

$i$  transient :  $\Pr [T_i < \infty] < 1$

$i$  recurrent :  $\Pr [T_i < \infty] = 1$

Two notions of recurrence

Null

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N_i(n)}{n} = 0$$

equivalent statement

$$E[T_i] = \infty$$

Positive

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N_i(n)}{n} > 0$$

$$E[T_i] < \infty$$

Occupancy rate of  $i$ .

$$r_i = \frac{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{m=1}^n \mathbf{1}_{[X_m=i | X_0=i]}}{n} \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{kinda like} \\ \text{arrival rate} \end{array} \right)$$

If  $i$  transient,

$$r_i = 0$$

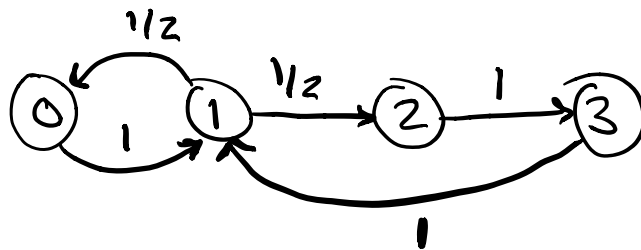
If  $i$  is NULL recurrent,

$$r_i = 0$$

If  $i$  positive recurrent,

$$r_i = \frac{1}{\mathbb{E}[T_i]}$$

Example



State 0 :

$$T_0 = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{w.p. } 1/2 \\ 4 & \text{w.p. } 1/2 \end{cases}$$

$$\mathbb{E}[T_0] = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + 4 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 3$$

$$r_0 = \frac{1}{3}$$

" $\frac{1}{3}$  of the time, the state is @ state 0"

# Recurrent Class

A communication class that is recurrent  $\begin{pmatrix} \text{NULL} \\ \text{or} \\ \text{POSITIVE} \end{pmatrix}$

Every recurrent class is closed.

## Cononical Decomposition

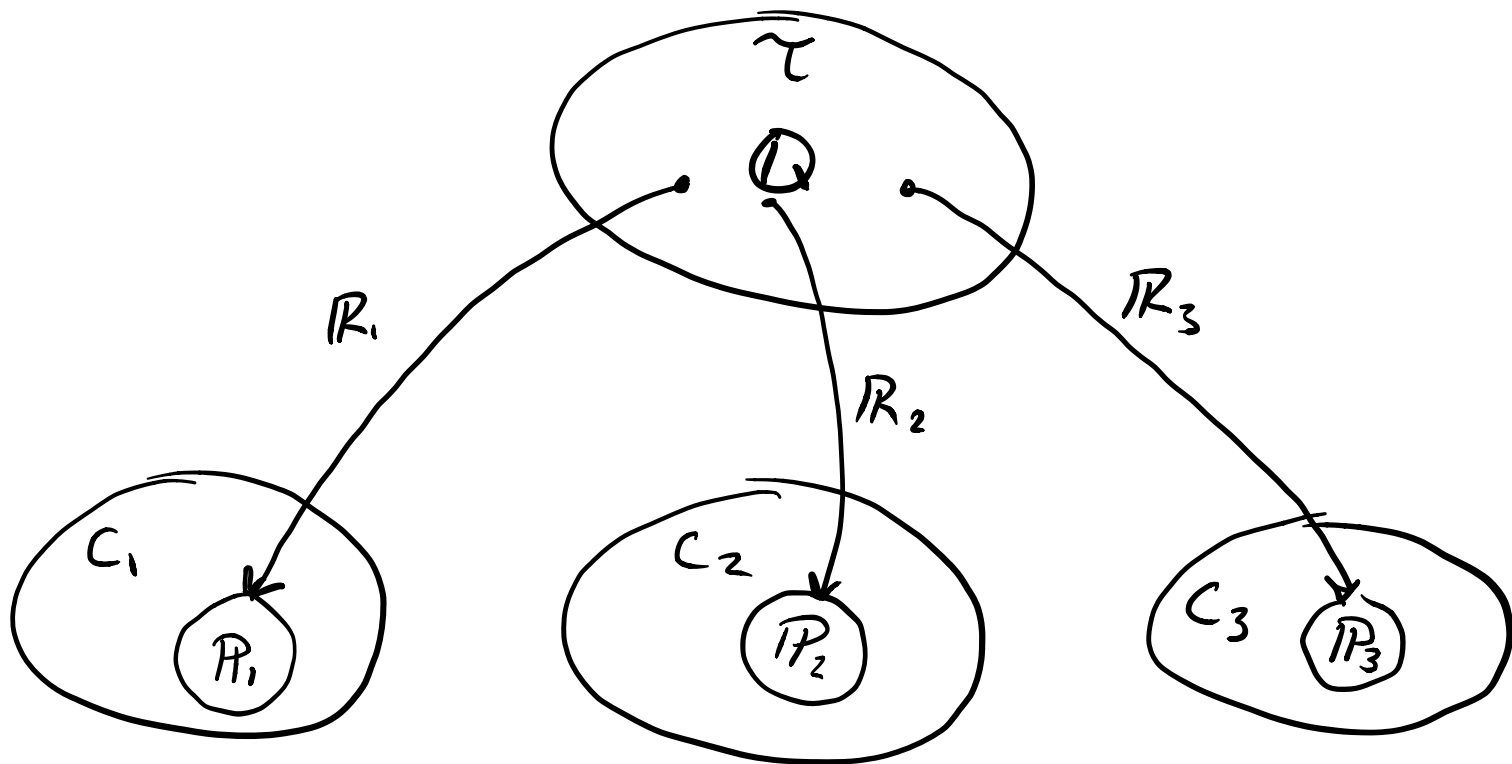
$$X = \tau \cup C_1 \cup C_2 \cup C_3 \cup \dots$$

$\tau$  last labels  
 $C_1$  states  $\{1, 2, \dots, m_1\}$   
 $C_2$  states  $\{m_1+1, \dots, m_1+m_2\}$

Expet (for  $C_1, C_2, C_3$ )

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 & \dots & m_1 \\ \vdots & & \\ m_1 & & \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} \text{NON ZERO} \\ P_1 \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} m_1+1 \\ \vdots \\ m_1+m_2 \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 0 \\ \text{Non-zero} \\ P_2 \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} m_1+m_2+1 \\ \vdots \\ m_1+m_2+m_3 \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ \text{Non-zero} \\ P_3 \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{matrix} \\ \tau & R_1 & R_2 & R_3 & Q \end{bmatrix}$$

transition matrix b/t states of  $C_1$   
 transition matrix b/t states of  $C_2$   
 transition matrix b/t states of  $C_3$



## Existence of Stationary Distribution

$$\begin{array}{c} \bar{\pi} \\ \boxed{\pi_1 \ \pi_2 \ \dots \ \pi_n} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \boxed{P} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \bar{\pi} \\ \boxed{\pi_1 \ \pi_2 \ \dots \ \pi_n} \end{array}$$

$$\sum_{i \in X} \pi_i = 1$$

-  $\pi_i$  : occupancy rate =  $r_i = \frac{1}{\mathbb{E}[T_i]}$

① If all states transient OR null recurrent,

$$r_i = 0 \quad \forall i \in X$$

then this chain has 0 stationary distribution.

② If the chain has a single positive recurrent classes (no NULL recurrent) then  $\exists$  unique stationary distribution

③ If the chain has multiple positive recurrent classes, then  $\exists$  infinitely many stationary distributions

use

$$\boxed{\pi_1 \pi_2 \dots \pi_m} \begin{matrix} \boxed{P_i} \\ m_1 \times m_1 \end{matrix} = \boxed{\pi_1 \pi_2 \dots \pi_n}$$

For  $P$ :

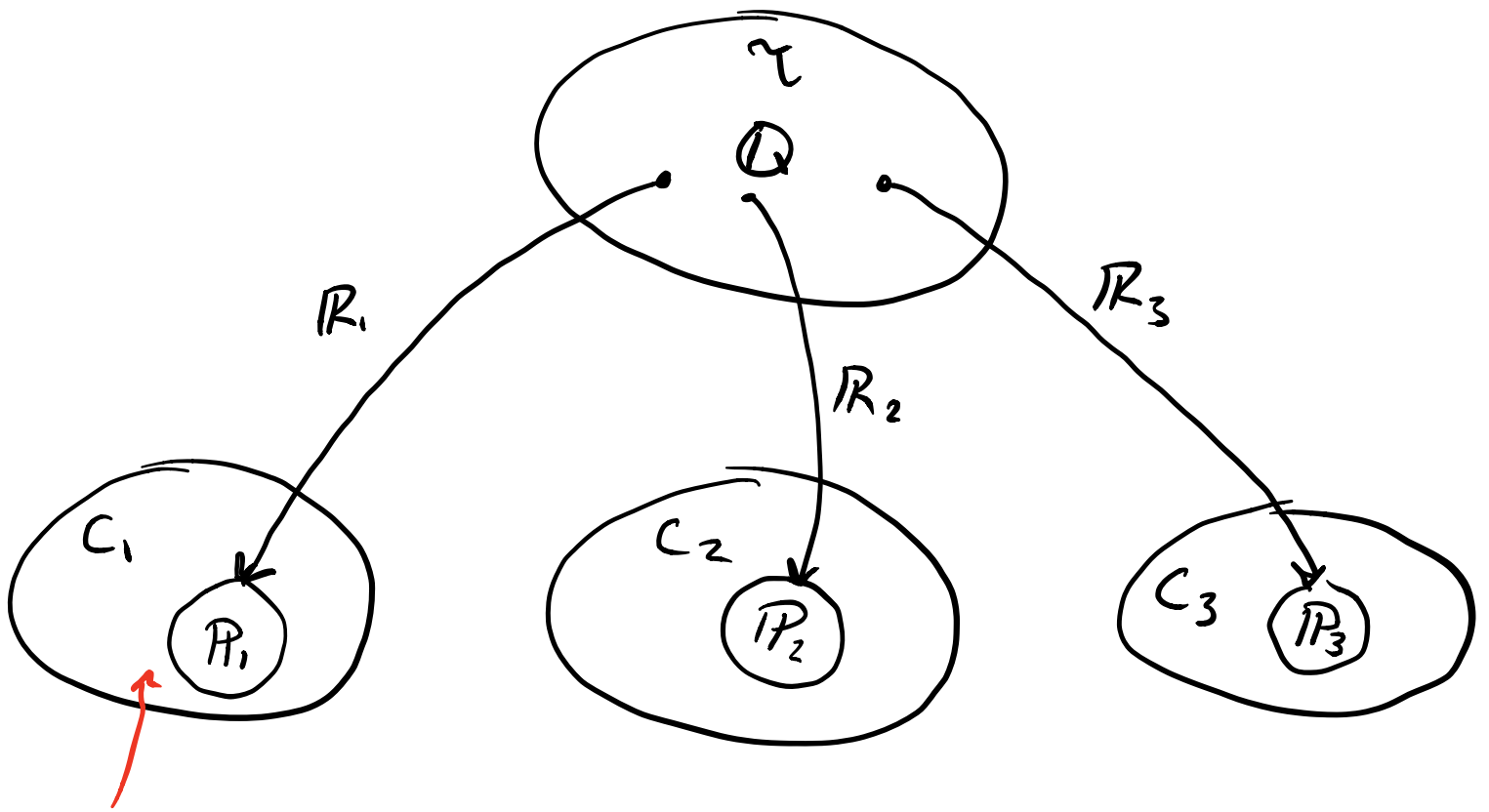
$$\alpha_1 \boxed{\pi_1 \pi_2 \dots \pi_{m_1} 0 \dots 0 \dots 0} \quad (1)$$

$$+ \alpha_2 \boxed{0 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0 \ \pi_{m_1+1} \dots \pi_{m_1+m_2} 0 \dots 0} \quad (2)$$

$$+ \alpha_3 \boxed{0 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0 \ 0 \ \dots \ 0 \ \pi_{m_1+m_2+1} \dots \pi_{m_1+m_2+m_3}} \quad (3)$$

infinite b/c can choose  $\alpha_1(1) + \alpha_2(2) + \alpha_3(3)$  s.t.  $\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 = 1$   
 where  $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{R}$  and the linear combination of (1), (2), (3) is  
 a valid  $\bar{\pi}$  satisfying our criteria

"like a change of basis!"



Probability of being absorbed here?