

Assn 7 Solution Key

Stochastic Probs:



(b) regular for $k=1$

(c)

$$\left(\begin{array}{cc|c} -0.6 & 0.8 & 0 \\ 0.6 & -0.8 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftrightarrow R_2 + R_1} \left(\begin{array}{cc|c} -0.6 & 0.8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.8x_2 = 0.6x_1 \Rightarrow \boxed{x_1 = \frac{4}{3}x_2}$$

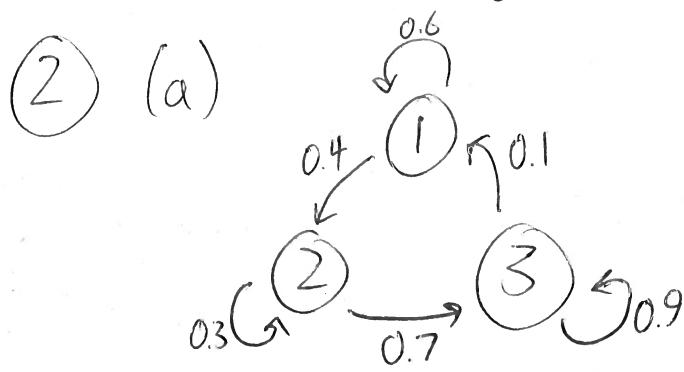
x_2 * free

(d) $x_1 + x_2 = 1$ for a prob. vector

$$\frac{4}{3}x_2 + x_2 = \frac{7}{3}x_2 = 1 \Rightarrow x_2 = \frac{3}{7} \quad \text{and} \quad x_1 = 1 - x_2 = \frac{4}{7}$$

steady state vector $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{4}{7} \\ \frac{3}{7} \end{bmatrix}$
unique as A regular

(also only prob. vector solution
to $(A-I)x=0$)



(b) regular for $k=2$, possible to go from any i to any j with a length 2 path
(or just multiply out)

$$(c) \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} -0.4 & 0 & 0.1 & 0 \\ 0.4 & -0.7 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.7 & -0.1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow R_2 + R_1} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} -0.4 & 0 & 0.1 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.7 & 0.1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.7 & -0.1 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\downarrow R_3 \leftarrow R_3 + R_2$$

$$0.1x_3 = 0.4x_1$$

$$0.1x_3 = 0.7x_2$$

$$\Leftarrow \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} -0.4 & 0 & 0.1 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.7 & 0.1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$X_1 = \frac{1}{4}X_3$$

$$X_2 = \frac{1}{7}X_3$$

X_3 free

$$(d) X_1 + X_2 + X_3 = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{4}X_3 + \frac{1}{7}X_3 + X_3 = \frac{7}{28}X_3 + \frac{4}{28}X_3 + \frac{28}{28}X_3 = 1$$

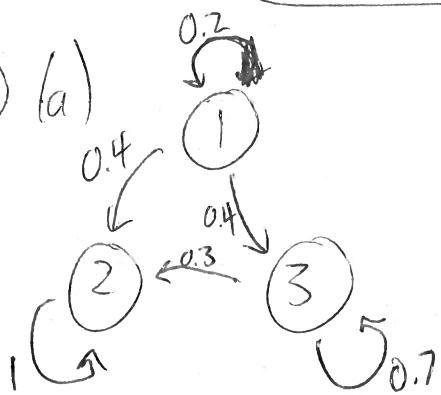
$$\Rightarrow X_3 = \frac{28}{39}$$

steady state is

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{7}{39} \\ \frac{4}{39} \\ \frac{28}{39} \end{bmatrix}$$

, unique as A regular

(also only prob. vector
sol'n to $(A-I)x=0$)



(b) Not regular, from state 2 you can never reach other states

$$(c) \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} -0.8 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.4 & 0 & 0.3 & 0 \\ 0.4 & 0 & -0.3 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftarrow \frac{1}{2}R_1 + R_2} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} -0.8 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -0.3 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$R_3 \leftarrow R_2 + R_3$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} -0.8 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow 0.8x_1 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = 0$$

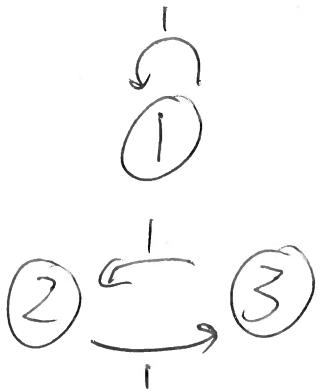
~~x_2 free~~

$x_3 \neq 0$

(d) $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 1 \Rightarrow 0 + 0 + x_3 = 1 \Rightarrow$ steady state vector $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$

unique as only prob. vector sol'n to $(A - I)x = 0$

④ (a)



(b) Not regular as can't get to other states from state 1.

(c) $\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_2 + R_3} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow x_2 = x_3$

x_1 free
 $x_2 = x_3$
 x_3 free

(d) $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 1 \Rightarrow x_1 + x_3 + x_3 = x_1 + 2x_3 = 1$

~~For one choice~~

$$x_1 = 1 - 2x_3$$

$$x_2 = x_3$$

x_3 free

are all potential steady state vectors

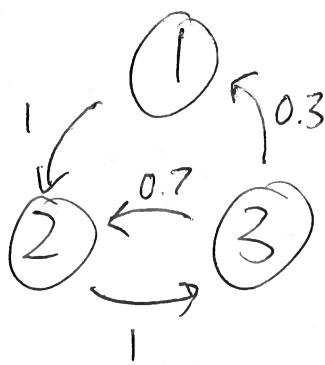
Letting $x_3 = 0$ gives one result:

(one example: $x_3 = 0.5$ gives

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

not unique as other choices of x_3 give other steady state vectors

(5) (a)



(b) • k needs to be at least 3 as you need 3 steps to return to state 1 from state 1.

• $k \neq 3$ as no 3-step path from state 1 to state 3

• $k \neq 4$ as no 4-step path from state 1 back to itself

• $k=5$ turns out to work, requires check or computer calculation

$$(c) \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 0 & 0.3 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0.7 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_2 \leftrightarrow R_1 + R_2} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 0 & 0.3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{\cancel{R_3} \leftarrow R_2 + R_3} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} -1 & 0 & 0.3 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} X_1 &= 0.3X_3 = \frac{3}{10}X_3 \\ X_2 &= X_3 \\ X_3 & \text{ free} \end{aligned}$$

$$(d) X_1 + X_2 + X_3 = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{3}{10}X_3 + X_3 + X_3 = \frac{23}{10}X_3 = 1 \Rightarrow X_3 = \frac{10}{23}$$

Steady state vector: $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{23} \\ \frac{10}{23} \\ \frac{10}{23} \end{bmatrix}$, unique as regular

T/F:

① True ✓

② False, $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ has unique steady state vector $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ but vectors just oscillate & don't converge to it

- ③ False, see matrix 5 from previous section.
- ④ True
- ⑤ True
- ⑥ True
- ⑦ False, $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ clearly not invertible as rows identical
(& columns)

Word Problem

~~ith result~~ ~~(i+1)th result~~ ~~win~~ ~~win~~ Model as a Markov chain

| ith result | win | draw | loss |
|-----------------------|-----|------|------|
| win | .7 | .2 | .2 |
| draw | .15 | .5 | .7 |
| loss | .15 | .3 | .1 |
| | | | A |

A regular, so will have a unique steady state vector that things converge to.

$$(A - I)x = 0 \xrightarrow{\text{aug}} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} -0.3 & 0.2 & 0.2 & 0 \\ 0.15 & -0.5 & 0.7 & 0 \\ 0.15 & 0.3 & -0.9 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$R_2 \leftarrow \frac{1}{2}R_1 + R_2$

$\checkmark R_3 \leftarrow \frac{1}{2}R_1 + R_3$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} -0.3 & 0.2 & 0.2 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.4 & 0.8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.4 & -0.8 & 0 \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{R_3 \leftarrow R_2 + R_3} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} -0.3 & 0.2 & 0.2 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.4 & 0.8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right)$$

$R_1 \leftarrow R_1 + \frac{1}{2}R_2$

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} -0.3 & 0.0 & 0.6 & 0 \\ 0 & -0.4 & 0.8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right) \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} 0.3x_1 = 0.6x_3 \\ 0.4x_2 = 0.8x_3 \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} x_1 = 2x_3 \\ x_2 = 2x_3 \\ x_3 \text{ free} \end{array}$$

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 1 \Rightarrow 2x_3 + 2x_3 + x_3 = 5x_3 = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= \frac{2}{5} \\ \Rightarrow x_2 &= \frac{2}{5} \\ x_3 &= \frac{1}{5} \end{aligned}$$

The win/draw/loss percentages will ~~correspond~~ be 40%/40%/20% regardless of starting state. (~~Winning~~ ~~losses~~)

(Winning/losing their first game corresponds to starting states of $\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ & $\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$, respectively)