

wk2

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Conditional Probability example

In each week of a class, you are either caught up or behind.

- The probability that you are caught up in Week 1 is 0.7.
- If you are caught up in a given week, the probability that you will be caught up in the next week is 0.7.
- If you are behind in a given week, the probability that you will be caught up in the next week is 0.4.
- **What is the probability that you are caught up in week 3?**
- Identify as many ways to improve this proof as you can:

Conditional probability with not so good notation

- If you are caught up in a week, there are two possibilities for the previous week: caught up and behind.
- Let $P(X)$ be the probability of being caught up.
 - In week 1, the probability of being caught up $P(X) = .7$.
 - In week 1, the probability of being behind is $P(Y) = 1 - .7 = .3$.
- We first break down the probability for week 2:

$$P(X) = .7 \cdot .7 + .3 \cdot .4 = .61$$

Now we can repeat the process for week 3:

$$P(X) = .61 * .7 + .39 * .4 = .583$$

- Let C_i be the event that you are caught up in week i .
 - Given:
 - * $P(C_1) = 0.7$
 - * $P(C_{i+1}|C_i) = 0.7$
- Let C_i^C be the event that you are behind in week i
 - $P(C_{i+1}^C|C_i^C) = 0.4$.
- For **week 2**, we can partition the sample space into $\{C_1, B_1\}$ and apply the law of total probability:

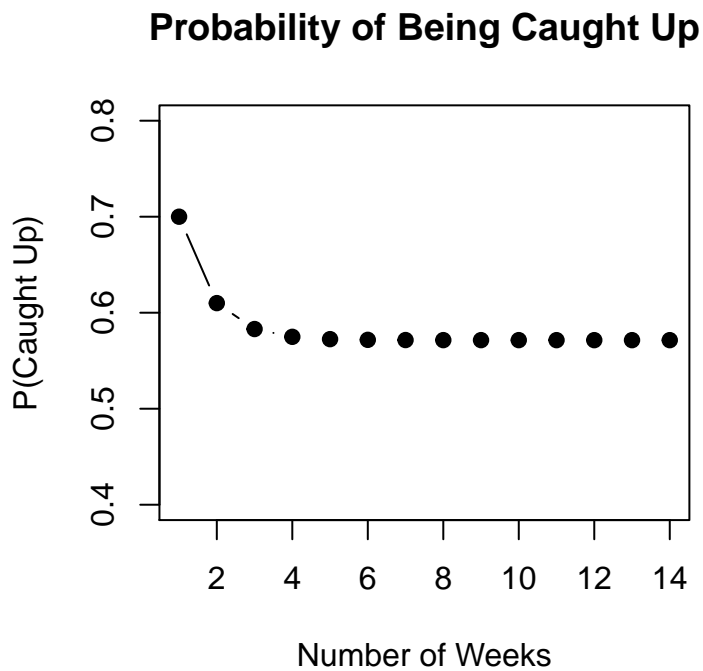
$$\begin{aligned}
 P(C_2) &= P(C_1)P(C_2|C_1) + P(B_1)P(C_2|B_1) \\
 &= 0.7 \cdot 0.7 + 0.3 \cdot 0.4 = 0.61
 \end{aligned}$$

- Next, repeat the process for **week 3**:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(C_3) &= P(C_2)P(C_3|C_2) + P(B_2)P(C_3|B_2) \\
 &= 0.7 \cdot 0.61 + 0.39 \cdot 0.4 = 0.58
 \end{aligned}$$

Solving it using R

- You can write a function in R and solve it



Solving it using matrix

Given: - The probability of getting caught up with homework in this week only depends on the the outcome of the previous period.

- The transition matrix, \mathbb{P} , has nonzero values such that it is **regular**
- Since \mathbb{P} is regular, it has limiting matrix

	C_i	C_i^C
C_{i+1}	0.7	0.4
C_{i+1}^C		

- Above matrix contains the given information:
- Let C_i be the event that you are caught up in week i .
 - $P(C_{i+1}|C_i) = 0.7$
- Let C_i^C be the event that you are behind in week i
 - $P(C_{i+1}|C_i^C) = 0.4$.
- Then, we can fill in the blank:

	C_i	C_i^C
C_{i+1}	0.7	0.4
C_{i+1}^C	0.3	0.6

And if we multiply the above matrix by the initial state vector, see what you get

$$[0.7, 0.3]^T$$

```
P <- matrix(c(0.7,0.4,0.3,0.6), nrow=2, byrow=T)
print(P)
```

```
##      [,1] [,2]
## [1,]  0.7  0.4
## [2,]  0.3  0.6
```

```
print(P%^%2)
```

```
##      [,1] [,2]
## [1,] 0.61 0.52
## [2,] 0.39 0.48
```

```
print(P%^%1000)
```

```
##      [,1]      [,2]
## [1,] 0.5714286 0.5714286
## [2,] 0.4285714 0.4285714
```

Solving it using eigenvalue

- Will talk about this more later in the class

```
#####
# Using eigenvalues
#####
myeigen <- eigen(P)      #gets you the eigenvalues and eigenvectors

## getting the eigenvalues and eigenvectors into vector and matrix.

lambda <- myeigen$values  #eigenvalues

E <- myeigen$vectors      #corresponding eigenvectors

print(lambda)
```

```
## [1] 1.0 0.3
```

```
print(E)
```

```
##      [,1]      [,2]
## [1,]  0.8 -0.7071068
## [2,]  0.6  0.7071068
```

```
p_vector <- function(x){
y <- sum(abs(x))
x <- abs(x)/y
return(x)
}
```

```
#converting the eigenvector corresponding to eigenvalue = 1
p_vector(E[,1])
```

```
## [1] 0.5714286 0.4285714
```

More about linear combination

Definiations

Linear combination

$$\mathbb{A}\vec{x} = \vec{b}$$

Subspace

- If $\vec{v}_1, ..\vec{v}_p \in R^n$, then $\text{Span}\{\vec{v}_1, ..\vec{v}_p\}$ is called the subset of R^n by these vectors.

Linear combination, Projection and transformation

$$\mathbb{A}\vec{x} = \vec{b}$$