

## *Lecture 10. More on PP and DTMC*

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## Minimum of exponential random variables

- Minimum of exponentially distributed random variables is again exponential random variable with parameter that is the sum of parameters of original exponential random variables.
- Thm.  $X_1 \sim \exp(\lambda_1)$ ,  $X_2 \sim \exp(\lambda_2)$ ,  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  are indep.  
 $\Rightarrow \min(X_1, X_2) \sim \exp(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)$

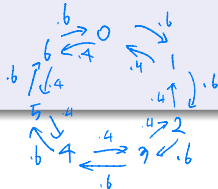
## Doubly stochastic matrix

### Definition - Doubly stochastic matrix

- A matrix is said to be *stochastic* if each row sums up to 1.
  - Every legit transition probability matrix in DTMC is *stochastic*.
- A stochastic matrix is said to be *doubly stochastic* if each column sums up to 1 as well.
  - Ex) The first example of periodic matrix.

### Theorem

- $n$  by  $n$  doubly stochastic matrix for finite states DTMC has stationary distribution  $\pi_i = 1/n$  for every state  $i \in S$ .
  - Ex1) The above example.
  - Ex2) Ring structure DTMC.



## Chapman-Kolmogorov Equation for DTMC

- n-step probability review
- We want to have (m+n)-step transition probability (matrix) using m-step and n-step transition matrix.
- $\mathbf{P}_{ij}^{n+m} = \sum_{k \in S} \mathbf{P}_{ik}^n \mathbf{P}_{kj}^m$
- Perspective of “path”.
- pf)  $\mathbf{P}_{ij}^{n+m} =$

- Matrix Algebra point of view





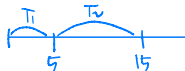
$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{matrix} (C, C) \\ (NC, C) \\ (C, NC) \\ (NC, NC) \end{matrix} \begin{pmatrix} .2 & .8 \\ .4 & .6 \\ .6 & .4 \\ .8 & .2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Q1)  $\mathbb{P}[Y_{n+2} = (NC, C) | Y_n = (C, C)] = ?$

## Interarrival times in PP



- In  $LN(\cdot, p(\cdot))$ . We let  $T_1 := \text{Time to first arrival in } PP(\lambda)$ , and showed  $T_1 \sim \exp(\lambda)$ .
- Furthermore, for  $n > 1$ , let  $T_n$  denote the elapsed time between  $(n - 1)$ st and the  $n$ th event. The sequence  $\{T_n, n = 1, 2, \dots\}$  is called *sequence of interarrival times*.
- ex) What does  $T_1 = 5$  and  $T_2 = 10$  mean?



- Theorem:  $T_n \sim \exp(\lambda)$ , for all  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ .
- Remark. The PP from any point on is independent of all that has previously occurred (by independent increments), and also has the same distribution as the original process (by stationary increments).
- Remark. In other words, the process has no memory, and hence exponential interarrival times are naturally expected.

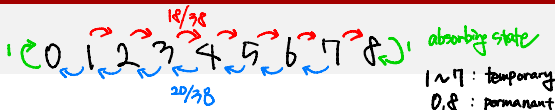
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## *Extended applications of DTMC and PP*

- We can model various things.
  - Sports Analysis
  - Gambling
  - Financial Market
  - and more...
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- This lecture could help your project as well as the exam.

## Gambler's ruin probability



- Suppose you have \$3(=x), and bet \$1 with winning probability  $p = 18/38$  until your wealth becomes \$0(=a) or your wealth becomes \$8(=b). What is chance of you will leave Casino with \$8?  $P_{38}^{\infty} = ?$

$$P = \begin{matrix} \begin{matrix} 0(lose) \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \\ 7 \\ 8(won) \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ .53 & \bullet & .47 & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & .53 & \bullet & .47 & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet & .53 & \bullet & .47 & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & .53 & \bullet & .47 & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & .53 & \bullet & .47 & \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & .53 & \bullet & .47 & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & .53 & \bullet & .47 \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$P'_{34} = 0.47$$

- Result of  $a = 0, b = 8, p = 18/38$

$$\mathbf{P}^\infty = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 0(\text{lose}) \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \\ 5 \\ 6 \\ 7 \\ 8(\text{won}) \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ .92 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & .08 \\ .82 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & .18 \\ .72 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & .28 \\ .60 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & .40 \\ .48 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & .52 \\ .33 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & .67 \\ .18 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & .82 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

$$P_{7B}^\infty = 0.28$$

- Result of  $a = 0$ ,  $b = 1000$ ,  $p = 18/38$ ,  $x = 100$ .  
lose win current

- What is the quantity for  $P_{100\$ \rightarrow win}^\infty$ ?

$$6.2 \times 10^{-42}$$

- Result of  $a = 0$ ,  $b = 1000$ ,  $p = 19/38$ ,  $x = 100$ .

- What is the quantity for  $P_{100\$ \rightarrow win}^\infty$ ?  $X_0 = EX_1 = \dots = EX_T$

$$0.1$$

$$100 = X_0 = EX_T = P_{win} \times 1000 + (1 - P_{win}) \times 0$$

$$P_{win} = 10\%$$

- Result of  $a = 0$ ,  $b = 10 \times 100\$$ ,  $p = 18/38$ ,  $x = 1 \times 100\$$  (bet 100\$ for each)

- What is the quantity for  $P_{1 \times 100\$ \rightarrow win}^\infty$ ?



$$6\%$$

## ■ Appendix - MATLAB code for Gambler's ruin

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fx >> p=18/38;
    q=1-p;
    a=0; % lose
    b=1000; % won
    n=b-a+1;
    P=diag(p*ones(n-1,1),1)+diag(q*ones(n-1,1),-1);
    P(1,:)=[1' zeros(n-1,1)']';
    P(n,:)=[zeros(n-1,1)' 1']';
    P;
    P50000=P^500000;
    P50000(101,n)
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- Racket sports (court number 5 in CRC)
- Rules
  - Two players, three or five games.
  - Only the server scores points.
  - The server, on winning a rally, scores a point
  - The receiver, on winning a rally, becomes the server.
  - The player who scores nine points wins the game

## ■ Rules (cont'd)

- Suppose A and B are playing for the first set and  $8 : \overline{7}$  now.  
(A's score is 8, B's score is 7, and B is serving)
- Suppose B wins this play so that it becomes  $8 : \overline{8}$ .
- Because A got to 8 first, A can decide either
  - i) This set ends at 9
  - ii) This set ends at 10

## ■ Questions

- Suppose the chance of A winning a play is 0.6, then should A choose i) or ii)?



- Suppose A decides “i) This set ends at 9”.
- DTMC
  - Transition diagram and matrix
  - Classification of states
  - What is the chance of A winning this game?

- Suppose A decides “ii) This set ends at 10”.

- DTMC

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{matrix} \begin{matrix} lose \\ 8 : \overline{8} \\ \overline{8} : 8 \\ 8 : \overline{9} \\ \overline{8} : 9 \\ 9 : \overline{8} \\ \overline{9} : 8 \\ 9 : \overline{9} \\ \overline{9} : 9 \\ win \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \\ \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet & \bullet \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

- What is the chance of A winning this game?

- What if the chance of A winning a rally is not 0.6, but for general  $p$ ?

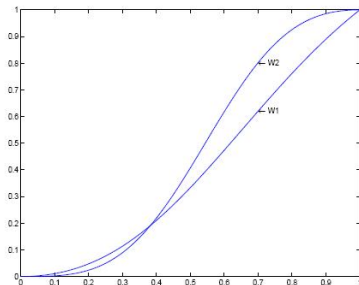


Figure 1: Probability of winning

- optimal decision
  - If  $p \leq \frac{1}{2}$ , then choose i) ends at 9
  - Otherwise, choose ii) ends at 10

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## Stock price - binomial tree

- Let  $X_n$  be the closing price of the stock at  $n$ th day.
- Let  $p = \mathbb{P}(X_{n+1} = x + 1 | X_n = x)$ , and  $1 - p = \mathbb{P}(X_{n+1} = x - 1 | X_n = x)$
- Consider future evolution, starting with  $X_0 = 100$ .

- Consider an European call option which matures at day 5 with exercise price 101.
- (If you possess one unit of the call option, then at the day 5, you have a right to buy the stock at 101 dollars.)
- If  $X_5 = 103$ , then you can buy the stock at 101 and sell at 103. In this case, you earn 2 dollar.
- If  $X_5 = 99$ , then you still can buy the stock at 101. But you would not do it because you can buy a stock at 99 dollars. (Possessing call option is the “right” not the “obligation”)
- i.e., the payoff of a call option is  $(X_5 - 101)^+$

- What is the expected payoff for the option, when  $p = 0.6$ ?

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## Soccer scoring by PP

- Sports like soccer can be modelled by Poisson process because of many trials with small probability to make goal.
- Suppose the team A has goal-ability of  $PP(1 \text{ per } 30 \text{ minutes})$ , and the team B has goal-ability of  $PP(1 \text{ per } 25 \text{ minutes})$ .
- Assume the two Poisson processes are independent. (very absurd assumption...)
- What are the chance for A to win/draw/lose?
- Let  $X_A := \#$  of goals that A team makes during 90 minutes, and define  $X_B$  same way.
- By Poisson Process principle,  $X_A \sim \text{poi}(3)$ ,  $X_B \sim \text{poi}(90/25)$ .
- $\mathbb{P}(X_A > X_B)$ ,  $\mathbb{P}(X_A = X_B)$ ,  $\mathbb{P}(X_A < X_B)$
- Why PP is not a good model for Soccer game scoring?

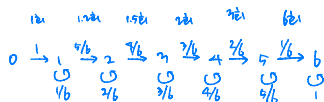
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$$\text{Ber}(p) \xrightarrow{n \text{ trial}} \text{bin}(p, n) \xrightarrow{np \text{ large}} N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$

$$\text{bin}(p, n) \xrightarrow[n \text{ large}]{p \text{ small}} \text{Poi}(\lambda) \xrightarrow{\text{inter event time}} \text{exp}(\lambda)$$

continuous memoryless

$X_n$ : n번째 실험까지 성공한 횟수



"1, 2, 3, 4, 5"

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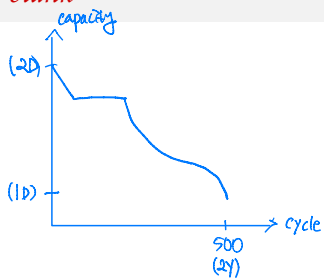
$$\text{geo}(p)$$

discrete memoryless

## Previous Exercise

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} .2 & .8 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ .5 & .5 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & .25 & 0 & .75 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & .5 & 0 & .5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

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## Previous Exercise

- Suppose you are modelling your economic status using DTMC.
  - There are five possible economic status: Trillionaire (T), Billionaire (B), Millionaire (M), Thousandaire (Th), Bankrupt (Bk).
  - Your economic status changes every month.
  - Once you are bankrupt, there is no chance of coming back to other states.
  - Also, once you become a billionaire or a trillionaire, you will never be millionaire, thousandaire, or bankrupt.
  - Other chances of transitions are as follows. (Chances for transitions to itself are omitted.)

Transition	Prob.
$T \rightarrow B$	0.9
$B \rightarrow T$	0.3
$M \rightarrow B$	0.1
$M \rightarrow Th$	0.5
$Th \rightarrow M$	0.2
$Th \rightarrow Bk$	0.3

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## Previous Exercise

- Nortel in Canada operates a call center for customer service.
    - Assume that each caller speaks either English or French, but not both.
    - Suppose that the arrival for each type of calls follows a Poisson process.
    - The arrival rates for English and French calls are 2 and 1 calls per minute, respectively.
    - Assume that call arrivals for different types are independent.
- (a) What is the probability that the 2nd English call will arrive after minute 5?

- (c) What is the expected time for the 1st call that can be answered by a bilingual operator (that speaks both English and French) to arrive?
- (d) Suppose that the call center is staffed by bilingual operators that speak both English and French.
- Let  $N(t)$  be the total number of calls of both types that arrive during  $(0, t]$ . What kind of a process is  $N(t)$ ?
  - What is the mean and variance of  $N(t)$ ?
- (g) What is the probability that two calls arrive in the interval 0 to 10 minutes and three calls arrive in the interval from 5 to 15 minutes?



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## Previous Exercise

- Calls to a center follow a Poisson process with rate 120 calls per hour.
  - Each call has probability  $1/4$  from a male customer.
  - The call center opens at 9am each morning.
  
- (d) What is the expected elapse of time from 9am until the second female customer arrives?

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## Previous Exercise

Assume that call arrival to a call center follows a NHPP. The call center opens from 9am to 5pm. During the first hour, the arrival rate increases linearly from 0 at 9am to 60 calls per hour at 10am. After 10am, the arrival rate is constant at 60 calls per hour.

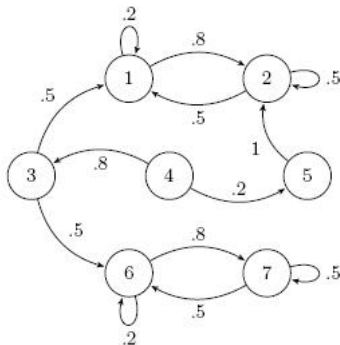
- (a) Plot the arrival rate function  $\lambda(t)$  as a function of time  $t$ ; indicate clearly the time unit used.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- (b) Find the probability that exactly 5 calls have arrived by 9:10am.

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## Exercise 1

- Calculate  $\mathbf{P}^{100}$  for the following DTMC. Make sure you can retrieve every element of the  $\mathbf{P}^{100}$  matrix.





(Solution)

$$\mathbf{P} = \begin{pmatrix} .2 & .8 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ .5 & .5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ .5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & .5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & .8 & 0 & .2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & .2 & .8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & .5 & .5 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Step 1) Identifying classes.

Recurrent classes:  $\{1, 2\}$ ,  $\{6, 7\}$ . Transient classes:  $\{3\}$ ,  $\{4\}$ ,  $\{5\}$

(So far, how many classes do you see in this example? There are two recurrent classes and three transient classes. Therefore, there are total five classes.)

Step 2) Set up  $p^{100}$  and identify as many zeros as possible.

$$\mathbf{P}^{100} \approx \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{P}^n = \begin{pmatrix} x & x & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ x & x & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & & 0 & 0 & 0 & & \\ & & 0 & 0 & 0 & & \\ & & 0 & 0 & 0 & & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & x & x \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & x & x \end{pmatrix}.$$

Step 3) Identify the “ $x$ ” in above matrix. The “ $x$ ” are limiting probability from a recurrent class to the recurrent class itself. Thus, we can find limiting probability by getting stationary distribution of the small Markov chain of recurrent class. \

For the first recurrent class of  $\{1, 2\}$ ,

$$\pi_1 = 0.2\pi_1 + 0.5\pi_2$$

$$\pi_2 = 0.8\pi_1 + 0.5\pi_2$$

$$\pi_1 + \pi_2 = 1$$

Thus,  $(\pi_1, \pi_2) = (5/13, 8/13)$ . Similarly, we have  $(\pi_6, \pi_7) = (5/13, 8/13)$ . Now you have identified the “ $x$ ”s in the previous matrix arriving to

$$\mathbf{P}^{100} \approx \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{P}^n = \begin{pmatrix} 5/13 & 8/13 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 5/13 & 8/13 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ & & 0 & 0 & 0 & & \\ & & 0 & 0 & 0 & & \\ & & 0 & 0 & 0 & & \\ & & 0 & 0 & 0 & & \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 5/13 & 8/13 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 5/13 & 8/13 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Step 4) We shall find the limiting probability going from transient state to recurrent class, i.e.

$f_{3,\{1,2\}}, f_{4,\{1,2\}}, f_{5,\{1,2\}}$ . Once you find these three numbers out, you will automatically get  $f_{3,\{6,7\}}, f_{4,\{6,7\}}, f_{5,\{6,7\}}$ .

$$\mathbf{P}^{100} \approx \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{P}^n = \begin{pmatrix} 5/13 & 8/13 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 5/13 & 8/13 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 5/13 f_{3,\{1,2\}} & 8/13 f_{3,\{1,2\}} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 5/13 f_{3,\{6,7\}} & 8/13 f_{3,\{6,7\}} \\ 5/13 f_{4,\{1,2\}} & 8/13 f_{4,\{1,2\}} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 5/13 f_{4,\{6,7\}} & 8/13 f_{4,\{6,7\}} \\ 5/13 f_{5,\{1,2\}} & 8/13 f_{5,\{1,2\}} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 5/13 f_{5,\{6,7\}} & 8/13 f_{5,\{6,7\}} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 5/13 & 8/13 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 5/13 & 8/13 \end{pmatrix}$$

Step 5) It remains us to find  $f_{3,\{1,2\}}, f_{4,\{1,2\}}, f_{5,\{1,2\}}$  as explained above. So let's begin filling this out by calculating the absorption probabilities into class  $\{1, 2\}$

$$f_{3,\{1,2\}} = 0.5$$

$$f_{4,\{1,2\}} = 0.8f_{3,\{1,2\}} + 0.2f_{5,\{1,2\}}$$

$$f_{5,\{1,2\}} = 1$$

Solving by substituting the first and third equations in the second, we get

$$f_{3,\{1,2\}} = 1/2$$

$$f_{4,\{1,2\}} = 3/5$$

$$f_{5,\{1,2\}} = 1$$

Obviously, the absorption probabilities into class  $\{6, 7\}$ , can be calculated directly since for the transient states the sum of all absorption probabilities is 1.

$$f_{3,\{6,7\}} = 1 - f_{3,\{1,2\}} = 1/2$$

$$f_{4,\{6,7\}} = 1 - f_{4,\{1,2\}} = 2/5$$

$$f_{5,\{6,7\}} = 1 - f_{5,\{1,2\}} = 0$$

Step 6) Deliver solution.

$$\mathbf{P}^{100} \approx \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbf{P}^n = \begin{pmatrix} 5/13 & 8/13 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 5/13 & 8/13 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 5/26 & 4/13 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 5/26 & 4/13 \\ 3/13 & 24/65 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2/13 & 16/65 \\ 5/13 & 8/13 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 5/13 & 8/13 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 5/13 & 8/13 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Exercise 2

■ Carefully state the definitions for the terms below.

- Reach
- Communicate
- Class
- Irreducible
- Reducible
- Period
- Periodic
- Aperiodic
- Recurrent
- Absorbing state
- Transient

## (Solution)

- A state  $i$  can **reach** a state  $j$  and write  $i \rightarrow j$  if  $\exists n$  s.t.  $P_{ij}^n > 0$ .
- State  $i$  and  $j$  are said to **communicate** and write  $i \leftrightarrow j$  if  $i \rightarrow j$  and  $j \rightarrow i$ .
- A group of states that communicate is said to be a **class**.
- MC  $X_n$  is said to be **irreducible** if all states communicate. (Or, equivalently, MC  $X_n$  is said to be **irreducible** if  $\exists$  only one class.)
- MC  $X_n$  is said to be **reducible** if there are more than one class in MC.
- For a state  $i \in S$ , **period**  $d(i) := \gcd\{n, P_{ii}^n > 0\}$
- MC  $X_n$  is said to be **periodic** if  $\exists i$  with  $d(i) > 1$
- MC  $X_n$  is said to be **aperiodic** if not **periodic**. (Or, equivalently, MC  $X_n$  is said to be **aperiodic** if all states have period of 1.)
- A state  $i$  is said to be **recurrent** if, starting from  $i$ , the probability of getting back to  $i$  in some future is 1.
- A state  $i$  is said to be **absorbing state**, as a special case of recurrent state, if  $p_{ii} = 1$ .
- A state  $i$  is said to be **transient** if, starting from  $i$ , the probability of getting back to  $i$  is less than 1. (Remark. The chance of staying in transient class after infinite amount of time is zero.)



## Exercise 3

(Solutions to questions below can be all found in the lecture note.)

- What is pmf and cdf for the Poisson distribution?
- For  $X \sim Poi(\lambda)$ , show that  $\mathbb{E}X = \lambda$ .
- What is the definition of the stochastic matrix? What is the definition of the doubly stochastic matrix and what is an important theorem regarding its stationary distribution?
- Suppose  $X_1 \sim exp(\lambda_1)$ ,  $X_2 \sim exp(\lambda_2)$  and they are independent, then what is the distribution of the random variable  $\min(X_1, X_2)$ ? Prove your answer.
- Prove that the time to first arrival in  $PP(\lambda)$  follows  $exp(\lambda)$ .



"Quality is never an accident. It is always the result of intelligent effort.  
- John Ruskin."