

Cohort State-Transition Models (cSTMs)

Day 2

A Challenge for Public Policy

- Complete course of public policies might never be directly observed.
- Randomized controlled trials of *every* potential preventive and treatment policy is not feasible.
- Even the best available data will rely on surrogate markers and intermediate endpoints.
- The information required to develop policies will require synthesis of data from many sources.

Elements of a Decision Analysis

- Identify and bound the decision problem
- **Structure the elements of the problem into a logical framework over time (i.e., build a model)**
- Identify, retrieve, and characterize the information needed
- Conduct a base case analysis
- Evaluate uncertainty

Problems

- Critical details make the decision problem complex
- Events occur at different times and repeatedly
- Risk of infection decreases with time, risk of negative consequences increase with time
- Fixed time horizon does not consider long term consequences, such as life expectancy and quality-adjusted life expectancy
- Limited ability to evaluate a broader set of questions or to consider alternative strategies

Markov models are most useful when....

- decision problem involves risk over time
- timing of events is important
 - early risk, late benefit
- events may happen more than once
- states change over time
 - progression from mild to severe status

Time-homogeneous

Markov Property: Markovian Assumption

- Specifies that the behavior of the process subsequent to any cycle depends only on its description in that cycle. The process has no memory for earlier cycles.
- A separate state must be created for each subset of the cohort that has a prognosis (or utility or cost).

Markov Process

- Modeling technique, derived from matrix algebra, that helps get around some of the “limitations” of a simple decision tree with a fixed time horizon

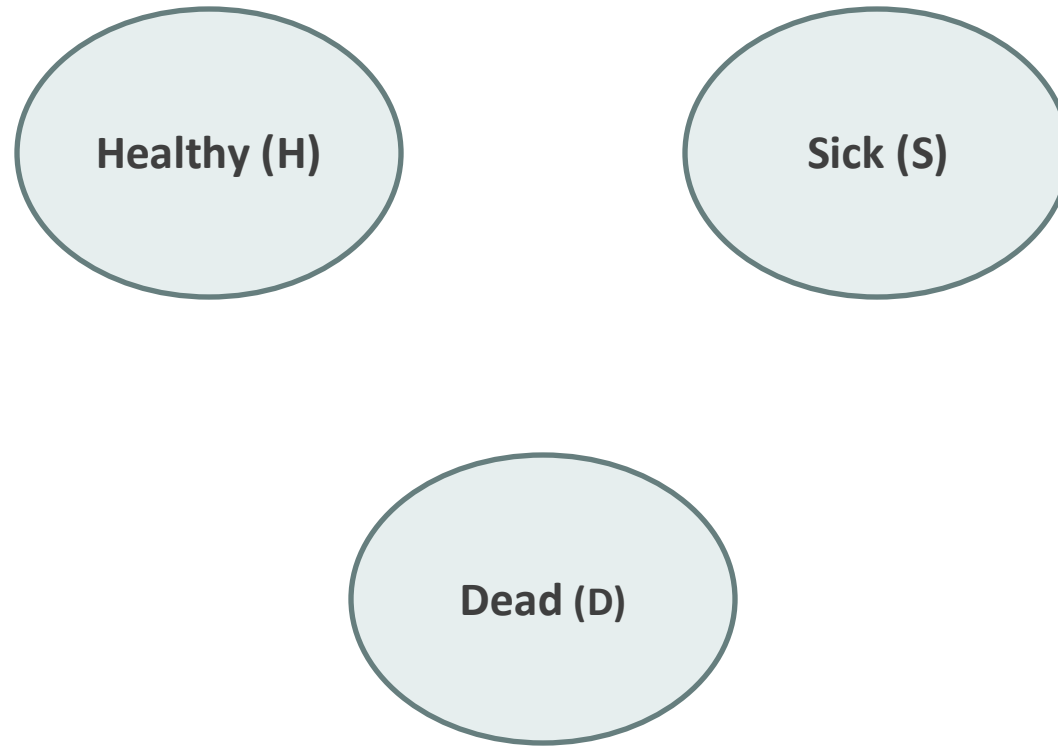
Implicit Assumptions

- States are mutually exclusive
- States are collectively exhaustive
- Memorylessness

Building a Markov Model

- *Determine health states*
- Determine transitions
- Choose cycle length
- Estimate transition probabilities
- Estimate state utilities and costs per cycle
- Calculate
- (Sensitivity analysis)

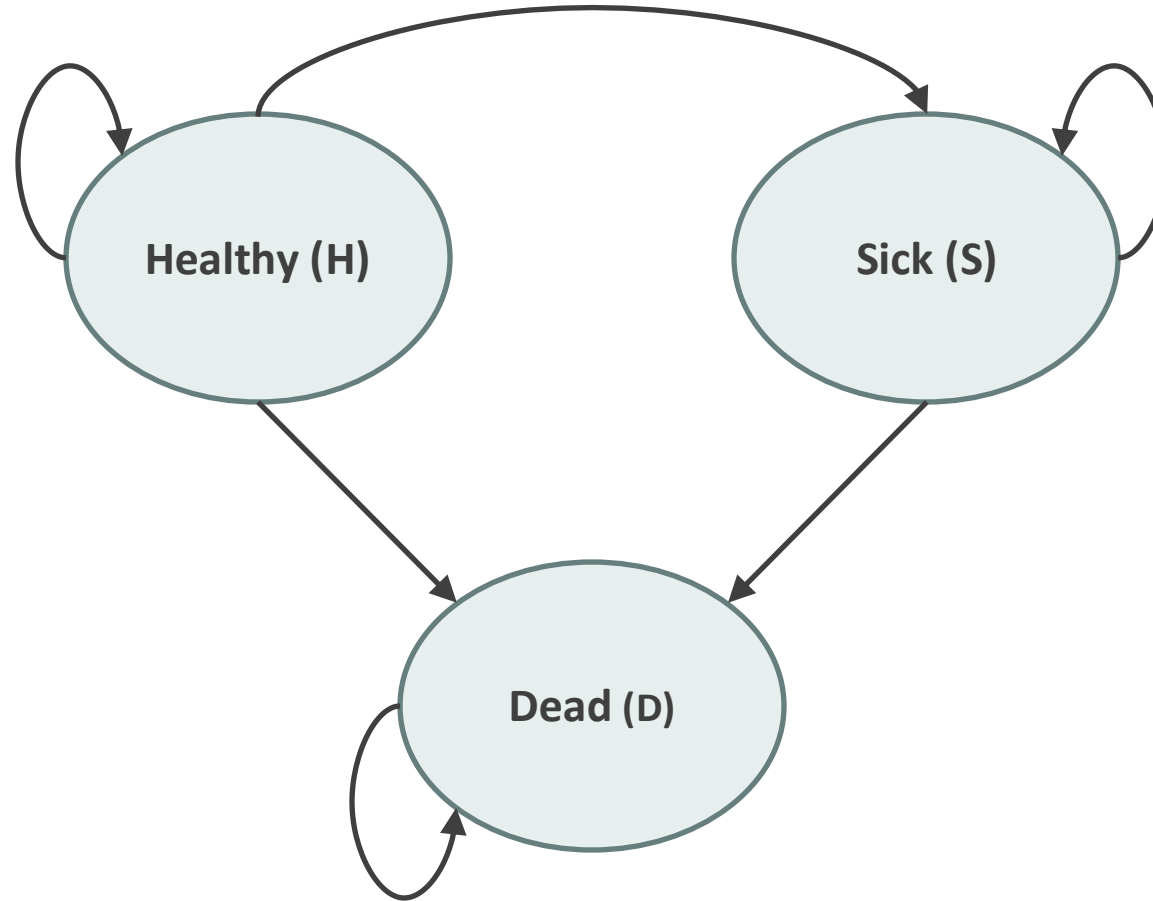
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Cycle

A brief time interval during which individuals within a cohort may make a transition into another health state or remain in the current health state.

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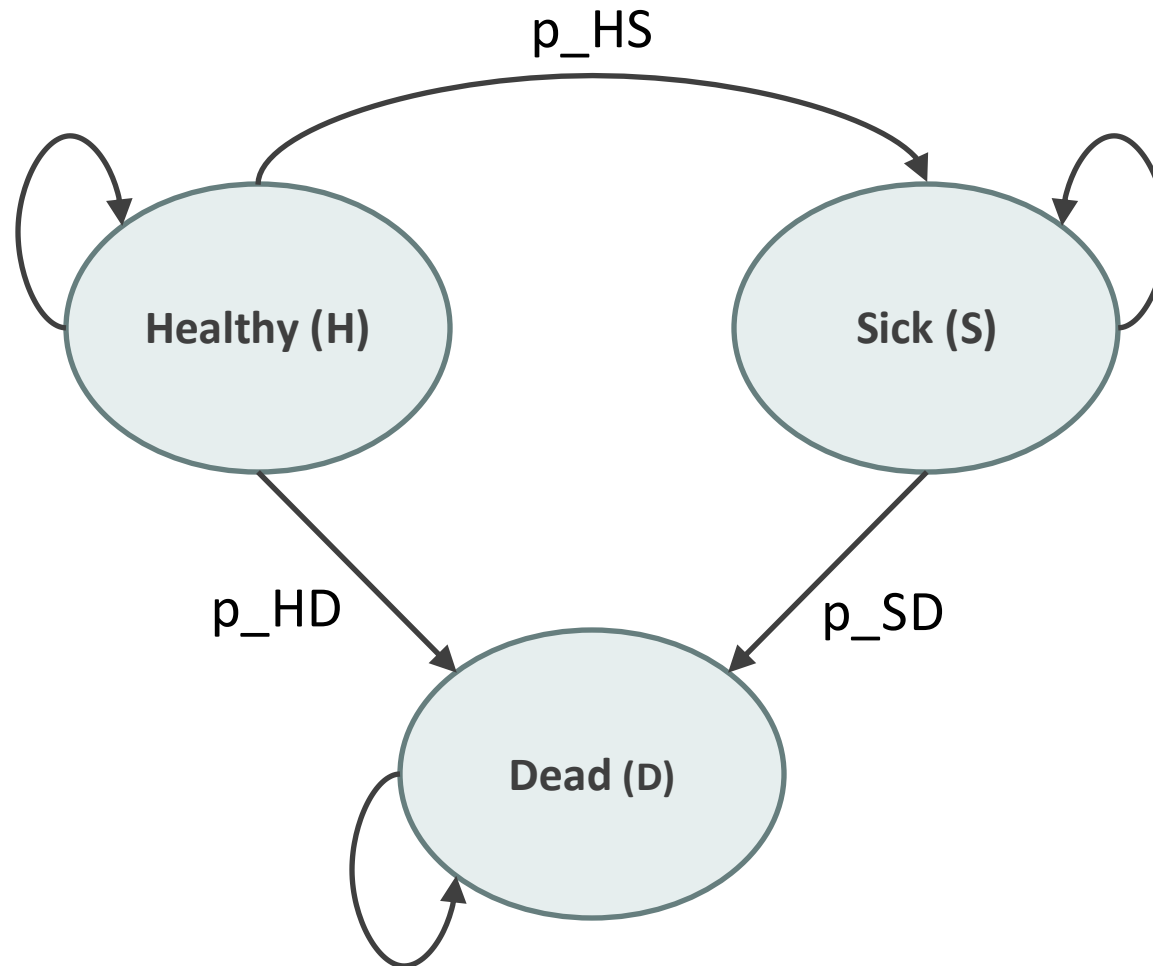
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Transition Probability

The chance that patients in a particular state will transition to another state *during* the course of a cycle.

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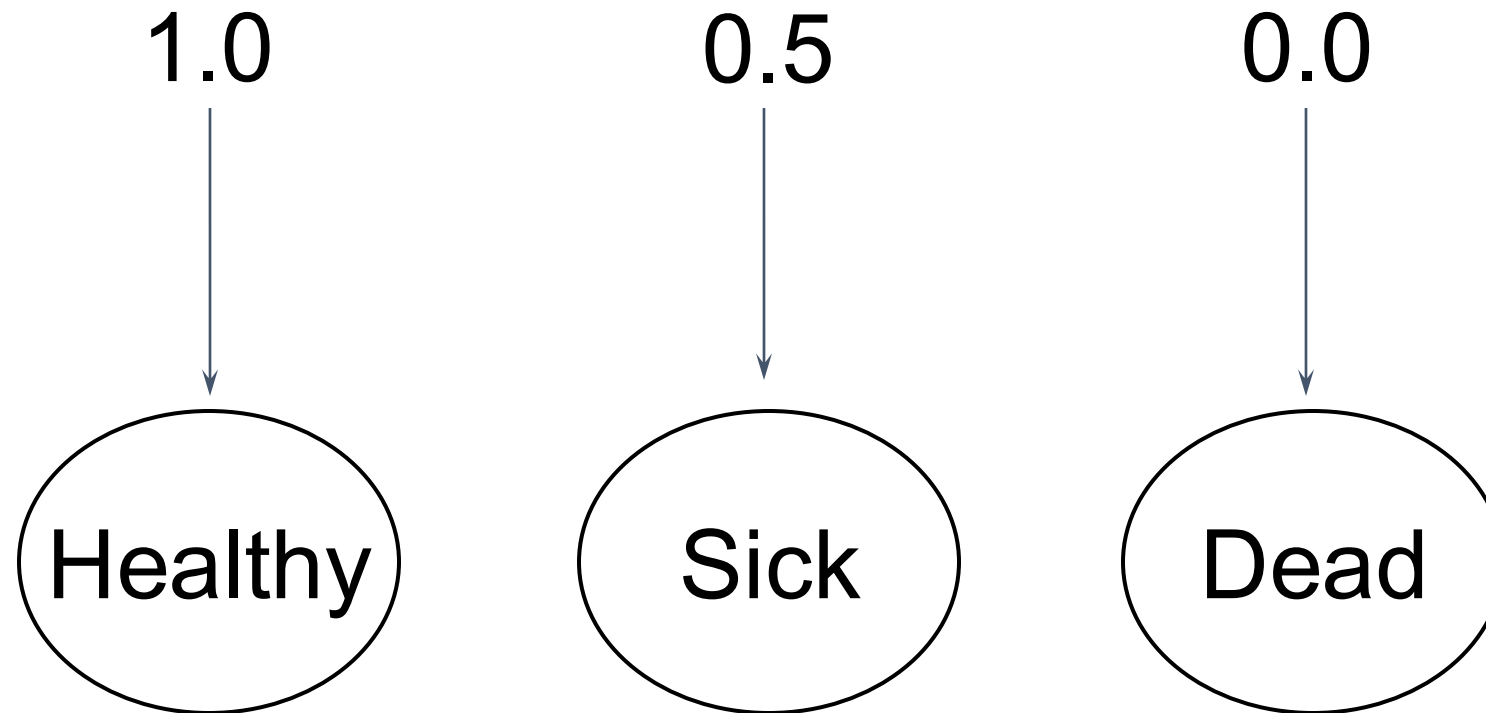
p_{ij} = transition probability from state i to state j



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Quality-of-Life Adjustment



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- Closed-form fundamental matrix solution
- Cohort simulation
 - » hypothetical cohort of patients transition through the model simultaneously
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Cohort Simulation

- A cSTM consists of three core components:
 1. A state vector \mathbf{m}_t that stores the distribution of the cohort across all n_S health states in cycle t , where $t = [0, 1, \dots, n_T]$
 2. A cohort trace matrix M that stacks \mathbf{m}_t for all t and represents the distribution of the cohort in the various states over time
 3. A transition probability P

State vector (m_t with n_S health states):

- Each i -th element of m_t represents the distribution of the i -th health state in cycle t , referred to as $m_{[t,i]}$

$$\mathbf{m}_t = [m_{[t,1]} \ m_{[t,2]} \ \cdots \ m_{[t,n_S]}]$$

Transition Matrix (n_S health states):

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} p_{[1,1]} & p_{[1,2]} & \cdots & p_{[1,n_S]} \\ p_{[2,1]} & p_{[2,2]} & \cdots & p_{[2,n_S]} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ p_{[n_S,1]} & p_{[n_S,2]} & \cdots & p_{[n_S,n_S]} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Where $p_{[i,j]}$ represents the transition probability of transitioning from state i to state j , and $\{i,j\} = 1, \dots, n_S$.
- $0 < p_{[i,j]} < 1$ and $\sum_{j=1}^{n_S} p_{[i,j]} = 1$ for all $i = 1, \dots, n_S$

Cohort at next cycle using matrix multiplication

- Cohort distribution at next time step calculated through matrix multiplication

$$m_{t+1} = m_t P \text{ for } t = 0, \dots, (n_T - 1)$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} m_{[t+1,1]} & m_{[t+1,2]} & \cdots & m_{[t+1,n_S]} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} m_{[t,1]} & m_{[t,2]} & \cdots & m_{[t,n_S]} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P \end{bmatrix}$$

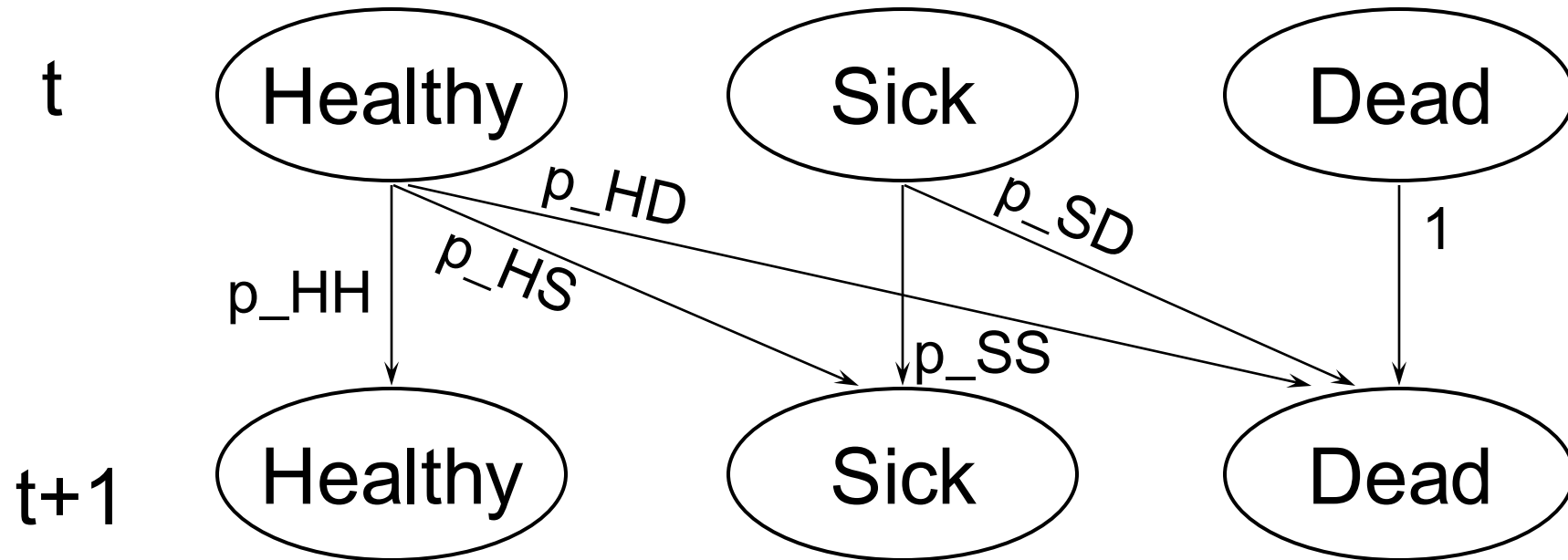
Cohort trace M

- The cohort trace matrix, M , is a matrix of dimensions $(n_T + 1) \times n_S$, where each row is a state vector $(-\mathbf{m}_t -)$

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} -\mathbf{m}_0 & - \\ -\mathbf{m}_1 & - \\ \vdots & \\ -\mathbf{m}_{n_T} & - \end{bmatrix}$$

Three-State Markov Model

Time



Types of Markov Models

- Absorbing models (e.g., includes death)
 - Goal: Calculate *residence times* in transient states
 - » means (e.g., life expectancy)
 - » weighted means (e.g., QALE, discounted LE)
- Non-absorbing models (e.g., nonfatal states)
 - Goal: Calculate long-run proportions of time spent in each state
 - » equilibrium distribution across states

Outputs of Absorbing Models

- Life expectancy: average number of cycles in “live” states
- Weighted life expectancy: average number of cycles in “live” states, each weighted by a state utility or cost
- Discounted life expectancy: average number of cycles in “live” states, each cycle weighted by $(1+r)^{-t}$

Back to the Simple Example

Transition Matrix

$$M = \begin{array}{cc} & \text{To} \\ & \begin{array}{ccc} H & S & D \end{array} \\ \begin{array}{c} \text{From} \\ H \\ S \\ D \end{array} & \begin{bmatrix} p_{HH} & p_{HS} & p_{HD} \\ 0 & p_{SS} & p_{SD} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{array}$$

Initial State Vector

$$m_0 = \begin{array}{ccc} H & S & D \\ [m_{[0,1]} & m_{[0,2]} & m_{[0,3]}] \end{array}$$

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Two-cycle state vector

$$P(\text{H at } t = 2) = (0.75)(0.75) + (0.20)(0) + (0.05)(0) = 0.56$$

$$P(\text{S at } t = 2) = (0.75)(0.20) + (0.20)(0.85) + (0.05)(0) = 0.32$$

$$P(\text{D at } t = 2) = (0.75)(0.05) + (0.20)(0.15) + (0.05)(1) = 0.05$$

$$[0.56 \ 0.32 \ 0.12] = [0.75 \ 0.20 \ 0.05] \begin{bmatrix} 0.75 & 0.20 & 0.05 \\ 0 & 0.85 & 0.15 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$m_2 = m_1 P = (m_0 P) P = m_0 P^2$$

Year 2 vector

Matrix squared

Estimating Mean Residence Times in States from the Transition Matrix

$$P = \left[\begin{array}{cc|c} 0.75 & 0.20 & 0.05 \\ 0 & 0.85 & 0.15 \\ \hline 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \right] \quad Q = \begin{bmatrix} 0.75 & 0.20 \\ 0 & 0.85 \end{bmatrix} \quad R = \begin{bmatrix} 0.05 \\ 0.15 \end{bmatrix} \quad I = [1]$$

I = Identity matrix (1's in right diagonal, 0 otherwise)

Let n_{ij} = expected residence time in state j , given start in state i at time 0 and define N as

$$N = \begin{bmatrix} n_{11} & n_{12} \\ n_{21} & n_{22} \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{Key model result}$$

Closed-Form Solution

$$\begin{bmatrix} n_{11} & n_{12} \\ n_{21} & n_{22} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0.75 & 0.20 \\ 0 & 0.85 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} n_{11} & n_{12} \\ n_{21} & n_{22} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$N = I + QN$$

$$N - QN = I$$

$$N(I - Q) = I$$

$$N = (I - Q)^{-1} \quad \text{Fundamental matrix solution}$$

In the example...

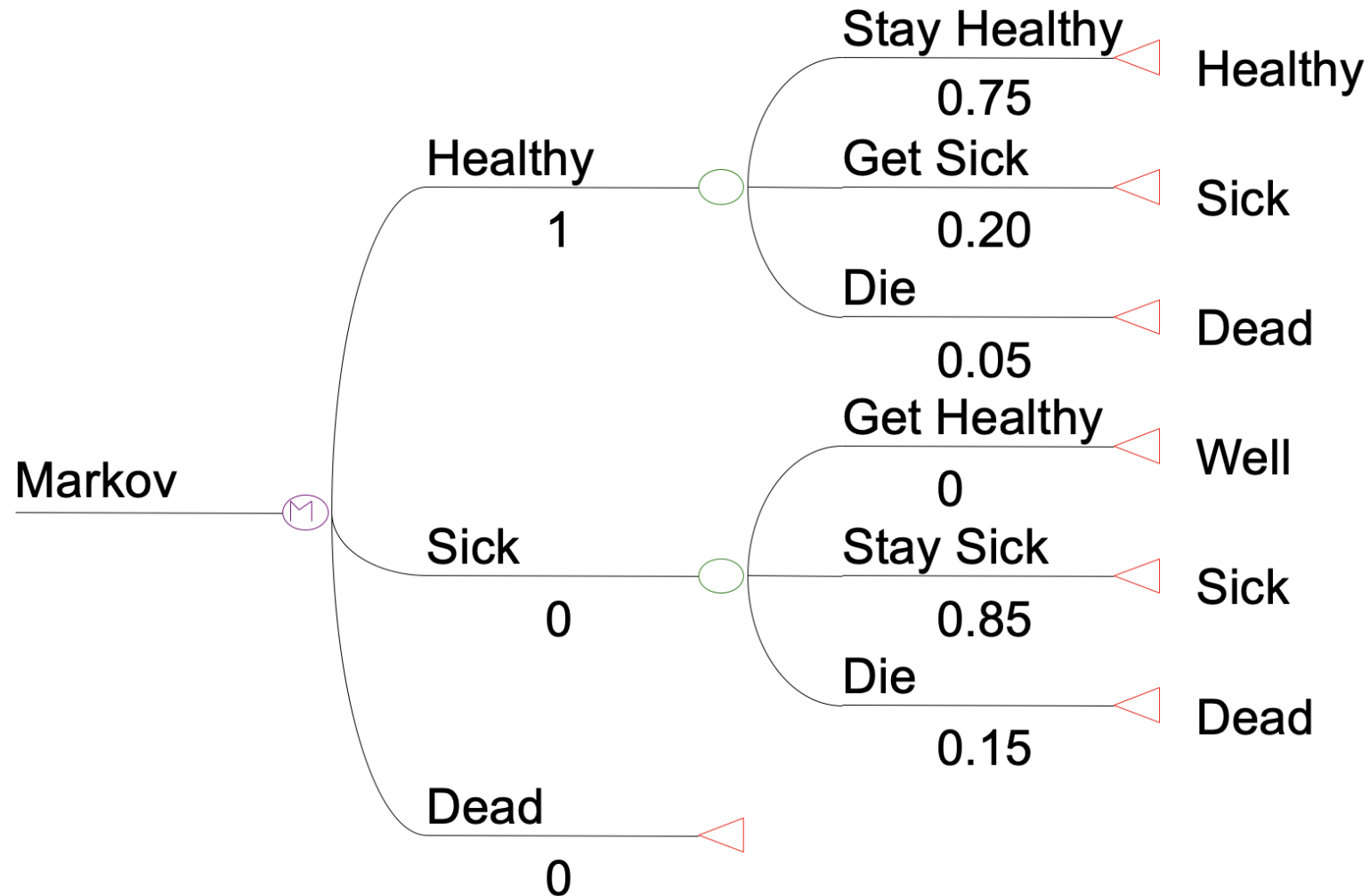
$$(I - Q) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 0.75 & 0.20 \\ 0 & 0.85 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.25 & -0.80 \\ 0 & 0.15 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(I - Q)^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 4.0 & 21.3 \\ 0 & 6.7 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{LE} = 25.3 \text{ (start Healthy)} \\ \text{LE} = 6.70 \text{ (start Sick)} \end{array}$$

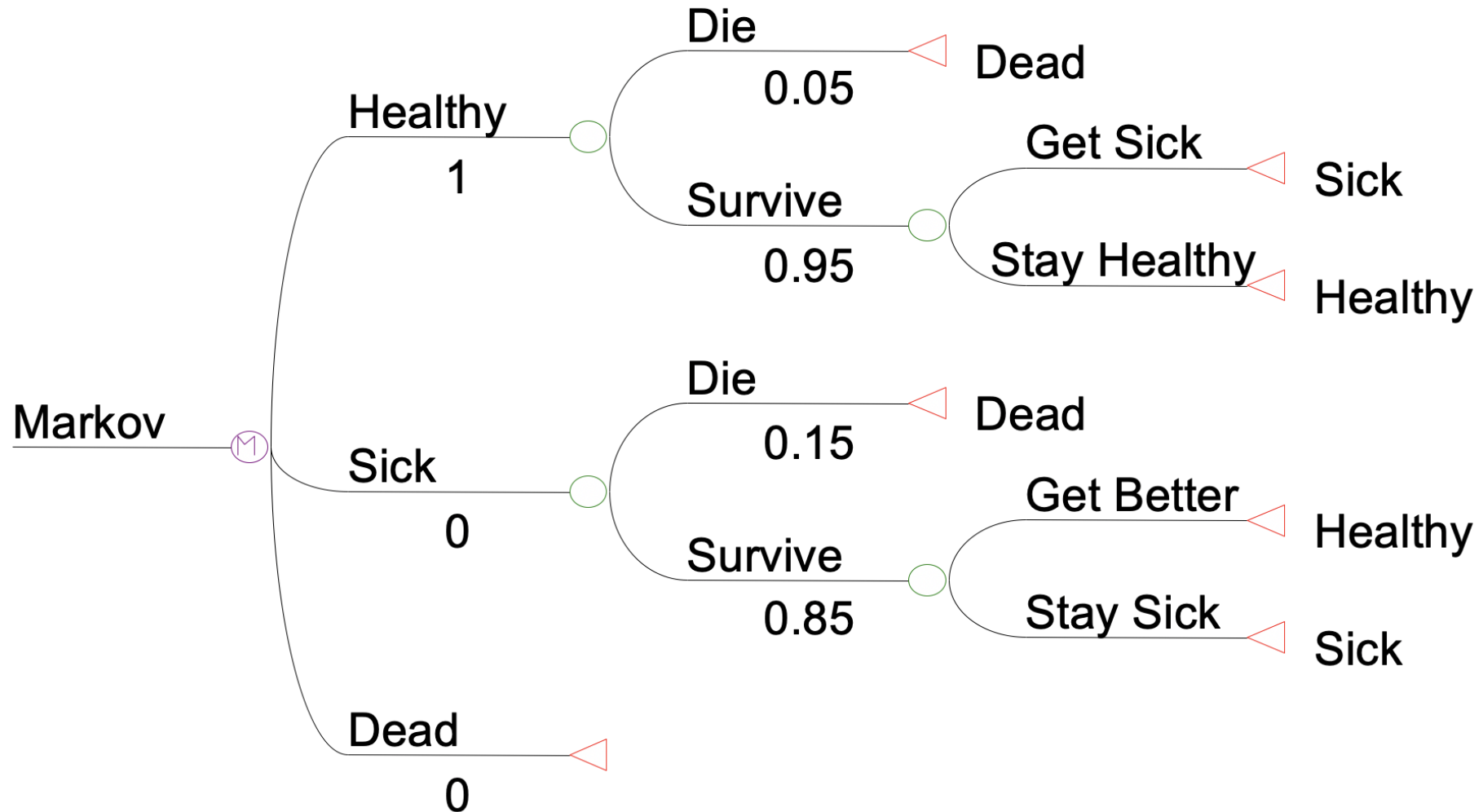
With discounting:

$$N = \left(I - \frac{Q}{1 + r} \right)^{-1}$$

Matrix Form in a Tree Form



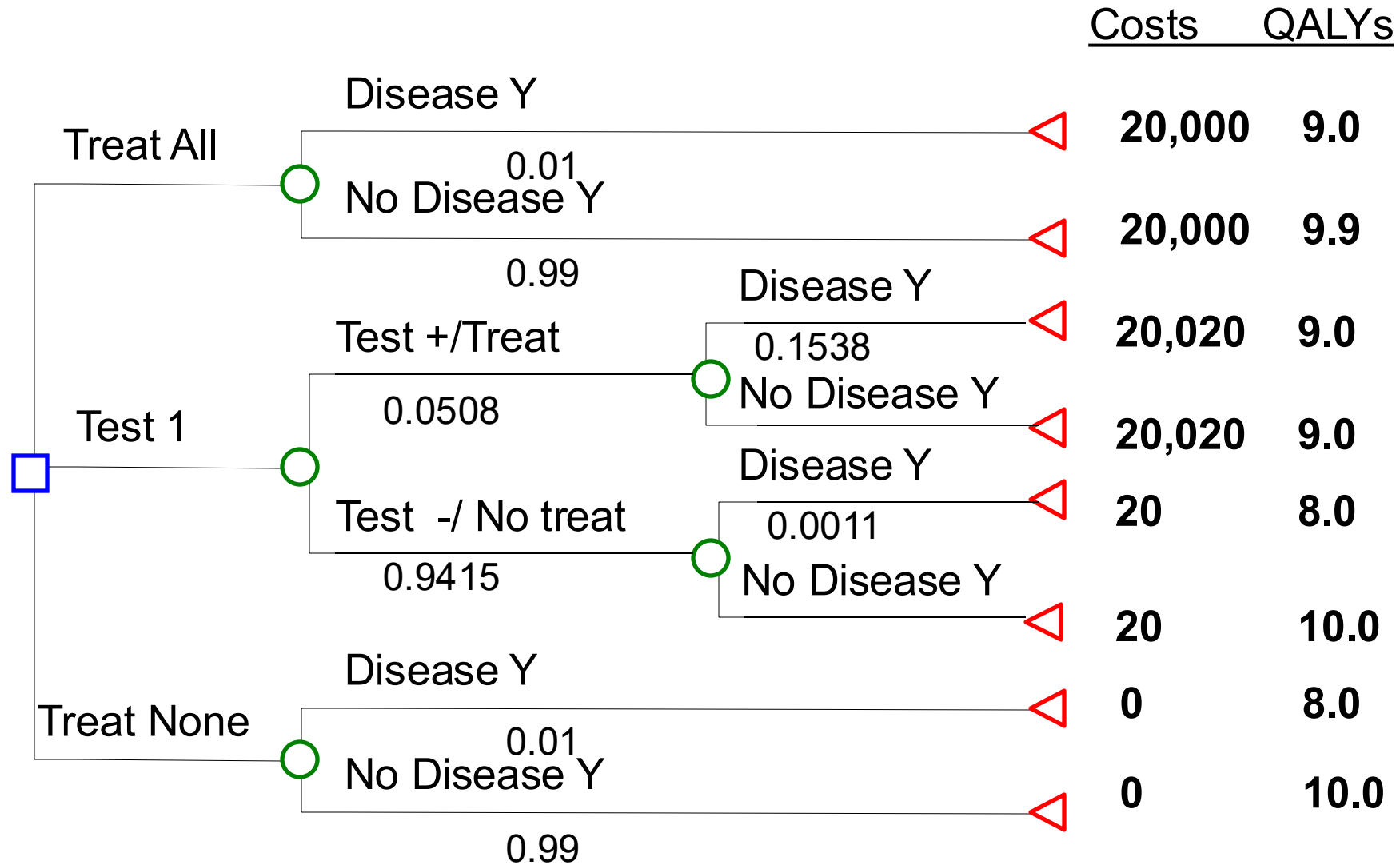
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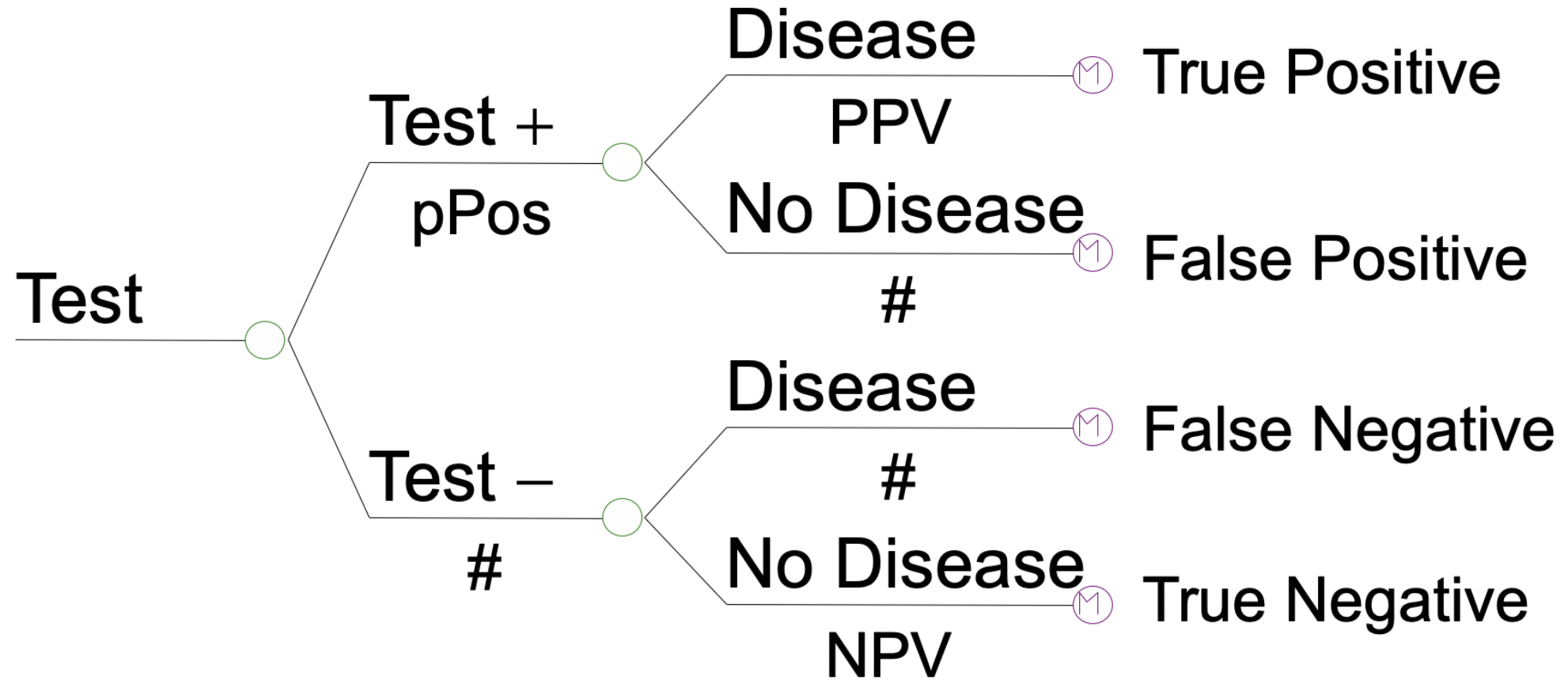
Markov Cycle Trees

- Markov models can be “grafted” onto decision trees at terminal nodes (i.e., Markov nodes)
- The averaged-out value at a Markov node is the desired summary value of the Markov process (e.g., QALE)

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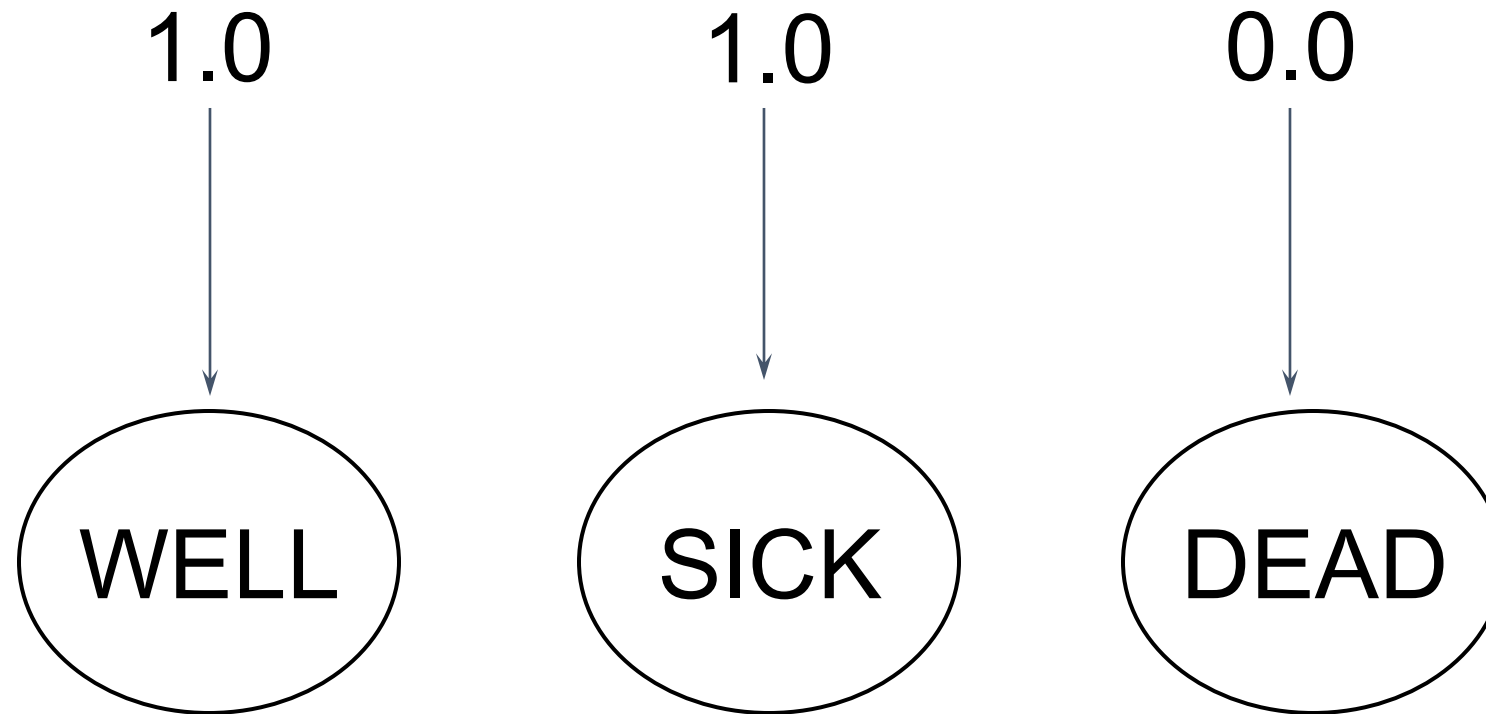
Typical Diagnostic Test Strategy



Markov Cohort Method

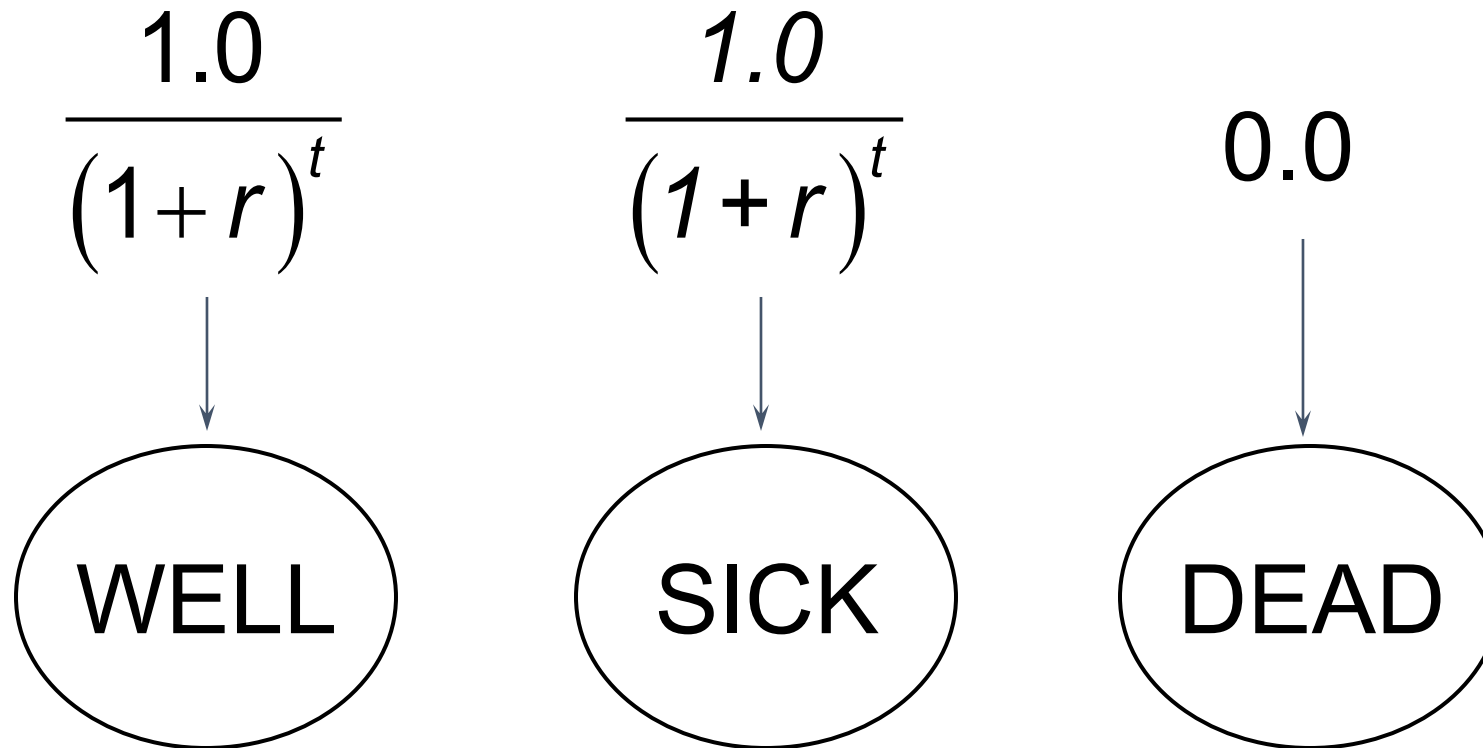
- Provides Markov trace (which shows the distribution of the population in each cycle)
- Gives an *approximation* to residence times
- Allows for half-cycle correction
- Calculates average number of cycles in each state (can weight cycles by utility or discount factor)

Life Expectancy

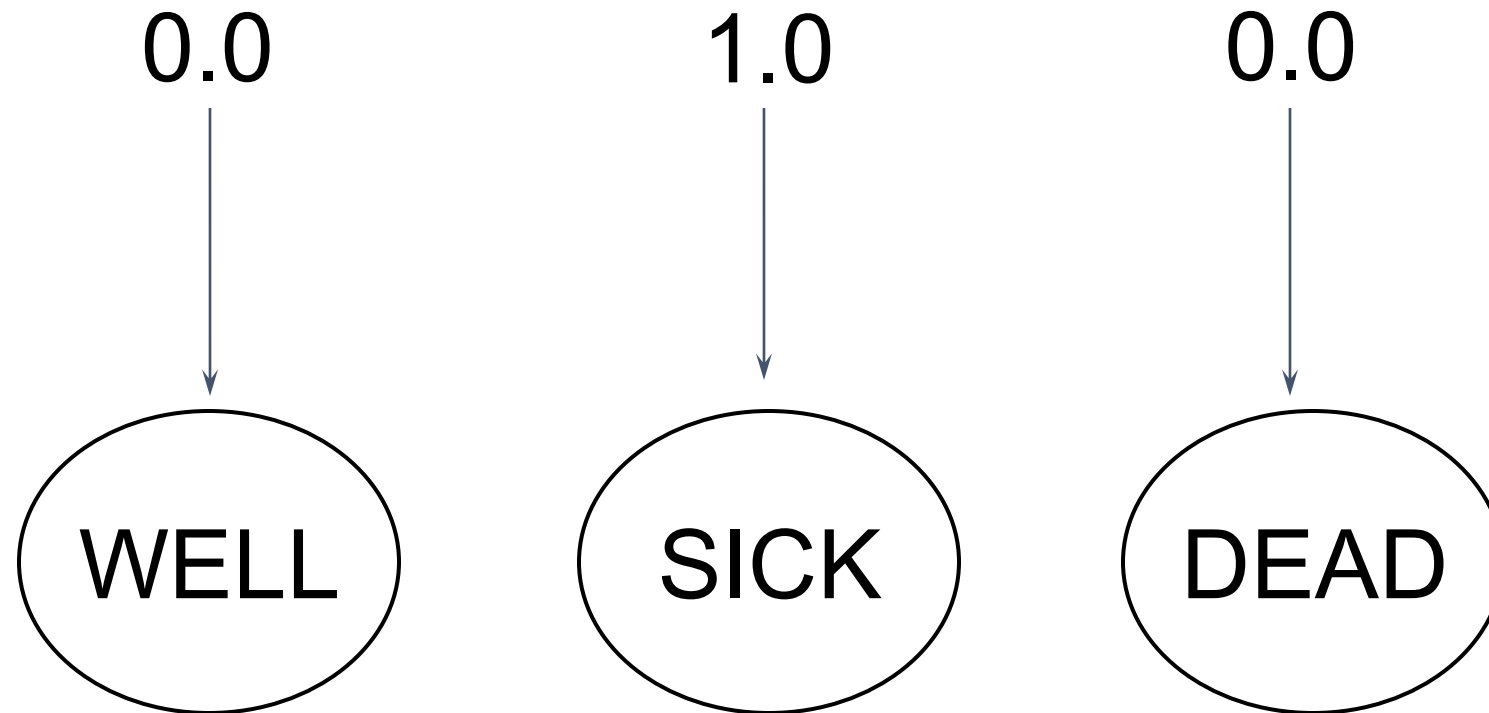


Discounted Life Expectancy

(r = discount rate, t = _stage)



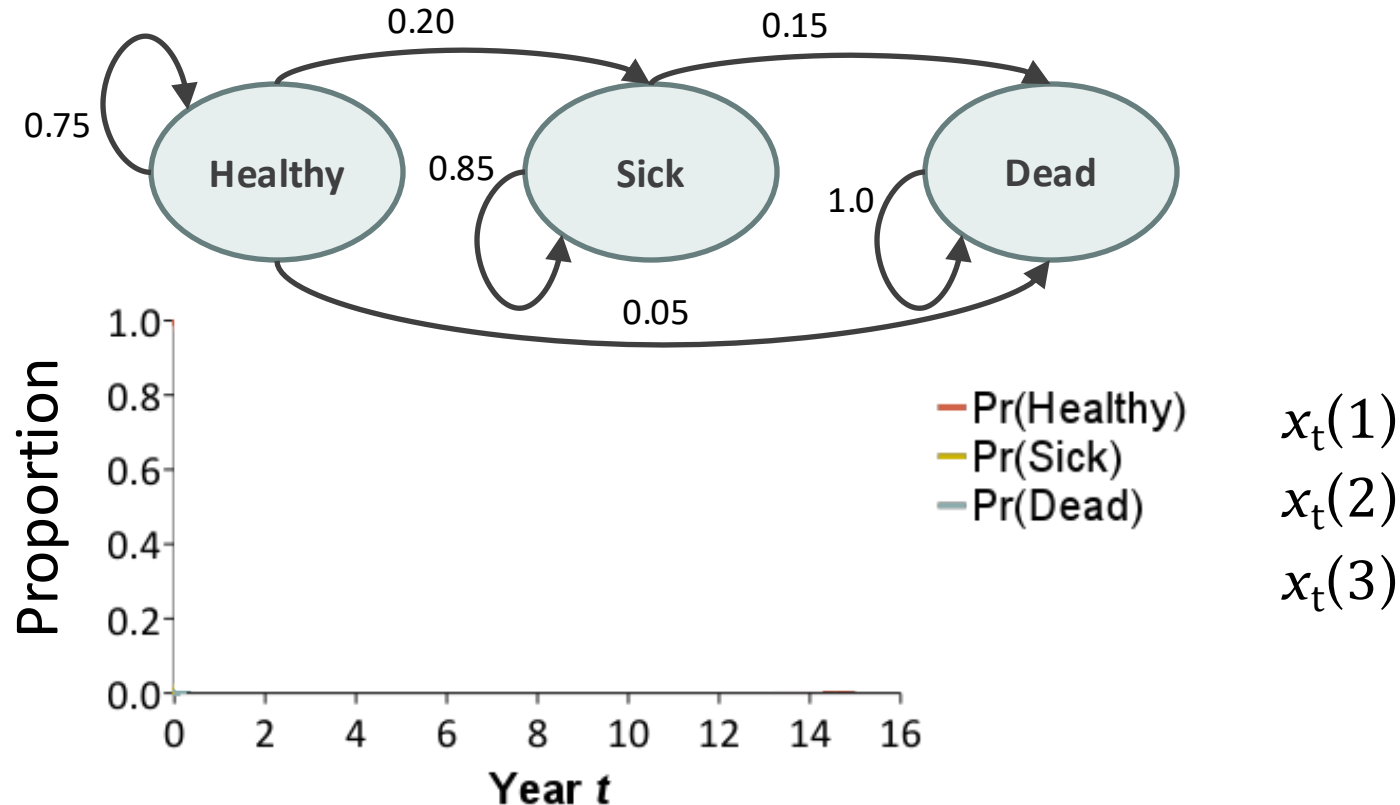
Model Outcome ?



Markov cohort trace

- Reflects the distribution of a cohort of patients over a set of states over time

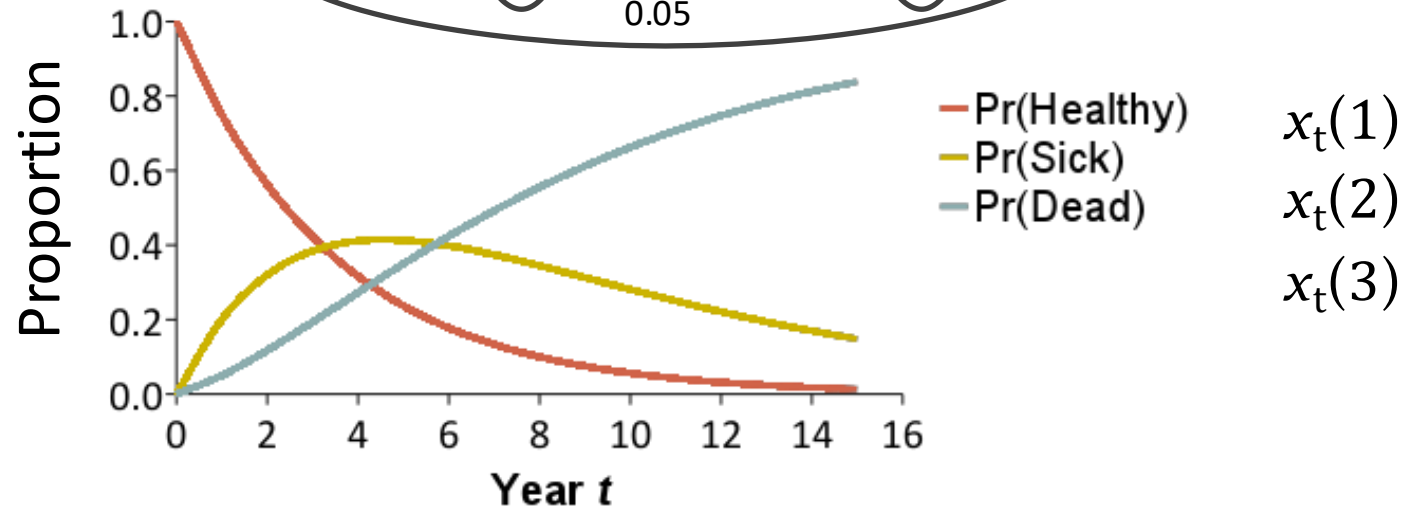
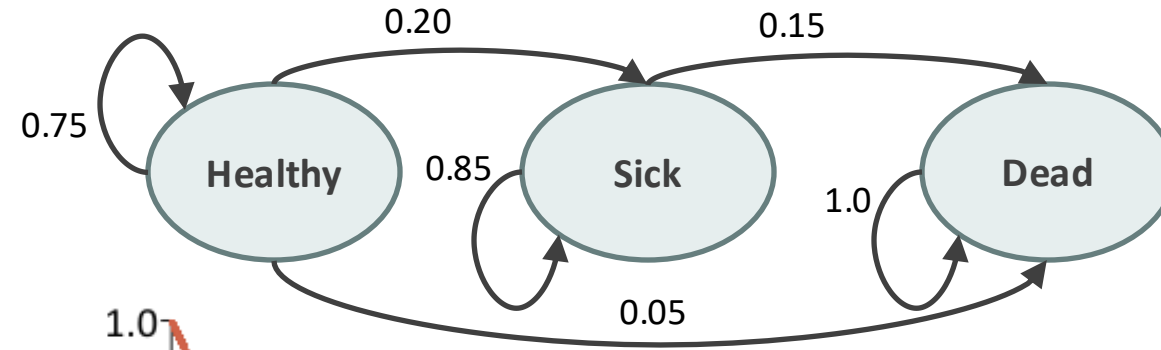
$$x_{10} = [0.06 \quad 0.28 \quad 0.66]$$



Markov cohort trace

- Reflects the distribution of a cohort of patients over a set of states over time

$$x_{15} = [0.01 \quad 0.15 \quad 0.84]$$



Markov cohort trace

- In R, let's define the cohort trace as m_M and the transition matrix as m_P
- To compute the trace, iterate the matrix multiplication between the state vector at time t and the transition matrix

```
for(t in 1:n_t){  
  m_M[t + 1, ] <- m_M[t, ] %*% m_P  
}
```

Markov Trace (Life-Years)

- Calculate expected remaining LE, QALE, costs
 - Multiply cohort distribution by state-specific values to calculate expected value at each time
 - Sum expected values over time (discount if desired)

Life-Years: 1.0 1.0 0.0

Time	Healthy	Sick	Dead	E[LYs]
0	1.0	0.0	0.0	--
1	0.75	0.20	0.05	
2	0.56	0.32	0.12	
3	0.42	0.38	0.19	
	

Sum
↓
* $1/(1+r)$
* $1/(1+r)^2$
* $1/(1+r)^3$

Total life years: 6.77 years
(Remaining life expectancy)

Markov Trace (Costs)

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Costs:	\$500	\$2,500	\$0		
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Sum

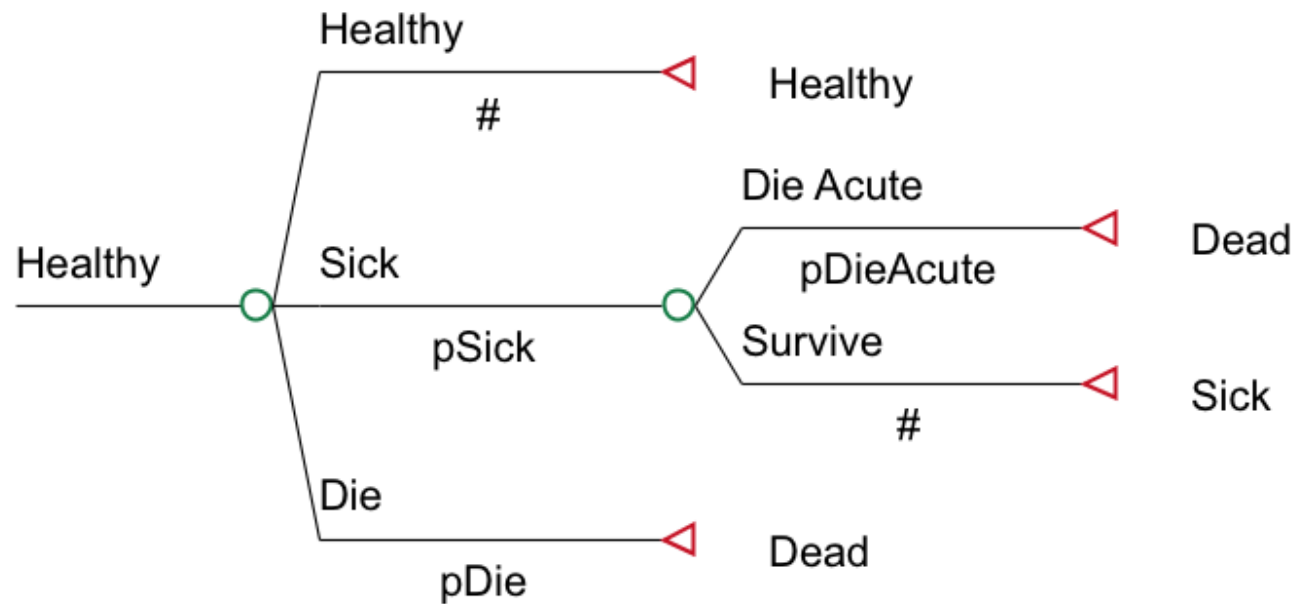


Total costs: \$11,557

(Total remaining lifetime costs) 69

Transition Probabilities

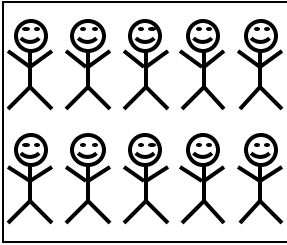
- $\Pr(\text{Healthy} \rightarrow \text{Dead})$ may not be conceptualized as one number



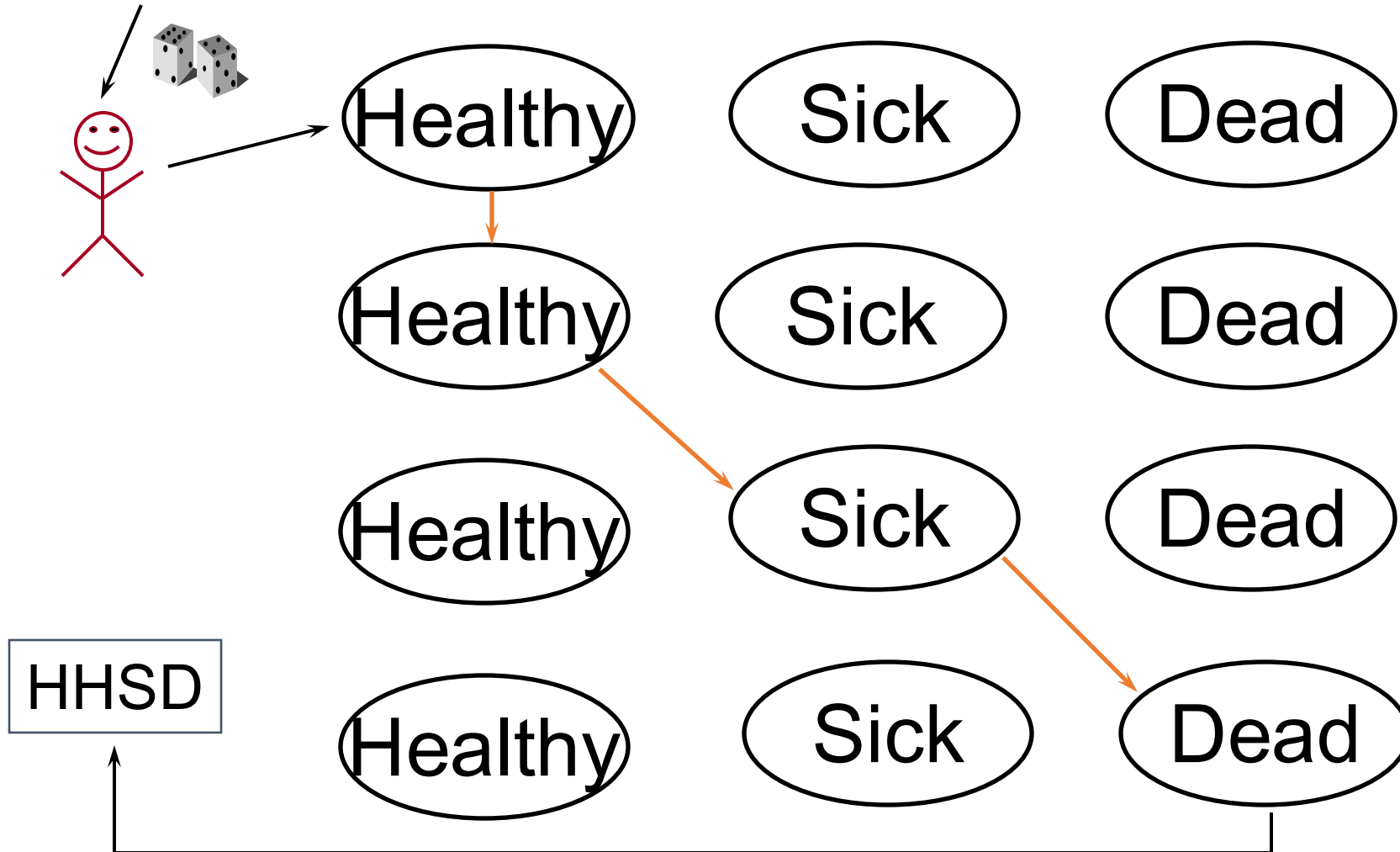
- $p_{\text{HD}} = p_{\text{Die}} + p_{\text{Sick}} * p_{\text{DieAcute}}$

Monte Carlo Simulation

1. Determine initial state at random, using the distribution of m_0
2. Simulate individual history, using random numbers to determine actual transitions from transition probabilities
3. Record # of cycles in each state
4. Repeat 1-3 many times (N)
5. Calculate mean # of cycles from sample of N
6. Calculate sampling error of estimates from sample of N , to check that precision is adequate



Monte Carlo Simulation



Comparison of Methods

- Cohort Method
 - short computing time
 - no sampling error in estimates
 - relatively easy to debug (with trace)
 - models can get large
- Monte Carlo Simulation
 - works well if there are a large # of variables
 - takes considerable computing time
 - potential for sampling error
 - more trouble debugging

Benefits of Markov Models

- Extrapolate benefits and costs beyond time horizon of existing data
- Consider all relevant policy strategies
- Incorporate data from multiple sources
- Evaluates “what if” scenarios

Extend Beyond Time Horizon

- Can “translate” an intermediate endpoint (e.g., increase in CD4 count, decrease of employment) into policy endpoints such as life years saved, quality-adjusted life years gained or economic returns
- Incorporates important long-term effects of policies

Data from Multiple Sources

- Data from primary sources
- Existing databases
- Studies reported in the literature
- Expert opinion

“What If” Scenarios

- How great would the increase in school attendance of a conditional cash transfer (CCT) program have to be to justify its implementation at a national level?
- How effective does a policy need to be, and at what duration of treatment effect, to replace current practices?
- Identifies important gaps in our knowledge

Typical Problems in Markov Modeling

- Population heterogeneity (e.g., risk factors)
 - » decompose states
- Transition probabilities depend on prior history
 - » expand state descriptions to reflect prior states
 - » special case (tunnel states): transition probabilities depend on duration in current state

R session

Time-dependent

Time-dependency

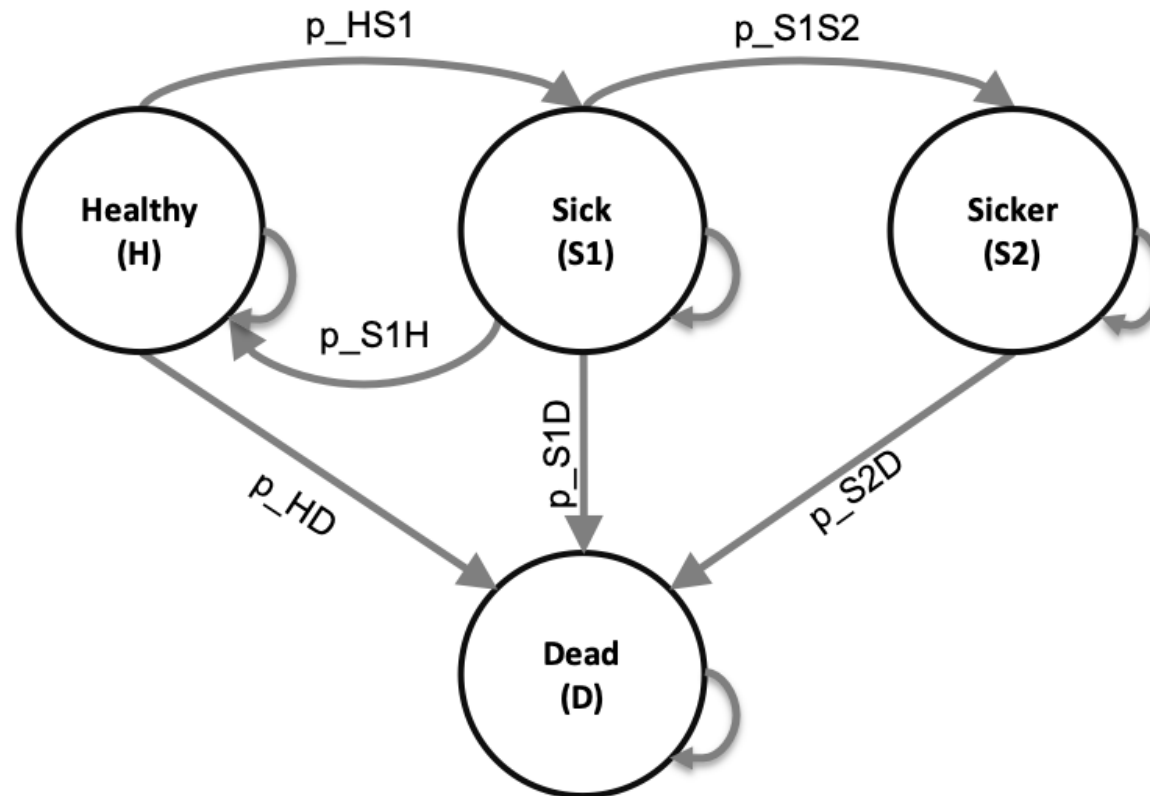
- **Since start of the simulation**
- Transition probabilities often depend on age
 - Background mortality
 - Risk of developing disease or experiencing an event
- **Depending on state residency**
- Some transition probabilities depend on time since an event, not age
 - e.g., The risk of developing recurrence among newly diagnosed cancer patients declines with time

Time-dependency since simulation start

- Transition probabilities often depend on time since model start
 - Background mortality
 - Risk of developing disease or experiencing an event
- In other words, matrix P is not the same every cycle
- Replace matrix P with matrices P_t , where t is time since model start

The Sick-Sicker model

- Four health states
- All individuals start in the Healthy state



Time-dependency since simulation start

- We create a 3D array, $\mathbf{a_P}$, that stores a collection of time-varying transition matrices, P_t , in the third dimension
- For the Sick-Sicker Markov model:

$$\mathbf{a_P} = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} \xrightarrow{n_t} \\ \nearrow n_s \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} p_{[H,H,n_t]} & p_{[H,S1,n_t]} & p_{[H,S2,n_t]} & p_{[H,D,n_t]} \\ p_{[H,H,2]} & p_{[H,S1,2]} & p_{[H,S2,2]} & p_{[H,D,2]} \\ p_{[S1,D,2]} & p_{[S2,D,2]} & p_{[D,D,2]} & \end{bmatrix} & \begin{matrix} \searrow \\ \xrightarrow{n_s} \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} \downarrow n_s \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} p_{[H,H,1]} & p_{[H,S1,1]} & p_{[H,S2,1]} & p_{[H,D,1]} & p_{[S1,D,2]} & p_{[S2,D,n_t]} \\ p_{[S1,H,1]} & p_{[S1,S1,1]} & p_{[S1,S2,1]} & p_{[S1,D,1]} & p_{[S2,D,2]} & p_{[D,D,n_t]} \\ p_{[S2,H,1]} & p_{[S2,S1,1]} & p_{[S2,S2,1]} & p_{[S2,D,1]} & p_{[D,D,2]} & \\ p_{[D,H,1]} & p_{[D,S1,1]} & p_{[D,S2,1]} & p_{[D,D,1]} & & \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

Time-dependency since simulation start

- Iterate over the third dimension of a_P

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for(t in 1:n_t){  
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Time-dependency based on state-residence

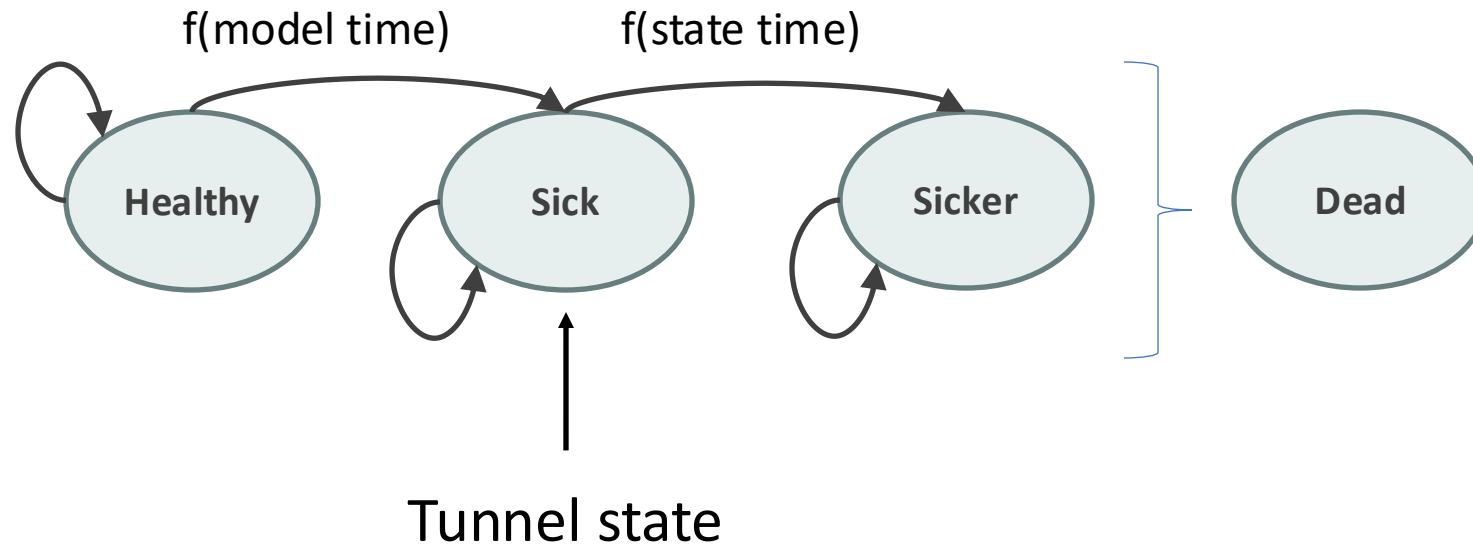
- “Memoryless” property of Markov models is a BIG assumption
 - Transition probabilities only depend on the current state and not on past states
- Many transition probabilities depend on model history, not time since model start
 - Risk of myocardial infarction (MI) greater for persons with prior MI

Tunnel states

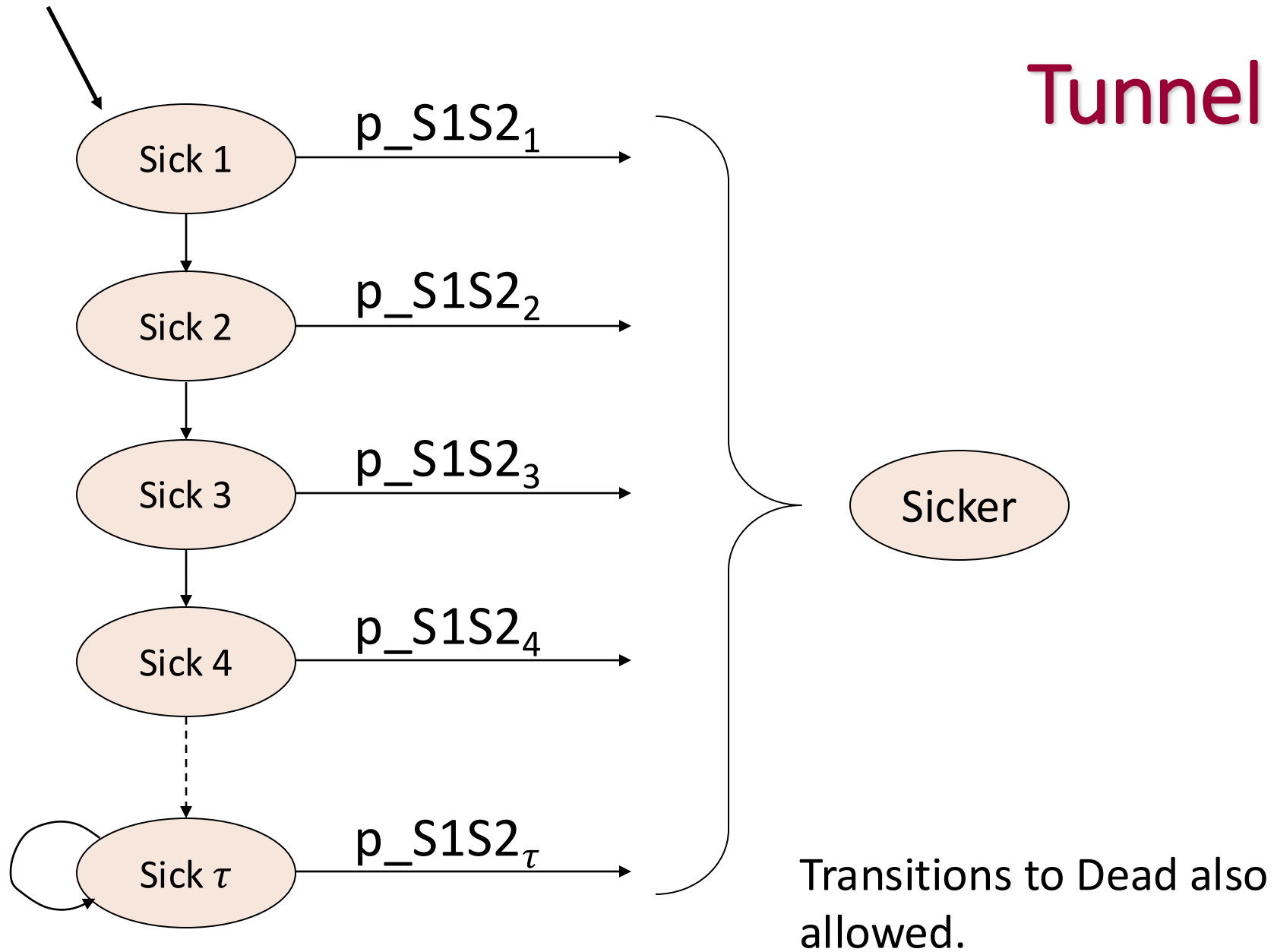
- If transition probabilities do not depend on the time since model start, replacing P with P_t does not work
 - E.g., Cohort of healthy patients at risk for cancer, but once cancer is diagnosed the risk of recurrence depends on time since diagnosis
- Solution?
 - Create “tunnel” states



Model with double time dependency



Tunnel states



Time-dependent probabilities

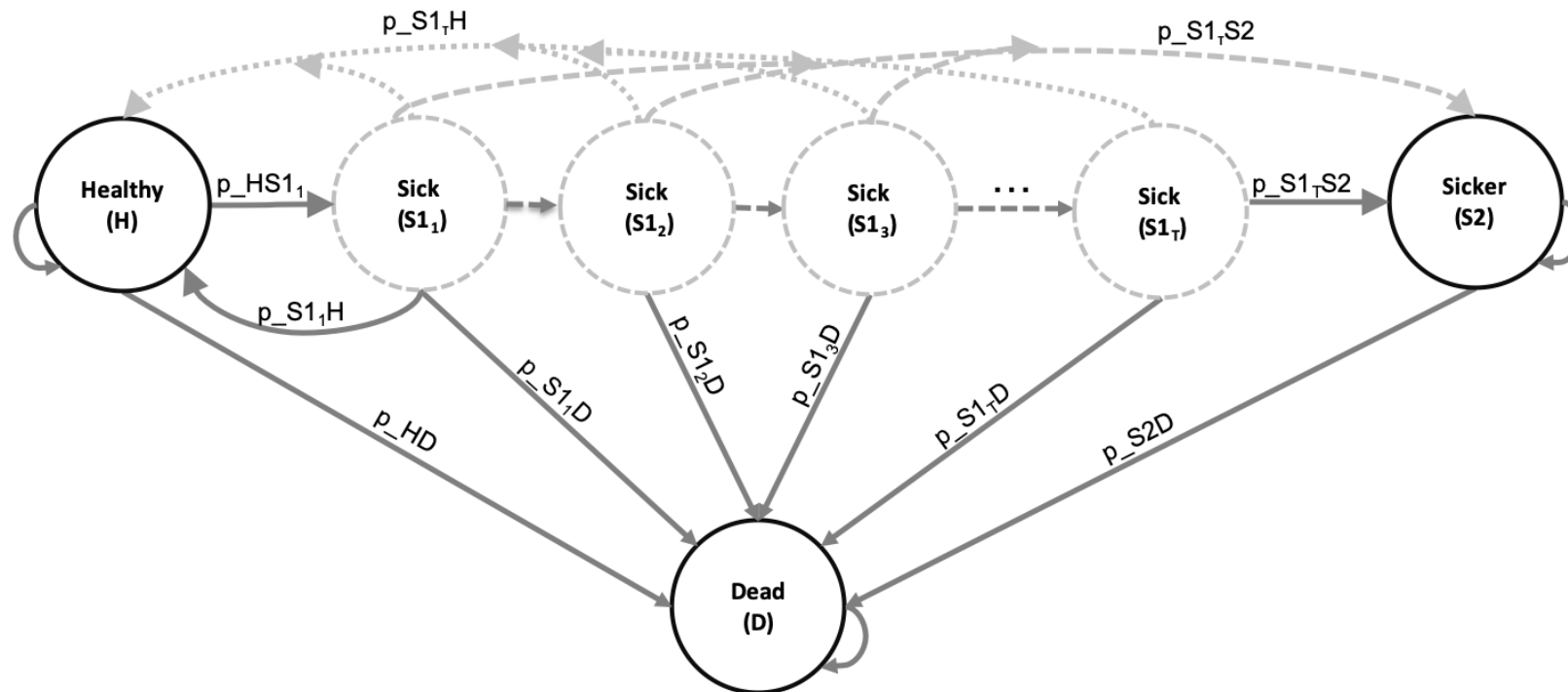
- Progression from Sick to Sicker increases the longer a person has been sick
- This increase follows a Weibull hazard:

$$p_{S1S2}(\tau) = \lambda\gamma\tau^{(\gamma-1)}$$

- τ represents the time since getting Sick

Time-dependent probabilities

- Expand the states of the 3D array by the number of cycles considered in the time-dependency variable(s)
- For the Sick-Sicker Markov model:



Time-dependent probabilities

- Expand the states of the 3D array by the number of cycles considered in the time-dependency variable(s)
- The transition array for the Sick-Sicker Markov model:

$$\mathbf{a_P_tunnels} = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} \nearrow n_t \\ \nearrow n_s \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} p[H,H,n_t] & p[H,S1_1,n_t] & p[H,S1_2,n_t] & \cdots & p[H,S1_\tau,n_t] & p[H,S2,n_t] & p[H,D,n_t] \\ p[H,H,2] & p[H,S1_1,2] & p[H,S1_2,2] & \cdots & p[H,S1_\tau,2] & p[H,S2,2] & p[H,D,2] \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix} & \begin{bmatrix} p[S1_1,D,n_t] \\ p[S1_2,D,n_t] \\ \vdots \\ p[S1_\tau,D,n_t] \\ p[S2,D,n_t] \\ p[D,D,n_t] \end{bmatrix} \\ \begin{matrix} \downarrow n_s \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} \left[\begin{matrix} p[H,H,1] & p[H,S1_1,1] & p[H,S1_2,1] & \cdots & p[H,S1_\tau,1] & p[H,S2,1] & p[H,D,1] \\ p[S1_1,H,1] & p[S1_1,S1_1,1] & p[S1_1,S1_2,1] & \cdots & p[S1_1,S1_\tau,1] & p[S1_1,S2,1] & p[S1_1,D,1] \\ p[S1_2,H,1] & p[S1_2,S1_1,1] & p[S1_2,S1_2,1] & \cdots & p[S1_2,S1_\tau,1] & p[S1_2,S2,1] & p[S1_2,D,1] \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ p[S1_\tau,H,1] & p[S1_\tau,S1_1,1] & p[S1_\tau,S1_2,1] & \cdots & p[S1_\tau,S1_\tau,1] & p[S1_\tau,S2,1] & p[S1_\tau,D,1] \\ p[S2,H,1] & p[S2,S1_1,1] & p[S2,S1_2,1] & \cdots & p[S2,S1_\tau,1] & p[S2,S2,1] & p[S2,D,1] \\ p[D,H,1] & p[D,S1_1,1] & p[D,S1_2,1] & \cdots & p[D,S1_\tau,1] & p[D,S2,1] & p[D,D,1] \end{matrix} \right] \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} p[S1_1,D,2] \\ p[S1_2,D,2] \\ \vdots \\ p[S1_\tau,D,2] \\ p[S2,D,2] \\ p[D,D,2] \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

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