

Sub chain is still Markov chain

$$1. \quad P(12345) = P_1(1)P_1(2)P_2(3)P_3(4)P_4(5) \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow P(2345) = P_2(2)P_2(3)P_3(4)P_4(5)$$

$$P(1234) = P_1(1)P_1(2)P_2(3)P_3(4)$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{23}(4) = \frac{P(234)}{P(23)} = P_3(4)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(1245) = \sum_3 P(12345)$$

$$= P_1(1)P_1(2) \left[ \sum_3 P_2(3)P_3(4) \right] P_4(5)$$

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2  $\because Z^{(1)}, Z^{(2)}, Z^{(3)}, Z^{(4)}, Z^{(5)}$  Markov chain

$\Leftrightarrow \textcircled{1}, \quad \therefore Z^{(1)}, Z^{(2)}, Z^{(4)}, Z^{(5)}$  Markov.