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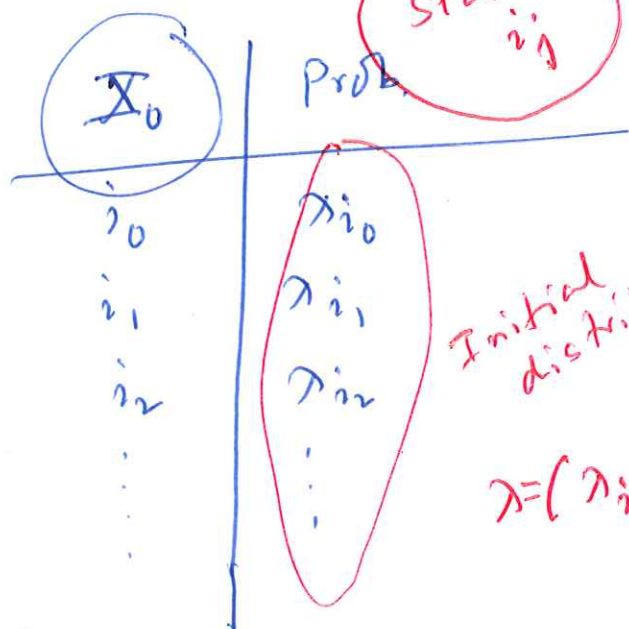
Theorem: Let $(X_n)_{n \geq 0}$ be Markov (λ, P) .

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 $(1 \times N)$ $(N \times N)$

Then, for all $n, m \geq 0$.

✓ ① $P(X_n = j) = (\lambda P^n)_j$

✓ ② $P_i(X_n = j) = P(X_{n+m} = j \mid X_m = i)$
 $= P_{ij}^{(n)} \leftarrow \text{((i,j) entry of } P^n)$

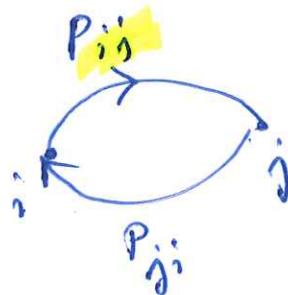
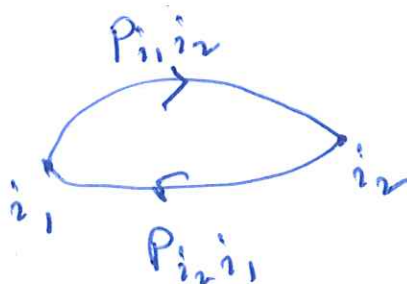


Initial distribution

$\lambda = (\lambda_{i_0}, \lambda_{i_1}, \dots)$

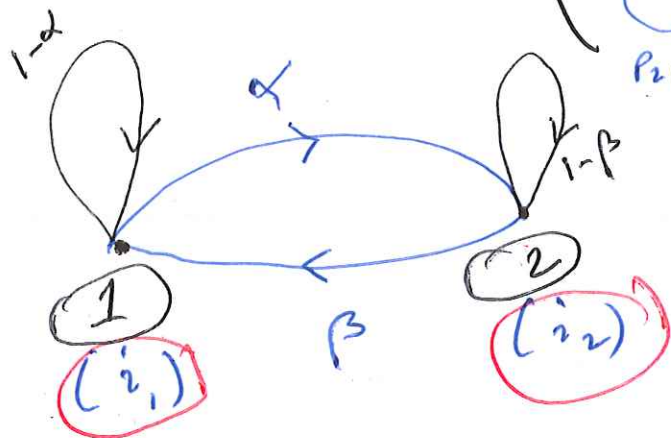
$$P = \begin{pmatrix} P_{11} & P_{12} & \dots & P_{1N} \\ P_{21} & P_{22} & \dots & P_{2N} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ P_{N1} & P_{N2} & \dots & P_{NN} \end{pmatrix}$$

$P_{i_1 i_2}$



Example: The most general two-state Markov chain has transition matrix of the form

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1-\alpha & \alpha \\ \beta & 1-\beta \end{pmatrix}$$



Question: What is the probability that this Markov chain $i_1 \rightarrow i_1$ after n -steps.

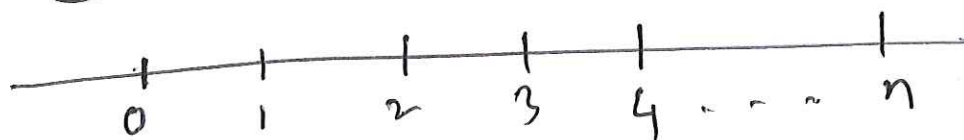
after n -steps.

$$P_{i_1}(X_n = i_1)$$

$$P^{(n)}_{11}$$

Two entries of state
 $i_1 \rightarrow 1$
 $i_2 \rightarrow 2$

$$P(X_n = i_1 | X_0 = i_1) \quad (\text{by last Theorem})$$



So, the goal is to compute

$$P_{11}^{(n)} \leftarrow P^n \text{ (2x2 matrix)}$$

↓
(1,1) entry

To do so:

$$P^{n+1} = P^n \cdot P$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} P_{11}^{(n+1)} & P_{12}^{(n+1)} \\ P_{21}^{(n+1)} & P_{22}^{(n+1)} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} P_{11}^{(n)} & P_{12}^{(n)} \\ P_{21}^{(n)} & P_{22}^{(n)} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1-\alpha & \alpha \\ \beta & 1-\beta \end{pmatrix}$$

Notation Notation Given

$$P_{11}^{(n+1)} = (1-\alpha) P_{11}^{(n)} + \beta P_{12}^{(n)} \quad \text{--- (1) } \checkmark$$

$$\text{Also, } P_{11}^{(n)} + P_{12}^{(n)} = 1 \quad \text{--- (2) } \checkmark$$

Solving (1) and (2) to eliminate $P_{12}^{(n)}$ we get

$$P_{11}^{(n+1)} = (1-\alpha-\beta) P_{11}^{(n)} + \beta \quad \text{--- (*) } \checkmark$$

$$P_{11}^{(0)} = 1 \quad \checkmark$$

This is a recurrence relation
on $P_{11}^{(n)}$, $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

Goal: $P_{11}^{(n)} = \dots$

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Aside: (Solution of recurrence relation)

If, $x_{n+1} = ax_n + b$

Then,

$$x_n = Aa^n + \frac{b}{1-a}, \quad a \neq 1$$

(for some constant A)

and $x_n = x_0 + nb, \quad a = 1$

In (*):
$$P_{11}^{(n+1)} = (1 - \alpha - \beta) P_{11}^{(n)} + \beta$$

$x_{n+1} \qquad \qquad \qquad a \qquad \qquad \qquad x_n \qquad \qquad \qquad b$

Case 1: $1 - \alpha - \beta \neq 1$
i.e., $\alpha + \beta \neq 0$

$$P_{11}^{(n)} = A(1 - \alpha - \beta)^n + \frac{\beta}{\alpha + \beta} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

We know

$$P_{11}^{(0)} = 1 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

Put $n=0$, in (3): (use (4))

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$$1 = A + \frac{\beta}{\alpha + \beta}$$

$$\Rightarrow A = 1 - \frac{\beta}{\alpha + \beta} = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta}.$$

So, (3) gives.

$$P_{11}^{(n)} = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta} (1 - \alpha - \beta)^n + \frac{\beta}{\alpha + \beta},$$

when $\alpha + \beta \neq 0$

Case 2: $1 - \alpha - \beta = 1$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = 0$$

$$\alpha = \beta = 0$$

$$[P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}]$$

$$P_{11}^{(n)} = P_{11}^{(0)} + n \cdot \beta$$
$$P_{11}^{(n)} = P_{11}^{(0)} + 0 \quad \beta = 0$$
$$= 1$$

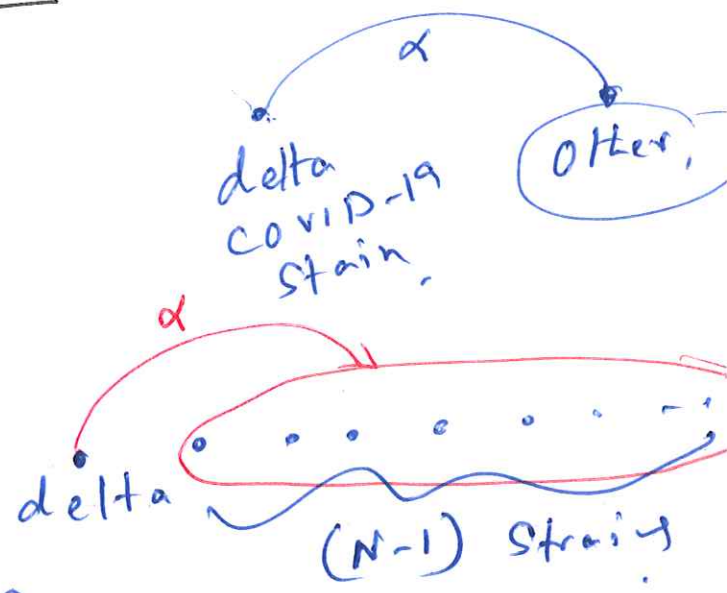
So,

$$P_{11}^{(n)} = 1 \quad \text{if } \alpha = \beta = 0$$

Example: (Virus mutation)

- Suppose a virus can exist in N different strains.
- In each generation a virus may either stay the same, or with probability α mutates to another strain (which is chosen at random)

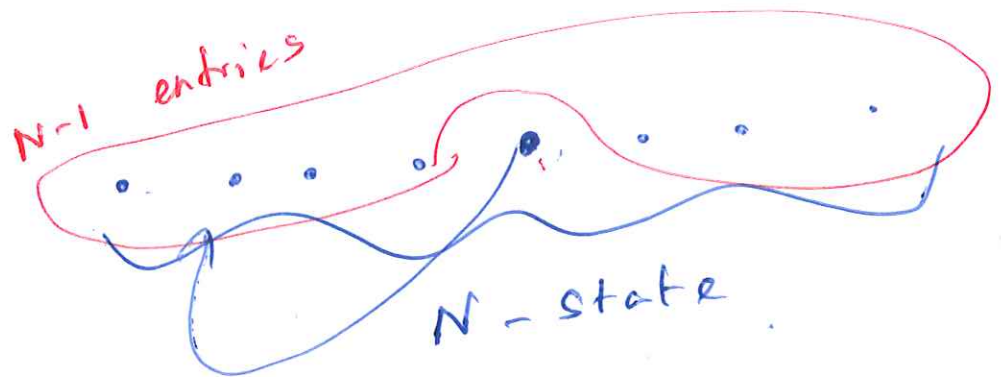
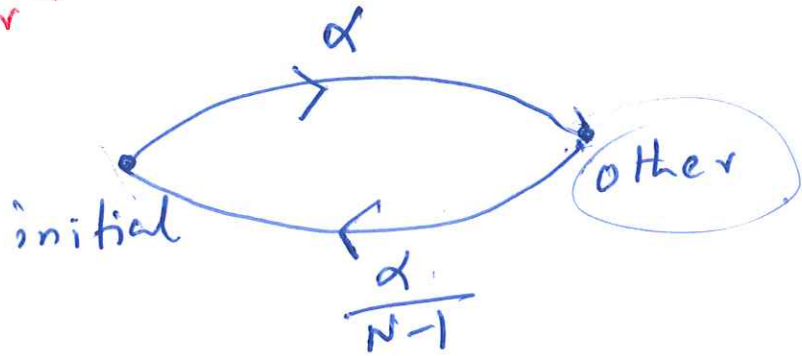
Question: What is the probability that the strain in the n^{th} generation is the same as that in the 0^{th} generation?



Solution: We can model this process as an N -state ~~chain~~ Markov chain. ~~Otherwise~~ If the 0^{th} generation.

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denoted as
 state is a "initial" and
 any other state is denoted
 as "other"



Referring back to the last
 problem, here

$$\beta = \frac{\alpha}{N-1}$$

(By the last problem) $(\alpha, \beta \neq 0)$

$$P_{11}(n) = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \beta} (1 - \alpha - \beta)^n + \frac{\beta}{\alpha + \beta}$$

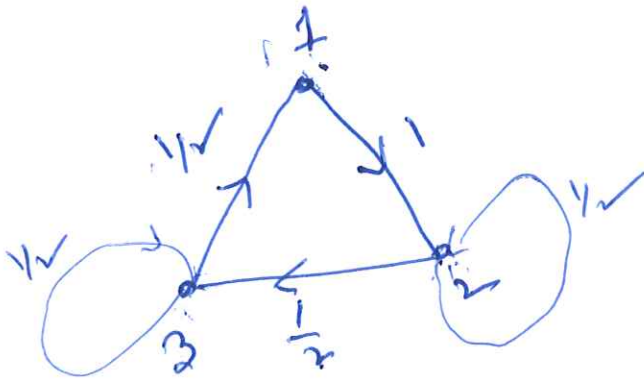
$$\stackrel{\text{by (2)}}{=} \frac{\alpha}{\alpha + \frac{\alpha}{N-1}} \left(1 - \alpha - \frac{\alpha}{N-1} \right)^n + \frac{\frac{\alpha}{N-1}}{\alpha + \frac{\alpha}{N-1}}$$

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$$P_{11}^{(n)} = \left(\frac{N-1}{N} \right) \left(1 - \frac{2N}{N-1} \right) + \frac{1}{N}$$

[State 1 (or i_1) : initial
State 2 (or i_2) : other]

Example: Consider the state-diagram (Markov-diagram)



with transition matrix

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

Question: Find $P_{11}^{(n)}$

Solution:

STEP 1: Find the eigenvalues of P .

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0-\lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2}-\lambda & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2}-\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \cancel{\frac{1}{4}(1-\lambda)(4\lambda^2+1)} \quad \frac{1}{4}(1-\lambda)(4\lambda^2+1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 1, \pm \frac{i}{2} \quad (i = \sqrt{-1})$$

\Rightarrow The matrix is diagonalizable

STEP 2: So, there is an invertible matrix U such that

$$P = U \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & i/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -i/2 \end{pmatrix} U^{-1}$$

So, in our case

$$\checkmark P^n = U \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & (\frac{i}{2})^n & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (-\frac{i}{2})^n \end{pmatrix} U^{-1}$$

$$P = U \cdot D \cdot U^{-1}$$

$$P^2 = U D^2 U^{-1}$$

$$P^3 = U D^3 U^{-1}$$

$$P^n = U D^n U^{-1}$$

$$D = \begin{pmatrix} d_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$D^n = \begin{pmatrix} d_1^n & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & d_2^n & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & d_3^n \end{pmatrix}$$

STEP 3:

$$\checkmark P^n = \begin{pmatrix} P_{11}^{(n)} & P_{12}^{(n)} & P_{13}^{(n)} \\ P_{21}^{(n)} & P_{22}^{(n)} & P_{23}^{(n)} \\ P_{31}^{(n)} & P_{32}^{(n)} & P_{33}^{(n)} \end{pmatrix}$$

We want this!

$$P_{11}^{(n)} = a \cdot 1 + b \left(\frac{i}{2}\right)^n + c \left(-\frac{i}{2}\right)^n$$

for some constants a, b, c .

What are a, b, c ? → Next class

$$\frac{i}{2} = \frac{1}{2} i = \frac{1}{2} e^{i\frac{\pi}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\cos \frac{n\pi}{2} + i \sin \frac{n\pi}{2} \right)$$