Communicating States :-

In a MC, two states  $i, j \in S$  are said to be communicating states if

$$i \leftarrow j \text{ and } j \leftarrow i \quad i \leftrightarrow j$$

e.g. In prev state diagram,  
below State 4 & 5 are communicating with each other.

$$(1 \leftarrow 2, 2 \leftarrow 1), (5 \leftarrow 3, 3 \leftarrow 5)$$

$$(1 \leftrightarrow 2), (5 \leftrightarrow 3)$$

③ Result :- The relation  $i \leftrightarrow j$  forms an equivalence relation in state space  $S$ .  
 $(R, S, T)$

i) Reflexive :-  $i \leftrightarrow i, \forall i \in S$ .

$$P_{ii}^{(0)} = 1$$

You are not moving  
you are there forever  
certain event.

ii) Symmetric :-  $i \leftrightarrow j \Rightarrow j \leftrightarrow i$

$\exists n > 0$  such that  $P_{ij}^{(n)} > 0$ .

$$P_{ji}^{(n)} > 0$$

iii) Transitivity :-  $i \leftrightarrow j \text{ & } j \leftrightarrow k \Rightarrow i \leftrightarrow k$ .

### ③ Communicating Classes :-

Every equivalence relation forms an Equivalence Class.  
( Makes a partition in state space S )

\*  $C(i)$  :- Communicating class of  $i$ .  
is set of all those state space  
such that  $i$  is communicating to  $j$ .

$$C(i) = \{ j \in S / i \leftrightarrow j \}.$$

$$= C(j)$$

e.g. From prev state tr. diag.  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$

$$C(1) = \{1, 2\} = C(2)$$

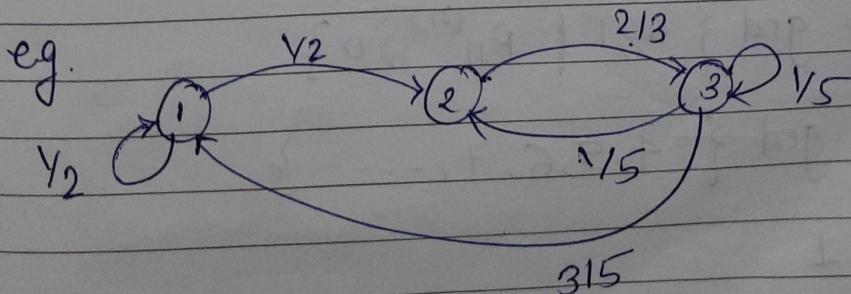
$$C(3) = \{3, 5\} = C(5)$$

$$C(4) = \{4\}$$

} partition of  
state space S.  
with 3 diff  
classes.

### ④ Irreducible Markov Chain :-

A MC is said to be Irreducible if the state space S consists of only one class i.e. all states are communicating with each other.



$$C(1) = \{1, 2, 3\} = C(2) = C(3)$$

Access 1st step 2 steps.  
in

(5)

**Absorbing State :-**

In a given MC, a state  $i \in S$  is said to be absorbing state if

$$P_{ii}^{(n)} = 1, \forall n \geq 0$$

$$P_{00}^{(0)} = 1$$

$$P_{00}^{(1)} = 1$$

i.e. if you are in state  $i$  then you are in that state forever.

e.g. In Gambler's ruin problem, states 0 and 3 are absorbing states.

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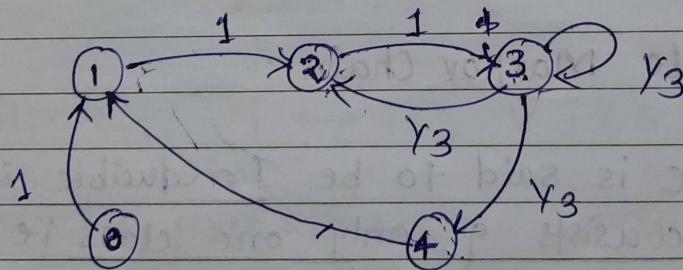
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**Periodicity :-**

The periodicity of state  $i \in S$  in MC, is defined as

$$\lambda(i) = \text{gcd } \{ n \geq 1 \mid P_{ii}^{(n)} > 0 \}$$

e.g.



$$\lambda(1) = \text{gcd } \{ n \geq 1 \mid P_{11}^{(n)} > 0 \}$$

$$= \text{gcd } \{ 4, 5, 6, 7, \dots \}$$

$$\lambda(1) = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda(3) &= \text{gcd } \{ 1, 2, 4, 5, \dots \} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Remarks: If  $p_{ii}^{(n)} = 0, \forall n > 1$  then the periodicity of the state  $i$  is defined as  $\lambda(i) = 0$ .

i.e. if you start from state  $i$  and cannot come back then periodicity of that state is 0.

here,  $\lambda(0) = 0$

⑦ Aperiodic State :- A state  $i$  is said to be aperiodic if its periodicity is 1 i.e.  $\lambda(i) = 1$ .

\* Results  $\Rightarrow$  one communicating class

1) In an irreducible MC, all the states have same periodicity.

2) Definition: A chain is said to be aperiodic if all of its states are aperiodic.

$\Downarrow$   
Aperiodic MC.

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\* First Entrance / visit :-

$$MC = \{x_n : n \geq 0\}, S = \{1, 2, \dots, M\}.$$

The first entrance is defined as

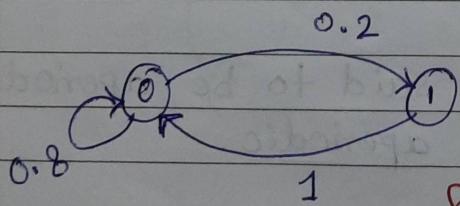
$f_{jk}^{(n)}$  = P (Entering to the state 'K' for the first time in 'n' steps given that it was in the state j)  
 probability of first time return

$$= P(X_{n+m} = K, X_{n+m-1} \neq K, \dots, X_m = j \mid X_{m+1} \neq K)$$

Result :-

$$P_{jk}^{(n)} = \sum_{r=0}^n f_{jk}^{(r)} P_{kk}^{(n-r)}$$

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first time  
if you have  
to go & come  
back

$$P^{(1)} = 0 \begin{bmatrix} 0.8 & 0.2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P_{00}^{(2)} = f_{00}^{(0)} P_{00}^{(2)} + f_{00}^{(1)} P_{00}^{(1)} + f_{00}^{(2)} P_{00}^{(0)}$$

j=K=0

n=2

$$= 0 + 0.8 * 0.8 + 0.2 * 1 * 1$$

Start from 0,  
land up in 0,  
in 0 step for  
first time-  
test prob.  
is zero

$$\text{here } P_{00}^{(2)} \text{ & } f_{00}^{(2)} \text{ are } = 0.2 * 1$$

Not  
going  
anywhere  
i.e., always  
staying same

$$0.64 + 0.2 \Rightarrow 0.84$$

$$f_{00}^{(0)} = 0, P_{00}^{(0)} = 1$$

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### \* Probability of ever return :-

For fixed  $j$  and  $k$ ,

$f_{jk} = P(\text{the process will ever return to state } k \text{ when it started from state } j)$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_{jk}^{(n)}$$

If  $j=k$  then

$$f_{jj} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_{jj}^{(n)}$$

starting from state  $j$ , probability that you will ever return to state  $j$

### \* Recurrent / Persistent state :-

A state  $j \in S$  is said to be recurrent state if

$$\rightarrow f_{jj} = 1 \quad \text{100% chance that you will return to state } j.$$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_{jj}^{(n)} = 1$$

$$\text{i.e. } P(\text{ever return}) = 1$$

### \* Transient State :-

A state  $j \in S$  is said to be transient if

$$0 \leq f_{jj} < 1$$

i.e. There is some chance that you will never come back to same state.

\* Mean Recurrent time :- On an avg how much time will be required to start from state j and reach to state k

$$u_{jk} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n \cdot f_{jk}^{(n)}$$

Expt'd to start from state j and reach to state k

if  $j=k$ ,  $u_{jj} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n \cdot f_{jj}^{(n)}$

Come back to same state j

\* Null Recurrent :-

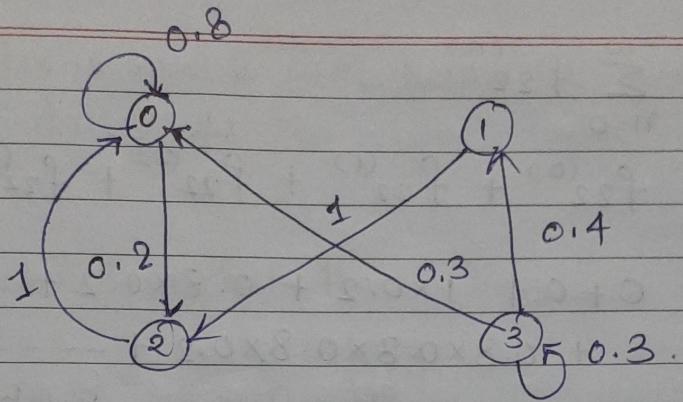
If  $u_{jj} = \infty$  then state j is called Null Rec.

\* Positive Recurrent :-

If  $u_{jj} < \infty$  (finite) then state j is said to be positive recurrent.

Eg.

$$p(t) = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0.8 & 0 & -0.2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.3 & 0.4 & 0 & 0.3 \end{bmatrix}, S = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$$



Irreducible MC = one class

Absorbing = no moving.

periodicity =  $\text{gcd}$  (the no. of steps you can come back)

\* Aperiodic  $\Rightarrow \text{gcd} = 1$

every irreducible MC is aperiodic.

Recurrent =  $f_{jj} = 1$ . never returns ✓.

Transient =  $f_{jj} < 1$

→ 1) Check for Reducible MC

$$C(0) = \{0, 2\} = C(2)$$

Reducible MC.

$$C(1) = \{1\}$$

$$C(3) = \{3\}$$

2) Check for Recurrence on all states.

$$f_{00} = 0.8 + 0.2 \cdot f_{20} \quad f_{jj} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_{jj}^{(n)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{00} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_{00}^{(n)} = f_{00}^{(0)} + f_{00}^{(1)} + f_{00}^{(2)} + f_{00}^{(3)} + \dots \\ &= 0 + 0.8 + 0.2 \times 1 + 0 \\ &= 0.8 + 0.2 \\ &= @ 1 \end{aligned}$$

∴ State 0 is recurrent state.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_{22} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_{22}^{(n)} \\
 &= f_{22}^{(0)} + f_{22}^{(1)} + f_{22}^{(2)} + f_{22}^{(3)} + \dots \\
 &= 0 + 0 + 1 \times 0.2 + 0.8 \times 0.2 + 0.8 \times 0.8 \times 0.2 \\
 &\quad + 0.8 \times 0.8 \times 0.8 \times 0.2 + \dots \\
 &= 0.2 + 0.8 \times 0.2 + 0.8^2 \times 0.2 + 0.8^3 \times 0.2 \\
 &= 0.2 + 0.8 \times 0.2 (1 + 0.8) \\
 &= 0.2 (1 + 0.8 + 0.8^2 + 0.8^3 + \dots) \\
 &= 0.2 + 0.2 (0.8) \\
 &= \\
 \left(\frac{q}{r+s}\right) &= 0.2 \times \left(\frac{1}{1-0.8}\right) = 0.2 \times \frac{1}{0.2} = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore f_{22} = 1 \therefore$  State 2 is also recurrent state.

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_{33} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_{33}^{(n)} \\
 &= f_{33}^{(0)} + f_{33}^{(1)} + f_{33}^{(2)} + \dots \\
 &= 0 + 0.3 + 0 + 0 + \dots \\
 &= 0.3 \neq 1 \therefore \text{State 3 is not recurrent}
 \end{aligned}$$

If State 3 is Transient state

$$\begin{aligned}
 f_{44} &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_{44}^{(n)} = f_{44}^{(0)} + f_{44}^{(1)} + f_{44}^{(2)} + \dots \\
 &= 0 + 0 + \dots \\
 &= 0 \quad \text{Transient state.}
 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  States 0 and 2 are Recurrent and states 1 and 3 are transient.

### (3) Mean Recurrent time

$$U_{ij} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n \cdot f_{ij}^{(n)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} U_{00} &= 0 + 1 \times f_{00}^{(1)} + 2 \times f_{00}^{(2)} + 3 \times f_{00}^{(3)} + \dots \\ &= 0 + 0.8 + 2 \times 0.2 + 3 \times 0 + 0 + \dots \\ &= 0.8 + 0.4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{U_{00} = 1.2}$$

i.e. On an avg you need 1.2 states to come back to the same state '0' if you start from it.

As  $U_{ij} < \infty$  i.e. its finite so state 0 is positive Recurrent.

States 0 & 2 are Recurrent & its finite so these states are positive recurrent.

Result :- In a finite MC, every recurrent state is a positive recurrent state.

### \* Ergodic State :-

A state  $j$  is said to be Ergodic if it is positive recurrent & aperiodic.

e.g. Above problem

periodicity of state 0:

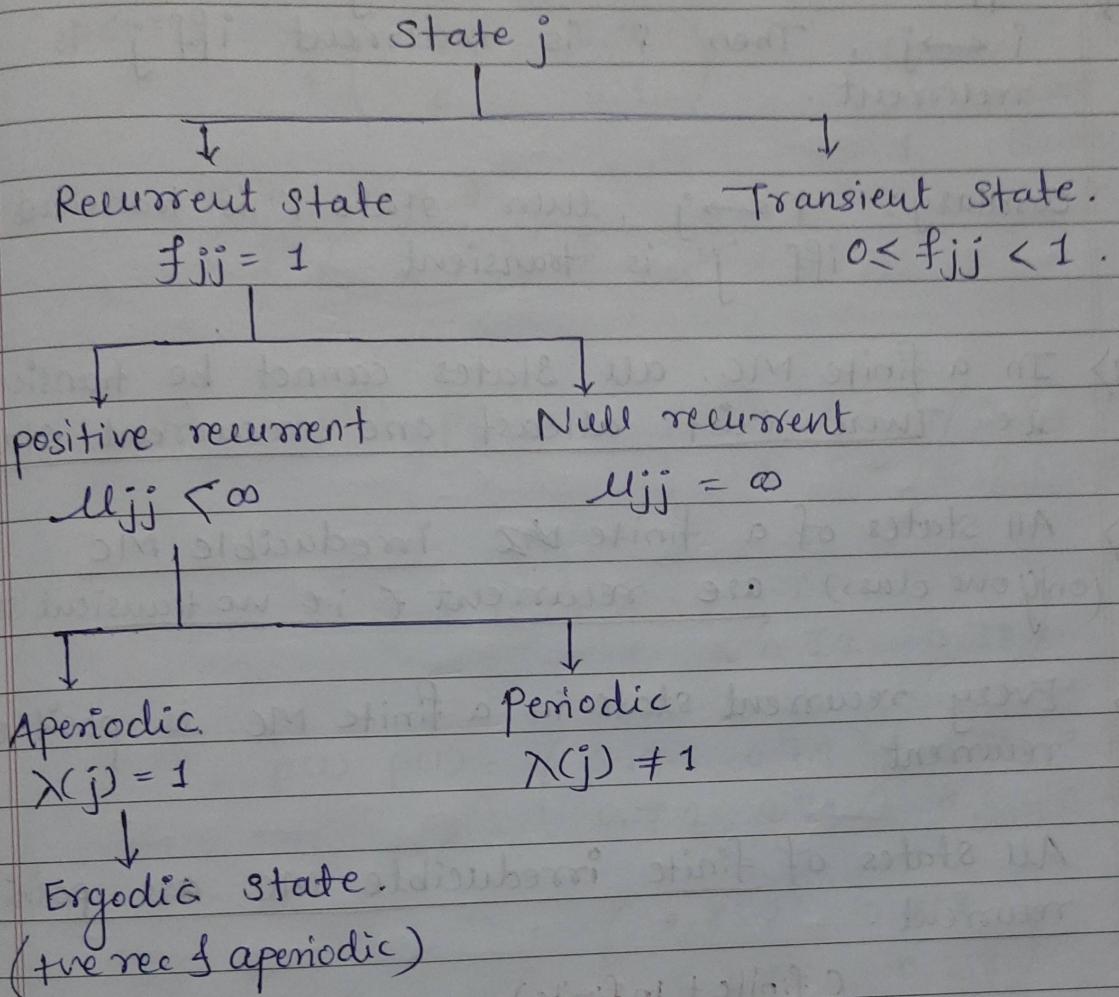
$$\lambda(0) = \text{gcd}(1, 2, 3, 4, \dots)$$

= 1. i.e. state 0 is periodic state

if it is the Recurrent. So state 0 is Ergodic state.

\* A MC is said to be Ergodic if all its states are Ergodic (tve rec & aperiodic)

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# Results  $\Rightarrow$ 

A) Suppose that two states  $i$  and  $j$  are such that  $i \leftrightarrow j$ , Then  $i$  is recurrent iff  $j$  is recurrent.

Corollary:  $i \leftrightarrow j$ , then state  $i$  is transient iff  $j$  is transient.

\* B) In a finite MC, all states cannot be transient i.e. There exist atleast one recurrent state.

C) All states of a finite ~~MC~~ irreducible MC (only one class) are recurrent (i.e. no transient state)

D) Every recurrent state in a finite MC is positive recurrent

E) All states of finite irreducible MC are positive recurrent.

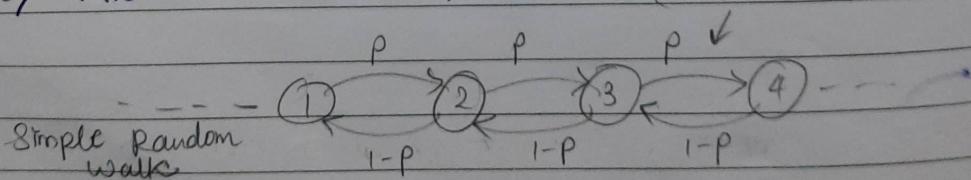
(finite + infinite)

F) In an irreducible MC, one of the following hold

a) All states are positive recurrent

b) All states are Null recurrent

c) All states are transient (Infinite MC)



G) Suppose  $i \leftrightarrow j$  and state  $i$  has periodicity ' $d$ ' then state  $j$  also has the same periodicity ' $d$ '

corollary: In an irreducible MC, if one state is aperiodic then all other states are aperiodic

## Limiting distribution

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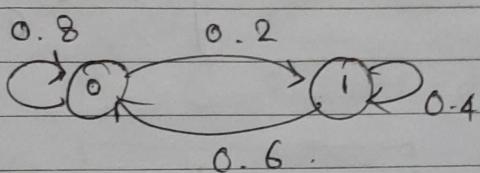
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Rainy Sunny  $\Rightarrow$

$$P^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0.8 & 0.2 \\ 0.6 & 0.4 \end{pmatrix}$$

0: Rainy

1: Sunny.



$$P^{(2)} = P^{(1)} \cdot P^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.8 & 0.2 \\ 0.6 & 0.4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0.8 & 0.2 \\ 0.6 & 0.4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P^{(2)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.76 & 0.24 \\ 0.72 & 0.28 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P^{(3)} = P^{(2)} \cdot P^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.76 & 0.24 \\ 0.72 & 0.28 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0.8 & 0.2 \\ 0.6 & 0.4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{pmatrix} 0.752 & 0.248 \\ 0.744 & 0.256 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P^{(4)} = P^{(3)} \cdot P^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.75 & 0.25 \\ 0.744 & 0.256 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P^{(5)} = P^{(4)} \cdot P^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0.75 & 0.25 \\ 0.75 & 0.25 \end{pmatrix}$$

only  
matters:

If today is rainy then 75% chance that after 5 days it will be rainy day.

it whether today is rainy or sunny, it doesn't matter as after 6 days 75% chance it will be rainy(0).

\* ie. For a long run, initial state does not matter.

$$\pi_0 = 0.75, \pi_1 = 0.25 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \text{limiting distribution}$$

$$\pi = (\pi_0, \pi_1)$$

\* After long run what is the probability that I will land up in state 0 or 1.

(1)  
limiting distrib?

\* Stationary distribution:-

$$p_{00}^{(n)} \rightarrow 0.75, p_{10}^{(n)} \rightarrow 0.25$$

$$p_{10}^{(n)} \rightarrow 0.75, p_{01}^{(n)} \rightarrow 0.25$$

$$\pi \cdot P^{(5)} = \pi$$

$$(\pi_0, \pi_1) P^{(5)} = \pi$$

$$\text{LHS} \Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0.75 & 0.25 \end{pmatrix}_{1 \times 2} \begin{pmatrix} 0.75 & 0.25 \\ 0.75 & 0.25 \end{pmatrix}_{2 \times 2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.75 & 0.25 \end{pmatrix}_{1 \times 2}$$
$$= \text{RHS.}$$

$$\boxed{\pi \cdot P^{(n)} = \pi}$$

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Stationary distribution  $\Rightarrow$

A mc  $\{X_n : n \geq 0\}$  and  $S = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  then  
a probability distribution  $\Pi = \{\Pi_0, \Pi_1, \dots\}$

where  $\Pi_i > 0$  is called the stationary dist?

if

$$\Pi \cdot P^{(1)} = \Pi \quad \leftarrow \text{Stationary dist?}$$

when

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \Pi_i = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad 0 < \Pi_i < 1$$

$$\Pi \cdot P^{(2)} = \underbrace{\Pi \cdot P^{(1)}}_{\text{stationary}} \cdot P^{(1)}$$

$$= \Pi \cdot P^{(1)}$$

$$= \Pi.$$

$$\Pi \cdot P^{(3)} = \underbrace{\Pi \cdot P^{(2)} \cdot P^{(1)}}_{\text{stationary}} = \Pi \cdot P^{(1)} = \Pi.$$

$$\boxed{\Pi \cdot P^{(\infty)} = \Pi}$$

$\therefore$  If you start with initial distribution  $\Pi$  then  
over the time it doesn't change.

Th: Uniqueness

Th: Existence & Uniqueness theorem :-

A) If a MC is Irreducible then there is a soln to the system  $\pi = \pi P$  iff the MC is the Recurrent.

$$\text{and } \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \pi_i = 1$$

Unique stationary dist<sup>one class</sup>

B) If a soln exists, then it is unique.

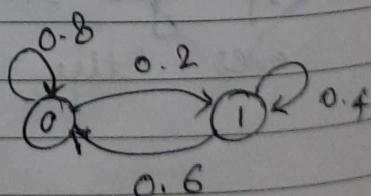
Corollary:- An irreducible the recurrent MC has unique stationary distribution

Irreducible finite MC, every Recurrent state is the Rec.

# Irreducible finite recurrent MC has unique dist<sup>?</sup> and the rec.

e.g. Rainy Sunny

$$P(1) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0.8 & 0.2 \\ 1 & 0.6 \end{pmatrix}$$



$C(0) = \{0, 1\} = C(1)$  Irreducible Me.

$$X(0) = \gcd \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\} = 1 \quad \text{Aperiodic.}$$

$$X(1) = \gcd \{1, 2, 3, \dots\} = 1$$

Result

finite MC - atleast one recurrent state.

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$$d_{ijj} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} n \cdot f_{ij}^{(n)}$$

~~$$f_{00} = 0 \times f_{00}^{(0)} + 1 \times f_{00}^{(1)} + 2 \times f_{00}^{(2)}$$~~

$$\sum_{j=0}^{\infty} f_{ij}^{(n)} = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{00} &= f_{00}^{(0)} + f_{00}^{(1)} + f_{00}^{(2)} \\ &= 0 + 0.8 + 0.2 \times 0.6 + 0.2 \times 0.4 \times 0.6 \\ &\quad + 0.2 \times 0.4 \times 0.4 \times 0.6 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$0 \leftrightarrow 1$

then if 0 is recurrent then 1 is recurrent.

In finite MC, every recurrent state is the rec.

∴ for irreducible the Rec MC, there exists a unique stationary distribution. — corollary

$$\pi = (\pi_0, \pi_1) \quad \text{only two states 0 \& 1.}$$

$$\pi \cdot p^{(1)} = \pi \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$\pi_0 + \pi_1 = 1 \quad \text{--- ②}$$

$$(\pi_0 \ \pi_1) \begin{pmatrix} 0.8 & 0.2 \\ 0.6 & 0.4 \end{pmatrix} = (\pi_0 \ \pi_1) \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$\boxed{\pi_0 + \pi_1 = 1} \quad \text{--- ②}$$

solving system of eqn.

stationary distribution  $\Rightarrow$

$$(0.8\pi_0 + 0.6\pi_1, 0.2\pi_0 + 0.4\pi_1) = (\pi_0, \pi_1)$$

$$0.8\pi_0 + 0.6\pi_1 = \pi_0 \quad \text{--- } ①$$

$$0.2\pi_0 + 0.4\pi_1 = \pi_1 \quad \text{--- } ②$$

$$\pi_0 + \pi_1 = 1 \quad \text{--- } ③ \quad \underline{\text{Imp}}$$

3 eqns, 2 unknowns.

$$② \cancel{+} 0.2 \times ③$$

$$\pi_0 + 0.2\pi_1 = 0.2\pi_1$$

$$\cancel{0.2\pi_0 + 0.4\pi_1 = \pi_1}$$

$$\cancel{0.2\pi_0 + 0.4\pi_1 = \pi_1}$$

$$\cancel{- 0.2\pi_0 + 0.2\pi_1 = 0.2}$$

$$0.2\pi_1 = \pi_1 - 0.2$$

$$0.2 = 1 - 2\pi_1 \quad 0.2 = 0.8\pi_1$$

So we have unique  
stationary distrib<sup>n</sup>. for  
for the Req Me

$\therefore$  Stationary dist  $\Rightarrow (\pi_0 = 0.75, \pi_1 = 0.25)$

$$\pi = (0.75, 0.25)$$

$$\boxed{\pi_1 = 0.25}$$

$$\boxed{\pi_0 = 0.75}$$

①

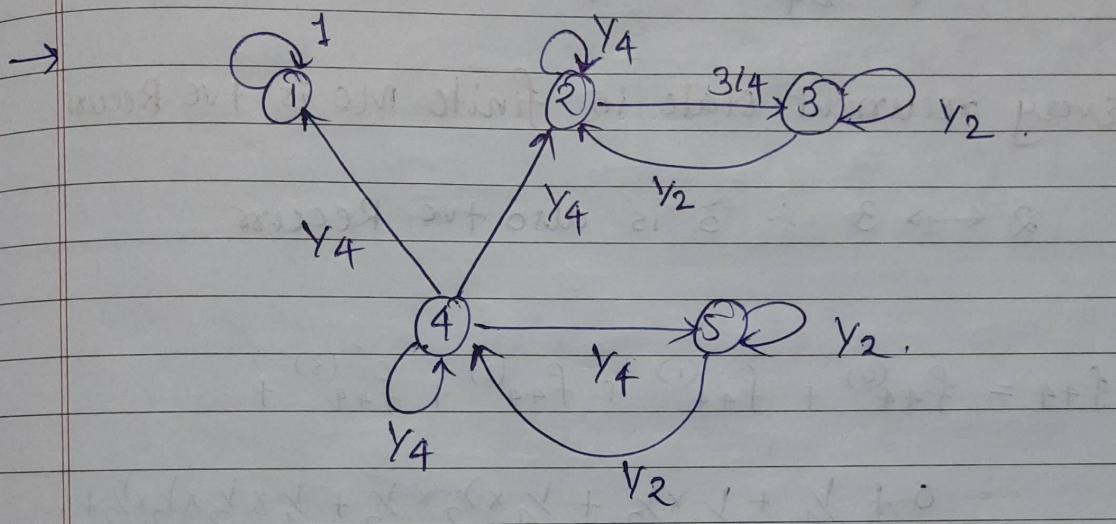
②

considering a MC which is not irreducible.

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$$P^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \gamma_4 & \frac{3}{4}\gamma_4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2}\gamma_2 & \gamma_2 & 0 & 0 \\ \gamma_4 & \gamma_4 & 0 & \gamma_4 & \gamma_4 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \gamma_2 & \gamma_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$$



①  $C(1) = \{1\}$   
 $C(2) = \{2, 3\} = C(3)$   
 $C(4) = \{4, 5\} = C(5)$

Not irreducible

MC

② Recurrent  $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_{11}^{(n)} = 1$ .

$$f_{11} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_{11}^{(n)} = f_{11}^{(0)} + f_{11}^{(1)} + f_{11}^{(2)} + \dots$$

$$= 0 + 1 + 0 + 0 + \dots$$

$$= 1$$

+ve Recurrent state as finite MC

$$f_{22} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f_{22}^{(n)} = f_{22}^{(0)} + f_{22}^{(1)} + f_{22}^{(2)} + f_{22}^{(3)} + \dots$$

$$= 0 + \gamma_4 + \frac{3}{4}\gamma_4 \times \gamma_2 + \frac{3}{4}\gamma_4 \times \gamma_2 \times \gamma_2 +$$

$$\frac{3}{4}\gamma_4 \times \gamma_2 \times \gamma_2 \times \gamma_2 + \dots$$

$$f_{22} = \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + \dots \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{8} \times \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{8} \times \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{4}{4} = 1. \quad \text{tve Recurrent}$$

every recurrent state in finite MC is tve Recurr.

$2 \leftrightarrow 3 \therefore 3$  is also tve Recurr

$$f_{44} = f_{44}^{(0)} + f_{44}^{(1)} + f_{44}^{(2)} + f_{44}^{(3)} + \dots$$

$$= 0 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} + \dots$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \dots \right)$$

$= \frac{1}{4} \times 2 = \frac{1}{2} < 1 \therefore$  State 4 is not recurrent i.e. it is transient

$4 \leftrightarrow 5 \therefore$  states 4 & 5 are transient states.

$2 \leftrightarrow 3 \therefore$  states 2 & 3 are tve Recurrent

and 1 is tve Recurrent

\* But chain is not tve Recurrent

so stationary distn' may or maynot exist  
it may or maynot be unique

### ③ limiting distribution

$$\pi = (\pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3, \pi_4, \pi_5)$$

$$\pi \cdot P^{(1)} = \pi$$

$$(\pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3, \pi_4, \pi_5) \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{3}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{3}{4} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{4} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix} = (\pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3, \pi_4, \pi_5)$$

$$\pi_1 + \frac{1}{4}\pi_4 = \pi_1 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\frac{1}{4}\pi_2 + \frac{1}{2}\pi_3 + \frac{1}{4}\pi_4 = \pi_2 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\frac{3}{4}\pi_2 + \frac{1}{2}\pi_3 = \pi_3 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\frac{1}{4}\pi_4 + \frac{1}{2}\pi_5 = \pi_4 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$\frac{1}{4}\pi_4 + \frac{1}{2}\pi_5 = \pi_5 \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

$$\pi_1 + \pi_2 + \pi_3 + \pi_4 + \pi_5 = 1 \quad \text{--- (6) * include always}$$

6 eqns 5 variables: variables.

$$\begin{array}{l} \pi_4 + 2\pi_5 = 4\pi_4 \\ -\pi_4 + 2\pi_5 = 4\pi_5 \\ \hline \pi_4 = \pi_5 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \pi_5 + 2\pi_5 = 4\pi_4 \\ 3\pi_5 = \\ \boxed{\pi_4 = \pi_5} \end{array}$$

Unique sol<sup>n</sup>

$$m = n$$

3 eq<sup>n</sup>s

3 variables

eqns: m < n: variables

o solutions  
No sol<sup>n</sup>.

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$$\frac{1}{4}\pi_2 + \frac{1}{2}\pi_3 = \pi_2$$

$$\frac{3}{4}\pi_2 + \frac{1}{2}\pi_3 = \pi_3.$$

$$\pi_2 + 2\pi_3 = 4\pi_2$$

$$\pi_4 = \pi_5 = 0 \quad \text{---(1)}$$

$$\pi_3 = \pi_2$$

$$\frac{1}{2}\pi_3 = \frac{3}{4}\pi_2 \quad \text{---(2)}$$

Both are same.

$$\frac{3}{4}\pi_2 = \frac{1}{2}\pi_3 \quad \text{---(4)}$$

$$\pi_1 + \pi_2 + \pi_3 + \overset{0}{\pi_4} + \overset{0}{\pi_5} = 1$$

$$\pi_1 + \pi_2 + \pi_3 = 1 \quad \text{---(5)}$$

eq<sup>n</sup>s < variables

$$\frac{3\pi_2}{4} = \frac{\pi_3}{2} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} 2 \text{ eqn}s \\ 3 \text{ variables} \end{array} \right\}$$

∴ ∞ solutions.

$$\pi_4 = 0, \pi_5 = 0 \quad \text{i.e. infinite solutions}$$

$$\text{eg } \pi_1 = 1$$

$(1, 0, 0, 0, 0)$  is sol<sup>n</sup> of this sys of eq<sup>n</sup>  
 $(x_1, x_2, x_3, 0, 0)$  is

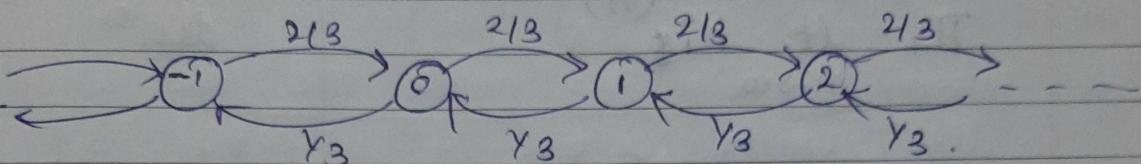
i.e., the stationary distribution is not unique.

For an infinite MC  $\Rightarrow$

if each state Null Rec. for each state

**Result:** If a MC is Null Recurrent and OR transient then there does not exist any stationary distribution.

eg.  $S = \{-\dots-2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ .



Transient MC. i.e. more probability that you will go forward & less probability that you will come back

- ∴ So if you remove any of Irreducibility OR the recurrent then
  - Stationary dist' may not exist
  - If it exists, it's not unique.
  - Stationary dist' exists uniquely.

\* Stationary dist' for Rainy sunny (for long run)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_{00}^{(n)} = 0.75$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} p_{11}^{(n)} = 0.25$$

↑ Limiting distrib' (0.75, 0.25)

Probability vector  $\pi = (\pi_0, \pi_1, \dots)$  is called  
 limiting dist<sup>n</sup> if  $\pi_j = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \pi_{ij}$   $\forall j = 0, 1, 2, \dots$   
 $\forall i \in S$ .

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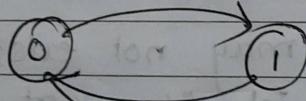
$$\pi_0 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \pi_{i0}^{(n)}$$

$$\pi_1 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \pi_{i1}^{(n)}$$

$$\pi_2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \pi_{i2}^{(n)}$$

LD & SD are in gen diff.

eg



$$P^{(1)} = 0 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$(\pi_0, \pi_1) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = (\pi_0, \pi_1)$$

$$\pi_1 = \pi_0$$

$$\pi_0 = \pi_1$$

$$\pi_0 + \pi_1 = 1$$

$$\pi_0 = \pi_1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

Stationary dist =  $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$   
 $(\pi_0, \pi_1)$

$$P^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

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

$$P^3 = P^{(2)} P^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P^4 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P^5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

odd powers = lab partition

$$P^{(2m)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P^{(2m+1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_{00}^{(n)} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ 0, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

$$P_{11}^{(n)} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ 0, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

limiting dist?

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \pi_0^{(n)}$  &  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \pi_i^{(n)}$  doesn't exist

Even if stationary exist limiting may or  
may not exist

- \* for an Irreducible Ergodic MC, the limiting dist exists uniquely if it is equal to stationary dist

Irreducible, +ve Recurrent & aperiodic



limiting dist = stationary dist

$$\pi \cdot P^{(1)} = \pi$$

$$\text{if } \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \pi_i = 1, \quad 0 \leq \pi_i \leq 1$$

rainy Sunny.

$$\Pi = (0.75 \ 0.25) \text{ Stationary dist'}$$

$$P^{(1)} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.8 & 0.2 \\ 0.6 & 0.4 \end{pmatrix}$$

✓ Irreducible + Aperiodic finite MC (Removed  
Recurrent cond')

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \text{dist}' = \text{stationary}$$

Sufficient  
but not necessary.

$$\Pi \cdot P^{(1)} = \Pi$$

$$\Pi_0 + \Pi_1 + \Pi_2 = 1$$

All have  
Irreducible  $\rightarrow$  Same periodicity

$$P_{10}^{(2)}$$

$$P_{10}^{(2)} \Rightarrow$$