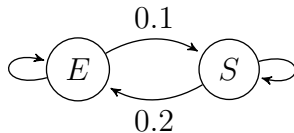


Be brave! You can use python. In this case just provide the code. You can use ChatGPT or any other LLM. In this case just provide the full prompt. Don't panic!

## Home assignment 1

Deadline: 2024-09-23, 21:00.

1. The Cat can be only in two states: Sleeping ( $S$ ) and Eating ( $E$ ). Cat's mood depends only on the previous state. The transition probabilities are given below:



- (a) Compute the missing probabilities on the graph.
  - (b) Write down the transition matrix.
  - (c) Compute  $\mathbb{P}(X_3 = \text{Eating} \mid X_0 = \text{Eating})$ .
2. Cowboy Joe enters the Epsilon Bar and orders one pint of beer. He drinks it and orders one pint more. And so on and so on and so on... The problem is that the barmaid waters down each pint with probability 0.2 independently of other pints. Joe does not like watered down beer. He will blow the Epsilon Bar to hell if two or more out of the last three pints are watered down.

We point out that Joe never drinks less than 3 pints in a bar.

- (a) What is the expected number of pints of beer Joe will drink?

Let  $Y_t$  be the indicator that the pint number  $t$  was watered down. Consider the Markov chain  $S_t = (y_{t-2}, y_{t-1}, y_t)$ . For example,  $S_t = (100)$  means that the pint number  $t - 2$  was watered down while pints number  $t - 1$  and  $t$  are good.

- (b) What are the possible values of  $S_3$  and their probabilities?
- (c) Write down the transition matrix of this Markov chain.

Note: questions (2b) and (2c) were updated!

3. Pavel Durov starts at the point  $X_0 = 3$  on the real line. Each minute he moves left with probability 0.4 or right with probability 0.6 independently of past moves. The points 0 and 5 are absorbing. If Pavel reaches 0 or 5 he stays there forever. Let  $X_t$  be the coordinate of Pavel after  $t$  minutes.
- (a) Write down the transition matrix of this Markov chain.
  - (b) Calculate the distribution of  $X_7$  [list all values of the random variable  $X_7$  and estimate the probabilities].

Hint: you are free to use python for this problem :)

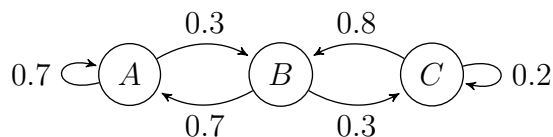
## Home assignment 2

Deadline: 2024-09-27, 21:00.

1. [10 points] Consider two identical hedgehogs starting at the vertices  $A$  and  $B$  of a polygon  $ABCD$ . Each minute each hedgehog simultaneously and independently chooses to go clockwise to the adjacent point, to go counter-clockwise to the adjacent point or to stay at his location.

Thus the brotherhood of two brave hedgehogs can be in three states: in one vertex, in two adjacent vertices, in two non-adjacent vertices.

- Draw the graph for the brotherhood Markov chain and calculate all transition probabilities.
  - Write down the transition matrix of the brotherhood Markov chain.
  - What is the probability that they will be in one vertex after 3 steps?
2. [10 points] Consider the following Markov chain:



- Find the stationary distribution of this Markov chain.

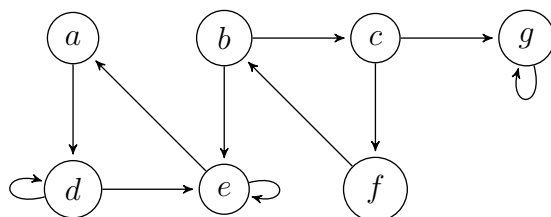
The Markov chains starts at the vertex  $A$ . Let  $N$  be the first moment when the state  $C$  will be reached.

- Find the expected value  $\mathbb{E}(N)$ .
  - Find the variance  $\text{Var}(N)$ .
3. [10 points] Bonnie and Clyde start at the points  $(5, 0)$  and  $(-5, 0)$  of the plane. Each minute each of them simultaneously and independently makes one step in one of the four possible directions (south, north, east, west).
- Each of them does  $n$  steps. Let  $X$  be the number of times they will be at the same point.
- Estimate the probability  $\mathbb{P}(X \geq 1)$  for  $n = 50$  using  $B = 10000$  simulations.
  - Estimate  $\mathbb{E}(X)$  and  $\text{Var}(X)$  for  $n = 50$  using  $B = 10000$  simulations.
  - Plot the estimated value of  $\mathbb{E}(X)$  as a function of  $n$  for  $n$  from 1 to 200 using  $B = 10000$  simulations.

## Home assignment 3

Deadline: 2024-10-04, 21:00.

1. [10 points] We randomly wander on the graph choosing at each moment of time one of the possible directions equiprobably.



- (a) Split each Markov chain into communicating classes.
  - (b) Find the period of every state.
  - (c) Classify each state as transient, null-recurrent and positive recurrent.
  - (d) For positive recurrent states find the expected return time.
  - (e) Find all stationary distributions.
2. [10 points] Design a Markov chain with 3 states and unique stationary distribution  $\pi = (0.1, 0.2, 0.7)$ .
3. [10 points] Consider three games:

Game A: You toss a biased coin with probability 0.48 of  $H$ . You get +1 dollar for  $H$  and  $-1$  dollar for  $T$ .

Game B: If your welfare is divisible by three you toss a coin that lands on  $H$  with probability 0.1. If your welfare is not divisible by three you toss a coin that lands on  $H$  with probability 0.75. You get +1 dollar for  $H$  and  $-1$  dollar for  $T$ .

Game C: You toss an unbiased coin. If it lands on  $H$  you play Game A. If it lands on  $T$  you play Game B.

Your initial capital is 100\$.

- (a) Generate and plot two random trajectories of your welfare if you play Game A  $10^6$  times.
  - (b) Generate and plot two random trajectories of your welfare if you play Game B  $10^6$  times.
  - (c) Generate and plot two random trajectories of your welfare if you play Game C  $10^6$  times.
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