

29.- Necessitem que  $\pi^* = \pi^* P$  i a més  $\sum_{i=0}^3 \pi_i^* = 1$ , el que dóna

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{10}\pi_1^* + \frac{1}{10}\pi_2^* + \frac{9}{10}\pi_3^* &= \pi_0^* \\ \frac{3}{10}\pi_0^* + \frac{1}{10}\pi_1^* + \frac{7}{10}\pi_2^* + \frac{1}{10}\pi_3^* &= \pi_1^* \\ \frac{1}{10}\pi_0^* + \frac{7}{10}\pi_1^* + \frac{1}{10}\pi_2^* &= \pi_2^* \\ \frac{3}{5}\pi_0^* + \frac{1}{10}\pi_1^* + \frac{1}{10}\pi_2^* &= \pi_3^* \\ \pi_0^* + \pi_1^* + \pi_2^* + \pi_3^* &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

que dóna  $\pi_0^* = \frac{19}{81} = 0.2346$ ,  $\pi_1^* = \frac{395}{1296} = 0.3048$ ,  $\pi_2^* = \frac{341}{1296} = 0.2631$ ,  $\pi_3^* = \frac{16}{81} = 0.1975$ .

Amb distribució inicial  $\pi(0) = (1, 0, 0, 0)$  hem de calcular  $P_{0,3}^{32}$  = la darrera posició de  $\pi(0)P = (0.2345, 0.3047, 0.2631, 0.1975)$ , que és  $P_{0,3}^{32} = 0.1975$ .

(b)  $(1/4, 1/4, 1/4, 1/4)P^{128} = (0.2354, 0.3047, 0.2631, 0.1975)$ , per tant  $P_{i,3}^{128} = 0.1975$ .

(c) Volem  $\max_i |P_{0,i}^t - \pi_i^*| \leq 0.01$  que és 13

30.- Done in class, see slides.

31.- (a) It is irreducible as the graph is strongly connected, i.e. there is a path from every state to any other state. It is aperiodic, as the values for  $t$  s.t.  $P_{1,1}^t > 0$  are 1,2,3,4,... and their gcd is 1.

(b) It is Irreducible, as the graph is strongly connected. It is aperiodic, as the values for  $t$  s.t.  $P_{1,1}^t > 0$  are 1,2,3,4,... and their gcd is 1.

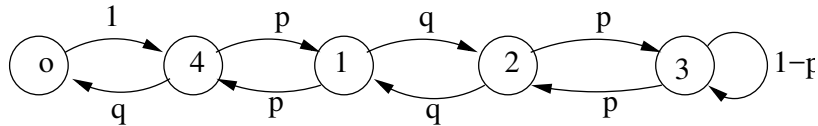
(c) It is Irreducible, because there is a path from every state to any other state. It is periodic as the values for  $t$  for  $p_{1,1}^t > 0$  are 2,4,6,... and their gcd is 2.

(d) It is NOT irreducible, as 2 is an absorbing state, so starting from it we do not go anywhere else. It is periodic, with period 2, because for each state  $i$   $p_{i,i} > 0$ .

(e) It is irreducible as the graph is strongly connected. It is aperiodic as the values for  $t$  s.t.  $P_{1,1}^t > 0$  are 1,2,3,4,... and their gcd is 1.

32.- \* Define a Markov chain taking values in the set  $S = \{i | i = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , where  $i$  represents the number of umbrellas in the place where I am currently at (home or office). If  $i = 1$  and it rains then I take the umbrella,

move to the other place, where there are already 3 umbrellas, and, including the one I bring, I have next 4 umbrellas. Thus,  $p_{1,4} = p$ , as  $p =$  probability of rain. If  $i = 1$  but it does not rain then I do not take the umbrella, I go to the other place and find 3 umbrellas. Thus,  $p_{1,3} = 1 - p = q$ . We have the following Markov chain:



Let us find the stationary distribution. From picture:  $\pi[1] = \pi[2] = \pi[3] = \pi[4]$   $\pi[0] = \pi[4]q$ ,  $\pi[0] + \pi[1] + \pi[2] + \pi[3] + \pi[4] = 1$  Expressing all probabilities in terms of  $\pi[4]$  and inserting in this last equation, we get  $q\pi[4] + 4\pi[4] = 1 \Rightarrow \pi[4] = \frac{1}{q+4} = \pi[1] = \pi[2] = \pi[3]$ ,  $\pi[4] = \frac{q}{q+4}$ . I get wet every time I happen to be in state 0 and it rains. The chance I am in state 0 is  $\pi[0]$ , the chance it rains is  $p$  so the probability I get wet is  $\pi[0]p = \frac{qp}{q+4}$ , which for  $p = 0.6$  is 0.0545 i.e.  $< 6\%$ .

- 33.- \* Formulate a new Markov chain with  $n^2$  states of the form  $(i, j) \in [1, n]^2$ . Each node  $(i, j)$  in the new chain is connected to  $N(i)N(j)$  neighbors, where  $N(i)$  denotes the number of neighbors of state  $i$  in the old Markov chain. Hence the number of edges in the new chain comes to

$$2|B| = \sum_i \sum_j N((i, j)) = \sum_i \sum_j N(i)N(j) = \left(\sum_i N(i)\right)\left(\sum_j N(j)\right) = m^2.$$

We have seen that if an edge exists between nodes  $u = (i_1, j_1)$  and  $v = (i_2, j_2)$ , then  $h_{u,v} \leq 2|E| = 4m^2$ . In order to obtain the  $O(m^2n)$  upper bound, we need to show that for any node  $(i, j)$ , there exists a path of length  $O(n)$  connecting it to some node of the form  $(v, v)$ . In fact, we show that there exists a length  $O(n)$  path between  $(i, j)$  and  $(i, i)$ . Since the graph is undirected, the cat can always go back to node  $i$  in two steps. At the same time, because the graph is connected, there is a path of length  $k < n$  from  $j$  to  $i$ . If  $k$  is even, then the mouse will run into the cat. If  $k$  is odd, then the mouse will get to node  $i$  when the cat is away. But since the chain is non-bipartite, there must be a path of odd length from  $i$  back to itself; let the mouse follow this path, and it will run into the cat on the next return to  $i$ . Thus the total length of this path from  $(i, j)$  to  $(i, i)$  is at most  $3n$ . Each edge on this path requires at most  $4m^2$  steps, thus the desired upper bound on the time to collision is  $O(m^2n)$  steps.

- 34.- \* See MU book page 159–160

- 35.- \* See MU book page 161–163

- 36.- (Lollipop graph RW)

1. We need the expected time it takes to travel the stick part of the lollipop from  $v$  to  $u$  ( $h_{v,u}$ ), and the expected cover time of the clique part of the lollipop starting from node  $u$ . Say there are  $k$  nodes in the stick part (excluding  $u$ ), and  $k$  nodes in the ball part of the graph (including  $u$ ), so that the total number of nodes is  $n = 2k$ .  $h_{v,u}$  is just the time it takes to reach the  $k$ th. node on a chain starting from 0, i.e.,  $t_0$  in the chain for 2-SAT. So  $h_{v,u} = k^2$ . On the other hand  $c_u$  is upper bounded by the expected time it takes to travel to each of the nodes in the clique and return to  $u$ , so  $c_u \leq \sum_{w \in K_k} h_{u,w} + h_{w,u}$ . Let  $w$  and  $x$  denote nodes in the clique other than  $u$ , and let  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  denote the nodes on the stick, with 1 being the neighbor of  $u$  and  $k$  the of  $v$ . Then  $h_{u,w}$  can be written in terms of the following system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}
h_{u,w} &= \frac{1}{k} \cdot 0 + \frac{k-2}{k} h_{x,w} + \frac{1}{k} h_{1,w} + 1 \\
h_{x,w} &= \frac{1}{k} \cdot 0 + \frac{k-3}{k-1} h_{x,w} + \frac{1}{k-1} h_{u,w} + 1 \\
h_{1,w} &= \frac{1}{2} h_{u,w} + \frac{1}{2} h_{2,w} + 1 \\
h_{2,w} &= \frac{1}{2} h_{1,w} + \frac{1}{2} h_{3,w} + 1 \\
&\dots \\
h_{k-1,w} &= \frac{1}{2} h_{k-2,w} + \frac{1}{2} h_{k,w} + 1 \\
h_{k,w} &= \frac{1}{2} h_{k-1,w} + 1
\end{aligned}$$

We obtain  $h_{k-i,w} = h_{k-i-1,w} + (2i+1)$ , and hence  $h_{1,w} = h_{u,w} + 2k - 1$ . Solving the equations, we get  $h_{u,w} = \frac{k^2+9k-2}{2k}$ .

Using the same proof that in the cover lemma,  $\frac{2|E|}{d(u)=h_{u,u}=\frac{1}{d(u)} \sum_{w \in N(u)} (1+h_{w,u})}$ , and  $\sum_{w \in N(u)} h_{w,u} = 2|E| - k = 2(k(k-1) + k) - k = 2k^2 - k$ . So we have  $c_u \leq \sum_{w \in K_k} h_{u,w} + h_{w,u} \leq (k-1) \frac{k^2+9k-2}{2k} + 2k^2 - k$ .

Combining everything, we get

$$k^2 = h_{v,u} \leq \text{cover time starting from } v \leq h_{v,u} + c_u = O(k^2) = \Theta(n^2).$$

2. Using the same node naming convention as before, we can write down the

following system of equations

$$\begin{aligned}h_{u,v} &= \frac{k-1}{k}h_{w,v} + \frac{1}{k}h_{1,v} + 1 \\h_{w,v} &= \frac{k-2}{k-1}h_{w,v} + \frac{1}{k-1}h_{u,v} + 1 \\h_{i,v} &= \frac{1}{2}h_{i-1,v} + \frac{1}{2}h_{i+1,v} + 1,\end{aligned}$$

so we get  $h_{w,v} = h_{u,v} + k - 1$  and  $h_{k-i,v} = \frac{i}{i+1}h_{k-i-1,v} + i$ , hence  $h_{1,v} = k - 1kh_{u,v} + (k - 1)$ . From this we get  $h_{u,v} = k^3$ .