Try to implement the functions in fsmc_code.py and complete lines with "###"

1 Exercise 2.1

What is the distribution of the number of fair coin tosses before one observes 3 heads in a row? To solve this, consider a 4-state Markov chain with transition probability matrix

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0.5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.5 & 0 & 0.5 & 0 \\ 0.5 & 0 & 0 & 0.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

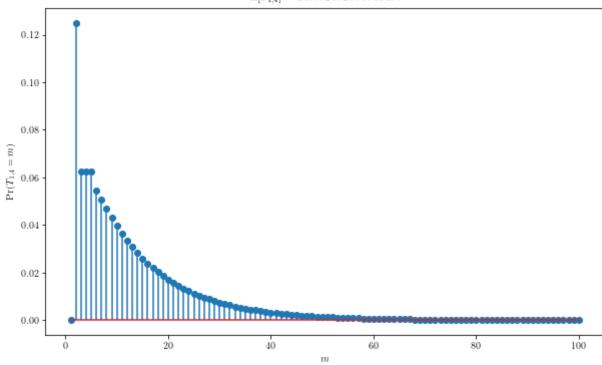
where $X_t = 1$ if the previous toss was tails, $X_t = 2$ if the last two tosses were tails then heads, $X_t = 3$ if the last three tosses were tails then heads twice, and $X_t = 4$ is an absorbing state that is reached when the last three tosses are heads.

• Write a computer program (e.g., in Python) to compute $\Pr(T_{1,4} = m)$ for m = 1, 2, ..., 100 and use this to estimate expected number of tosses $\mathbb{E}[T_{1,4}]$.

```
In [4]:
         1 ▼
              #See compute Phi ET in fsmc code.py
              def compute Phi ET(P, ns=100):
         2 ▼
                  1.1.1
         3
         4 ▼
                  Arguments:
         5
                      P {numpy.array} -- n x n, transition matrix of the Markov cha
         6
                      ns {int} -- largest step to consider
         7
         8 ▼
                  Returns:
         9
                      Phi_list {numpy.array} -- (ns + 1) x n x n, the Phi matrix fo
        10
                      ET {numpy.array} -- n x n, expectedd hitting time approxiamate
        11
        12
                  Phi_list = np.zeros([ns+1,P.shape[0],P.shape[1]])
        13
                  Phi list[0] = P
        14 ▼
                  for i in range(1,ns+1):
        15
                      Phi_list[i] = np.matmul(P, Phi_list[i-1])
        16
                  ET = np.zeros(P.shape)
        17 ▼
                  for i in range(1,ns+1):
        18
                      ET += (i+1)*(Phi_list[i] - Phi_list[i-1])
        19
                  return Phi list, ET
        20
        21
              P = np.array([[0.5, 0.5, 0, 0], [0.5, 0, 0.5, 0], [0.5, 0, 0, 0.5], [
        22
              Phi_list, ET = compute_Phi_ET(P, 100)
        23
        24
              m = np.arange(1,101) ### steps to be plotted
              25
              E = ET[0,3] \# \#  \setminus mathbb{E}[T \{1,4\}]
        26
        27
        28
              plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
        29
              plt.stem(m, Pr, use line collection= True)
        30
              plt.xlabel(r'$m$')
        31
              plt.ylabel(r'$\Pr(T {1,4}=m)$')
        32
              plt.title(r'\mbox{\ensuremathbb}{E}[T {1,4}] = ' + str(E) + ' $')
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Out[4]: Text(0.5, 1.0, '\$\\mathbb{E}[T_{1,4}] = 13.972692578968473 \$')

 $\mathbb{E}[T_{1.4}] = 13.972692578968473$

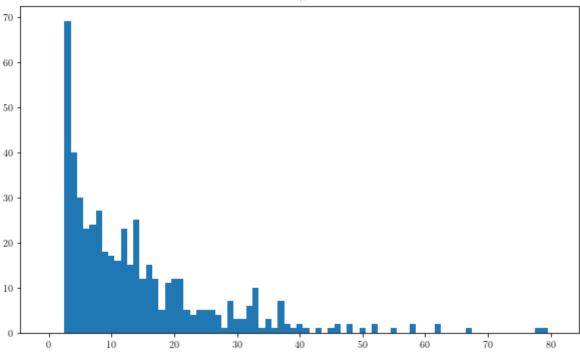


• Write a computer program that generates 500 realizations from this Markov chain and uses them to plots a histogram of $T_{1,4}$.

```
# implement simulate hitting_time(P, states, nr) in fsmc_code.py
In [5]:
          1 ▼
          2
          3 ▼ def vector(index, m):
          4
                   m = np.zeros(m.size)
          5
                   m[index] = 1
          6
                   return m
          7
          8
               # General function to simulate hitting time for Exercise 2.1
          9
              def simulate hitting time(P, states, nr):
                   1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1
         10
         11 ▼
                   Arguments:
                       P {numpy.array} -- n x n, transition matrix of the Markov cha
         12
         13
                       states {list[int]} -- the list [start state, end state], inde
         14
                       nr {int} -- largest step to consider
         15
         16 ▼
                   Returns:
         17
                       T {list[int]} -- a size nr list contains the hitting time of
                   1.1.1
         18
         19
                   # Add code here to simulate following quantities:
                   # T[i] = hitting time of the i-th run (i.e., realization) of proc
         20
         21
                   # Notice in python the index starts from 0
         22
                   start, end = states
         23
                   if start == end: return [0] * nr
         24
                   T = np.zeros(nr)
         25 ▼
                   for k in range(nr):
         26
                       curr_state = start
         27
                       step = 0
         28
                       next state = start
         29
                       q = np.zeros(P.shape[0])
         30 ▼
                       while(curr state != end):
         31
                           i = 0
         32
                           u = np.random.random sample()
         33
                           curr vec = vector(curr state,q)
         34
                           cdf vec = np.cumsum(np.matmul(curr vec, P))
         35 ▼
                           if(u < cdf vec[0]):
         36
                                next state = 0
                           while(u >= cdf vec[i]):
         37 ▼
         38 ▼
                                if(u < cdf vec[i+1]):
         39
                                    next state = i+1
         40
                                i += 1
         41
                           step = step + 1
         42
                           curr state = next state
         43
                       T[k] = step
         44
                   return T
         45
         46
               T = simulate hitting time(P, [0, 3], 500)
         47
              plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
               plt.hist(T, bins=np.arange(max(T))-0.5)
         48
               plt.title(r'mean of $ T \{1,4\} = ~ $' + str(np.mean(T)))
         49
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Out[5]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'mean of $ T \{1,4\} = \sim $14.21')
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mean of $T_{1,4} = 14.21$



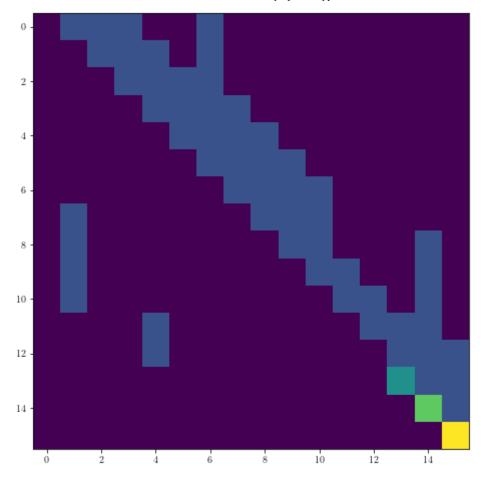
2 Exercise 2.2

Consider the miniature chutes and ladders game shown in Figure 1. Assume a player starts on the space labeled 1 and plays by rolling a fair four-sided die and then moves that number of spaces. If a player lands on the bottom of a ladder, then they automatically climb to the top. If a player lands at the top of a slide, then they automatically slide to the bottom. This process can be modeled by a Markov chain with n=16 states where each state is associated with a square where players can start their turn (e.g., players never start at the bottom of a ladder or the top of a slide). To finish the game, players must land exactly on space 20 (moves beyond this are not taken).

Compute the transition probability matrix P of the implied Markov chain.

```
In [6]:
          1 ▼
              # You can either do this by hand (e.g., look at picture and write dow
          2
          3
              # By hand
          4
              \#P = np.asarray([[...],[...],[...])
          5
              # Or automated general function for Chutes and Ladders games
          6
              def construct P matrix(n, dice, chutes, ladders):
          7
          8 •
                  Arguments:
          9
                       n {int} -- size of the state space
                       dice {numpy.array} -- probability distribution of the dice ou
         10
         11
                       chutes {list[(int, int)]} -- the list of chutes, in pairs of
         12
                       ladders {list[(int, int)]} -- the list of ladders, in pairs o
         13
         14 ▼
                  Returns:
         15
                      P {numpy.array} -- n x n, transition matrix of the Markov cha
         16
         17
                  # Add code here to build matrix
         18
         19
                  c = len(chutes)
                  l = len(ladders)
         20
         21
                  P = np.zeros((n+c+1,n+c+1))
         22 ▼
                  for i in range (n+c+l):
         23 ▼
                           if(i+len(dice) < n+c+l):</pre>
         24
                               P[i,i+1:i+len(dice)+1] = dice
                           else:
         25 ▼
                               P[i,i+1:n+c+1] = dice[0:(n+c+1-i-1)]
         26
         27
                               P[i,i] = 1 - sum(dice[0:(n+c+l-i-1)])
         28
                  delete row = [0]*(1+c)
         29 ▼
                   for i in range(c):
         30
                       P[:,chutes[i][1]-1] += P[:,chutes[i][0]-1]
         31
                       delete row[i] = chutes[i][0]-1
         32 ▼
                   for i in range(1):
         33
                       P[:,ladders[i][1]-1] += P[:,ladders[i][0]-1]
         34
                       delete row[i+c] = ladders[i][0]-1
         35
         36
                  P = np.delete(P,delete row,0)
         37
                  P = np.delete(P,delete row,1)
         38
                  P[n-1, n-1] = 1
         39
                  return P
         40
         41
         42
              n = 16 ### number of states
         43
              dice = np.array([0.25,0.25,0.25,0.25]) ### probability distribution o
         44
              chutes = [(13,2), (17,6)] ### (sorce, destination) pairs of chutes
         45
              ladders = [(4,8),(14,19)] ### (sorce, destination) pairs of ladders
         46
              P = construct P matrix(n, dice, chutes, ladders)
         47
              # Plot transition matrix
         48
         49
              plt.figure(figsize=(8, 8))
         50
              plt.imshow(P)
        executed in 463ms, finished 13:41:29 2019-10-21
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Out[6]: <matplotlib.image.AxesImage at 0x10b64ada0>



• For this Markov chain, write a computer program (e.g., in Python) to compute the cumulative distribution of the number turns a player takes to finish (i.e., the probability $\Pr(T_{1,20} \leq m)$ where $T_{1,20}$ is the hitting time from state 1 to state 20).

```
In [8]:
              # Use previous functions to complete this exercise
              Phi list, ET = compute Phi ET(P, ns=100)
          2
          3
              m = np.arange(1,101) ### steps to be plotted
          4
              Pr = Phi_list[m,0,15] ### \Pr(T {1,4} = m) for all m
              E = ET[0, 15]
          5
              plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
          6
          7
              plt.plot(m ,Pr)
              plt.xlabel(r'$ m $')
          8
          9
              plt.ylabel(r'$ \Pr(T_{1,20} \leq m) $')
         10
              plt.title(r'$ \mathbb{E}[T_{1,20}] = ' + str(E) + ' $');
        executed in 370ms, finished 13:41:46 2019-10-21
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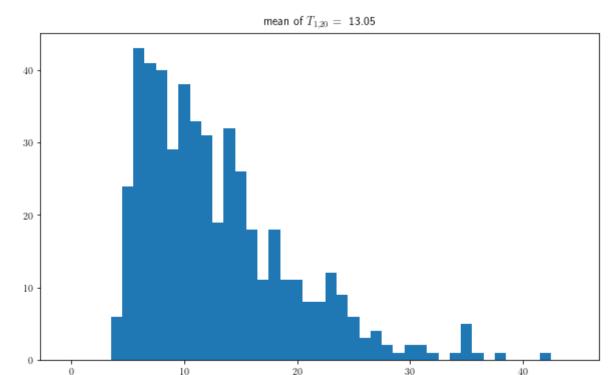
 $\mathbb{E}[T_{1,20}] = 12.792334544571569$ $0.8 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} =$

m

• Write a computer program that generates 500 realizations from this Markov chain and uses them to plot a histogram of $T_{1,20}$.

```
In [9]: 1  # Use previous funcitons to complete this exercise
2   T = simulate_hitting_time(P, [0, n-1], 500)
3   plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
4   plt.hist(T, bins=np.arange(max(T))-0.5)
5   plt.title(r'mean of $ T_{1,20} = ~ $' + str(np.mean(T)))
executed in 913ms, finished 13:41:55 2019-10-21
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```
Out[9]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'mean of $ T_{1,20} = ~ $13.05')
```



• Optional Challenge: If the first player rolls 4 and climbs the ladder to square 8, then what is the probability that the second player will win.

3 Example 2.3

In a certain city, it is said that the weather is rainy with a 90% probability if it was rainy the previous day and with a 50% probability if it not rainy the previous day. If we assume that only the previous

day's weather matters, then we can model the weather of this city by a Markov chain with n=2 states whose transitions are governed by

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0.9 & 0.1 \\ 0.5 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

Under this model, what is the steady-state probability of rainy weather?

```
In [10]:
                # implement stationary distribution(P) in fsmc.py
           1 ▼
           2 ▼
                def nullspace(A, atol=1e-13, rtol=0):
           3
                    A = np.atleast 2d(A)
           4
                    u, s, vh = np.linalg.svd(A)
           5
                    tol = max(atol, rtol * s[0])
           6
                    nnz = (s >= tol).sum()
           7
                    ns = vh[nnz:].conj().T
           8
                    return ns
           9
          10
          11
          12
                # General function to approximate the stationary distribution of a Ma
          13 ▼
                def stationary distribution(P):
                    1.1.1
          14
          15 ▼
                    Arguments:
          16
                        P {numpy.array} -- n x n, transition matrix of the Markov cha
          17
          18 ▼
                    Returns:
          19
                        pi {numpy.array} -- length n, stationary distribution of the
          20
          21
          22
                    # Add code here: Think of pi as column vector, solve linear equat
          23
                          P^T pi = pi
          24
                          sum(pi) = 1
          25
                    I = np.identity(P.shape[0])
          26
                    Transf = (I-P).T
          27
                    A = nullspace(Transf)
          28
                    A = A/sum(A)
          29
                    return A
          30
          31
          32
                P = np.array([[0.9, 0.1], [0.5, 0.5]])
                stationary_distribution(P)
          executed in 18ms, finished 13:42:02 2019-10-21
```

▼ 4 Exercise 2.4

Consider a game where the gameboard has 8 different spaces arranged in a circle. During each turn, a player rolls two 4-sided dice and moves clockwise by a number of spaces equal to their sum. Define the transition matrix for this 8-state Markov chain and compute its stationary probability distribution.

```
# Use previous functions to complete this exercise
In [11]:
           1 ▼
                ### construct the transition matrix
           2
           3
               P = np.zeros((8,8))
           4
               P[0,:] = [1/16,0,1/16,2/16,3/16,4/16,3/16,2/16]
           5 ▼
               for i in range(1,8):
           6
                    P[i,:] = np.roll(P[i-1,:],1)
           7
                print(P)
           8
                stationary_distribution(P)
         executed in 17ms, finished 13:42:07 2019-10-21
          [[0.0625 0.
                          0.0625 0.125
                                         0.1875 0.25
                                                        0.1875 0.125 ]
                                  0.0625 0.125
                                                 0.1875 0.25
           [0.125]
                   0.0625 0.
                                                                0.1875]
           [0.1875 0.125
                          0.0625 0.
                                         0.0625 0.125
                                                        0.1875 0.25
                                                                      1
                   0.1875 0.125
           [0.25]
                                  0.0625 0.
                                                 0.0625 0.125
                                                                0.1875
           [0.1875 0.25
                          0.1875 0.125
                                         0.0625 0.
                                                        0.0625 0.125 ]
                                  0.1875 0.125
                                                 0.0625 0.
           [0.125
                   0.1875 0.25
                                                                0.0625]
           [0.0625 0.125
                          0.1875 0.25
                                         0.1875 0.125
                                                        0.0625 0.
           [0.
                   0.0625 0.125 0.1875 0.25
                                                 0.1875 0.125
                                                                0.0625]]
Out[11]: array([[0.125],
                 [0.125],
                 [0.125],
                 [0.125],
                 [0.125],
                 [0.125],
                 [0.125],
                 [0.125]])
```

Next, suppose that one space is special (e.g., state-1 of the Markov chain) and a player can only leave this space by rolling doubles (i.e., when both dice show the same value). Again, the player moves clockwise by a number of spaces equal to their sum. Define the transition matrix for this 8-state Markov chain and compute its stationary probability distribution.

```
In [12]:
           1 ▼ # Use previous functions to complete this exercise
           2
               ### construct the transition matrix
           3
               P = np.zeros((8,8)) ### construct the transition matrix
           4
               P[0,:] = [13/16,0,1/16,0,1/16,0,1/16,0]
           5
               P[1,:] = np.roll([1/16,0,1/16,2/16,3/16,4/16,3/16,2/16],1)
           6 ▼
               for i in range(2,8):
           7
                   P[i,:] = np.roll(P[i-1,:],1)
           8
               print(P)
           9
               stationary_distribution(P)
         executed in 16ms, finished 13:42:13 2019-10-21
         [[0.8125 0.
                          0.0625 0.
                                        0.0625 0.
                                                      0.0625 0.
          [0.125 0.0625 0.
                                 0.0625 0.125 0.1875 0.25
                                                              0.18751
          [0.1875 0.125 0.0625 0.
                                        0.0625 0.125 0.1875 0.25 ]
          [0.25
                  0.1875 0.125 0.0625 0.
                                               0.0625 0.125
                                                             0.1875
                          0.1875 0.125 0.0625 0.
                                                      0.0625 0.125 ]
          [0.1875 0.25
          [0.125 0.1875 0.25
                                 0.1875 0.125 0.0625 0.
                                                              0.0625]
          [0.0625 0.125 0.1875 0.25
                                        0.1875 0.125
                                                      0.0625 0.
                                                                    1
          0.
                  0.0625 0.125 0.1875 0.25
                                               0.1875 0.125 0.0625]]
Out[12]: array([[0.41836864],
                [0.08285234],
                [0.10176963],
                [0.07092795],
                [0.09311176],
                 [0.0625555],
                [0.09593429],
                [0.07447989]])
```

In []: