

This week :

## I DTFS Markov Chains

- review + examples
- Evolution in time
- Chapman - Kolmogorov Eqns
- Classification of States
- Stationary and Limiting Distributions  
Global Balance
- Ergodicity
- Reversible Chains and "Detailed Balance"

## II Markov Chain Monte Carlo (MCMC)

- Extending DTFS with kernels
- Metropolis Methods
- Gibbs Sampling
- Markov Chain LLN + CLT

Note:

- HW5 due next week

## I DTFS Markov Chains:

Recall: A Markov Chain  $\{X_k\}_{k \geq 1}$

is a random process such that

- given an index set  $I$
- $X_k: \Omega \rightarrow \Lambda \quad \forall k \in I$
- where  $\Lambda$  is a state (or phase) space.

and

$$P(X_{k+1} | \{X_j\}_{j=1}^k) = P(X_{k+1} | X_k)$$

[Markov or Memoryless Property]

$\Rightarrow$  All finite-order distributions of  $\{X_k\}_k$   
can be expressed in terms of 2<sup>nd</sup>-order  
distributions. i.e  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

$$P\left(\bigcap_{k=0}^n \{X_k = \lambda_k\}\right) = \overbrace{P(X_0 = \lambda_0)}^{\text{initial distribution}} \cdot \prod_{k=1}^n P(X_k = \lambda_k | X_{k-1} = \lambda_{k-1})$$

When  $I = \mathbb{N}$  }  $\Rightarrow$  Discrete Time Finite State  
 $\Lambda = \{1, \dots, m\}$  } (DTFS) MC

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The chain is homogeneous if

$$P(X_{k+1} = \pi_j | X_k = \pi_i) = P(X_1 = \pi_j | X_0 = \pi_i)$$

$\forall k, i, j$

[i.e.  $i \rightarrow j$  transition probability is constant  $\forall$  time]

### Canonical Representation

Many homogeneous Markov Chains (HMCs)

Can be written as a transformation function  
or recurrence relation driven by "white noise":

$$X_{k+1} = f(X_k, Z_{k+1})$$

where  $\{Z_k\}_{k \geq 1}$  is iid ("white")

Why? Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_{k+1} = \pi_{k+1} | \{X_i = \pi_i\}_i^k) &= P(f(\pi_k, Z_{k+1}) | \{X_i = \pi_i\}_i^k) \\ &= P(f(\pi_k, Z_{k+1})) \end{aligned}$$

(since  $Z_{k+1}$  indep of  $\{X_i\}_i^{2^k}$ )

$\Rightarrow \forall k$ .

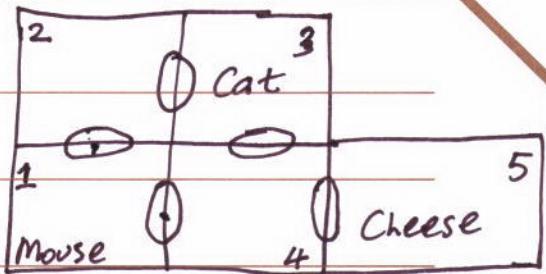
$$P(X_{k+1} = \pi_{k+1} | X_k = \pi_k) = P(f(\pi_k, Z_{k+1}))$$

[not all (H)MCs admit such a representation]

Ex [Cat-Mouse-Cheese]

Mouse seeking cheese

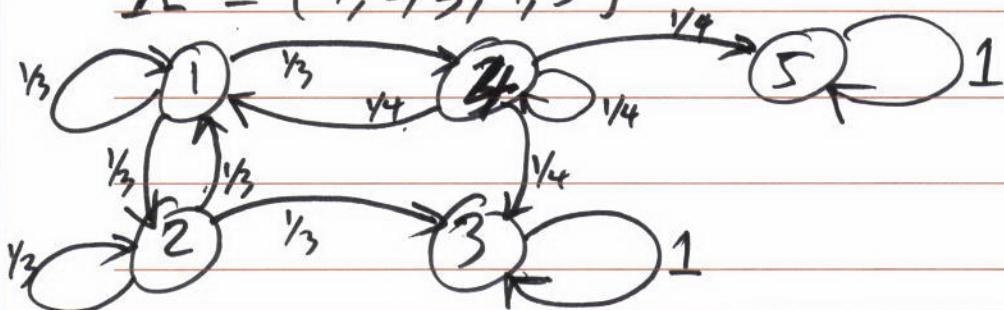
in indicated floorplan. Cat in



Room #3. Mouse doing complete random walk  
in graph with 2 absorbing states (#3, #5).

$X_n$  = room location of the mouse @ time n

$$\Lambda = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$$



Ex Wright-Fisher model of genotype Drift.

Assumptions:

- Constant population in each generation ( $N$ )
- Diploid genotype  $\rightarrow$  2 alleles, 1 from each parent
- Random mating + non-overlapping generations

$\{a, A\}$

$X_n = \# \text{ of } 'A' \text{ allele in the popn} @ \text{time } n$

$n=0$   $\boxed{a|a}$ ,  $\boxed{A|A}$   $\uparrow$  2,  $\boxed{a|A}$ , . . .  $\boxed{A|A}$   $\downarrow$  N

$$X_{n+1} \sim b \left( n=2N, P=\frac{(X_n)}{2N} \right)$$

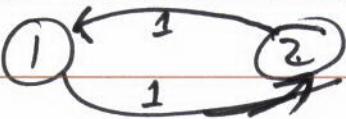
$$|\underline{P}| = |\Delta| \times |\Lambda|$$

$$\underline{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & \left( \begin{matrix} \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & \frac{1}{3} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{4} & 0 & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{matrix} \right) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{\pi}_0 = (1, 0, 0, 0, 0)$$
$$\vec{\pi}_1 = \vec{\pi}_0 \cdot \underline{P}$$

$$\vec{\pi}_n = (P(X_n=1), P(X_n=2), \dots; P(X_n \in \Delta))$$

## Examples of HMC Types :

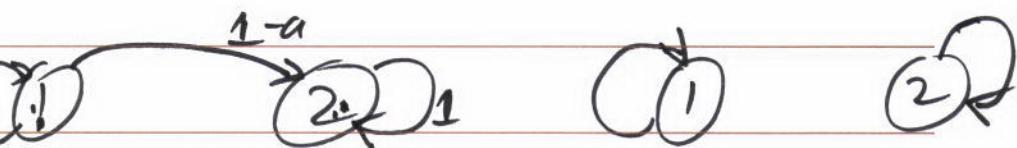
i) [PI] 

$$i \in \{1, 2\} \quad d(i) = 2$$

$$1 \leftrightarrow 2$$

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

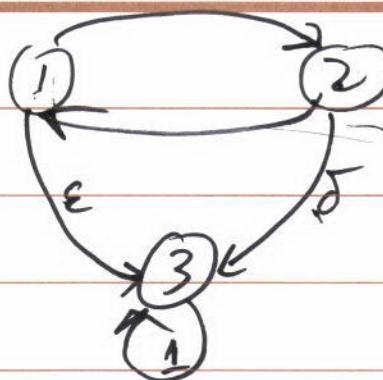
ii) [AR] 

$$i \in \{1, 2\}$$

$$1 \rightarrow 2$$

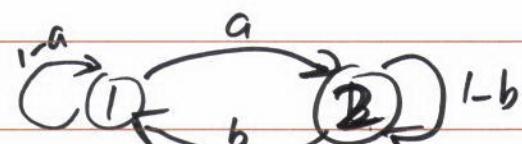
$$P = \begin{pmatrix} a & 1-a \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

iii) [PR]



$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1-\epsilon & \epsilon & 0 \\ 1-\delta & 0 & \delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

iv) [AI]



$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1-a & a \\ b & 1-b \end{pmatrix}$$

## Time-Evolution of HMCs :

The transition matrix

$$\underline{P} = \left( \underline{P}_{i,j} \right)_{i,j}$$

where

$$P_{ij} = P(X_{k+1} = j \mid X_k = i)$$

Completely determines the evolution of the HMC in one time step ( $k \rightarrow k+1$ ).

P also characterizes any  $n \geq 1$  step evolution via the Chapman-Kolmogorov equations

## i 1-step Transition :

Assume an initial state distribution :

$$\vec{v}(0) = (P(X_0=1), P(X_0=2), \dots, P(X_0=m))$$

$$[\Delta = \{1, \dots, m\}]$$

Qn: What is the distribution after evolving

the MC 1-step forward in time ? i.e

$$\vec{v}(1) = (P(X_1=1), \dots, P(X_1=m)) = ?$$

Ans: Multiplication Theorem / Conditional Probability / Total Probab

$$P(X_1 = j) = \sum_{i \in \Lambda} P(X_0 = i) \cdot P(X_1 = j | X_0 = i)$$

$P_{i \rightarrow j}$   
 $\vec{\pi} \cdot \underline{P}$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{v}(1) = \vec{v}(0) \cdot \underline{P}}$$

$$\text{Homogeneity} \Rightarrow \boxed{\vec{v}(k+1) = \vec{v}(k) \cdot \underline{P}} \quad \forall k$$

// 2-Step Transition:

Qu:  $\vec{v}(2)$  given  $\underline{P}$  and  $\vec{v}(0)$ ?

Ans: rely on recurrence

$$\vec{v}(2) = \vec{v}(1) \cdot \underline{P}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{v}(1) &= \vec{v}(0) \cdot \underline{P} \\ \Rightarrow \vec{v}(2) &= \vec{v}(0) \cdot \underline{P} \cdot \underline{P} \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\vec{v}(2) = \vec{v}(0) \cdot \underline{P}^2}$$

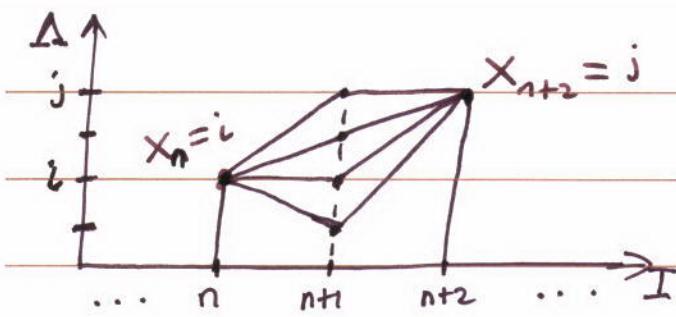
By homogeneity again:

$$\boxed{\vec{v}(k+2) = \vec{v}(k) \cdot \underline{P}^2} \quad \forall k$$

This also gives us a way to write

the 2-step transition matrix  $\underline{P}(2)$

$$\underline{P}(2) = \left( \left( P(X_{n+2} = j | X_n = i) \right) \right)_{i,j} =$$



To go from  
 $X_n = i$  to  $X_{n+2} = j$

we need to sum

over all paths thru  $n+1$

$$\Pr(X_{n+2} = j) = \sum_k \Pr(X_{n+2} = j, X_{n+1} = k)$$

$$\Pr(X_{n+2} = j | X_n = i) \stackrel{\text{marg.}}{=} \sum_{k \in \Delta} \Pr(X_{n+2} = j, X_{n+1} = k | X_n = i)$$

$$= \sum_{k \in \Delta} \Pr(X_{n+2} = j | X_{n+1} = k, X_n = i) \cdot \Pr(X_{n+1} = k | X_n = i)$$

$$= \sum_{k \in \Delta} \underbrace{\Pr(X_{n+2} = j | X_{n+1} = k)}_{\frac{P}{\underline{P}}} \cdot \underbrace{\Pr(X_{n+1} = k | X_n = i)}_{\frac{P}{\underline{P}}}$$

$$\Pr(X_{n+2} = j | X_n = i) = \sum_{k \in \Delta} P_{ik} \cdot P_{kj}$$

$$\text{Recall: } ((\underline{A} \cdot \underline{B}))_{i,j} = \sum_k a_{ik} \cdot b_{kj}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{P}(2) = \underline{P}(1) \cdot \underline{P}(1) = \underline{P}^2$$

In general: [Chapman - Kolmogorov]

$$\boxed{\underline{P}(n+m) = \underline{P}^n \cdot \underline{P}^m}$$

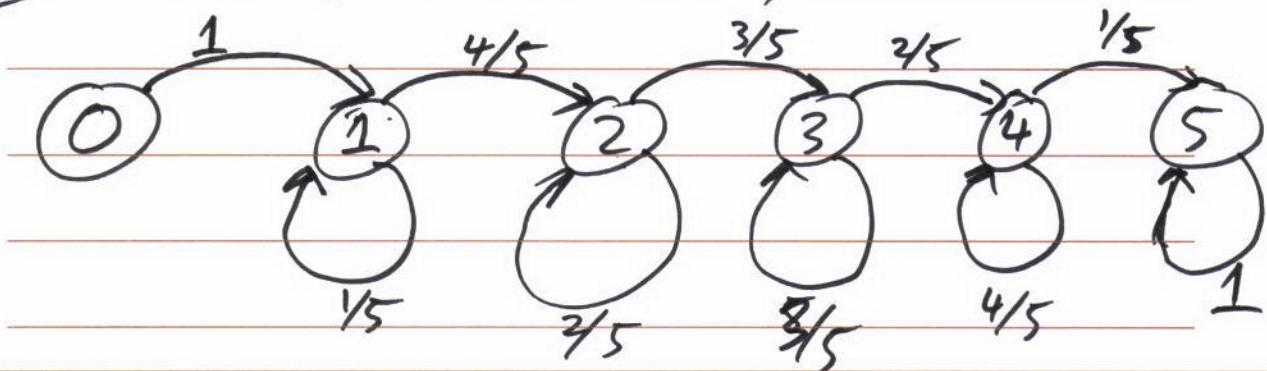
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Ex    | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Unlimited # of balls to distribute

$X_n$  = # of non-empty buckets @ time  $n$

\*  $\Omega = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$   
Qn :  $P(X_3 = 3 | X_0 = 0)$



$$P(X_3 = 3 | X_0 = 0) = P(X_0 = 0) \cdot P(X_1 = 1 | X_0 = 0) \cdot P(X_3 = 3 | X_1 = 1)$$

$$P(X_0 = 0) = 1$$

$$P(X_1 = 1 | X_0 = 0) = 1$$

$$P(X_3 = 3 | X_1 = 1) = \sum_{X_2 \in \{1, 2\}} P(X_3 = 3 | X_2 = k) \cdot P(X_2 = k | X_1 = 1)$$

$$= P(X_3 = 3 | X_2 = 2) \cdot P(X_2 = 2 | X_1 = 1)$$

$$= \left(\frac{3}{5}\right) \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)$$

$$\underline{P(3)} = \underline{(P)}^3 \leftarrow P_{03}$$

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## Classification of HMC States :

Two controlling concepts :

Communication + Periodicity (+ Transience/Recurrence)

i) Communicating States : ( $\leftrightarrow$ )

$p_{ij}(n)$  is the  $(i,j)^{th}$  entry of the n-step transition matrix  $P^n$

State  $j$  is accessible from state  $i$

$\Leftrightarrow \exists n \in \mathbb{N}^+ : p_{ij}(n) > 0$   
[ $i \rightarrow j$ ]

States  $(i,j)$  communicate

$\Leftrightarrow (i \rightarrow j) \text{ and } (j \rightarrow i)$   
[ $i \leftrightarrow j$ ]

-reflexive  
-transitive  
-symmetric

" $\leftrightarrow$ " is an equivalence relation on  $\Lambda$

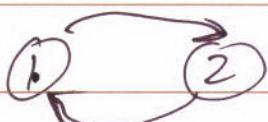
$\Rightarrow$  " $\leftrightarrow$ " partitions  $\Lambda$  into

equivalence classes called

communicating

classes

e.g.



vs



$$\Lambda = \{1, 2\}$$

$$\Lambda = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$\{\{1\}, \{2\}\}$$

## ii) State Periodicity: ( $d(i)$ )

State  $i \in \Lambda$  has period  $d(i)$ :

$$d(i) = \gcd \{n : p_{ii}(n) > 0\}$$

$\rightarrow$  <sup>min</sup># of steps required to return to a state / period of self-return path lengths.

$$d(i) = 1 \iff \text{aperiodic state}$$

$$d(i) = 1 \forall i \in \Lambda \iff \text{aperiodic MC.}$$

$$C \subseteq \Lambda, \text{ a communicating class} \Rightarrow \forall i, j \in C, d(i) = d(j)$$

## Definition:

An Ergodic Markov Chain  
is a MC such that:

i) All states communicate [Irreducible]  
i.e.  $\forall i, j \in \Lambda, i \leftrightarrow j$

ii)  $\forall i \in \Lambda, d(i) = 1$  [Aperiodic]

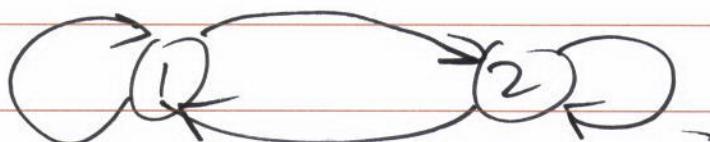
[Ergodic MC = AI MC]  $\frac{1}{2}$

# Ergodicity for an R.P.

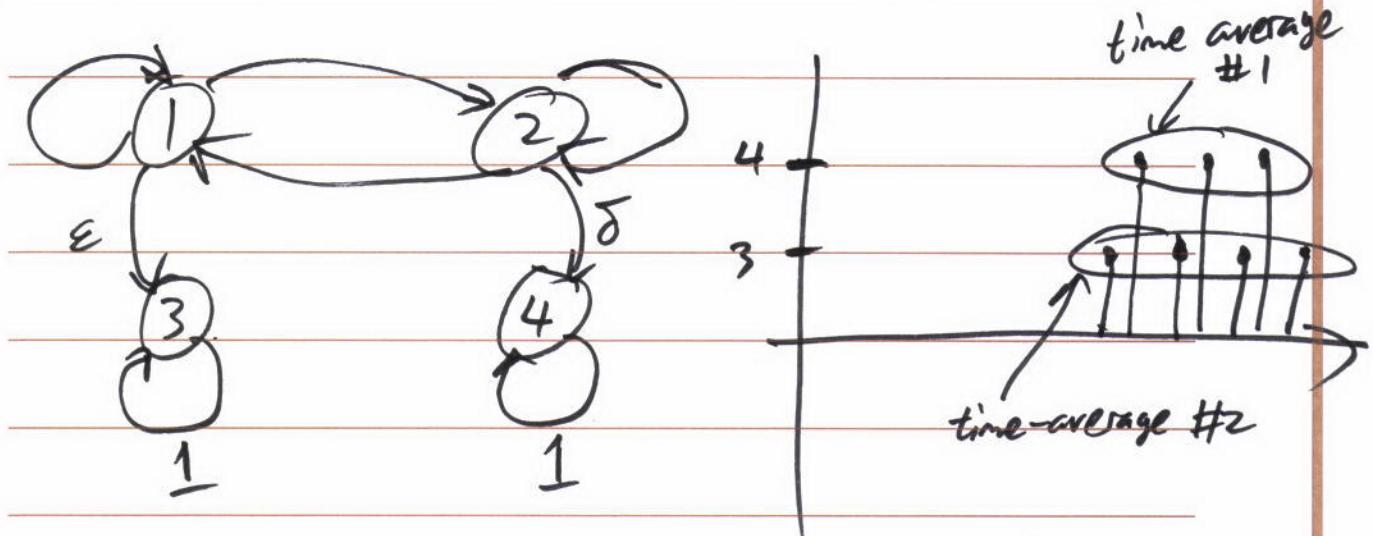
Time average = Ensemble Average

$$X(\omega, n)$$

ensemble: fix  $n$  get ensemble avg  
time: fix  $\omega$  get time avg.



$$\hookrightarrow \pi^*(n) \quad n \rightarrow \infty$$



## Stationary and Limiting Distributions

P specifies the dynamics of a homogeneous Markov Chain (HMC). An initial distribution vector specifies start point:

$$\vec{\pi}_0 = (P(x_0=1), \dots, P(x_0=|\Delta|))$$

$(\vec{\pi}_0, \underline{P})$  are complete for determining  $\vec{\pi}_t$

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned}\vec{\pi}_t &= \vec{\pi}_0 \cdot \underline{P}(t) \\ \vec{\pi}_t &= \vec{\pi}_0 \cdot \underline{P}^t\end{aligned}} \quad t \in \mathbb{N}^+$$

Think of:  $\left. \begin{array}{l} \underline{P} \text{ as LCC Diff. Eq.} \\ \vec{\pi}_0 \text{ as initial condition} \end{array} \right\}$

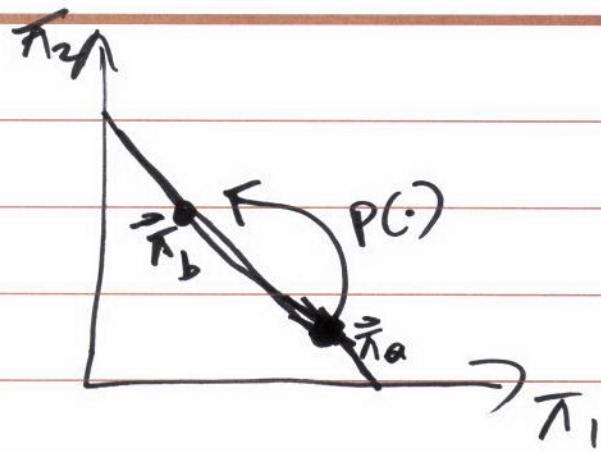
Qu: i) What does  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \vec{\pi}_t$  look like?

[limiting distribution]

ii) Does  $\exists \vec{\pi}^*$  such that

$$\vec{\pi}^* \underline{P} = \vec{\pi}^* ?$$

[stationary distributions)



$$f : [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$$

$$f(x) = x$$

$$x^* = 0.5 ; f(0.5) = 0.5$$

$$f : [-1, 2] \rightarrow D \stackrel{[0, 3]}{=} \mathbb{R}$$

$$f : x^2 - 2$$

$$f(x^*) = x^{*^2} - 2 = x^*$$

$$x^{*^2} - x^* - 2 = 0$$

$$(x^* + 1)(x^* - 2)$$

$$x^* = \{+2, -1\}$$

Function POV:

an HMC's evolution can be viewed as  
an iterated function composition:

$$P(\cdot) : S^{|\Delta|} \longrightarrow S^{|\Delta|}$$

where:

$$S^{|\Delta|} = \left\{ \vec{\pi} \in \mathbb{R}_+^{|\Delta|} : \pi(i) \in [0, 1], \sum \pi(i) = 1 \right\}$$

Simplex on  $\mathbb{R}^{|\Delta|}$   
Convex / compact / closed / Bounded

$$P(\vec{\pi}) = \vec{\pi} \cdot P$$

[a linear transformation]

## Brouwer's Fixed Point Theorem

If

- $f: S \rightarrow S$  is continuous
- $S \in \mathbb{R}^m$  is compact and convex

Then

$$\exists x^* \in S : f(x^*) = x^*$$

[i.e.  $x^*$  is a possibly non-unique fixed pt.]

### HMC-specific Corollary:

- $\underline{P}(\vec{\pi}) = \vec{\pi} \cdot \underline{P}$  is a continuous fxn on  
a convex, compact space.  
 $\Rightarrow$  every HMC has a fixed point  
 $\vec{\pi}^*$  such that  
 $\vec{\pi}^* \underline{P} = \vec{\pi}^*$   
[ eigenvector of  $\lambda = 1$  ]
- However,  $\vec{\pi}^*$  may not be unique.  
And ...  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \vec{\pi}_t$  and  $\vec{\pi}^*$  may not  
be the same.

### Perron - Frobenius Theorem:

If  $\underline{P}$  is a stochastic matrix  
then

- $\underline{P}$  has an eigenvalue  $\lambda_1 = 1$
- $\lambda_1$  has algebraic and geometric multiplicity equal to the # of communication classes.
- $\Rightarrow$  if  $\underline{P}$  is aperiodic + irreducible  $\lambda_1$  is a unique stationary point.

$$- |\underline{P}(t) - \underline{P}^\infty| \propto |\lambda_2|^t$$

$$\underline{P}^\infty = \vec{1} \vec{\pi}_1$$

$\vec{1}$  2<sup>nd</sup> Largest Eigenvalue Modulus

## Key Points/Theorem for DTFS MCs

If a DTFS HMC is Ergodic

[i.e Aperiodic and Irreducible]

$\Rightarrow$  i)  $\vec{\pi}^*$  is unique

ii)  $\vec{\pi}_t \rightarrow \vec{\pi}^*$

Failure Modes:

(i) fails for reducible MCs

(ii) fails for periodic MCs

Also:

i)  $\Rightarrow X_n \xrightarrow{d} X^*$

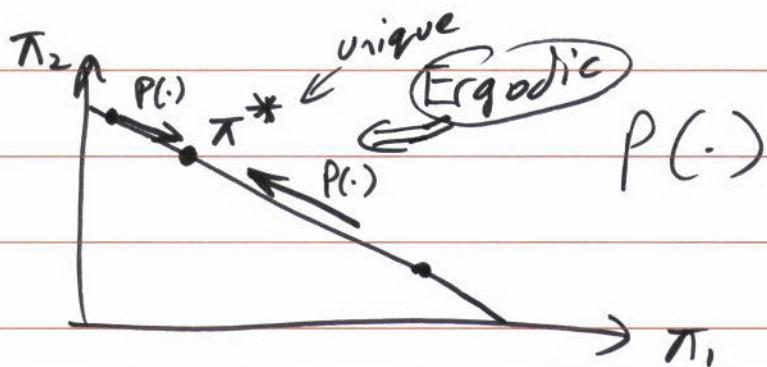
where  $X^* \sim \vec{\pi}^*$

So when  $n$  is sufficiently large  
we can begin to explore limit laws  
like LLN/CLT for Markov Chains.

$$\underline{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

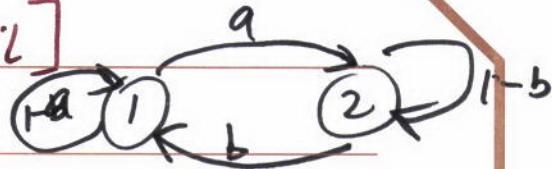
$\forall \vec{\pi} \in S \quad \vec{\pi} \cdot \underline{P} = \vec{\pi}$

$\Rightarrow \forall \vec{\pi} \in S$  is  $\vec{\pi}^*$



Ex [2-state MC in full detail]

Given HMC  $\{X_n\}_n$  with



$$\underline{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 1-a & a \\ b & 1-b \end{pmatrix} \quad a, b \in (0, 1)$$

$[a, b \in \{0, 1\} \Rightarrow \text{not Ergodic}]$

$$\underline{P} \text{ AI} \Rightarrow \vec{\pi}_t \rightarrow \vec{\pi}^*$$

$$\text{and } \vec{\pi}^* \cdot \underline{P} = \vec{\pi}^*$$

Eigenvalues are roots of the characteristic eq,  $C(\lambda)$

$$0 = C(\lambda) = \text{Det}(\lambda \underline{I} - \underline{P}) = \begin{vmatrix} \lambda - (1-a) & -a \\ -b & \lambda - (1-b) \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (\lambda - 1+a)(\lambda - 1+b) - ab$$

$$= (\lambda - 1)^2 + a(\lambda - 1) + b(\lambda - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = (\lambda - 1)(\lambda - 1 + a + b)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \begin{cases} 1 & \leftarrow \text{determines } \vec{\pi}^* \\ (1 - a - b) & \leftarrow \text{determines convergence speed} \end{cases}$$

$$\boxed{\vec{\pi}^* \underline{P} = \vec{\pi}^*} = (\pi^*(1), \pi^*(2))$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi^*(1)(1-a) + \pi^*(2)b = \pi^*(1)$$

$$- (\pi^*(1)a + \pi^*(2)(1-b)) = \pi^*(2)$$

$$\pi^*(1)(1-2a) + \pi^*(2)(2b-1) = \pi_1^* - \pi_2^*$$

$$\Rightarrow 2b\pi_2^* = 2a\pi_1^*$$

Global balance

Giving

$$\begin{cases} \pi_1^* + \pi_2^* = 1 & \leftarrow \text{PMF constraint} \\ a\pi_1^* = b\pi_2^* \end{cases}$$

$$\pi_2^* = \frac{a\pi_1^*}{b}$$

$$\pi_1^* = 1 - \frac{a\pi_1^*}{b}$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi_1^* = \frac{b}{a+b}$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi_2^* = \frac{a}{a+b}$$

$$\vec{\pi}^* = \frac{1}{a+b} (b, a)$$

More generally :

$$P^n = \frac{1}{a+b} \begin{pmatrix} b & a \\ b & a \end{pmatrix} + (1-a-b)^n \begin{pmatrix} a & -a \\ -b & b \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|P^n - P^\infty| \propto |1-a-b|^n$$

[geometrically fast convergence]

## Reversible Chains and "Detailed Balance":

Suppose  $\{X_n\}_n$  is a HMC. Assume  $X_n$  is stationary.

Define the time-reversed HMC  $Y_n$

$$Y_n = X_{-n}$$

We are interested in conditions under which

$$\{Y_n\}_n \stackrel{d}{=} \{X_n\}_n$$

This requires that forward transitions and backward transitions on  $\{X_n\}_n$  are balanced.

i.e probability mass flowing  $i \rightarrow j$

= mass flowing  $j \rightarrow i$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\pi_i p_{ij} = \pi_j p_{ji}} \quad \forall i, j \in \Lambda$$

[Detailed Balance]

A HMC with stationary distribution  $\hat{\pi}^{(in)}$  is called reversible if it satisfies detailed balance.

Compare Detailed Balance to

Global Balance:

$$\boxed{\vec{\pi} \cdot \underline{P} = \vec{\pi}}$$

Claim: [Detailed Balance Test]

If  $\vec{\pi}$  satisfies Detailed Balance for  $\underline{P}$

$\Rightarrow \vec{\pi}$  satisfies Global Balance for  $\underline{P}$

i.e  $[\pi_i p_{ij} = \pi_j p_{ji} \quad \forall i, j \in \Lambda] \Rightarrow [\vec{\pi} \cdot \underline{P} = \vec{\pi}]$

Proof:  $\sum_{i \in \Lambda} p_{ji} = 1$

$$\Rightarrow \forall j \in \Lambda, \pi_j = \pi_j \cdot \left( \sum_{i \in \Lambda} p_{ji} \right)$$

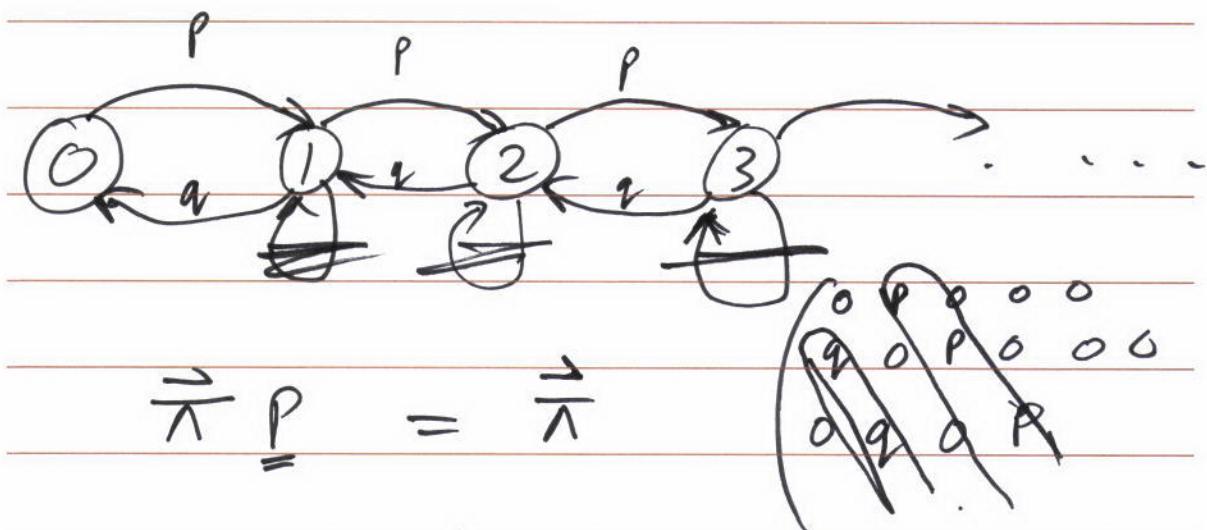
$$= \sum_i \pi_j p_{ji}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{D.B.}}{=} \sum_i \pi_i p_{ij} \quad [\because \text{reversible}]$$

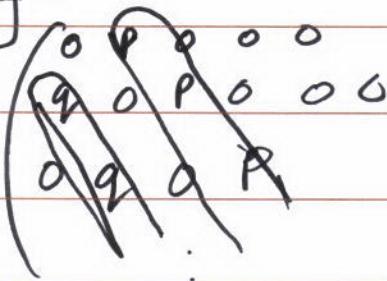
$$\text{i.e } \forall j \in \Lambda, \pi_j = \sum_i \pi_i p_{ij} = (\vec{\pi} \cdot \underline{P})_j$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{\pi} = \vec{\pi} \cdot \underline{P}$$

# Birth - Death Process

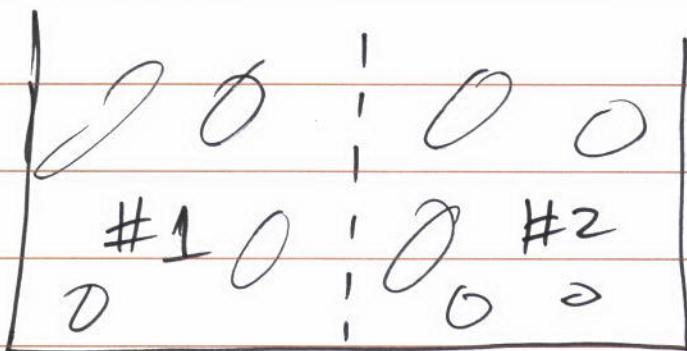


$$\vec{\pi} = \vec{\pi}$$



$$\vec{\pi}(i) = \phi(i)$$

$$\phi(i) \cdot p_{ij} = \phi(j) \cdot p_{ji} \quad \forall i, j \in \mathbb{N}$$



$N = \# \text{ Particles}$

$X_n = \# \text{ of Particle in } \#1$

E.g. : Stationary distribution for Ehrenfest Urn

Recall

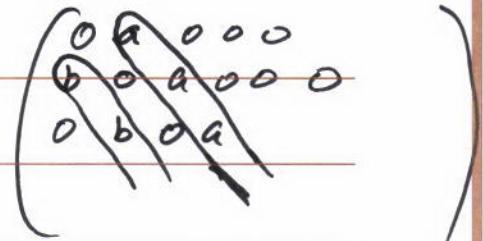
$X_{n+1}$  = # of particles in bin 1

$$X_{n+1} = X_n + Z_{n+1}$$

$$Z_{n+1} \in \{-1, +1\}$$

$$P(Z_{n+1} = j | X_n = i) = \begin{cases} i/N & j = -1 \\ (N-i)/N & j = +1 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Test } \pi(i) = \frac{1}{2^N} \binom{N}{i} \quad \text{for detailed Balance}$$



$$\pi(i) P_{i,i+1} \stackrel{?}{=} \pi(i+1) P_{i+1,i} \quad \boxed{\pi(i) P_{i,i-1} \stackrel{?}{=} \pi(i) P_{i-1,i}}$$

$$\frac{1}{2^N} \binom{N}{i} \frac{N-i}{N} \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{1}{2^N} \binom{N}{i+1} \cdot \frac{i+1}{N}$$

$$\frac{N! \cdot (N-i)!}{i! (N-i)!} \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{N!}{(i+1)! (N-i-1)!} \cdot (i+1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{N!}{(i+1) \cdot i! (N-i)!} \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{N!}{(i+1) \cdot \underbrace{(N-i)}_{(i+1) \cdot (N-i-1)!} \cdot (N-i-1)!}$$

$$\frac{N!}{(i+1)! (N-i)!} \stackrel{\checkmark}{=} \frac{N!}{(i+1)! (N-i)!}$$

DTFS  $\hookleftarrow$  Ergodic  $\Rightarrow [A \ I]$

DTCS  $\hookleftarrow$  Ergodic = ?  
↑ Countably Infinite Space

Ergodic  $\hookrightarrow$  States  $\frac{\text{Mix}}{\uparrow}$

$T_j = 1^{\text{st}}$  revisiting Time for state  $j \in \mathbb{A}$   
 $= \min \{k \in \mathbb{N} : X_k = j \mid X_0 = j\}$

$P(T_j < \infty \mid X_0 = j) = 1 \forall j \in \mathbb{A}$

$E[T_j \mid X_0 = j] < \infty \leftarrow \text{tve recurrent}$   
 $= \infty \leftarrow \text{null recurrent}$

$[A, I, \text{ tve recurrent}] \Leftrightarrow \text{Ergodic}$

## Transience vs Recurrence :

For a state  $j \in \Lambda$  of a HMC  $\{X_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$

We can examine return times:

$$T_j = \min \{k \in \mathbb{N} : X_k = j\}$$

[1<sup>st</sup> time  $X_k = j$ ]

$\Rightarrow$  Probability of returning to  $j \in \Lambda$

$$f_j = P(T_j < \infty | X_0 = j)$$

$$\{T_j = \infty\} \Rightarrow \text{no return to } j$$

For  $j \in \Lambda$

$j$  is a recurrent state

$$\Leftrightarrow f_j = 1$$

$j$  is a transient state

$$\Leftrightarrow f_j < 1$$

$$P(\{T_j = \infty\} | X_0 = j) = 1 - f_j$$

Also: HMC  $\Rightarrow P(\cdot | X_0 = j) \rightarrow P(\cdot | X_n = j) \forall n$

Ex:



$a, b \in (0, 1)$

Claim: State 2 is recurrent

Proof:

$$\textcircled{2} \text{ recurrent } \Leftrightarrow f_2 = 1$$

$$f_2 \neq 1 \Rightarrow P(T_2 = \infty | X_0 = 2) \neq 0$$

$$\{T_2 = \infty\} \Rightarrow \{X_k = 1, \forall k > 0\}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - f_2 = P\left(\bigcap_{k=1}^{\infty} \{X_k = 1\} \mid X_0 = 2\right)$$

$$1 - f_2 = P_{21} \cdot \prod_{k=1}^{\infty} P_{11}^{k-1}$$

$$P_{11} = a \in (0, 1) \Rightarrow \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} a^k = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - f_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f_2 = 1 \Rightarrow \textcircled{2} \text{ recurrent}$$

Theorem:

$$[i \leftrightarrow j] \Leftrightarrow [\{i, j\} \text{ both transient or recurrent}]$$

## Further recurrence characterizations:

$$j \text{ is transient} \Leftrightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P_{jj}^n < \infty$$

$$j \text{ is recurrent} \iff \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} p_{jj}^n = \infty$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Recall: } P_{jj}^n &= P(X_n = j | X_0 = j) \\ &= E[1_{\{X_n = j\}} | X_0 = j] \end{aligned}$$

i.e  $p_{ij}^n$  is the average occurrence of

$\{X_n = j\}$  for a HMC starting @ j

$j$  is Positive Recurrent

$$\Leftrightarrow E[\tau_j | X_0 = j] < \infty$$

$j$  is Null Recurrent

$$\Leftrightarrow \overline{E[T_j | X_0 = j]} = \infty$$

DT MC with possibly Countably Infinite States  
Ergodic  $\Leftrightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Aperiodic, Irreducible} \\ \text{Positive Recurrence} \end{array} \right\}$

## Limit Theorems for Markov Chains:

Suppose:

-  $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 0}$  is an ergodic Markov chain

with stationary pdf  $\pi(x)$ .

-  $f: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a measurable function.

-  $E_{\pi}[|f|] = \int |f(x)| \cdot \pi(x) dx < \infty$ .

Then:

(a) [MC-LLN]

$$\overline{f_n(x)} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n f(X_k) \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} E_{\pi} [f(x)]$$

$\uparrow$   
 $X_k \sim \pi^*$

(b) [MC-CLT]

$$\sqrt{n} (\overline{f_n(x)} - E_{\pi} [f(x)]) \xrightarrow{d} W \sim N(0, \sigma_f^2)$$

where:

$$\sigma_f^2 = V_{\pi} [f(x_1)] + \underbrace{\text{Cov}_{\pi} [f(x_1), f(x_k)]}_{\uparrow}$$

- ident (in the limit)

- Dependent sample since MC

$\{S_n\}_{n \geq 1}$  is a Markov Chain

$$S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$$

Canonical representation  
of HMCs.

$$X_{n+1} = f(X_n, Z_{n+1})$$

$$S_n = S_{n-1} + X_n$$

$$S_n = f(S_{n-1}, X_n)$$

$X_n$  iid Bernoulli

$$X_n \in \{\pm 1\}$$

$Z_{n+1}$  iid

$$\mathbb{I} = \mathbb{N}$$

$$\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}$$

$S_n$ : Ergodic?

$$\underline{P} = ?$$

iii Long-run  
distribution

$$\underline{P} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & p & 0 & & & \cdots & - \\ l & p & 0 & p & 0 & 0 & & \\ 0 & 1-p & 0 & p & & & & \\ 0 & 0 & l & p & p & & & \\ \vdots & & & & & & & \end{pmatrix}$$

Ergodicity

2, 4

Aperiodic



Irreducible



+ve Recurrent  $\Leftarrow ?$