

**PROBLEM I** let  $(x_n : n \geq 0) \perp (y_n : n \geq 0)$  are markov chain on  $e$  with transition matrix  $(p_{ij} : i, j \in e), (q_{ij} : i, j \in e)$  respectively. prove:  $\{(x_n, y_n) : n \geq 0\}$  are markov chain on  $e \times e$ . and calculate the transition matrix of  $(x_n, y_n) : n \geq 0$ .

**SOLUTION.** easy to get that

$$\begin{aligned}
 & |(x_0 = i_0, \dots, x_{n+1} = i_{n+1}, y_0 = j_0, \dots, y_{n+1} = j_{n+1}) \\
 &= |(x_0 = i_0, \dots, x_{n+1} = i_{n+1})| (y_0 = j_0, \dots, y_{n+1} = j_{n+1}) \\
 &= |(x_0 = i_0) \prod_{k=0}^n p_{i_k i_{k+1}}| (y_0 = j_0) \prod_{k=0}^n q_{j_k j_{k+1}} \\
 &= |((x_0, y_0) = (i_0, j_0)) \prod_{k=0}^n p_{i_k i_{k+1}} q_{j_k j_{k+1}} \\
 &= |((x_0, y_0) = (i_0, j_0)) \prod_{k=0}^n |(x_k = i_k, x_{k+1} = i_{k+1})| (y_k = j_k, y_{k+1} = j_{k+1}) \\
 &= |((x_0, y_0) = (i_0, j_0)) \prod_{k=0}^n |((x_k, y_k) = (i_k, j_k), (x_{k+1}, y_{k+1}) = (i_{k+1}, j_{k+1}))|
 \end{aligned}$$

so we get that  $((x_n, y_n) : n \in \mathbb{N})$  is markov chain with transition matrix  $r_{(i,j),(m,n)} = p_{im}q_{jn}$ .  $\square$

**PROBLEM II** let  $s_n$  is a one dimensional simple random walk. let  $a \in F$ . let  $\tau := \inf\{n \geq 0 : s_n = a\}$ . prove:

1.  $(s_{\tau+n} : n \geq 0)$  is a one dimensional simple random walk.
2.  $(s_{n \wedge \tau} : n \geq 0)$  is a markov chain on  $F$  and give its transition matrix.
3.  $(s_{n \wedge \tau} : n \geq 0) \perp (s_{\tau+n} : n \geq 0)$ .

*SOLUTION.* 1. easy to know that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{I}(s_\tau = i_0, s_{\tau+1} = i_1, \dots, s_{\tau+n} = i_n \mid \tau < \infty) \\
&= \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{I}(\tau = k, s_\tau = i_0, s_{\tau+1} = i_1, \dots, s_{\tau+n} = i_n \mid \tau < \infty) \\
&= \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{I}(\tau = k, s_k = i_0, s_{k+1} = i_1, \dots, s_{k+n} = i_n \mid \tau < \infty) \\
&= \mathbb{1}(a = i_0) \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{I}(s_0 \neq a, \dots, s_{k-1} \neq a, s_k = a, s_{k+1} = i_1, \dots, s_{k+n} = i_n \mid \tau < \infty) \\
&= \frac{\mathbb{1}(a = i_0) \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{I}(s_0 \neq a, \dots, s_{k-1} \neq a, s_k = a, s_{k+1} = i_1, \dots, s_{k+n} = i_n)}{\mathbb{I}(\tau < \infty)} \\
&= \frac{\mathbb{1}(a = i_0)}{\mathbb{I}(\tau < \infty)} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{I}(s_0 \neq a, \dots, s_{k-1} \neq a, s_k = a, s_{k+1} = i_1, \dots, s_{k+n} = i_n) \\
&= \frac{\mathbb{1}(a = i_0)}{\mathbb{I}(\tau < \infty)} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{I}(s_{k+1} = i_1, \dots, s_{k+n} = i_n \mid s_0 \neq a, \dots, s_{k-1} \neq a, s_k = a) \\
&\quad \times \mathbb{I}(s_0 \neq a, \dots, s_{k-1} \neq a, s_k = a) \\
&= \frac{\mathbb{1}(a = i_0)}{\mathbb{I}(\tau < \infty)} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{I}(s_{k+1} = i_1, \dots, s_{k+n} = i_n \mid s_k = a) \mathbb{I}(\tau = k) \\
&= \frac{\mathbb{1}(a = i_0)}{\mathbb{I}(\tau < \infty)} \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \prod_{l=0}^{n-1} p_{i_l i_{l+1}} \mathbb{I}(\tau = k) = \mathbb{1}(a = i_0) \prod_{l=0}^{n-1} p_{i_l i_{l+1}}
\end{aligned}$$

where  $p_{ij} : i, j \in F$  is the transition matrix of  $s_n : n \in \mathbb{N}$ . so  $(s_{\tau+n} : n \in \mathbb{N})$  is markov chain with transition matrix same as  $s_n$ .

2. easy to know that

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{I}(s_{\tau \wedge 0} = i_0, s_{\tau \wedge 1} = i_1, \dots, s_{\tau \wedge n} = i_n \mid \tau < \infty) \\
&= \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{I}(\tau = k, s_{\tau \wedge 0} = i_0, s_{\tau \wedge 1} = i_1, \dots, s_{\tau \wedge n} = i_n \mid \tau < \infty) \\
&= \sum_{k \in \mathbb{N}} \mathbb{I}(\tau = k, s_{k \wedge 0} = i_0, s_{k \wedge 1} = i_1, \dots, s_{k \wedge n} = i_n \mid \tau < \infty) \\
&= \sum_{k \geq n} \mathbb{I}(\tau = k, s_0 = i_0, \dots, s_n = i_n \mid \tau < \infty) \\
&\quad + \sum_{k < n} \mathbb{I}(\tau = k, s_0 = i_0, \dots, s_{k-1} = i_{k-1}, s_k = i_k = i_{k+1} = \dots = i_n \mid \tau < \infty) \\
&= \mathbb{1}(i_0, i_1, \dots, i_n \neq a) \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} p_{i_k i_{k+1}} + \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \mathbb{1}(i_0, \dots, i_{k-1} \neq a, i_k = i_{k+1} = \dots = i_n = a) \prod_{l=0}^{k-1} p_{i_l i_{l+1}} \\
&= \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} (\mathbb{1}(i_k = i_{k+1} = a) + \mathbb{1}(i_k \neq a) p_{i_k, i_{k+1}})
\end{aligned}$$

so  $(s_{n \wedge \tau} : n \in \mathbb{N})$  is markov chain with transition matrix  $q_{i,j} = \mathbb{1}(i = j = a) + \mathbb{1}(i \neq a) p_{i,j}$ .

3. by the corollary 3.2.11, we only need to proof  $\tau$  is stopping time on  $(\mathcal{F}_n : n \geq 0)$ , where  $\mathcal{F}_n = \sigma(s_k : k \leq n)$ . so we only need to prove  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \{\tau = n\} \in \mathcal{F}_n$ . since  $\{\tau = n\} = \{\omega \in \Omega : s_0, \dots, s_{n+1} \neq a, s_n = a\} = \bigcap_{0 \leq k \leq n} \{s_k \neq a\} \cap \{s_n = a\}$ , and  $\{s_k \neq a\} \in \sigma(s_k), \forall 0 \leq k \leq n, \{s_n = a\} \in \sigma(s_n)$ , then  $\{\tau = n\} \in \mathcal{F}_n$ .

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**PROBLEM III** let  $s_n$  is a one dimensional symmetry simple random walk starting from zero. prove:  $(|s_n| : n \geq 0)$  is a markov chain on  $F^+$  and give its transition matrix.

**SOLUTION**. only need to solve problem IV.

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**PROBLEM IV** let  $s_n$  is a one dimensional simple random walk starting from zero. prove:  $(|s_n| : n \geq 0)$  is a markov chain on  $F^+$  and give its transition matrix.

**SOLUTION**. by the definition of  $|s_n|$ , we can easily get to know  $\forall (i_0, \dots, i_n) \in F^+, \mathbb{P}(|s_k| = i_k, k = 0, \dots, n) > 0 \iff i_0 = 0, |i_k - i_{k-1}| = 1, k = 1, \dots, n$ . let  $s_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \xi_k$ , where  $(\xi_n : n \geq 1)$  are i.i.d. r.v. and  $\mathbb{P}(\xi_1 = 1) = p, \mathbb{P}(\xi_1 = -1) = q$ .  $a := \{(i_0, \dots, i_{n+1}) \in F : i_0 = 0, |i_k - i_{k-1}| = 1, k = 1, \dots, n+1\}$ .  $\forall (i_0, \dots, i_{n+1}) \in a$ , let  $r := \max\{k : i_k = 0\}$ . then  $i_r = 0, \forall k \geq r+1, i_k \geq 1$ .

1.  $\forall (i_0, \dots, i_{n+1}) \notin a$ , then  $\mathbb{P}(|s_k| = i_k, k = 0, \dots, n) = 0$ , then we have no need to calculate  $\mathbb{P}(|s_{n+1}| = i_{n+1} | |s_k| = i_k, k = 0, \dots, n)$ .
2.  $\forall (i_0, \dots, i_{n+1}) \in a$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \mathbb{P}(|s_k| = i_k, s_n = i_n, k = 0, \dots, n | |s_k| = i_k, k = 0, \dots, r) \\
 &= \mathbb{P}(|s_k| = i_k, s_n = i_n, k = r+1, \dots, n | |s_k| = i_k, k = 0, \dots, r-1, s_r = 0) \\
 &= \mathbb{P}(|s_k| = i_k, s_n = i_n, k = r+1, \dots, n | s_r = 0) \\
 &= \mathbb{P}(s_k = i_k, s_n = i_n, k = r+1, \dots, n | s_r = 0) \\
 &= p^{\frac{n-r+r_n}{2}} q^{\frac{n-r-r_n}{2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

in the same way, we can get  $\mathbb{P}(|s_k| = i_k, s_n = -i_n, k = 0, \dots, n | |s_k| = i_k, k = 0, \dots, r) =$

$$p^{\frac{n-r-r_n}{2}} q^{\frac{n-r+r_n}{2}} \text{ so}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{I}(s_n = i_n | |s_k| = i_k, k = 0, \dots, n) \\
&= \frac{\mathbb{I}(s_n = i_n, |s_k| = i_k, k = 0, \dots, n)}{\mathbb{I}(|s_k| = i_k, k = 0, \dots, n)} \\
&= \frac{\mathbb{I}(s_n = i_n, |s_k| = i_k, k = 0, \dots, n | |s_k| = i_k, k = 0, \dots, r) \mathbb{I}(|s_k| = r_k, k = 0, \dots, r)}{\mathbb{I}(|s_k| = i_k, k = 0, \dots, n)} \\
&= \frac{\mathbb{I}(s_n = i_n, |s_k| = i_k, k = 0, \dots, n | |s_k| = i_k, k = 0, \dots, r)}{\frac{\mathbb{I}(|s_k| = i_k, k = 0, \dots, n)}{\mathbb{I}(|s_k| = r_k, k = 0, \dots, r)}} \\
&= \frac{\mathbb{I}(s_n = i_n, |s_k| = i_k, k = 0, \dots, n | |s_k| = i_k, k = 0, \dots, r)}{\mathbb{I}(|s_k| = i_k, k = 0, \dots, n | |s_k| = r_k, k = 0, \dots, r)} \\
&= \frac{\mathbb{I}(s_n = i_n, |s_k| = i_k, k = 0, \dots, n | |s_k| = i_k, k = 0, \dots, r)}{\mathbb{I}(|s_k| = i_k, k = r+1, \dots, n | |s_k| = r_k, k = 0, \dots, r)} \\
&= \frac{p^{n-r+\frac{r_n}{2}} q^{n-r-\frac{r_n}{2}}}{p^{n-r+\frac{r_n}{2}} q^{n-r-\frac{r_n}{2}} + p^{n-r-\frac{r_n}{2}} q^{n-r+\frac{r_n}{2}}} \\
&= p^{i_n} (p^{i_n} + q^{i_n})^{-1}
\end{aligned}$$

In the same way, we can get  $\mathbb{I}(s_n = -i_n | |s_k| = i_k, k = 0, \dots, n) = q^{r_n} (p^{r_n} + q^{r_n})^{-1}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}
& \mathbb{I}(|s_{n+1}| = i_{n+1} | |s_k| = i_k, k = 0, \dots, n) \\
&= \mathbb{I}(|s_{n+1}| = i_{n+1} | s_n = i_n, |s_k| = i_k, k = 0, \dots, n) \\
&\quad \times \mathbb{I}(s_n = i_n | |s_k| = i_k, k = 0, \dots, n) \\
&+ \mathbb{I}(|s_{n+1}| = i_{n+1} | s_n = -i_n, |s_k| = i_k, k = 0, \dots, n) \\
&\quad \times \mathbb{I}(s_n = -i_n | |s_k| = i_k, k = 0, \dots, n) \\
&= \mathbb{I}(s_{n+1} = i_{n+1} | s_n = i_n) \\
&\quad \times \mathbb{I}(s_n = i_n | |s_k| = i_k, k = 0, \dots, n) \\
&+ \mathbb{I}(s_{n+1} = -i_{n+1} | s_n = -i_n) \\
&\quad \times \mathbb{I}(s_n = -i_n | |s_k| = i_k, k = 0, \dots, n) \\
&= \mathbb{I}(i_{n+1} = i_n + 1) (p^{i_n+1} + q^{i_n+1}) (p^{i_n} + q^{i_n})^{-1} + \mathbb{I}(i_{n+1} = i_n - 1) (p^{r_n} q + p q^{r_n}) (p^{r_n} + q^{r_n})^{-1}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $(|S_n| : n \geq 0)$  is markov chain on  $\mathbb{Z}^+$ .

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