

## HW 2

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**2) Let  $Y \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma)$  with  $Y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ . Let  $M$  be an invertible  $n \times n$  matrix. Show that  $MY \sim \mathcal{N}(0, M\Sigma M^T)$ . Don't assume that  $MY$  is normal. (I did this problem in class, but left the very end for you to do.)**

$$P(MY \in R) = P(Y \in M^{-1}R) = \int \cdots \int_{M^{-1}R} dy_1 \cdots dy_n \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}(\det \Sigma)^{1/2}} e^{-Y^T \Sigma^{-1} Y/2}$$

$$\text{Let } z = h(y) \quad h: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n, y = h^{-1}(z) \Rightarrow$$

$$= \int \cdots \int_{h(M^{-1}R)} dz_1 \cdots dz_n \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}(\det \Sigma)^{1/2}} e^{-h^{-1}(z)^T \Sigma^{-1} h^{-1}(z)/2} \Rightarrow z = MY \leftrightarrow Y = M^{-1}z$$

$$P(MY \in R) = \int \cdots \int_R dz_1 \cdots dz_n \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}(\det \Sigma)^{1/2}} \det M^{-1} e^{-(M^{-1}z)^T \Sigma^{-1} (M^{-1}z)/2}$$

$$\det M^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det M} = \frac{1}{\det M^{1/2} \det M^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{\det M^{1/2} \det M^{T^{1/2}}} \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}(\det \Sigma)^{1/2}} \det M^{-1} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}(\det M \det \Sigma \det M^T)^{1/2}} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}(\det(M\Sigma M^T))^{1/2}}$$

$$(M^{-1}z)^T \Sigma^{-1} (M^{-1}z) = (z^T M^T)^{-1} \Sigma^{-1} M^{-1}z = z^T (M^{T^{-1}} \Sigma^{-1} M^{-1})z = z^T (M^T \Sigma M)^{-1}z \Rightarrow e^{-(M^{-1}z)^T \Sigma^{-1} (M^{-1}z)/2} = e^{-z^T (M\Sigma M^T)^{-1} z/2}$$

Therefore

$$P(MY \in R) = \int \cdots \int_R dz_1 \cdots dz_n \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}(\det \Sigma)^{1/2}} \det M^{-1} e^{-(M^{-1}z)^T \Sigma^{-1} (M^{-1}z)/2} = \int \cdots \int_R dz_1 \cdots dz_n \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{n/2}(\det(M\Sigma M^T))^{1/2}} e^{-z^T (M\Sigma M^T)^{-1} z/2}$$

And this is the pdf for a multivariate normal with  $\mu = 0$  and a variance matrix of  $(M\Sigma M^T)$

$$MY \sim \mathcal{N}(0, M\Sigma M^T)$$

**3) Let  $X$  be an exponential r.v. with rate 1. Using cdf inversion, write a function that generates  $n$  independent samples of  $X$  (we discussed this example in class, but you should do the cdf inversion yourself, not just quote our result). Compare the speed of your sampler for  $n = 10^6$  with that of your language's exponential sampler (in R `rexp`).**

for a general exponential r.v.  $Y$ ,  $f(y) = \lambda e^{-\lambda y} \rightarrow F(y) = 1 - e^{-\lambda y}$ . Since we are given  $\lambda = 1$  above,  $f(x) = e^{-x} \rightarrow F(x) = 1 - e^{-x}$ , for  $x \geq 0$

$$y = F(x) \rightarrow y = 1 - e^{-x} \rightarrow e^{-x} = 1 - y \rightarrow -x = \ln(1 - y) \rightarrow x = -\ln(1 - y)$$

So  $x = F^{-1}(y) = -\ln(1 - y)$ , and  $y < 1$ , as  $\ln(1 - y)$  is undefined if  $1 - y \leq 0$ , and  $y > 0$  as  $1 - e^{-x} < 1 \quad \forall x \geq 0$

So let  $Y \sim \text{Unif}(0, 1)$ , then  $x = F_X^{-1}(y) = -\ln(1 - y)$  has an exponential distribution

```
rand_exp <- function(n){  
  Y <- runif(n)  
  X <- -log(1-Y)  
  return(X)  
}
```

```

}
set.seed(123)
tictoc::tic()
X <- rand_exp(10^6)
tictoc::toc()

```

## 0.043 sec elapsed

```

set.seed(123)
tictoc::tic()
X2 <- rexp(10^6)
tictoc::toc()

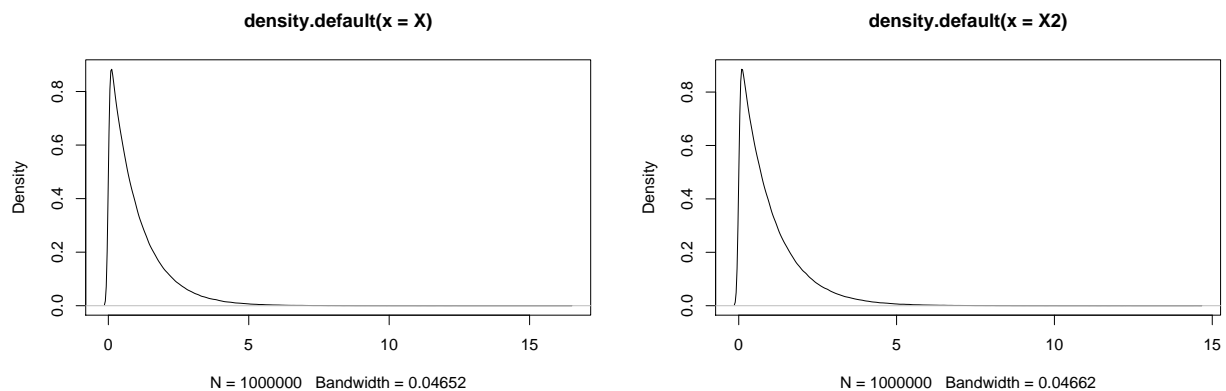
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```

plot(density(X))
plot(density(X2))

```



We find very similar runtimes for both the self-made function, drawing from the Uniform distribution and transforming to an exponential r.v., vs using the system's built in `rexp` sampler. We also see what appears to be identical density plots

4) Write a function `MarkovChain(P, s_0, s)` that simulates a Markov chain  $X(t)$  until the first time the chain is in state  $s$ , assuming  $X(0) = s_0$ . The function should return the path of the chain from  $t = 0$  to when it “hits” state  $s$ . You may use your language’s discrete sampler (in R `sample`) or write your own.

```

MarkovChain <- function(P, s_0, s){
  if(any(rowSums(P)< 0.999) | any(rowSums(P)> 1.001) |nrow(P) != ncol(P))return(print("Please Give A V

  state_spaces <- seq(1,nrow(P))
  X <- c(s_0)
  S <- s_0

  while(S != s){
    S <- sample(state_spaces, size = 1, prob = P[S, ])
  }
}

```

```

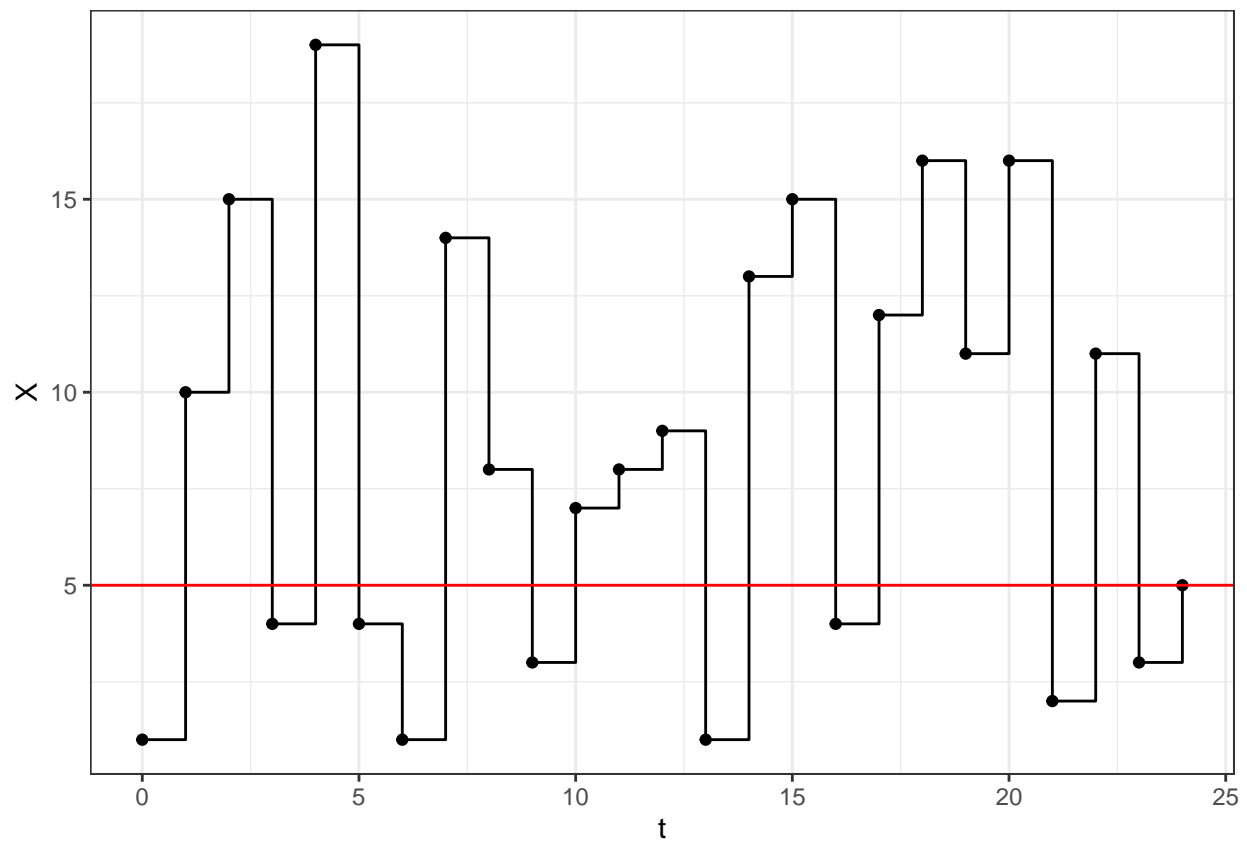
  X <- c(X,S)
}

MC <- data.frame(
  X = X,
  t = seq(0, length(X) - 1, 1)
)
return(MC)
}

n <- 20
P <- matrix(data <- rep(1/n, n^2), nrow = n)
set.seed(25)
X <- MarkovChain(P = P, 1, 5)

ggplot(X, aes(x = t, y = X)) +
  geom_step() +
  geom_point() +
  theme_bw() +
  geom_hline(color = "red", yintercept = 5)

```



## 5) Chutes & Ladders

### First, make probability transition matrix. this will be 101 x 101, as we start at square 0, and the

```
P <- t(sapply(X = c(0:100), FUN = function(x){
  if(x == 0){
    return(c(0, rep(1/6, 6), rep(0, 94)))
  }else if(x <= 94){
    return(c(rep(0, x+1), rep(1/6, 6), rep(0, 100 - x - 6)))
  }else if(x < 100){
    return(c(rep(0,x+1), rep(1/6, 100-x-1), (6 - (100-x-1)) / 6))
  } else{
    return(c(rep(0,100), 1))
  }
}))

chutes_ladders <- read_csv(file = "~/Desktop/Math-611/HW 2/chutes_and_ladder_locations.csv")

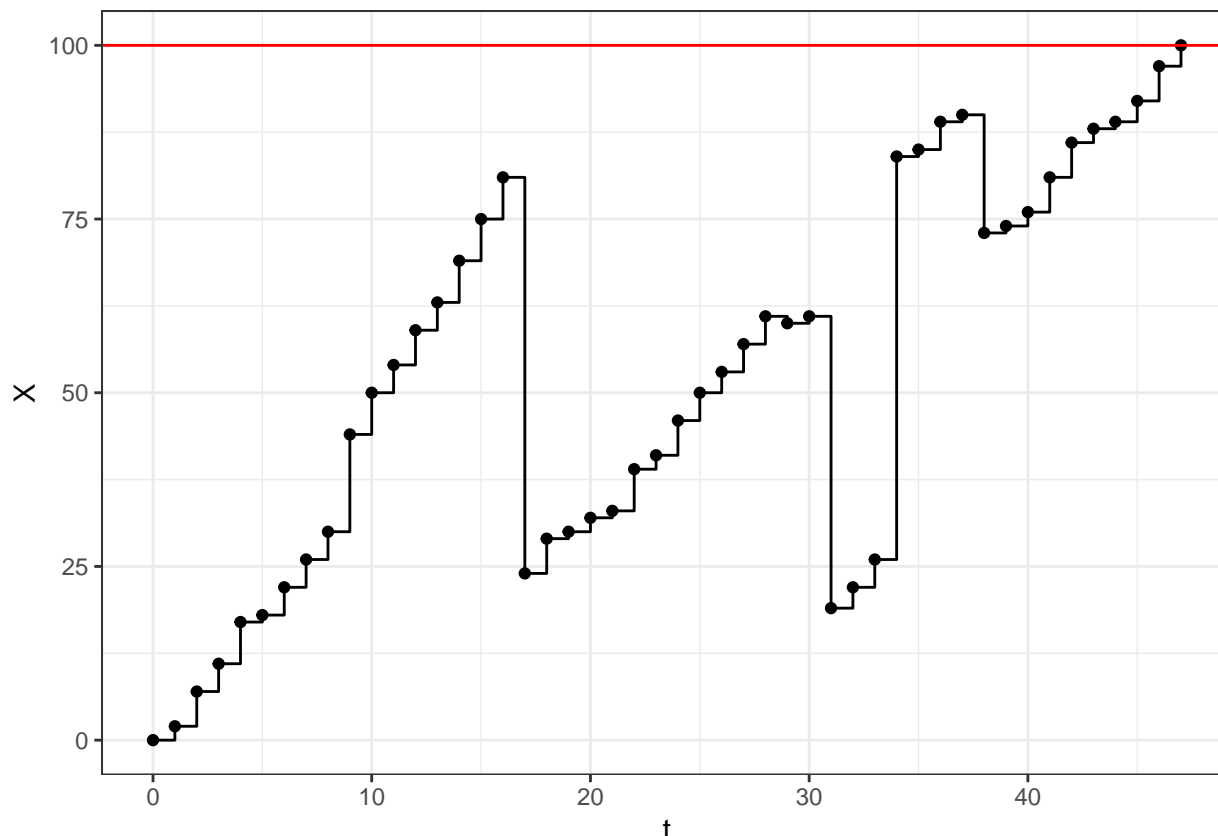
for (i in 1:nrow(chutes_ladders)) {
  location <- chutes_ladders$start[i]
  new_end <- chutes_ladders$end[i]

  P_events <- which(P[,location + 1] != 0)
  probs <- P[P_events, location + 1]

  P[P_events, new_end + 1] <- probs + P[P_events, new_end + 1]
  P[P_events, location + 1] <- 0
}

set.seed(69)
ChutesAndLadders <- MarkovChain(P = P, 1, 101) %>%
  mutate(X = X - 1)

ggplot(ChutesAndLadders, aes(x = t, y = X)) +
  geom_step() +
  geom_point() +
  theme_bw() +
  geom_hline(color = "red", yintercept = 100)
```



Monte Carlo error:

$$error = \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{L}^{(i)} - E[L] \right)$$

central limit theorem: If  $X$  is a r.v. with variance equal to  $\sigma^2$ . then  $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{N} \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{X}^{(i)} - E[X] \right) = N(0, \sigma^2) \Rightarrow \sqrt{N} \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \hat{X}^{(i)} - E[X] \right) \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$

From here, we can set a 95% confidence interval for  $E[X]$ , with bounds of 5 units above/below:

$$P\left(\frac{1}{N} \sum X^{(i)} - 5 < E[X] < \frac{1}{N} \sum X^{(i)} + 5\right) = 0.95 \rightarrow P\left(-\frac{\sqrt{N}}{\sigma} 5 < N(0, 1) < \frac{\sqrt{N}}{\sigma} 5\right) = 0.95$$

$$\text{This gives } \frac{\sqrt{N}}{\sigma} 5 = 1.96 \rightarrow N = \left(\frac{1.96}{5}\right)^2 \sigma^2 = 0.154 \sigma^2$$

However, we don't know  $\sigma^2$  ahead of time.

We run the simulation  $N = 1,000$  times in the chunk below. we find  $\sigma^2 = 546.7$ . So plugging that into our equation above, we would have 95% confidence that our mean was within 5 turns of the true average after  $0.154(546.99) = 84.23646$  turns

```
set.seed(420)
Chutes <- lapply(rep(1,1000), MarkovChain, P = P, s = 101) %>%
  bind_rows()

last_turns <- Chutes %>% filter(X == 101) %>%
  mutate(avgTurns = cumsum(t) / row_number(), ### for some reason cummean is counting the first row twice
  simNumber = row_number())

sd(last_turns$t[1:1000])^2
```

```
## [1] 546.6999
```

```
ggplot(last_turns, aes(x = simNumber, y = avgTurns)) +  
  geom_line() +  
  theme_bw() +  
  geom_hline(yintercept = c(mean(last_turns$t - 5), mean(last_turns$t + 5)), color = "red")
```

