

# STAT253/317 Lecture 7

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## Using the Iterative Relationship

Many Markov chains  $\{X_n\}$  have some iterative relationships between consecutive terms, e.g.,

$$X_{n+1} = g(X_n, \xi_{n+1}) \quad \text{for all } n$$

where  $\{\xi_n, n = 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  are some i.i.d. random variables and  $X_n$  is independent of  $\{\xi_k : k > n\}$ .

In many cases, we can use the iterative relationship to find  $\mathbb{E}[X_n]$  and  $\text{Var}[X_n]$  without knowing the distribution of  $X_n$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[X_{n+1}] &= \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[X_{n+1}|X_n]] \\ \text{Var}(X_{n+1}) &= \mathbb{E}[\text{Var}(X_{n+1}|X_n)] + \text{Var}(\mathbb{E}[X_{n+1}|X_n])\end{aligned}$$

## Example 1: Simple Random Walk

$$X_{n+1} = \begin{cases} X_n + 1 & \text{with prob } p \\ X_n - 1 & \text{with prob } q = 1 - p \end{cases}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[X_{n+1}|X_n] &= p(X_n + 1) + q(X_n - 1) = X_n + p - q \\ \text{Var}[X_{n+1}|X_n] &= 4pq \end{aligned}$$

Just find the variance of the variable  
= 1 with prob. p  
= -1 with prob q

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{E}[X_{n+1}] &= \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[X_{n+1}|X_n]] = \mathbb{E}[X_n] + p - q \\ \text{Var}(X_{n+1}) &= \mathbb{E}[\text{Var}(X_{n+1}|X_n)] + \text{Var}(\mathbb{E}[X_{n+1}|X_n]) \\ &= \mathbb{E}[4pq] + \text{Var}(X_n + p - q) = 4pq + \text{Var}(X_n) \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\mathbb{E}[X_n] = n(p - q) + \mathbb{E}[X_0], \quad \text{Var}(X_n) = 4npq + \text{Var}(X_0)$$

## Example 2: Ehrenfest Urn Model with $M$ Balls

Recall that

$$X_{n+1} = \begin{cases} X_n + 1 & \text{with probability } \frac{M-X_n}{M} \\ X_n - 1 & \text{with probability } \frac{X_n}{M} \end{cases}$$

We have

$$\mathbb{E}[X_{n+1}|X_n] = (X_n+1) \times \frac{M-X_n}{M} + (X_n-1) \times \frac{X_n}{M} = 1 + \left(1 - \frac{2}{M}\right) X_n.$$

Thus

$$\mathbb{E}[X_{n+1}] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[X_{n+1}|X_n]] = 1 + \left(1 - \frac{2}{M}\right) \mathbb{E}[X_n]$$

Subtracting  $M/2$  from both sides of the equation above, we get

$$\mathbb{E}[X_{n+1}] - \frac{M}{2} = \left(1 - \frac{2}{M}\right) \left(\mathbb{E}[X_n] - \frac{M}{2}\right)$$

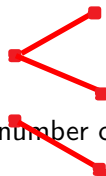
Thus

$$\mathbb{E}[X_n] - \frac{M}{2} = \left(1 - \frac{2}{M}\right)^n \left(\mathbb{E}[X_0] - \frac{M}{2}\right)$$

### Example 3: Branching Processes (Section 4.7)

Consider a population of individuals.

- ▶ All individuals have the same lifetime
- ▶ Each individual will produce a random number of offsprings at the end of its life



Let  $X_n$  = size of the  $n$ -th generation,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

If  $X_{n-1} = k$ , the  $k$  individuals in the  $(n-1)$ -th generation will independently produce  $Z_{n,1}, Z_{n,2}, \dots, Z_{n,k}$  new offsprings, and  $Z_{n,1}, Z_{n,2}, \dots, Z_{n,X_{n-1}}$  are i.i.d such that

$$P(Z_{n,i} = j) = P_j, j \geq 0.$$

We suppose that  $P_j < 1$  for all  $j \geq 0$ .

If  $P_0 > 0$ , all states  $> 0$  are transient

$$X_n = \sum_{i=1}^{X_{n-1}} Z_{n,i} \quad (1)$$

0 is a closed absorbing state.

$\{X_n\}$  is a Markov chain with state space  $= \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ .

# Mean of a Branching Process

$\mu$  = mean number of offsprings produced by a single individual

Let  $\mu = \mathbb{E}[Z_{n,i}] = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} jP_j$ . Since  $X_n = \sum_{i=1}^{X_{n-1}} Z_{n,i}$ , we have

$$\mathbb{E}[X_n | X_{n-1}] = \mathbb{E}\left[\sum_{i=1}^{X_{n-1}} Z_{n,i} \mid X_{n-1}\right] = X_{n-1} \mathbb{E}[Z_{n,i}] = X_{n-1} \mu$$

So

$$\mathbb{E}[X_n] = \mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[X_n | X_{n-1}]] = \mathbb{E}[X_{n-1} \mu] = \mu \mathbb{E}[X_{n-1}]$$

If  ~~$X_0 = 1$~~ , then

$$\mathbb{E}[X_n] = \mu \mathbb{E}[X_{n-1}] = \mu^2 \mathbb{E}[X_{n-2}] = \dots = \mu^n \mathbb{E}[X_0]$$

- $\mathbb{E}[X_n] \geq 0P(X_n=0) + 1P(X_n \geq 1) = P(X_n \geq 1)$
- ▶ If  $\mu < 1 \Rightarrow \mathbb{E}[X_n] \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(X_n \geq 1) = 0$   
the branching processes will eventually die out.
  - ▶ What if  $\mu = 1$  or  $\mu > 1$ ? See Lecture 8.

## Variance of a Branching Process

Let  $\sigma^2 = \text{Var}[Z_{n,i}] = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} (j - \mu)^2 P_j$ .  $\text{Var}(X_n)$  may be obtained using the conditional variance formula

$$\text{Var}(X_n) = \mathbb{E}[\text{Var}(X_n|X_{n-1})] + \text{Var}(\mathbb{E}[X_n|X_{n-1}]).$$

Again from that  $X_n = \sum_{i=1}^{X_{n-1}} Z_{n,i}$ , we have

$$\mathbb{E}[X_n|X_{n-1}] = X_{n-1}\mu, \quad \text{Var}(X_n|X_{n-1}) = X_{n-1}\sigma^2$$

and hence

$$\text{Var}(\mathbb{E}[X_n|X_{n-1}]) = \text{Var}(X_{n-1}\mu) = \mu^2 \text{Var}(X_{n-1})$$

$$\mathbb{E}[\text{Var}(X_n|X_{n-1})] = \sigma^2 \mathbb{E}[X_{n-1}] = \sigma^2 \mu^{n-1} \mathbb{E}[X_0].$$

# Variance of a Branching Process

So

$$\begin{aligned}\mathrm{Var}(X_n) &= \sigma^2 \mu^{n-1} \mathbb{E}[X_0] + \mu^2 \mathrm{Var}(X_{n-1}) \\&= \sigma^2 \mu^{n-1} \mathbb{E}[X_0] + \mu^2 (\sigma^2 \mu^{n-2} \mathbb{E}[X_0] + \mu^2 \mathrm{Var}(X_{n-2})) \\&= \sigma^2 (\mu^{n-1} + \mu^n) \mathbb{E}[X_0] + \mu^4 \mathrm{Var}(X_{n-2}) \\&= \sigma^2 (\mu^{n-1} + \mu^n) \mathbb{E}[X_0] + \mu^4 (\sigma^2 \mu^{n-3} \mathbb{E}[X_0] + \mu^2 \mathrm{Var}(X_{n-3})) \\&= \sigma^2 (\mu^{n-1} + \mu^n + \mu^{n+1}) \mathbb{E}[X_0] + \mu^6 \mathrm{Var}(X_{n-3}) \\&\quad \vdots \\&= \sigma^2 (\mu^{n-1} + \mu^n + \dots + \mu^{2n-2}) \mathbb{E}[X_0] + \mu^{2n} \mathrm{Var}(X_0) \\&= \begin{cases} \sigma^2 \mu^{n-1} \left( \frac{1-\mu^n}{1-\mu} \right) \mathbb{E}[X_0] + \mu^{2n} \mathrm{Var}(X_0) & \text{if } \mu \neq 1 \\ n\sigma^2 \mathbb{E}[X_0] + \mathrm{Var}(X_0) & \text{if } \mu = 1 \end{cases}\end{aligned}$$



## 4.5.1 The Gambler's Ruin Problem

- ▶ A gambler repeatedly plays a game until he goes bankrupt or his fortune reaches  $N$ .
- ▶ In each game, he can win \$1 with probability  $p$  or lose \$1 with probability  $q = 1 - p$ .
- ▶ Outcomes of different games are independent
- ▶ Define  $X_n$  = the gambler's fortune after the  $n$ th game.
- ▶  $\{X_n\}$  is a simple random walk w/ absorbing boundaries at 0 and  $N$ .

$$P_{00} = P_{NN} = 1, P_{i,i+1} = p, P_{i,i-1} = q, i = 1, 2, \dots, N - 1$$

- ▶ Two recurrent classes:  $\{0\}$  and  $\{N\}$   
one transient class  $\{1, 2, \dots, N - 1\}$
- ▶ Regardless of the initial fortune  $X_0$ , eventually  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} X_n = 0$  or  $N$  as all states are transient except 0 or  $N$ .

## 4.5.1 The Gambler's Ruin Problem

Denote  $A$  as the event that the gambler's fortune reaches  $N$  before reaches 0. Then

$$P_i = P(A|X_0 = i).$$

Conditioning on the outcome of the first game,

$$\begin{aligned} P_i &= P(A|X_0 = i, \text{he wins the 1st game}) \underbrace{P(\text{he wins the 1st game})}_{=p} \\ &\quad + P(A|X_0 = i, \text{he loses the 1st game}) \underbrace{P(\text{he loses the 1st game})}_{=q} \\ &= P(A|X_0 = i, X_1 = i+1)p + P(A|X_0 = i, X_1 = i-1)q \\ &= \underbrace{P(A|X_1 = i+1)}_{=P_{i+1}}p + \underbrace{P(A|X_1 = i-1)}_{=P_{i-1}}q \quad (\because \text{Markov}) \end{aligned}$$

We get a set of equations

$$P_i = pP_{i+1} + qP_{i-1} \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, N-1.$$

$$P_0 = 0, \quad P_N = 1$$

## Solving the equations $P_i = pP_{i+1} + qP_{i-1}$

$$\begin{aligned}(p+q)P_i &= pP_{i+1} + qP_{i-1} && \text{since } p+q=1 \\ \Leftrightarrow q(P_i - P_{i-1}) &= p(P_{i+1} - P_i) \\ \Leftrightarrow P_{i+1} - P_i &= (q/p)(P_i - P_{i-1})\end{aligned}$$

As  $P_0 = 0$ ,

$$P_2 - P_1 = (q/p)(P_1 - P_0) = (q/p)P_1$$

$$P_3 - P_2 = (q/p)(P_2 - P_1) = (q/p)^2 P_1$$

$$\vdots$$

$$P_i - P_{i-1} = (q/p)(P_{i-1} - P_{i-2}) = (q/p)(q/p)^{i-2} P_1 = (q/p)^{i-1} P_1$$

Adding up the equations above we get

$$P_i - P_1 = [q/p + (q/p)^2 + \cdots + (q/p)^{i-1}] P_1$$

Solving the equations  $P_i = pP_{i+1} + qP_{i-1}$

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From

$$P_i - P_1 = [q/p + (q/p)^2 + \cdots + (q/p)^{i-1}] P_1$$

we get

$$P_i = \begin{cases} \frac{1-(q/p)^i}{1-(q/p)} P_1 & \text{if } p \neq q \\ iP_1 & \text{if } p = q \end{cases}$$

As  $P_N = 1$ , we get

$$P_1 = \begin{cases} \frac{1-(q/p)}{1-(q/p)^N} & \text{if } p \neq 0.5 \\ 1/N & \text{if } p = 0.5 \end{cases}$$

So

$$P_i = \begin{cases} \frac{1-(q/p)^i}{1-(q/p)^N} & \text{if } p \neq 0.5 \\ i/N & \text{if } p = 0.5 \end{cases}$$

If the gambler will never quit with whatever fortune he has ( $N = \infty$ ), then

$$\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} P_i = \begin{cases} 1 - (q/p)^i & \text{if } p > 0.5 \\ 0 & \text{if } p \leq 0.5 \end{cases}$$

### 4.5.3 Random Walk w/ Reflective Boundary at 0

- ▶ State Space =  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$
- ▶  $P_{01} = 1, P_{i,i+1} = p, P_{i,i-1} = 1 - p = q$ , for  $i = 1, 2, 3 \dots$
- ▶ Only one class, irreducible
- ▶ For  $i < j$ , define

$$N_{ij} = \min\{m > 0 : X_m = j | X_0 = i\}$$

= first time to reach state  $j$  when starting from state  $i$

- ▶ Observe that  $N_{0n} = N_{01} + N_{12} + \dots + N_{n-1,n}$   
By the Markov property,  $N_{01}, N_{12}, \dots, N_{n-1,n}$  are indep.
- ▶ Given  $X_0 = i$

$$N_{i,i+1} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } X_1 = i+1 \\ 1 + N_{i-1,i}^* + N_{i,i+1}^* & \text{if } X_1 = i-1 \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

Observe that  $N_{i,i+1}^* \sim N_{i,i+1}$ , and  $N_{i,i+1}^*$  is indep of  $N_{i-1,i}^*$ .

### 4.5.3 Random Walk w/ Reflective Boundary at 0 (Cont'd)

Let  $m_i = \mathbb{E}(N_{i,i+1})$ . Taking expected value on Equation (2), we get

$$m_i = \mathbb{E}[N_{i,i+1}] = 1 + q\mathbb{E}[N_{i-1,i}^*] + q\mathbb{E}[N_{i,i+1}^*] = 1 + q(m_{i-1} + m_i)$$

Rearrange terms we get  $pm_i = 1 + qm_{i-1}$  or

$$\begin{aligned} m_i &= \frac{1}{p} + \frac{q}{p}m_{i-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{p} + \frac{q}{p}\left(\frac{1}{p} + \frac{q}{p}m_{i-2}\right) \\ &= \frac{1}{p} \left[ 1 + \frac{q}{p} + \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^2 + \dots + \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^{i-1} \right] + \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^i m_0 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $N_{01} = 1$ , which implies  $m_0 = 1$ .

$$m_i = \begin{cases} \frac{1-(q/p)^i}{p-q} + \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^i & \text{if } p \neq 0.5 \\ 2i + 1 & \text{if } p = 0.5 \end{cases}$$

## Mean of $N_{0,n}$

Recall that  $N_{0n} = N_{01} + N_{12} + \dots + N_{n-1,n}$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[N_{0n}] &= m_0 + m_1 + \dots + m_{n-1} \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{n}{p-q} - \frac{2pq}{(p-q)^2} [1 - (\frac{q}{p})^n] & \text{if } p \neq 0.5 \\ n^2 & \text{if } p = 0.5 \end{cases}\end{aligned}$$

When

$$\begin{array}{lll} p > 0.5 & \mathbb{E}[N_{0n}] \approx \frac{n}{p-q} - \frac{2pq}{(p-q)^2} & \text{linear in } n \\ p = 0.5 & \mathbb{E}[N_{0n}] = n^2 & \text{quadratic in } n \\ p < 0.5 & \mathbb{E}[N_{0n}] = O(\frac{2pq}{(p-q)^2} (\frac{q}{p})^n) & \text{exponential in } n \end{array}$$



## Exercise 4.50 on p.284

A Markov chain has transition probability matrix

$$P = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0.2 & 0.4 & 0 & 0.3 & 0 & 0.1 \\ 0.1 & 0.3 & 0 & 0.4 & 0 & 0.2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.3 & 0.7 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.6 & 0.4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.5 & 0.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.2 & 0.8 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

Communicating classes:

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \{1, 2\} & \{3, 4\} & \{5, 6\} \\ \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \text{transient} & \text{recurrent} & \text{recurrent} \end{array}$$

Find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P^{(n)}$ .

## Exercise 4.50 on p.284 (Cont'd)

Observe that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_{ij}^{(n)} = 0$  if  $j$  is transient, hence,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P^{(n)} = \begin{array}{c} \begin{matrix} & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & ? & ? & ? & ? \\ 0 & 0 & ? & ? & ? & ? \\ 0 & 0 & ? & ? & ? & ? \\ 0 & 0 & ? & ? & ? & ? \\ 0 & 0 & ? & ? & ? & ? \\ 0 & 0 & ? & ? & ? & ? \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$$

## Exercise 4.50 on p.284 (Cont'd)

Observe that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_{ij}^{(n)} = 0$  if  $j$  is NOT accessible from  $i$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P^{(n)} = \begin{array}{c} \begin{matrix} & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & ? & ? & ? & ? \\ 0 & 0 & ? & ? & ? & ? \\ 0 & 0 & ? & ? & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & ? & ? & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & ? & ? \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & ? & ? \end{pmatrix} \end{array}$$

The two classes  $\{3,4\}$  and  $\{5,6\}$  do not communicate and hence the transition probabilities in between are all 0.

## Exercise 4.50 on p.284 (Cont'd)

Since the Markov chain restricted to the closed class  $\{3,4\}$  is also

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a Markov chain with the transition matrix  $\begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 3 & 4 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0.3 & 0.7 \\ 0.6 & 0.4 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$  and the

limiting distribution of a two-state Markov chain with the transition matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1-\alpha & \alpha \\ \beta & 1-\beta \end{pmatrix}$  is  $\left(\frac{\beta}{\alpha+\beta}, \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}\right)$ , we get

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P^{(n)} = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & ? & ? & ? & ? \\ 0 & 0 & ? & ? & ? & ? \\ 0 & 0 & 6/13 & 7/13 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6/13 & 7/13 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & ? & ? \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & ? & ? \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

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$$P = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0.2 & 0.4 & 0 & 0.3 & 0 & 0.1 \\ 0.1 & 0.3 & 0 & 0.4 & 0 & 0.2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.3 & 0.7 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.6 & 0.4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.5 & 0.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.2 & 0.8 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

For the same reason,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P^{(n)} = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & ? & ? & ? & ? \\ 0 & 0 & ? & ? & ? & ? \\ 0 & 0 & 6/13 & 7/13 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 6/13 & 7/13 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2/7 & 5/7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2/7 & 5/7 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

## Exercise 4.50 on p.284 (Cont'd)

It remains to find

$$\pi_{ij} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_{ij}^{(n)}$$

from a transient state  $i = 1, 2$   
to a recurrent state  $j = 3, 4,$   
5, or 6.

$$P = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0.2 & 0.4 & 0 & 0.3 & 0 & 0.1 \\ 0.1 & 0.3 & 0 & 0.4 & 0 & 0.2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.3 & 0.7 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.6 & 0.4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.5 & 0.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.2 & 0.8 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

By the Chapman-Kolmogorov Equation,

$$\begin{aligned} P_{13}^{(n+1)} &= P_{11}P_{13}^{(n)} + P_{12}P_{23}^{(n)} + P_{13}P_{33}^{(n)} + P_{14}P_{43}^{(n)} + P_{15}P_{53}^{(n)} + P_{16}P_{63}^{(n)} \\ &= 0.2P_{13}^{(n)} + 0.4P_{23}^{(n)} + 0 + 0.3P_{43}^{(n)} + 0 + 0.1 \underbrace{P_{63}^{(n)}}_{=0} \end{aligned}$$

where  $P_{63}^{(n)} = 0$  since state 3 and 6 do not communicate.

Let  $n \rightarrow \infty$  and recall we've shown earlier that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_{43}^{(n)} = 6/13$ . We get the equation

$$\pi_{13} = 0.2\pi_{13} + 0.4\pi_{23} + 0.3 \times \frac{6}{13}.$$

## Exercise 4.50 on p.284 (Cont'd)

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned}P_{23}^{(n+1)} &= P_{21}P_{13}^{(n)} + P_{22}P_{23}^{(n)} + P_{23}P_{33}^{(n)} + P_{24}P_{43}^{(n)} + P_{25}P_{53}^{(n)} + P_{26}P_{63}^{(n)} \\&= 0.2P_{13}^{(n)} + 0.4P_{23}^{(n)} + 0 + 0.3P_{43}^{(n)} + 0 + 0.1 \underbrace{P_{63}^{(n)}}_{=0}\end{aligned}$$

where  $P_{63}^{(n)} = 0$  since state 3 and 6 do not communicate.