

A Computational Review - Stats 100 A

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A Quick Note

- ▶ These lectures will review the computation aspects of what you've previously have learned in this course.
- ▶ This is not a computational course, so no need to worry if you don't understand all of this. **You will not be tested on this.**

Warm Up

Problem 1:

I flip a coin 2 times. What's the probability I get 50% H?

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Problem 2:

I flip a coin 10 times. What's the probability I get 50% H?

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Problem 3:

I flip a coin 100 times. What's the probability I get 50% H?

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Problem 4:

- ▶ We simulate a random walk by flipping a fair coin.
- ▶ We start at $X_0 = 0$ on a number line.
- ▶ If we flip H, we move $+1$ to the right. If we flip T, we move -1 to the left.
- ▶ Suppose I take the cumulative sum of $+1$'s and -1 's and I plot this graph for each time-step (i.e. each flip of the coin). What would you expect the graph to look like?

Simulating A Random Walk

- ▶ What is the distribution of the coin flip?
- ▶ What is the distribution of the random walk?

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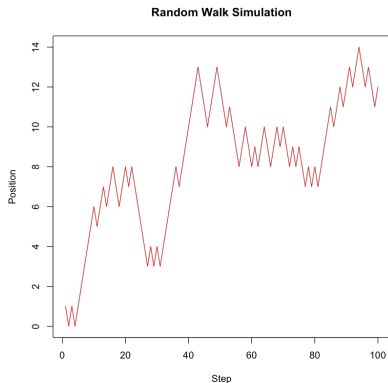
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Short Break / Questions

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- ▶ If it rains today, then it rains tomorrow with probability α .
- ▶ If it is sunny today, then it rains tomorrow with probability β .
- ▶ If it is sunny today, (i.e. $X_0 = R$) then what is the probability it rains two days from now? (i.e. $P(X_2 = R) = ?$)

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Consider the following two possibilities:

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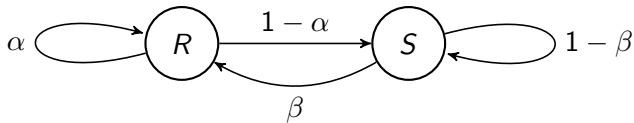
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- ▶ $\text{Prob} = \alpha^2$

Case 2:

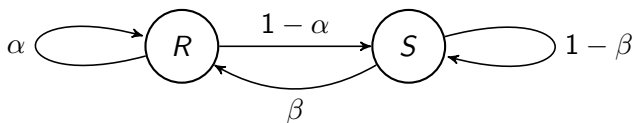
- ▶ $R \longrightarrow S \rightarrow R$
- ▶ $R \xrightarrow{1-\alpha} S \xrightarrow{\beta} R$
- ▶ $\text{Prob} = (1 - \alpha)\beta$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Thus } P(X_2 = R) &= P(\{(R, R, R)\} \cup \{(R, S, R)\}) \\ &= P((R, R, R)) + P((R, S, R)) = \alpha^2 + (1 - \alpha)\beta\end{aligned}$$

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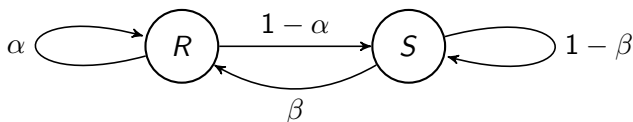


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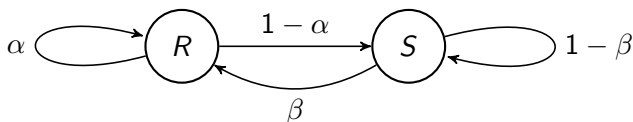
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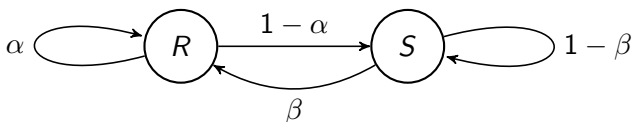
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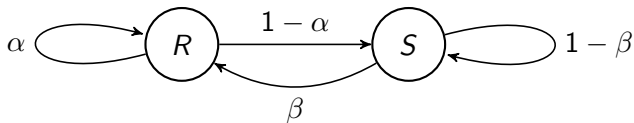
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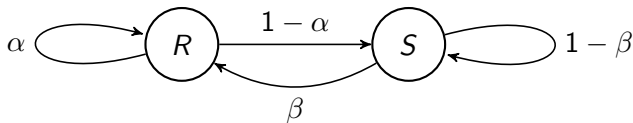
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- ▶ We discovered that: $P(X_2 = R|X_0 = R) = \alpha^2 + (1 - \alpha)\beta$

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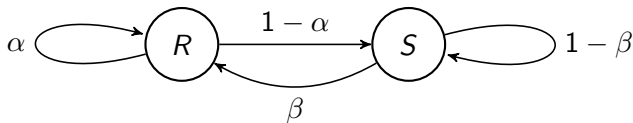
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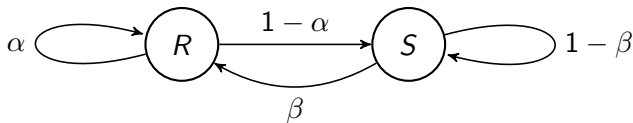
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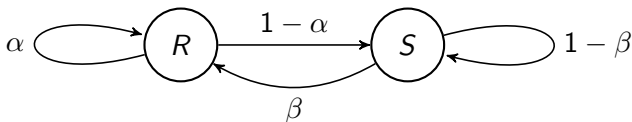
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Note:

The probabilities on day $n + 1$ are a **linear combination** of the probabilities on day n . What's so special about this?

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13 # Loop for the first 8 days
14 v_list = []
15 for n in range(0,8):
16     print("----")
17     print("Day: ", n)
18     v = v0 @ np.linalg.matrix_power(K, n)
19     print("probabilities: ", v)
20     v_list.append(v)
21
22 plt.plot(v_list)
23 plt.show()
```

Thank You / Questions

Important Note:

You definitely want to have your computers at hand next lecture. Make sure you have **Python** (or R) installed and use **pip** to install **numpy** for Python.

It will also help to have a **jupyter** compatible reader. Typically **jupyter notebook**, though this is not required.

Contact:

Prof. Ying Nian Wu may not be immediately available. You may contact at: **andrewlizarraga@g.ucla.edu** for the duration of this week.

Welcome Back!

- ▶ Last lecture we went over simulating a random walk and simulating simple weather model via a Markov Chain.
- ▶ In this lecture, we focus on more simulation and we involve more code.
- ▶ Before we do this, let's warm up.

Warm Up

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Let's compute 2^{100} . About how many multiplications is required for this computation?

Answer:

Naively you would think that 2^8 requires 8 multiplications. But you can actually perform it in far less:

$2 \times 2 = 4$, $4 \times 4 = 16$, $16 \times 16 = 256 = 2^8$. Only 3 multiplications.

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Answer:

This is a geometric distribution. So $E[H] = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}} = 2$. Also it's intuitive that you would expect to see a H among 2 coin flips.

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Problem 6:

You flip a fair coin until you see two H in a row. About how many flips would you expect to make?

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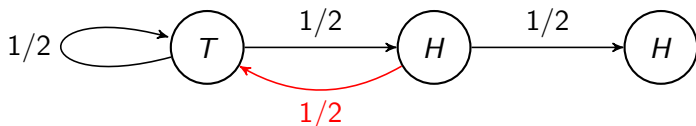
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You flip a fair coin until you see a H followed by a T , i.e. the sequence HT . About how many flips would you expect to make? Is it a different number than the expected amount of flips for HH ?

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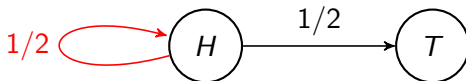
Case HH:

Suppose we just received a H . Now if we flip a coin and fail to get H (i.e. T), then at best we are 2 flips away from obtaining HH .



Case HT:

Suppose we just received a H . Now if we flip a coin and fail to get T (i.e. H), then at best we are 1 flips away from obtaining HT .



The Need To Simulate

As we saw with the some of the previous problems, seemingly simple problems that we feel certain about might be somewhat more complex than we would hope for.

To combat our easily tricked intuitions, it usually helps to run simulations in order to witness the qualitative and numerical behavior of a system.

Note:

Now is the time to open up **python files** or the **jupyter notebook**.

They should be on <https://bruinlearn.ucla.edu/>.

If you can't find them there. You can get them from my site:

https://drewrl3v.github.io/teaching/spr24_stats100a/

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8     return 4 * (count_in / num_sims)
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Number of Flips Until HH

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2 def simulate_HT(num_sims):
3     number_of_flips_per_trial = []
4     for _ in range(num_sims):
5         saw_HT = False
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7         while not saw_HT:
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11                saw_HT = True
12            trial.append(flip)
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14            number_of_flips_per_trial.append(len(trial))
15        return sum(number_of_flips_per_trial) / num_sims
16
17 simulate_HT(1000)
```

Thank You / Questions

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Note:

The lecture material for this week should be available on <https://bruinlearn.ucla.edu/>.

If you can't find them there. You can get them from my site: https://drewrl3v.github.io/teaching/spr24_stats100a/