



## TUTORIAL-①

Q1:  $E[n]$ : expected no. of tosses before we get n-consecutive heads

Then,

(HHH...)  
n H

$$E[n] = \begin{cases} E[n-1] + 1 & \text{if } H \\ (E[n-1] + 1) + E[n] & \text{if } T \end{cases}$$

$$E[n] = \frac{1}{2} (E[n-1] + 1) + \frac{1}{2} (E[n-1] + 1 + E[n])$$

$$E[n] = 2(E[n-1] + 1)$$

$$E[1] = \sum \left( \frac{1 \cdot 1}{2} + \frac{2 \cdot 1}{2^2} + \frac{3 \cdot 1}{2^3} + \dots \right)$$

$E[2] = 2 \left[ \text{if it is the expected no. of tosses before getting a head} \right]$

$$E[2] = 2(2+1) = 2^2 + 2$$

$$E[3] = 2(2^2 + 2 + 1) = 2^3 + 2^2 + 2$$

$$E[n] = 2 \left( 2^{n-1} + 2^{n-2} + \dots + 2^0 \right)$$

$$= 2 \left( \frac{1(1-2^n)}{1-2} \right) = 2(2^n - 1)$$

so,  $E[n] = 2(2^n - 1)$

If  $A = \{x_{n+1} = j_1, \dots, x_{n+k} = j_k\}$  and  
 $B = \{x_0 = i_0, \dots, x_{n-1} = i_{n-1}\}$

we have

$$P(A|x_n=i, B) = P(A|x_n=i)$$

and so,

$$P(ANB|x_n=i) = P(A|x_n=i) \cdot P(B|x_n=i)$$

A and B are conditionally independent over  $\{x_n=i\}$

⇒ Markov property is independent of the dir<sup>n</sup> of times.

Theorem: Let  $\{z_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  be an IID sequence of RVs with values in an arbitrary space F. Let E be a countable space, and  $f: E \times F \rightarrow E$  be some function. Let  $x_0$  be a RV with values in E, independent of  $\{z_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ . The recurrence rel<sup>n</sup>

$$x_{n+1} = f(x_n, z_{n+1})$$

then defines a HMC.

Proof:-  $x_1 = f(x_0, z_1)$

$$x_2 = f(x_1, z_2) = f(f(x_0, z_1), z_2) \text{ and so}$$

$$x_n = g_n(x_0, z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n)$$

$$P(x_{n+1} = j | x_n = i, \dots)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(f(x_n, z_{n+1}) = j | x_n = i, \dots)$$

i.e.

$$P(f(i, z_{n+1}) = j | x_n = i, \dots)$$

This event can be expressed in terms of

$x_0, z_1, z_2, \dots, z_n$  and so is indep.

$$p_{ij} = P(f(i, z_{n+1}) = j) \Rightarrow \text{HMC}$$

of  $z_{n+1}$

Q1: During day  $n$ ,  $Z_{n+1}$  machines break down, and they enter a repair shop on day  $(n+1)$ , every day 1 machine is repaired.

$X_n$ : no. of machines in shop on day 'n'.

$$\Rightarrow X_n = X_{n-1} + Z_n - 1$$

$Z_n \Rightarrow \text{IID}$  and let  $P(Z_1 = k) = q_k$  ( $k \geq 0$ )

Then,  $\boxed{\text{TPM} = ?}$

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & q_0 & q_1 & q_2 & \dots \\ 1 & q_0 & q_1 & q_2 & \dots \\ 2 & 0 & q_0 & q_1 & \dots \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & q_0 & \dots \end{pmatrix} \quad X_1 = X_0 + Z_1 - 1$$

$P(Z_1=0) = q_0$   
 $P(Z_1=1) = q_1$   
 $P(Z_1=2) = q_2$

$$\text{and } P_{ij} = P(f(i, Z_{n+1}) = j) \quad X_{n+1} = (X_n + Z_{n+1} - 1)$$

$$= P(i + Z_{n+1} - 1 = j)$$

$$= P(Z_{n+1} = j - i + 1)$$

$$= P(Z_1 = (j-i)+1) \quad (\text{except row 1})$$

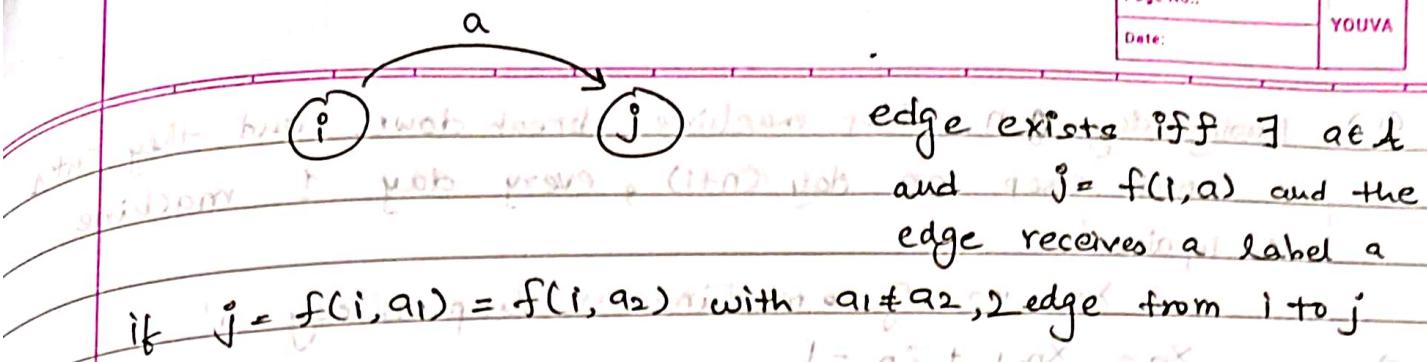
$$= q^{(j-i)+}$$

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$$(i-1)^+ = \max(0, (i-1))$$

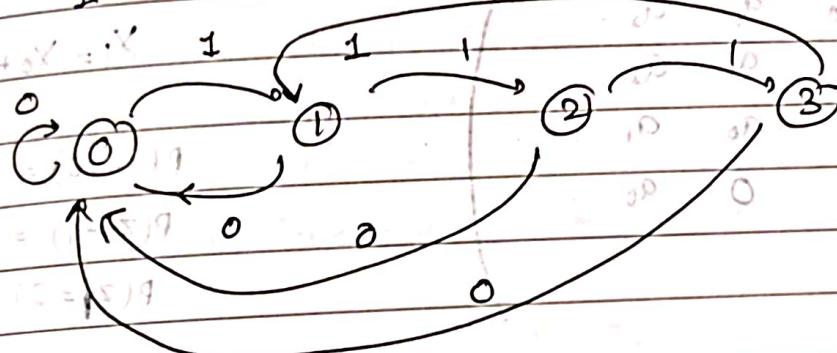
## STOCHASTIC AUTOMATA

- A finite automaton  $(E, \lambda, f)$  can read sequences of letters from a finite alphabet  $\lambda$  written on some infinite tape. It can be in any state of a finite set  $E$ , and its evolution is governed by a func  $f: E \times \lambda \rightarrow E$  as follows: when the automaton is in state  $i \in E$  and reads letter  $a \in \lambda$ , it switches from state  $i$  to state  $j = f(i, a)$  and then reads letters on the tape, from next letter to right.



e.g.  $A = \{0, 1\}$  : the automaton in state 0 reads the sequence from L to R, it passes successively through the states

1 0 0 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 0



states :- 0 1 0 0 1 2 3 1 0 0 1 2 3 1 2 3 0 1 0

⇒ If the sequence of letters read by automaton is  $\{z_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ , the sequence of states is  $\{x_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ , then,

$$x_n = \begin{cases} z_n & \text{if } z_n = 0 \\ z_n + z_{n-1} & \text{if } z_{n-1} = 0 \\ z_n + z_{n-1} + z_{n-2} & \text{if } z_{n-2} = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$x_n = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } z_n = 0 \\ z_n & \text{if } z_{n-1} = 0 \\ z_n + z_{n-1} & \text{if } z_{n-2} = 0 \\ z_n + z_{n-1} + z_{n-2} & \text{if } z_{n-3} = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$z_n = \begin{cases} 0 & y_2 \\ 1 & y_1 \\ 2 & y_2 \end{cases}$$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

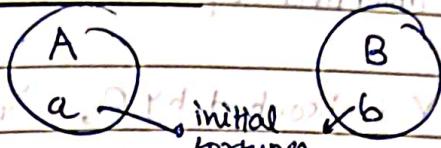
Closed set :- A set  $A$  is called closed if  $\sum_{j \in A} P_{ij} = 1 \forall i \notin A$

probability of absorption by a closed set

average  $Y$  times before absorption

### FIRST-STEP ANALYSIS

A Gambler's Ruin :-



$H \Rightarrow p$

$T \Rightarrow 1-p$

outcomes are IID

$X_n$ : fortune of A at time  $n$ ,  $X_n^t = X_{n-1} + Z_{n+1}$ ,  $Z_n = +1$  ( $p$ ) or  $-1$  ( $1-p$ )

$E = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, a, b\}$ ,  $a+b=c$   $\sum_{i=0}^{c-1} p_i = 1$

$d_{0^n}$  is  $T \Rightarrow$  first time where  $X_n = 0$  or  $c$

$$P(A \text{ wins}) \rightarrow U(a) = P(X_T = c | X_0 = a)$$

First step Analysis :-  $U(i) = P(X_T = c | X_0 = i) \quad \forall (1 \leq i \leq c)$

generate a recurrence eq<sup>n</sup> for  $U(i)$ 's  $\downarrow$  break down the event 'A wins' acc. to what can happen after the 1st step & using exclusive & exhaustive causes

if  $X_0 = i \in [1, c-1]$ , then  $X_i = i+1 \rightarrow P$

$P(B \text{ wins starting with } A \text{ having } i) = U(i+1)$

$$\text{so, } U(i) = p U(i+1) + q U(i-1) \rightarrow \text{recurrence}$$

and also,  $U(0) = 0 \quad U(c) = 1 \rightarrow \text{boundary}$

char eq<sup>n</sup>  $(-p)r^2 + qr + p = 0 \rightarrow r_1 = 1$  and  $r_2 = q/p \quad p \neq q$

general sol<sup>n</sup> =  $U(i) = \lambda + \mu \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^i \quad (q \neq p) \quad \text{and} \quad \lambda + \mu i \quad (q = p)$

$$\text{i.e. } U(i) = \frac{1 - \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^i}{1 - \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^c} = \frac{i}{c} \quad (p = q)$$

$U(i) = P(B \text{ wins with initial fortune } c-i, p=q=\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{c-i}{c}$

$$\text{i.e. } U(i) + U(i) = 1 \quad P(\text{game lasts forever}) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow 1 - \frac{1}{c}$$

$$\text{i.e. } U(a) = a / 1$$

Let  $y = \{y_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  denote the MC obtained by delaying  $x = \{x_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  by one time unit:

when  $1 \leq x_0 \leq c-t$ , the event "X is absorbed by O" and "Y is absorbed by O" are identical & so,

$$P(X \text{ is absorbed by } O, x_1 = i \pm 1, x_0 = i)$$

$$= P(Y \text{ is absorbed by } O, x_1 = i \pm 1, x_0 = i)$$

$\{y_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  &  $x_n$  are independent given  $x_1$

$$\text{RHS} \rightarrow P(x_0 = i, x_1 = i \pm 1) \cdot P(Y \text{ is absorbed by } O | y_0 = i \pm 1)$$

and so  $P(Y \text{ is absorbed by } O | y_0 = i \pm 1) = P(X \text{ is absorbed by } O | x_0 = i \pm 1)$

$$P(Y \text{ is absorbed by } O | y_0 = i \pm 1) = P(X \text{ is absorbed by } O | x_0 = i \pm 1)$$

First-step  
Analysis

one state before other

average times before absorption

Gambler's Ruin (cont.):

the avg. duration,  $m(i) = E[T | X_0 = i]$  avg. dist of the game

$$m(i) = 1 + p m(i+1) + q m(i-1)$$

$$m(0) = 0$$

$$m(c) = 0$$

$$y(i) = m(i)$$

$$-1 = p(m(i+1) - m(i)) - q(m(i) - m(i-1))$$

$$y_i = m(i)p - m(i-1)q = (1-p)U$$

$$-1 = p y_{i+1} - q y_i = (1-p)U \quad m(i) = y_1 + y_2 + \dots + y_i$$

$$p = q = \frac{1-p}{2} \quad -1 = \frac{1}{2} y_2 - \frac{1}{2} y_1$$

$$-(i-1) = \frac{1}{2} y_i - \frac{1}{2} y_1 \quad -1 = \frac{1}{2} y_3 - \frac{1}{2} y_2$$

$$y_i = y_1 - 2(i-1)$$

$$-1 = \frac{1}{2} y_1 - \frac{1}{2} y_{i-1}$$

$$m(i) = p m(1) - 2(1+2+\dots+(i-1)) = i m(1) - i(i-1)$$

$$m(c) = 0 \rightarrow$$

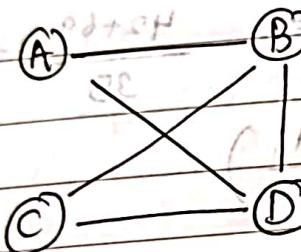
$$m(c) = (1) m(1) - i(i-1) \Rightarrow m(1) = -i(c-1)$$

$$\text{so, } m(i) = i c - i^2 - i^2 + i^2 = ((i)(i-1)) = i(-i+c)$$

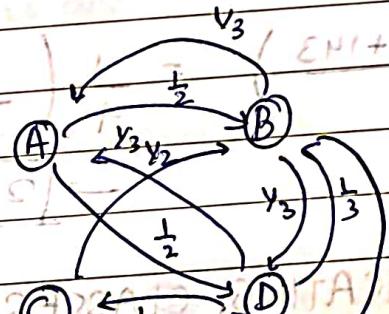
$$\text{so, } m(a) = a(c-a) \quad [c=a+b] \quad m(a) = ab !!$$

### Tutorial-1

Q3)



DTMC model :-



i/j	A	B	C	D
A	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$
B	$\frac{1}{3}$	0	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$
C	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$
D	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	0

$$N_{AA} = E[T_{AA}]$$

$$= \sum n^t f_{AA}$$

$$E[T | X_0 = A] \rightarrow$$

$$\alpha = \begin{bmatrix} 1/4 \\ 1/4 \\ 1/4 \\ 1/4 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow$$

equally likely  
to be in  
any city.

$E[T | X_0 = A]$   $\rightarrow$  T: Time to reach state A.

$$f_{AA} = 0 \quad f_{AA} = \text{minimum}$$

$$m(i) = E(T | X_0 = i)$$

$$m(A) = 0$$

$$m(B) = 1 + \frac{1}{2} m(A) + \frac{1}{3} m(D) + \frac{1}{3} m(C)$$

$$m(C) = 1 + \frac{1}{2} m(A) + m(D)$$

$$m(D) = 1 + \frac{1}{3} m(B) + \frac{1}{3} m(C) + \frac{1}{2} m(B)$$

$$m(D) = 1 + \frac{1}{3} m(B) + \frac{1}{3} m(C) + \frac{1}{6} m(B)$$

$$\frac{5}{6}m(CD) = \frac{4}{3} + \frac{1}{2}m(B) \Rightarrow m(CD) = \frac{8}{5} + \frac{3}{5}m(B)$$

$$m(B) = 1 + \frac{8}{15} + \frac{1}{5}m(CB) + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{6}m(B) + \frac{8}{30} + \frac{1}{10}m(B)$$

$$\left(1 - \frac{2}{10} - \frac{1}{10}\right)m(B) = \left(1 + \frac{16+8+1}{30+9+2}\right)m(B)$$

$$\frac{7}{10}m(B) = \frac{3}{2} + \frac{24}{30} - \frac{8}{10} - \frac{4}{5} = \frac{16+8}{10} = \frac{23}{10}$$

$$m(B) = \frac{23}{7}$$

$$m(CB) = \frac{8}{5} + \frac{6}{35} = \frac{42+6}{35} = \frac{11}{35}$$

$$m(CC) = 1 + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{105+111}{35} \right)$$

$$m(C) = 1 + \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{108}{35} \right) = \frac{108+35}{35} = \frac{143}{35}$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{105+111+143}{35} \right) = \frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{359}{35} \right) \rightarrow 2.56$$

### COMMUNICATING CLASSES

$\text{Tut Q2} \Rightarrow \{x_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  with  $(\alpha, P)$  on state space,  $S$ .

$\rightarrow$  state  $j$  is reachable from state  $i$  if  $[A^j]_{n \geq 0}$  s.t.  $P_{ij}^{(n)} > 0$  (note:  $P_{ii}^{(0)} = 1 \neq i \in S$ )

$\Rightarrow$  we say that  $i$  and  $j$  communicate if  $i$  is reachable from  $j$  and  $j$  is reachable from  $i$ .

(1)  $i$  and  $j$  always communicate, since,  $P_{ii}^{(0)} = 1$  i.e.  $\exists n=1$  s.t.  $P_{ii}^{(n)} > 0$  ( $1 > 0$ ).

$$(2) m[1] + (8)m[1] + 1 = (10)m[1] \quad (8)m[1] + (1)m[1] + 1 = (10)m[1]$$

② if  $i$  communicates with  $j \Rightarrow i$  is reachable from  $j$  and  $j$  is reachable from  $i$ .  
 $\exists n_1 > 0$  s.t.  $P_{ij}^{(n_1)} > 0$  and  $\exists n_2 > 0$  s.t.  $P_{ji}^{(n_2)} > 0$ .

Now,

$j$  is reachable from  $i \Rightarrow i$  is reachable from  $j$   
 $\Rightarrow j$  communicates with  $i$ .

③  $i \in C_K$  and  $K \subset C_j$   
 $\Rightarrow i \in C_j$   
 $\exists n_1, n_2 > 0$  s.t.  $P_{ik}^{(n_1)} > 0$  and  $\exists n_3, n_4 > 0$  s.t.  $P_{kj}^{(n_4)} > 0$

Now,  $P_{ij}^{(n_1+n_3)} = \sum_{k \in S} P_{ik} \cdot P_{kj}^{(n_3+n_4)} > 0$  as we have at least one non-zero term

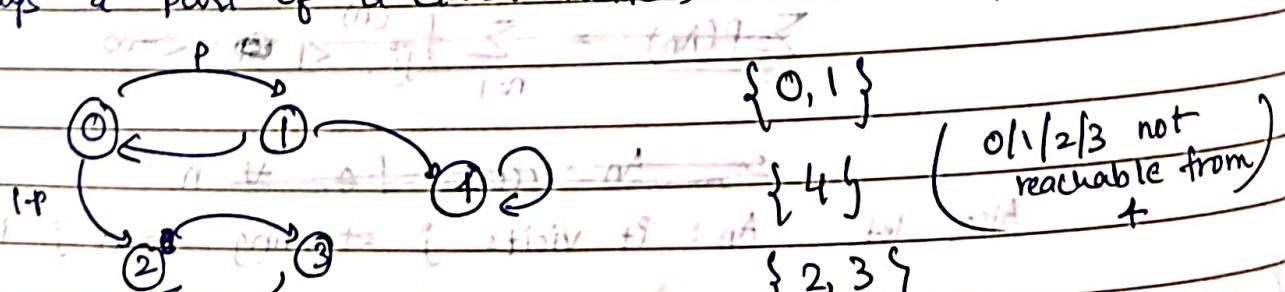
and similarly,  $P_{ji}^{(n_2+n_4)} > 0$   
 $i$  and  $j$  also communicate.

④  $\tilde{S} \subseteq S$  is communicating class if  $\forall i, j \in \tilde{S}$ ;  $i$  communicates with  $j$ .

$\rightarrow$  If any state  $k \in \tilde{S}_i$ ,  $k \in \tilde{S}_r$  where  $r \neq i$  as then we have all the states communicating, i.e., a state can belong to only one class.

$\rightarrow$  All the states communicate with themselves at least, and so are always a part of a class. Hence,  $\tilde{S}$  form a partition.

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⑥

$$f_{00}^{(n)} = \begin{cases} 0 & n: \text{odd} \\ (P(I-P))^{n/2} & n: \text{even} \end{cases}$$

## Borel-Cantelli Lemma's

① Let  $\{A_n\}$  be a sequence of events with individual event occurring at time 'n' with  $P(A_n)$ . If the sum of probabilities of  $A_n$  is finite, i.e.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(A_n) < \infty$ , then these events

occur finitely often,  $P(\text{infinitely many events occur}) = 0$ ,  
or  $P(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n) = 0$ .

$$\Rightarrow \text{if } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(A_n) < \infty \Rightarrow P(A_n \text{ occurs i.o.}) = 0$$

② If the sum of probabilities of an independent sequence of events  $A_n$  is infinite, s.t.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(A_n) > \infty$ , then the probability

that they occur infinitely often is 1, i.e.  $P(\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_n) = 1$

$$\Rightarrow \text{if } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(A_n) = \infty \Rightarrow P(A_n \text{ occurs i.o.}) = 1$$

claim :- If  $f_{jj} < 1$ , then,  $P(\# \text{ visits to state } j) < \infty) = 1$

$f_{jj} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_{jj}^{(n)}$   $\rightarrow$  probability that it visits state  $j$  starting from  $j$  in  $n$  steps.

Let  $A_n$ : it visits state  $j$  starting from state  $j$  in  $n$  steps.  
(for the 1st time)

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(A_n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_{jj}^{(n)} < 1 < \infty$$

so,  $A_n$  occurs f.o.  $\# n$

Also, let  $A_n$ : It visits  $j$  starting from  $j$  in the  $n$ -th step

$$P(A_n) = f_{jj}^{(n)} + f_{jj}^{(n+1)} p_{jj} + f_{jj}^{(n+2)} p_{jj}^{(2)} + \dots$$

$$\text{and } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(A_n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_{jj}^{(n)} + p_{jj} (\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_{jj}^{(n+1)}) + p_{jj}^{(2)} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f_{jj}^{(n+2)} + \dots$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(A_n) \leq 1 + P_{jj} + P_{jj}^2 + \dots = \frac{1}{1 - P_{jj}}$$

(as  $P_{jj} \neq 1$ ) & because then  $f_{jj} = 1$ , so

so,

$$(0 < i) \quad j \cdot (\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(A_n)) \leq \infty \Rightarrow A_n's \text{ occur f.o.}$$

(Hence)  $(0 < i) \Rightarrow 0 = 0 + 0 + \dots \Rightarrow$  there are finite visits of state  $j$ .

H.P.

Positive and Null Recurrences

$$T_i = \min \{ n > 0 : X_n = i \mid X_0 = i \}$$

we say that  $i$  is

(A) positive recurrent :  $E[T_i] < \infty$

(B) null recurrent :  $P(T_i < \infty) = 1$  but  $E[T_i] = \infty$

(C) Transient :  $P(T_i < \infty) < 1$

$\Rightarrow$  Finite-state MC's have no null-recurrent states

Def<sup>n</sup> :- If there exists only one communication class, then the chain, its transition matrix and transition graph are said to be irreducible.

$$\Rightarrow P_x(N_y = m) = \begin{cases} 1 - f_{xy} & ; m=0 \\ f_{xy} f_{yy}^{m-1} (1-f_{yy}) & ; m \in \mathbb{N} \end{cases}$$

starting from  $x$       no. of visits to state  $y$       care  $m$

$$\Rightarrow P_x(N_y < \infty) = I_{\{f_{yy} < 1\}} + (1-f_{xy}) I_{\{f_{yy} = 1\}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{mean no. of visits starting from a state } x \text{ is } E_x(N_y) = \frac{f_{xy}}{1-f_{yy}} I_{\{f_{yy} < 1\}} + \infty \cdot I_{\{f_{yy} = 1\}}$$

## SYMMETRIC RANDOM WALK

A symmetric R.W. on  $\mathbb{Z}$  can't have a stationary distribution.

$$\text{balance eqn} :- \pi(i) = \frac{1}{2} \pi(i-1) + \frac{1}{2} \pi(i+1)$$

$i \in \mathbb{R}^+$

$$\text{or } \pi(i) = \pi(0) + (\pi(i) - \pi(0)) \cdot i \quad (i > 0)$$

as  $\pi(i) \in [0, 1] \Rightarrow \pi(i) - \pi(0) = 0 \Rightarrow \pi(i) = \pi(0)$  (contradiction)  
and so,  $\pi(i) = 0$  as total mass is finite

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\pi(i) = 0 \forall i} \Rightarrow \text{NOT A P.Distrib'!}$$

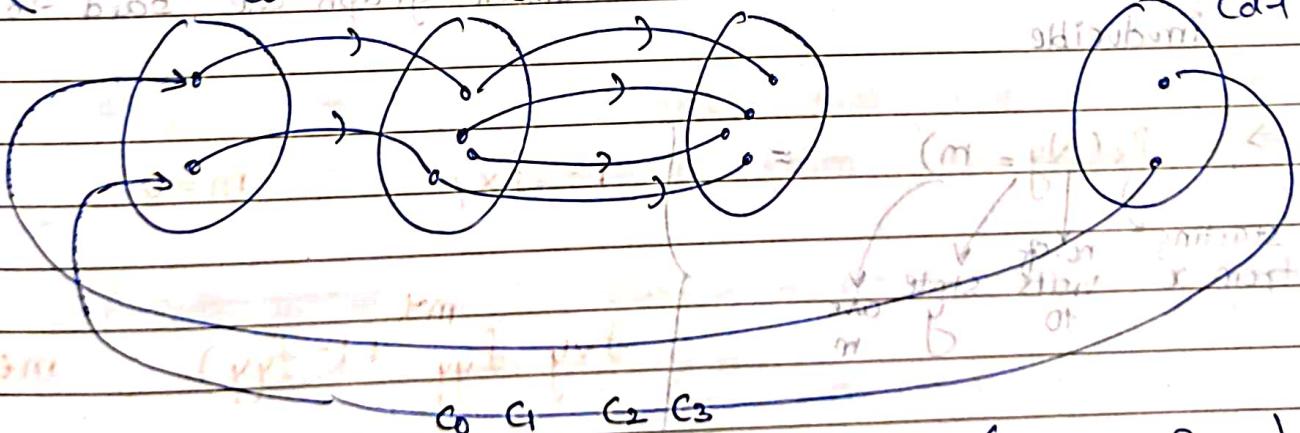
$i = 0, 1, \dots, n, \dots, m = T$

## PERIOD.

Thm: For any irreducible Markov chain, one can find a unique partition of  $\mathbb{Z}$  into  $d$  classes  $C_0, C_1, \dots, C_{d-1}$  such that for all  $x$  and all  $i \in C_k$ ,

$$\sum_{j \in C_{k+1}} p_{ij} = 1$$

and, by convention  $C_d = C_0$ , and where  $d$  is maximal, i.e. (there is no other such partition  $C_0, C_1, \dots, C_{d-1}$  with  $d' > d$ )



Q:) Is there, in  $C_0$ , more than one  $p^d$ -communication class?

$$P^d = \begin{pmatrix} C_0 & E_0 \\ C_1 & E_1 \\ \vdots & \ddots \\ C_{d-1} & E_{d-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

→ stochastic matrix

$P$ -cyclic classes  $C_0, C_1, \dots$   
are all in different  $p^d$ -communication classes

→ For an arbitrary TPM, not necessarily irreducible, the def<sup>n</sup> of period is :-

The period  $d_i$  of state  $i \in E$  is, by def<sup>n</sup>,

$$d_i = \gcd \{ n \geq 1 : P_{ii}(n) > 0 \}$$

$d_i = +\infty$  if  $\nexists n \geq 1$  with  $P_{ii}(n) > 0$

$d_i = 1 \rightarrow$  the state  $i$  is aperiodic.

→ if  $i$  and  $j$  are communicating  $d_i = d_j$

eg. -  $E = \{0, 1, \dots, N\}$

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & & & \\ q_1 & r_1 & p_1 & & \\ 0 & q_2 & r_2 & p_2 & \dots & \\ & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots & \ddots \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(P_i + q_i + r_i = 1)$$

$$\forall i$$

→ Global balance eq<sup>n</sup>  $\Rightarrow$

$$\pi(i) = q_i \pi(i+1) + r_i \pi(i) + p_i \pi(i-1)$$

$$\pi(0) = \pi(1) q_1 \quad \pi(N) = \pi(N-1) \cdot p_{N-1}$$

also  $\sum_{i=0}^N \pi(i) = 1$

$$r_i = 1 - p_i - q_i$$

$$\pi(i+1) q_{i+1} - \pi(i) p_i = \pi(i) q_i - \pi(i-1) p_{i-1}$$

$$\pi(1) q_1 - \pi(0) = 0$$

$$\pi(2) q_2 - \pi(0) p_1 = \pi(1) q_1 - \pi(0) = 0$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \pi(i+1) q_{i+1} &= \pi(i) p_i \\ \end{aligned} \right\} \quad \text{for } i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$$

$$\pi(N) = \frac{\pi(0)}{q_1} \quad \text{and} \quad \pi(2) = \pi(1) \frac{p_1}{q_2} = \frac{\pi(0)}{q_2} \left( \frac{p_1}{q_1} \right)$$

$$\text{and so, } \pi(i) = \left( \frac{p_1 p_2 \dots p_{i-1}}{q_1 q_2 \dots q_i} \right) \pi(0) \quad (2 \leq i \leq N)$$

and to find  $\pi(0)$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \pi(i) = 1$$