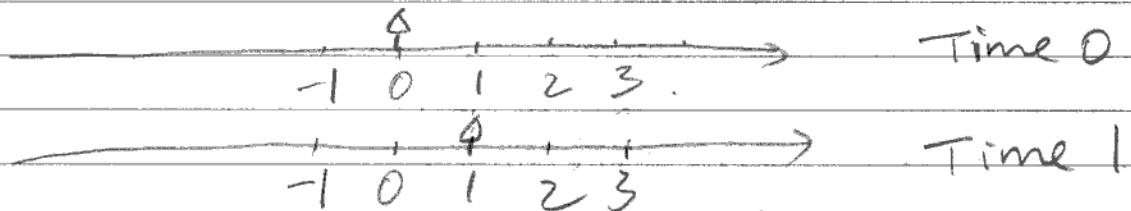


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Stochastic Processes Randomness in Time

Random Walk



i.i.d sequence of Bernoulli random variable

$\xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_n, \dots$ independent

$$P(\xi_i = 1) = P(\xi_i = -1) = \frac{1}{2}$$

The position of the walker at time n :

$$S_n = \xi_1 + \dots + \xi_n$$

We are thinking of S_n .

$$P\left(\underbrace{(+1, -1, \dots, +1)}_n\right) = \frac{1}{2^n}$$

Suppose we have l steps that gives us $+1$ then we have $n-l$ steps that gives us -1 .

$$l - (n-l) = 2l-n = k$$

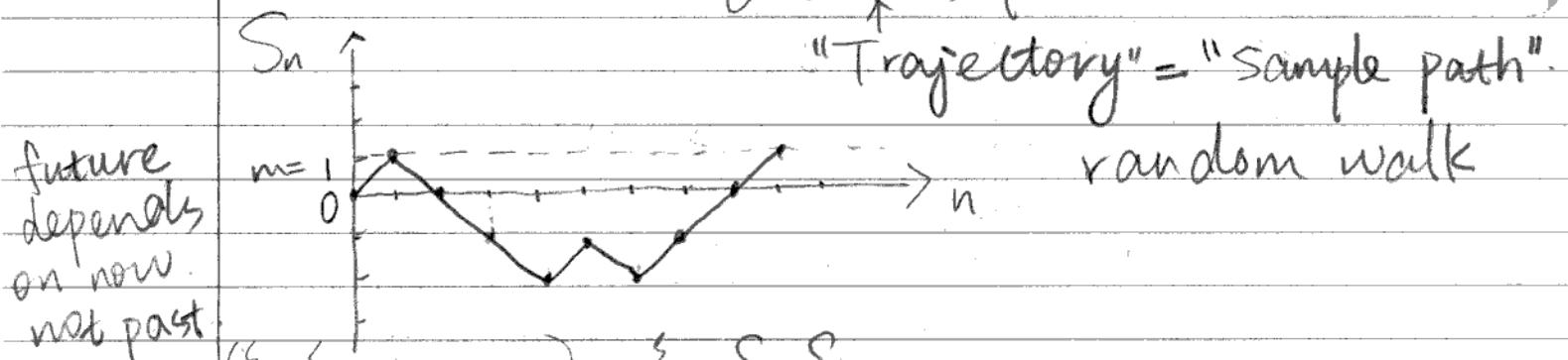
$$l = \frac{n+k}{2}$$

If $n+k$ is odd, $P_0(S_n=k)=0$

If $n+k$ is even, $P_0(S_n=k) = \binom{n}{\frac{n+k}{2}} \frac{1}{2^n}$

binomial

discrete time
continuous function



$$\begin{array}{c} \{S_0, S_1, \dots\} \\ \{S_0, S_1, S_2, \dots\} \end{array} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \{S_k - S_{k-1}\} \\ = (S_n)_{n \geq 0} \end{array} \right.$$

sequence of random variable describes
the positions of walker

Def: A stochastic (random) process $(X_t)_{t \geq 0}$
is a sequence of r.v.'s X_t parametrized
by time.

Sample path of a random walk

$$w = (i_0, i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n, \star, \star, \dots)$$

$$|i_k - i_{k-1}| = 1$$

For each fixed w , $P(\{w_n\}) = \frac{1}{2^n}$

$T_1 = \inf \{n \geq 0, S_n = 1\}$ first hitting time.
 $\{T_1 = n\} = \{S_0 = 1, S_1 \neq 1, S_2 \neq 1, \dots, S_{n-1} \neq 1, S_n = 1\}$

events are reasonable Trajectories

$$(i_0, \underbrace{i_1, \dots, i_n}_{\neq 1})$$

P_0 : probability, starts from 0

Lem: Let $T_m = \inf \{n \geq 0, S_n = m\}$

If $m > 0$ and $n+m$ is even,

$$\text{Then } P_0(T_m = n) = \frac{m}{n} \left(\frac{n}{\frac{n+m}{2}} \right) 2^{-n}$$

Pf: If $n+m$ odd, then $P_0(T_m = n) \leq P(S_n = m) = 0$

If $n+m$ even, $P_0(S_n = m) = P_0(T_m = n) + P_0(S_n = m, T_m < n)$

$$P_0(S_n = m) = \left(\frac{n}{\frac{n+m}{2}} \right) \frac{1}{2^n}$$

hit m
but not the
first time

$$P(S_n = m, T_m < n) = P(S_n = m, T_m < n, S_{n-1} = m-1)$$

$$+ P(S_n = m, T_m < n, S_{n-1} = m+1)$$

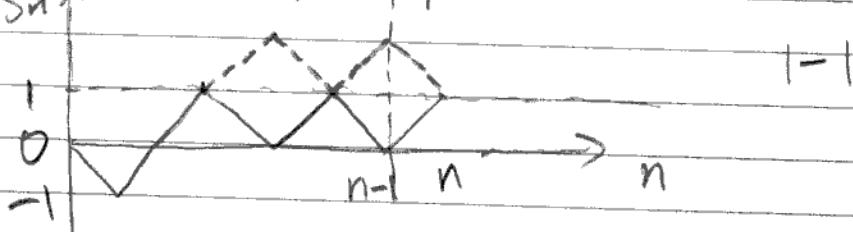
(two possibilities in $n-1$ step)

$$P_0(S_n = m, T_m < n, S_{n-1} = m+1) = P_0(S_n = m, S_{n-1} = m+1)$$

$$= P_0(S_{n-1} = m+1, S_n = -1) = \frac{1}{2} P_0(S_{n-1} = m+1)$$

$$= \left(\frac{n-1}{\frac{n+m}{2}} \right) \frac{1}{2^n} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{by reflection principle} \\ = P_0(S_n = m, T_m < n, S_{n-1} = m-1) \end{matrix}$$

reflection principle:



reflect from the first hitting point

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Therefore, } P_0(\tau_m = n) &= P_0(S_n = m) - P_0(S_n = m, \tau_m < n) \\
 &= P_0(S_n = m) - 2P_0(S_n = m, S_{n-1} = m+1) \\
 &= P_0(S_n = m) - 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} P_0(S_{n-1} = m+1)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_0(S_{n-1} = m+1, S_n = m) &= P_0(S_n = m) - P_0(S_{n-1} = m+1) \\
 = P_0(S_{n-1} = m+1, \xi = -1) &= \left(\frac{n}{n+m}\right) 2^{-n} - \left(\frac{n-1}{n+m}\right) 2^{-(n-1)} \\
 &= \frac{m}{n} \left(\frac{n}{n+m}\right) 2^{-n}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$P_0(\tau_1 = 2k-1) = \frac{1}{2k-1} \binom{2k-1}{k} 2^{-(2k-1)}$$

$$(P_0(\tau_1 < \infty) = 1 \quad (\text{gambling game})) \rightarrow \text{discrete distribution}, k=1, 2, \dots$$

$$\{E(\tau_1) = \infty\}$$

random variable is finite.
 Sooner or later, the gambler wins 1 dollar,
 but the expected time is infinite.

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a family of random variables parametrized by Time

"Sample path" (Trajectory) $(X_t)_{t \in T}$

pick up a trajectory randomly (random process)

$$S_n = \xi_1 + \dots + \xi_n$$

$$S_{n-1} = \xi_1 + \dots + \xi_{n-1}$$

$$S_{n+1} = \xi_1 + \dots + \xi_n + \xi_{n+1} = S_n + \xi_{n+1}$$

event $\{T_m = n\}$ = step n , hits certain level m for first time

$m \geq 1$, $T_m = \inf \{n \geq 1, S_n = m\}$ Markov Time

reflect with respect to the piece after the first hitting time \Rightarrow reflection principle

gambling game

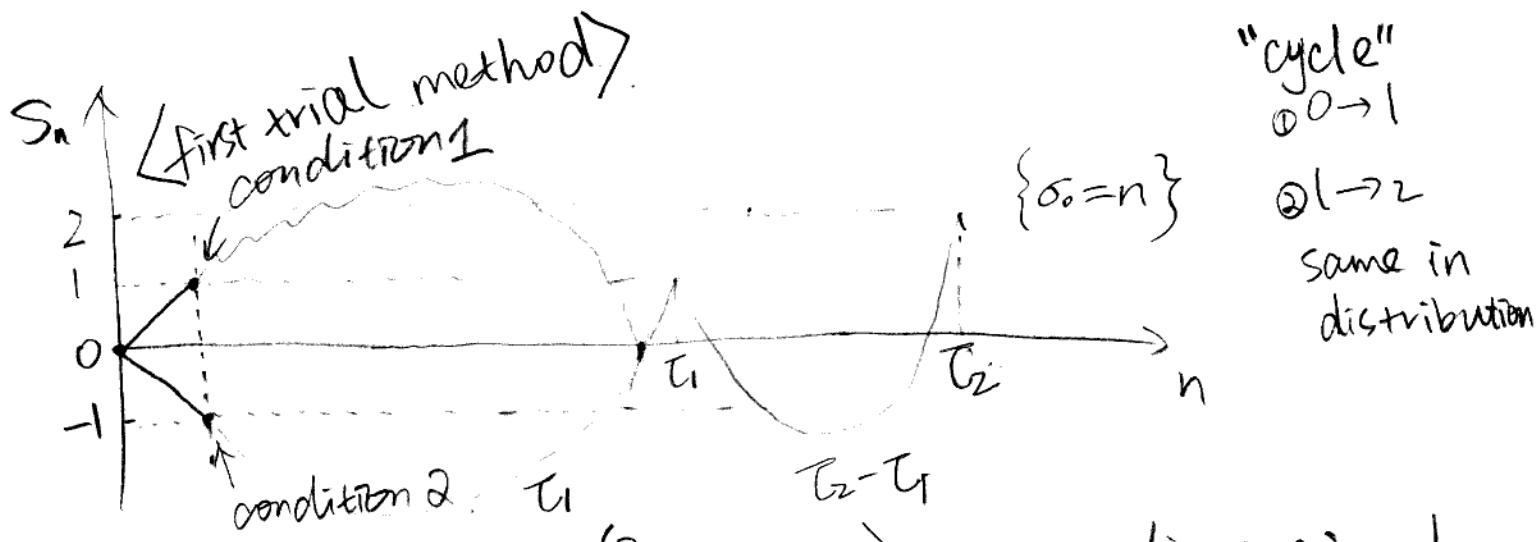
$$\begin{cases} P_0(T_1 < \infty) = 1 \\ E_0(T_1) = \infty \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} P_0(T_{-1} < \infty) = 1 \\ E_0(T_{-1}) = \infty \end{cases}$$

$$\sigma_0 = \inf \{n \geq 1, S_n = 0\}$$

\Rightarrow Law of total probability formula:

$$P(A) = \sum_{i=1}^k P(A|B_i) P(B_i)$$

B_i is a decomposition of ω .



$P_0(\sigma_0 < \infty) = 1$ (Recurrent) one dimensional
 transient (3-D) high degree of freedom
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 8 different directions.

$$E_0(T_1) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n P(T_1 = n) = \infty$$

Start from 0, then hit 1 or -1, use first trial method,
 $E_0(T_1) = E_0(T_1 | \xi_1 = 1) P(\xi_1 = 1) + E_0(T_1 | \xi_1 = -1) P(\xi_1 = -1)$
 $= 1 \cdot \frac{1}{2} + [1 + E_0(T_2)] \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}(1 + 2E_0(T_1))$
 random walk from "0" to "2"

In order to reach 2, you must cross 1

Start from 1, then hit 2 (same as from 0 to 1)
 probabilistically

Claim: T_1 and $T_2 - T_1$ are independently identically distributed.
 expected value of first hitting time

Markov property is crucial for cycle method to work
 time-space duality
 future depends on current,
 only depends on starting position, not past.

Pf of cycle method:

observations: (i) $\tau_1 < \tau_2$

(2) We can view $\tau_2 - \tau_1$ as the first hitting time of a random walk to start from 1 and hit 2 due to Markov property. This is the same thing as saying we start from 0 and hit 1 for the first time (shift invariance)

(3) The piece of RW from 1 to 2 is independently the same in distribution as the piece of RW from 0 to 1.

("The RW does not remember past")

Pf: Fix $k, \lambda \geq 0$,

$$S_{k+r} = \xi_1 + \dots + \xi_k + \underbrace{\xi_{k+1} + \dots + \xi_{k+r}}_{\xi_r}$$

Define $\tilde{\xi}_r = \xi_{k+r}$,

$$\tilde{S}_0 = 0, \quad \tilde{S}_r = \tilde{\xi}_1 + \dots + \tilde{\xi}_r$$

We see $S_{k+r} = S_k + \tilde{S}_r$ (duality)

$\{\tilde{S}_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ is i.i.d. as $\{S_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ time behavior

$$P_o(\tau_1 = k, \tau_2 - \tau_1 = \ell) = P_o(\tau_1 = k, \tau_2 = k + \ell)^{\ell} \quad \text{space behavior}$$

$$= P_o(S_1 \neq 1, \dots, S_{k-1} \neq 1, S_k = 1; \underbrace{S_{k+1} \neq 2, \dots, S_{k+\ell-1} \neq 2}_{S_{k+\ell} = 2})$$

$$= P_o(S_1 \neq 1, \dots, S_{k-1} \neq 1, S_k = 1; \underbrace{\tilde{\xi}_1 \neq 1, \dots, \tilde{\xi}_{\ell-1} \neq 1}_{\tilde{\xi}_{\ell} = 1})$$

$$= P_0(S_1 \neq 1, \dots, S_{k-1} \neq 1, S_k = 1) P_0(\tilde{S}_1 \neq 1, \dots, \tilde{S}_{\ell-1} \neq 1, \tilde{S}_\ell = 1)$$

$$= P_0(\tau_1 = k) P_0(\tau_1 = \ell) \quad \text{Shift from 2 to 1}$$

$$\text{In summary, } P_0(\tau_1 = k, \tau_2 - \tau_1 = \ell) = P_0(\tau_1 = k) P_0(\tau_1 = \ell)$$

Final step,

$$\begin{aligned} P_0(\tau_2 - \tau_1 = \ell) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P_0(\tau_1 = k, \tau_2 - \tau_1 = \ell) && \text{$\tau_2 - \tau_1$ has} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P_0(\tau_1 = k) P_0(\tau_1 = \ell) && \text{same distribution} \\ &= P_0(\tau_1 < \infty) P_0(\tau_1 = \ell) = P_0(\tau_1 = \ell) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{so } P_0(\tau_1 = k, \tau_2 - \tau_1 = \ell) = P_0(\tau_1 = k) P_0(\tau_2 - \tau_1 = \ell) \Rightarrow \tau_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp \tau_2 - \tau_1$$

τ_1 and $\tau_2 - \tau_1$ are independent

$$m \geq 1, T_m = \inf \{n \geq 1, S_n = m\}$$

$$T_2 = \tau_1^{(1)} + \tau_1^{(2)}$$

$$T_m = \tau_1^{(1)} + \dots + \tau_1^{(m)} \Rightarrow E_0(T_m) = m E_0 \tau_1 \stackrel{\downarrow}{=} \infty$$

first trial method

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$$T_m = \inf \{n \geq 1, S_n = m\} \quad \text{discrete random variables}$$

↑
first hitting time.

"reflection principle"

"first trial method"

"cycle method" — $\{\tau_i^{(k)}\}_{k=1}^n$ i.i.d. sequences

decompose time, spatial behavior of random walk

$$\tau_i^{(k)} \stackrel{d}{=} \tau_i$$

$X \stackrel{d}{=} Y$ means that r.v.'s X and Y have the same dist.

Gambler's Ruin Problem

Two gamblers A and B.

Initially, A has \$m

B has \$(M-m)

In each gambling, A/B will have probability $1/2$ to win/loss \$1. (fair game)

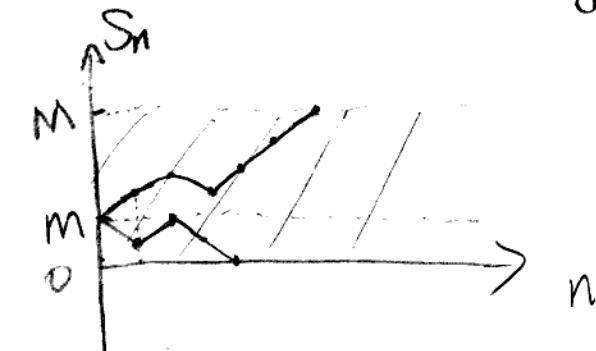
If either A or B is out of money, the game stops.

"Ruin" \longleftrightarrow "complete success"

(1) Probability of ruin/complete success?

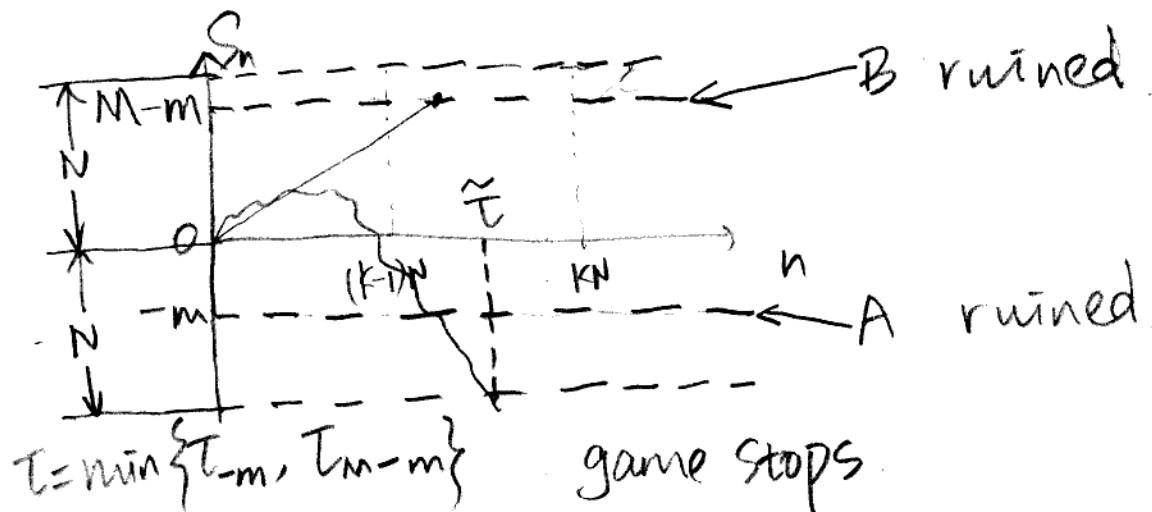
(2) Expected amount of money that each gambler is going to have at the end of game?

(3) Expected time we need to finish the game ?
model this problem by random walk.



restrict the random walk between 0 and M.

Consider a random walk, $S_n = \xi_1 + \dots + \xi_n$



$$a \wedge b = \min \{a, b\}$$

$$a \vee b = \max \{a, b\}$$

$$\{\text{Ruin of } A\} = \{S_T = -m\}$$

$$\{\text{Ruin of } B\} = \{S_T = M-m\}$$

$$P(A \text{ ruins in the end}) = P_0(S_T = -m)$$

$$\text{Random Walk } S_n = m + \xi_1 + \dots + \xi_n$$

$$T = T_M \wedge T_0$$

$$P_m(\text{Ruin for } A) = P_m(S_T = 0)$$

$$P_m(S_T=0) = P_m(S_T=0, S_1=m+1) + P_m(S_T=0, S_1=m-1)$$

first trial method $\rightarrow = P_m(S_T=0 | S_1=m+1)P_m(S_1=m+1) + P_m(S_T=0 | S_1=m-1)P_m(S_1=m-1)$

$$P_m(S_T=0 | S_1=m+1) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P_m(S_k=0, T=k | S_1=m+1)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P_m(S_1, S_{k-1} \notin \{0, M\}, S_k=0 | S_1=m+1)$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P_{m+1}(S_1, \dots, S_{k-2} \notin \{0, M\}, S_{k-1}=0)$$

$$= P_{m+1}(S_T=0)$$

$$P_m(S_T=0) = \frac{1}{2}P_{m+1}(S_T=0) + \frac{1}{2}P_{m-1}(S_T=0)$$

By first trial method, we get this recursive formula.

$$\text{Let } a_m = P_m(S_T=0) \text{ then } a_m = \frac{1}{2}a_{m+1} + \frac{1}{2}a_{m-1}$$

$$P_m(S_T=0) - P_{m-1}(S_T=0) = P_{m+1}(S_T=0) - P_m(S_T=0) = \Delta$$

boundary conditions

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} P_0(S_T=0) = 1 \\ P_N(S_T=0) = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} P_N(S_T=0) = 0 = 1 + N\Delta \Rightarrow \Delta = -\frac{1}{N} \end{array} \right.$$

$$P_m(S_T=0) = m \cdot \Delta + P_0(S_T=0) \xrightarrow{\Delta} m \cdot \Delta + 1 = 1 - \frac{m}{N} \quad (\text{A wins})$$

$$P_m(S_T=N) = \frac{m}{N} \quad (\text{A has a complete success})$$

$$(2) E_m S_T = M \cdot P_m(S_T=M) + 0 \cdot P_m(S_T=0) = m$$

(3) $E_m T$?

Claim: $E_m T < \infty$ Pf later

$$\begin{aligned} E_m T &= \frac{1}{2}(1 + E_{m+1} T) + \frac{1}{2}(1 + E_{m-1} T) \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{2}E_{m+1} T + \frac{1}{2}E_{m-1} T \end{aligned}$$

boundary conditions

$$E_0 T = 0 = E_M T$$

$$\text{Answer: } E_m T = m(M-m) \quad (\text{HW})$$

$$\leq \frac{M^2}{4} \quad ab \leq \left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^2$$

Lem: $E_m T < \infty$

Pf: by using cycle method

First, we let $N = (M-m) \vee m + 1$

$$T \leq T_N \wedge T_N = \tilde{T}$$

$$E_m T = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_m(T > n)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \sum_{n=kN}^{(k+1)N-1} P_m(T > n) \quad \text{group size } N$$

$$\text{claim: } \leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} N P_m(T > kN)$$

$0 \dots N-1$

$N \dots 2N-1$

$2N \dots 3N-1$

$$P_m(T \leq N) \geq \frac{1}{2^N}$$

$$P_m(T > N) \leq 1 - \frac{1}{2^N}$$

$$P_m(T > kN) \geq P_m(T > kN+l)$$

We then show $P_m(\tau > kN) \leq (1 - \frac{1}{2^N})^k$ ← cycle method

$$P_m(\tau > kN) \leq P_m(\tau > (k-1)N) \sup_m P_m(\tilde{\tau} > N)$$

$$\leq (1 - \frac{1}{2^N}) P_m(\tau > (k-1)N)$$

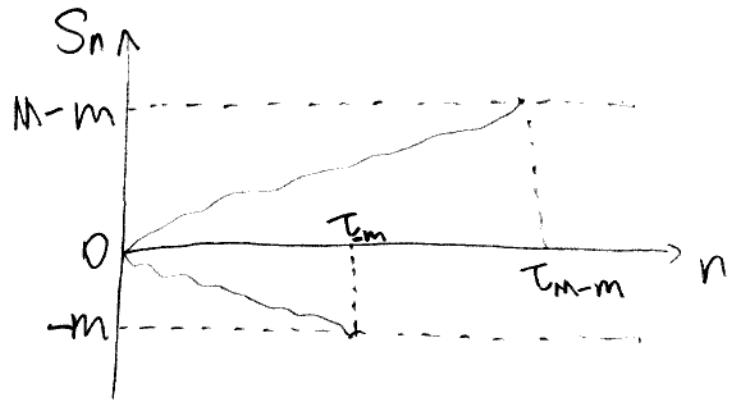
$$\text{Then } E_m \bar{\tau} \leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} N P_m(\tau > kN) \leq \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} N (1 - \frac{1}{2^N})^k < \infty$$

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Markovian process: future does not depend on past.
Wald method. (A. Wald)

The first Wald Lemma

Let ξ_1, \dots, ξ_n be a sequence of i.i.d. r.v.'s. $E|\xi_i| < \infty$
Consider a random walk $S_n = \xi_1 + \dots + \xi_n$, ($ES_n = nE\xi$)
Let τ be a first hitting time with $E\tau < \infty$ (random walk
Then $E_0 S_\tau = E_0 \tau \cdot E\xi$ \leftarrow same distribution with ξ_i ,
(change fixed-time to a random time, take Expectation)



Apply first Wald Lem.

$$\tau = \tau_{M-m} \wedge \tau_{-m}$$

$$P_0(S_\tau = -m) + P_0(S_\tau = M-m) = 1.$$

$$E_0 S_\tau = (-m)P_0(S_\tau = -m) + (M-m)P_0(S_\tau = M-m) = E_0 \tau \cdot E\xi = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot (-1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} P_0(S_\tau = -m) = 1 - \frac{m}{M} \\ P_0(S_\tau = M-m) = \frac{m}{M} \end{cases}$$

The Second Wald Lemma

Let ξ_1, \dots, ξ_n be an i.i.d. sequence, $P(\xi=1)=P(\xi=-1)=\frac{1}{2}$.
 Let $T = T_m \wedge T_{M-m}$. Then $E_0 S_T^2 = E_0 T$.

$$S_n = \xi_1 + \dots + \xi_n$$

$$E_0(S_n^2) = E_0[(\xi_1 + \dots + \xi_n)^2] = E_0 \xi_1^2 + \dots + E_0 \xi_n^2 = n. \quad (\xi=1 \text{ or } -1)$$

n is replaced by T , T is a random time.

Apply second Wald Lem,

$$\begin{aligned} E_0 T &= E_0 S_T^2 = P_0(S_T = -m)(m^2) + P_0(S_T = M-m)(M-m)^2 \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{m}{M}\right)(m^2) + \left(\frac{m}{M}\right)(M-m)^2 = m(M-m) \end{aligned}$$

Pf of the first Wald Lem

$$S_T = \xi_1 + \dots + \xi_T = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \xi_n \mathbf{1}_{\{T \geq n\}} \quad \text{Indicator}$$

$$E_0 S_T = E_0 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \xi_n \mathbf{1}_{\{T \geq n\}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{formally } \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E_0(\xi_n \mathbf{1}_{\{T \geq n\}}) &= \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E \xi_n P_0(T \geq n) \\ &= E \xi \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(T \geq n) = E \xi E_T \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{1}_{T \geq n} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } T \geq n \\ 0, & \text{O.W.} \end{cases}$$

In the first $n-1$ steps, we do not hit. We may hit in the n^{th} step.

① The event $\{T \geq n\}$ is independent of ξ_n .

② $\{T \geq n\} = \{S_0 \notin A, \dots, S_{n-1} \notin A\}$ $A = \{-m, M-m\}$ in Gambler's Ruin

③ Expectation of indicator function is a probability.

④ Note that: $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P(X \geq n) = EX$

Absolute convergence:

$$E_0 |S_T| \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E_0(|\xi_n| \mathbf{1}_{\{T \geq n\}}) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E_0 |\xi_n| P(T \geq n) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} E_0 |\xi_n| E_T < \infty$$

Markov Chain

R.W. $S_n = \xi_1 + \dots + \xi_n$. ξ_i i.i.d.

Defn: (Markov Chain)

Let S be a countable set, $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ is a sequence of random variables taking values in S (state space)

If $\forall n \geq 1$, $\forall i_0, i_1, \dots, i_{n+1} \in S$,

$$P(X_{n+1} = i_{n+1} \mid X_n = i_n, X_{n-1} = i_{n-1}, \dots, X_0 = i_0) = P(X_{n+1} = i_{n+1} \mid X_n = i_n)$$

Past

Then we say $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ is a Markov chain.

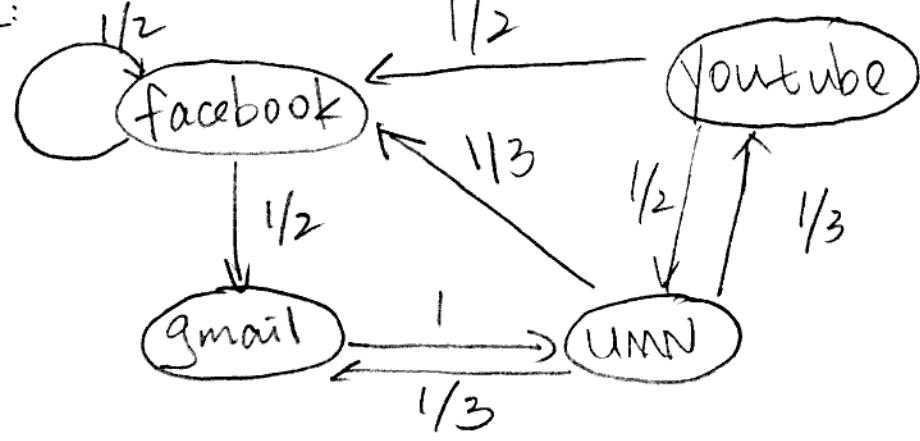
- ▷ independent : future does not depend on past or current.
- ▷ Markov chain is weaker : future depends on current but does not depend on the past.

If for any $n \geq 1$ and any $i, j \in S$.

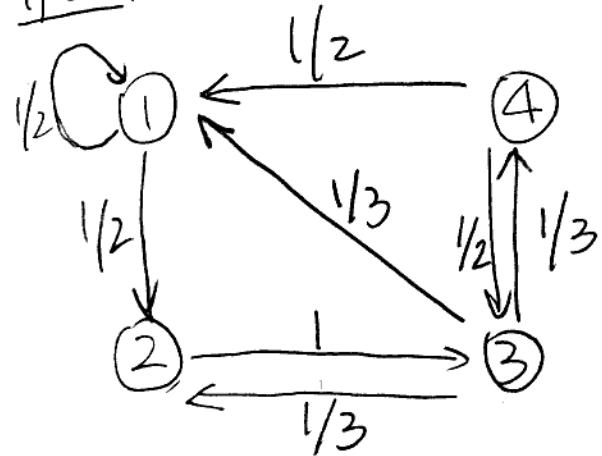
$$P(X_{n+1} = j \mid X_n = i) = p_{ij}$$

Then we say $\{X_n\}_{n \geq 0}$ is time-homogeneous (nothing to do with time)
 and p_{ij} is the one step transition probability from state i to state j . $P = (p_{ij})_{i,j \in S}$ is the one step transition matrix.

Ex:



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1 — facebook

2 — gmail

3 — umn

4 — youtube

transition matrix: (row to column) {
 row vectors
 column vectors}

$$P = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1/3 & 1/3 & 0 & 1/3 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix} = (P_{ij})_{1 \leq i, j \leq 4}$$

$$P_{ij} = P(X_{n+1}=j | X_n=i)$$

transition probability

time homogeneous Markov chain.

$$\sum_{j \in S} P_{ij} = \sum_{j \in S} P(X_{n+1}=j | X_n=i) = 1.$$

summation of each row is 1

① → ④ in 2 steps

$$\begin{matrix} 1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4 \\ 1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 4 \\ 1 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 4 \\ 1 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 4 \end{matrix}$$

$$P(X_{n+m}=j | X_n=i) = P_{ij}^{(m)}$$

$$P_{ij}^{(2)} = P(X_{n+2}=j | X_n=i) = \frac{P(X_{n+2}=j, X_n=i)}{P(X_n=i)} = \frac{\sum_{k \in S} (X_{n+2}=j, X_{n+1}=k, X_n=i)}{P(X_n=i)}$$

$$= \sum_{k \in S} \frac{P(X_{n+2} = j \mid X_{n+1} = k, X_n = i) P(X_{n+1} = k, X_n = i)}{P(X_n = i)}$$

$$= \sum_{k \in S} P(X_{n+2} = j \mid X_{n+1} = k, X_n = i) P(X_{n+1} = k \mid X_n = i)$$

Markov Property $\sum_{k \in S} P(X_{n+2} = j \mid X_{n+1} = k) P(X_{n+1} = k \mid X_n = i) = \sum_{k \in S} P_{ik} P_{kj}$
 both are transition probabilities

$$P_{ij}^{(2)} = \sum_{k \in S} P_{ik} P_{kj}$$

$$P_{ij}^{(2)} = \sum_{k=1}^4 P_{ik} P_{kj} = (P^2)_{ij}$$

$$\text{In general. } P_{ij}^{(m)} = \sum_{k \in S} P_{ik}^{(l)} P_{kj}^{(m-l)} \quad (\text{fix } l \leq m+1)$$

$$= (P^m)_{ij}$$

↑
transition matrix

Theorem: The following properties are equivalent

$$(i) \text{ Markov. } P(X_{n+1} = i_{n+1} \mid X_n = i_n, X_{n-1} = i_{n-1}, \dots, X_1 = i_1)$$

$$= P(X_{n+1} = i_{n+1} \mid X_n = i_n) = P_{i_n, i_{n+1}}$$

$$(ii) \text{ joint } P(X_n = i_n, X_{n-1} = i_{n-1}, \dots, X_1 = i_1, X_0 = i_0)$$

$$= P(X_0 = i_0) P_{i_1, i_2} P_{i_2, i_3} \cdots P_{i_{n-1}, i_n}$$

$$(iii) \forall n, m \geq 1, \quad P(X_{n+m} = j \mid X_n = i_n, \dots, X_0 = i_0) = P(X_{n+m} = j \mid X_n = i_n)$$

$$\forall i_0, \dots, i_n, j \in S.$$

$$(iv) \forall r \geq 1, \quad \forall n_1 < n_2 < \dots < n_r. \quad \forall i_1, \dots, i_r \in S,$$

$$P(X_{n_1} = i_1, \dots, X_{n_r} = i_r) = P(X_{n_1} = i_1) \prod_{\ell=1}^{r-1} P(X_{n_{\ell+1}} = i_{\ell+1} \mid X_{n_\ell} = i_\ell)$$

$P_{i_r, i_{r+1}}^{n_{r+1} - n_r}$

(v) $\forall r, s \geq 1, \forall n_1 < \dots < n_r < n < m_1 < \dots < m_s, \forall i_1, \dots, i_r, i, j_1, \dots, j_s \in S,$

$$P(X_{m_1} = j_1, \dots, X_{m_s} = j_s \mid X_n = i, X_{n_1} = i_1, \dots, X_{n_r} = i_r)$$

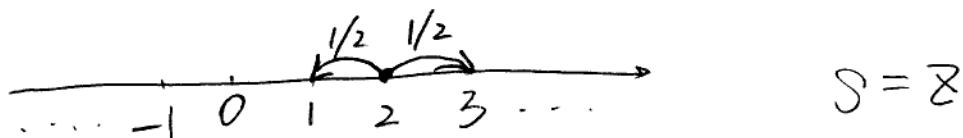
$$= P(X_{m_1} = j_1, \dots, X_{m_s} = j_s \mid X_n = i)$$

(vi) $\forall r, s \geq 1, \forall n_1 < \dots < n_r < n < m_1 < \dots < m_s, \forall i_1, \dots, i_r, i, j_1, \dots, j_s \in S,$

$$P(X_{m_1} = j_1, \dots, X_{m_s} = j_s \mid X_n = i)$$

$$= P(X_{m_1} = j_1, \dots, X_{m_s} = j_s \mid X_n = i) P(X_{n_1} = i_1, \dots, X_{n_r} = i_r \mid X_n = i)$$

Random Walk



$$P_{i,i+1} = P_{i,i-1} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P = \begin{matrix} & \cdots & -2 & -1 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ \vdots & & & & & & \\ -2 & & & & & & \\ -1 & & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & & \\ 0 & & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & & \\ 1 & & & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \\ 2 & & & & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \end{matrix}$$

Gambler Ruin = Random Walk w. absorbing boundary.

$$S_n = m + \xi_1 + \dots + \xi_n$$

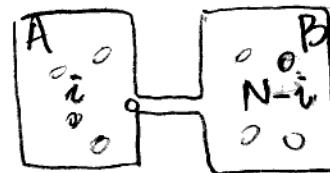
$$P_{i,i+1} = P_{i,i-1} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ when } 1 \leq i \leq M-1$$

$$P_{0,0} = 1, P_{M,M} = 1$$

$$P = \begin{matrix} & 0 & 1 & 2 & \dots & m & M \\ \vdots & & & & & & \\ 0 & & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & m \\ & & & & & & \\ m & & & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \\ & & & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \\ & & & & \ddots & & \\ M & & & & & 0 & \end{matrix}$$

Ehrenfest Chain

We have N balls labelled $1 \dots N$,



Initially, these balls are distributed randomly in boxes A&B

Suppose # of balls in A = X_0 .

Each time we pick randomly and independently a ball from the N balls.

And put this ball into the opposite box.

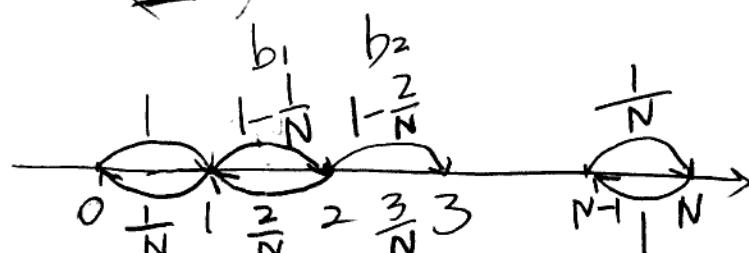
X_n = # of balls in A

$$P_{i,i+1} = \frac{N-i}{N} = 1 - \frac{i}{N}$$

$$P_{i,i-1} = \frac{i}{N}$$

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & & & & N \\ i & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{N} & \dots & 0 \\ & & 0 & \frac{2}{N} & \dots & 0 \\ & & & 0 & \frac{N-1}{N} & 0 \\ & & & & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

a special case of
Birth and Death chains



Birth and Death Chains

State Space $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, N, \dots\} = \mathbb{Z}_+$

$P_{01}=1$ absorbing state

$$P_{i,i-1} = d_i$$

$$P_{i,i+1} = b_i \quad \forall i \geq 1, \text{ s.t., } d_i + b_i = 1$$

Stationary Distributions:

If $\pi = \{\pi_j, j \in S\}$ st

$$(1) \pi_i > 0 \quad (2) \sum_{j \in S} \pi_j = 1 \quad (3) \sum_i \pi_i p_{ij} = \pi_j$$

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$$S_n = \xi_1 + \dots + \xi_n$$

$$S_{n+1} = S_n + \xi_{n+1} = S_{n-1} + \xi_n + \xi_{n+1}$$

Markov \Leftrightarrow (b) $\forall r, s \geq 1, \forall n < \dots < n_r < n < m_1 < \dots < m_r$

$$\forall i_1, \dots, i_r, j_1, \dots, j_s \in S$$

$$P(X_{m_1} = j_1, \dots, X_{m_s} = j_s, X_{n_1} = i_1, \dots, X_{n_r} = i_r | X_n = i)$$

$$= P(X_{m_1} = j_1, \dots, X_{m_s} = j_s | X_n = i) P(X_{n_1} = i_1, \dots, X_{n_r} = i_r | X_n = i)$$

$$LHS = P(X_{m_1} = j_1, \dots, X_{m_s} = j_s, X_n = i, X_{n_1} = i_1, \dots, X_{n_r} = i_r) / P(X_n = i)$$

$$= P(X_{m_1} = j_1, \dots, X_{m_s} = j_s | X_n = i, X_{n_1} = i_1, \dots, X_{n_r} = i_r)$$

$$P(X_n = i, X_{n_1} = i_1, \dots, X_{n_r} = i_r) / P(X_n = i)$$

$$= P(X_{m_1} = j_1, \dots, X_{m_s} = j_s | X_n = i) P(X_{n_1} = i_1, \dots, X_{n_r} = i_r | X_n = i)$$

conditional independence

Conditioning that we know current state.
the future does not depend on the past.

$$P(A \cap B | C) = P(A|C) P(B|C) \text{ conditional independency.}$$

Stationary Distribution

equilibrium state

"Ergodicity" Spacial Average = Temporal Average

$$P_i(X_n=j) = P(X_n=j | X_0=i)$$

$$X_0 \sim \mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n, \dots) \quad P(X_0=i) = \mu_i$$

$$\sum_{i \in S} \mu_i = 1 \quad \text{probability weight}$$

$$P_\mu(X_n=j) = \sum_{i \in S} P(X_n=j | X_0=i) P(X_0=i)$$

$$= \sum_{i \in S} \mu_i P(X_n=j | X_0=i) \quad (\text{Law of Total probability})$$

$$\mu_j = P_\mu(X_1=j) = \sum_{i \in S} \mu_i p_{ij} = (\mu_1, \mu_2, \dots) (p_{ij}) = (\mu P)_j$$

row vector with left multiplication

Def'n: If $\pi = \{\pi_i, i \in S\}$ is such that

$$(1) \pi_i > 0 \quad \forall i \in S,$$

$$(2) \sum_{j \in S} \pi_j = 1$$

$$(3) \pi_j = \sum_{k \in S} \pi_k p_{kj}, \quad \forall j \in S$$

Then we say π is a stationary (invariant) distribution of X_n

$\pi = (\pi_i)_{i \in S}$ is a row vector (left eigenvector)

$$\pi P = \pi$$

$$2 \text{ steps: } \pi P^2 = (\pi P) \cdot P = \pi P = \pi \quad (\text{stationary})$$

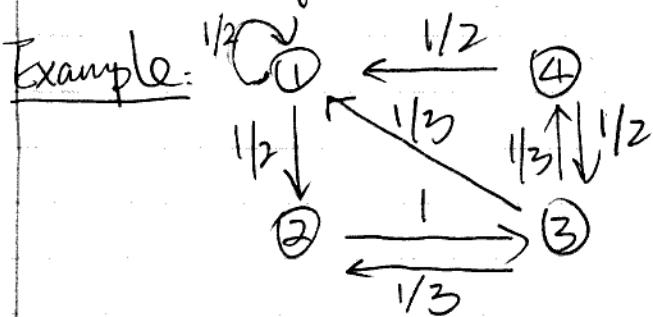
- (1) When does stationary distribution exist?
- (2) Suppose exist, when is it unique? If unique, whether $\pi P^n \rightarrow \pi$? or not?
- (3) If $\pi P^n \rightarrow \pi$, what is the speed?

Theorem: (Perron - Frobenius)

Let $S = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ If $P_{ij} > 0 \forall i, j \in S$.

Then there is a unique $\pi = (\pi_k)_{k \in S}$ s.t. π is a stationary distribution. Moreover, $\pi_k > 0 \forall k \in S$.

(Strong assumption. $P_{ij} > 0$)



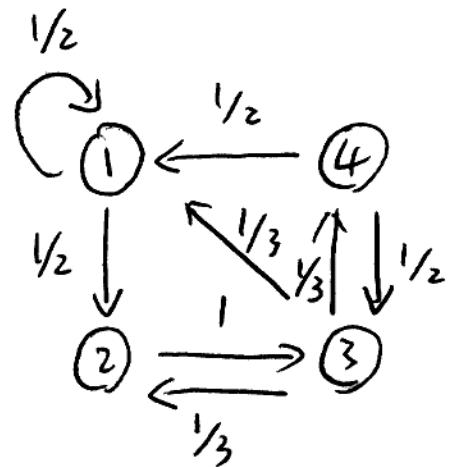
$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1/3 & 1/3 & 0 & 1/3 \\ 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\pi = (\pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3, \pi_4)$$

$$\pi P = \pi \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 1/2\pi_1 + 1/3\pi_3 + 1/2\pi_4 = \pi_1 \\ 1/2\pi_1 + 1/3\pi_3 = \pi_2 \\ \pi_2 + 1/2\pi_4 = \pi_3 \\ 1/3\pi_3 = \pi_4 \end{cases}$$

Website Problem

Stationary Distribution $\pi = (\pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3, \pi_4)$



$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\pi P = \pi$$

so

$$(\pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3, \pi_4) \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{3} & \frac{1}{3} & 0 & \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= (\pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3, \pi_4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}\pi_1 + \frac{1}{3}\pi_3 + \frac{1}{2}\pi_4 = \pi_1 \\ \frac{1}{2}\pi_1 + \frac{1}{3}\pi_3 = \pi_2 \\ \pi_2 + \frac{1}{2}\pi_4 = \pi_3 \\ \frac{1}{3}\pi_3 = \pi_4 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{so } \pi_3 = 3\pi_4, \quad \pi_2 = \frac{5}{2}\pi_4, \quad \pi_1 = \frac{3}{2}\pi_4$$

$$\pi_1 + \pi_2 + \pi_3 + \pi_4 = 1 \Rightarrow \left(3 + \frac{5}{2} + 3 + 1\right)\pi_4 = 1 \Rightarrow \pi_4 = \frac{2}{19}$$

$$\text{So } \pi_1 = \frac{6}{19} \quad \pi_2 = \frac{5}{19} \quad \pi_3 = \frac{6}{19} \quad \pi_4 = \frac{2}{19}$$

$$\pi = (\pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3, \pi_4) = \left(\frac{6}{19}, \frac{5}{19}, \frac{6}{19}, \frac{2}{19} \right)$$

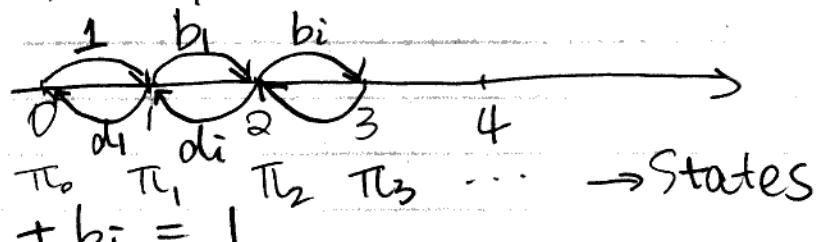
Example:

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 1/3 & 0 & 1/3 & 0 & 0 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1/3 & 0 & 1/3 & 1/3 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1/2 & 0 & 1/2 \\ 1/4 & 1/4 & 0 & 1/4 & 1/4 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\pi = (\pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3, \pi_4, \pi_5, \pi_6)$$

$$\pi P = \pi \quad \pi = \left(\frac{1}{8}, \frac{3}{16}, \frac{1}{8}, \frac{3}{16}, \frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{4} \right)$$

Example: Birth/Death chains



$$d_i + b_i = 1$$

$$\pi_0 b_1 = d_0 \pi_1$$

$$\pi_1 b_2 = d_1 \pi_2$$

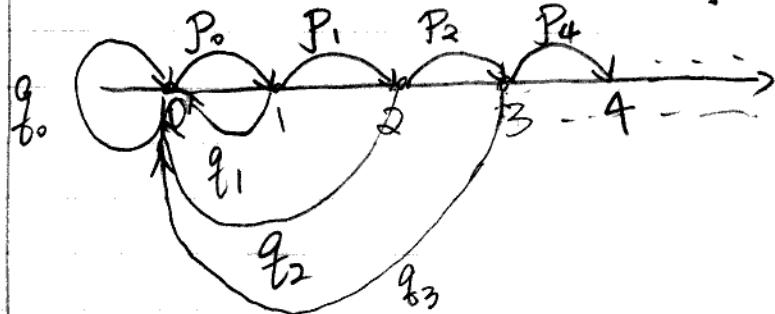
$$\pi_i b_i = \pi_{i+1} d_{i+1}$$

$$\pi_i = \frac{b_1 - b_{i-1}}{d_1 - d_i} \pi_0, \quad \forall i \geq 1$$

$$1 = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \pi_i = \pi_0 \left(1 + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_1 - b_{i-1}}{d_1 - d_i} \right) < \infty$$

If $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_1 - b_{i-1}}{d_1 - d_i} < \infty$, then invariant/stationary dist. exist

Example: $S = \mathbb{Z}_+$, $\forall i \geq 0$. ① $p_{i0} = q_i$. ② $p_{i,i+1} = p_i$ ③ $p_i + q_i = 1$



↙ summation only contributes 1 item to π_i

$$\pi_i = \sum_{j \in S} \pi_j p_{ji}$$

fix state i ,

$$= \pi_{i-1} p_{i-1} = \pi_{i-2} p_{i-2} p_{i-1} = \dots = \pi_0 p_0 p_1 p_2 \dots p_{i-1}$$

$$\sum_{i \in S} \pi_i = 1 \Rightarrow \pi_0 \left(1 + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} p_0 \dots p_{i-1} \right) = 1$$

If $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} p_0 \dots p_{i-1} < \infty$ Then \exists stationary dist.
(convergence)

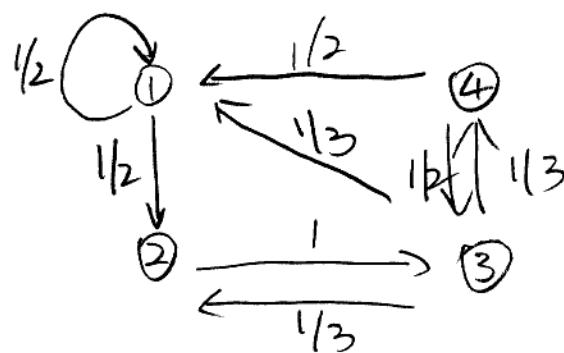
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Definition $P_i(\exists n \geq 0 \text{ s.t } X_n = j) > 0$

(start from i , with positive probability)

Then we say that i communicates with j
and we denote it as $i \rightarrow j$

If $i \rightarrow j$ and $j \rightarrow i$, then we say i and j
mutually communicates, and we denote $i \leftrightarrow j$



④ communicates with ①

④ communicates with ②

(Sequence of \rightarrow 's)

④ ..with ③

③ ..with ④ }

different probabilities

Observation:

(1) $i \leftrightarrow i$

(2) if $i \leftrightarrow j$ then $j \leftrightarrow i$

(3) if $i \leftrightarrow j$, $j \leftrightarrow k$, then $i \leftrightarrow k$ transitivity

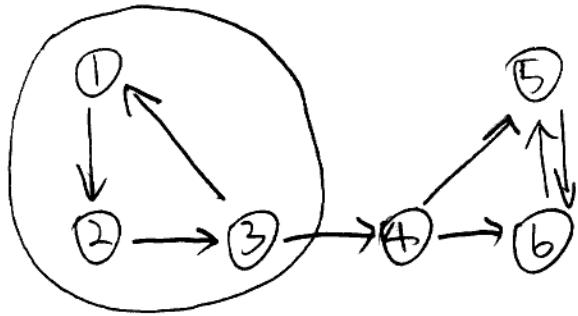
Thus, mutually communicating is an equivalent relation

Thus, the state space S is decomposed into a disjoint union of mutually communicating classes
each of these classes is called a communicating class, denoted by C .

mutually

$$S = C_1 \cup C_2 \cup \dots \cup C_r$$

Example:



Communicating classes.

$$C_1 = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

$$C_2 = \{4\}$$

$$C_3 = \{5, 6\}$$

$$C_1 \rightarrow C_2 \rightarrow C_3$$

Defn: If $A \subseteq S$ is such that $\forall i \in A, \sum_{j \in A} p_{ij} = 1$.

Then we say A is a closed set.

C_3 is a closed set.

Remarks: ① If A is closed, then $\forall i \in A, (i \rightarrow j) \Rightarrow (j \in A)$

② If C is a mutually communicating class, A closed, then $C \cap A = \emptyset$ or $C \subseteq A$.

③ If A is closed, then $P|_A = (p_{ij})_{i,j \in A}$ is a transition matrix.

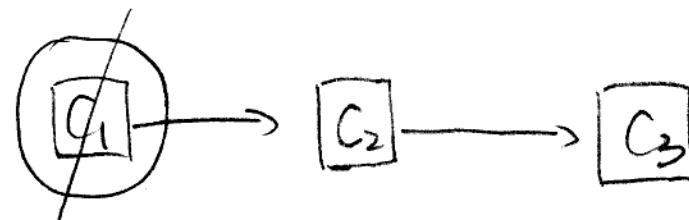
$$P = A^S \begin{pmatrix} A \\ \boxed{P|_A} & \boxed{0} \\ * & \boxed{\square} \end{pmatrix}$$

④ If $\{i\}$ is closed, then we say i is an absorbing state.

In this case. $p_{ii} = 1$

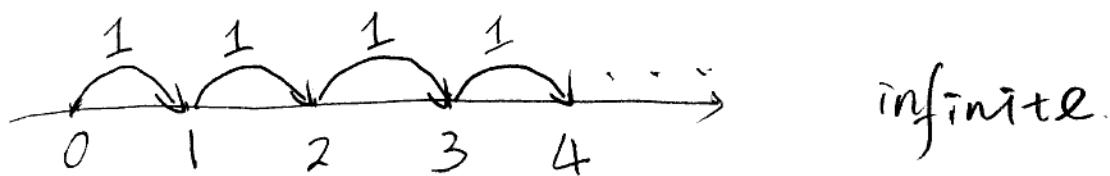
⑤ Notions of mutually communicating and closedness depends only on transition matrix $P = (p_{ij})$

Def'n: If state space S has a non-empty closed strict subset, Then we say S is reducible, also the corresponding transition matrix is reducible. Otherwise, we say S is irreducible and the transition matrix P is irreducible.



keep on throwing out
largest mutually communicating class

Remark: Is it always the case that we can keep on "throwing out" mutually communicating classes. So we end up in a closed irreducible smaller state space?



mutually communicating classes are singleton sets

let $B \subseteq S$. we denote the first hitting time to B by

$$\tau_B = \{n \geq 0, X_n \in B\}.$$

$\tau_B = \tau_B(\omega)$ is a random variable

$\{\tau_B \leq n\}$ only depends on X_0, \dots, X_n .

In this case, we say τ_B is a stopping time/Markov time.
(not depends on the future, only depends on X_0, \dots, X_n)

hitting probability (distribution) (Sooner or later, you will hit A)
 Take $A \subseteq S$. and $i \notin A$, Then we want $P_i(T_A < \infty)$.
 hitting time $E_i T_A$

First step trial method

$$P_i(T_A < \infty) = \sum_{j \in S} P_{ij} P_j(T_A < \infty)$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_i(T_A < \infty) &= \sum_{j \in S} P(X_1=j, T_A < \infty | X_0=i) \\ &= \sum_{j \in S} P(X_1=j | X_0=i) P(T_A < \infty | X_1=j, X_0=i) \\ &\quad \frac{P(X_1=j, X_0=i)}{P(X_0=i)} \cdot \frac{P(T_A < \infty, X_1=j, X_0=i)}{P(X_1=j, X_0=i)} \\ &= \sum_{j \in S} P_{ij} P_j(T_A < \infty) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} E_i T_A &= \sum_{j \in S} P(X_1=j | X_0=i) [E_j T_A | X_1=j, X_0=i] + 1 \\ &= \sum_{j \in S} P_{ij} E_j T_A + 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$E_i T_A = 1 + \sum_{j \in S} P_{ij} E_j T_A$$

Example: (Two year College)

1st year 60% freshman become sophomores

25% remain freshman

15% drop out

2nd year

70% sophomores graduate

20% remain sophomores

10% drop out

- ① What fractions of new students eventually graduate?
- ② On the average, how many years does a student take to graduate or drop out?

1 — freshmen

2 → sophomore

G → graduate

D → drop out

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} & 1 & 2 & G & D \\ 1 & 0.25 & 0.6 & 0 & 0.15 \\ 2 & 0 & 0.2 & 0.7 & 0.1 \\ G & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ D & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

① $P_1(T_{\{G\}} < \infty) = 0.7$

② $E_1 T_{\{G, D\}} = 2.333\dots$

* first trial method

Let $P_i(T_{\{G\}} < \infty) = h_i, i=1, 2.$

$$\begin{cases} h_1 = 0.25h_1 + 0.6h_2 \\ h_2 = 0.2h_2 + 0.7 \times 1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} h_1 = \frac{7}{10} \\ h_2 = \frac{7}{8} \end{cases}$$

Let $g_i = E_i T_{\{G, D\}}.$

$g_G = g_D = 0.$

$$\begin{cases} g_1 = 1 + 0.25g_1 + 0.6g_2 \\ g_2 = 1 + 0.2g_2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} g_1 = 2.333\dots \\ g_2 = 1.25 \end{cases}$$

Example: (Tennis game)

In tennis, winner of a game is the first player to win 4 points unless 4 - 3.

in this case, we continue until one player is ahead by 2 points and win the game.

The server win the point with probability 0.6
win successive points independently.

① What is the probability win the game if score is 3-3
What is the probability win the game if she is ahead.
by 1 point?

- if she is behind by 1 point?

② What is the expected time to complete the game
in the above cases?

State: difference of the scores

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} & 2 & 1 & 0 & -1 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0.6 & 0 & 0.4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.6 & 0 & 0.4 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0.6 & 0 & 0.4 \\ -2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

① $P_0(T_{\{2\}} < \infty)$ $P_1(T_{\{2\}} < \infty)$ $P_{-1}(T_{\{-2\}} < \infty)$

② $E_0 T_{\{2,-2\}}$ $E_1 T_{\{2,-2\}}$ $E_{-1} T_{\{2,-2\}}$

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Example: (Tennis)

$$P = \begin{array}{c|ccccc} & 2 & 1 & 0 & -1 & -2 \\ \hline 2 & | & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & | & 0.6 & 0 & 0.4 & 0 \\ 0 & | & 0 & 0.6 & 0 & 0.4 \\ -1 & | & 0 & 0 & 0.6 & 0 \\ -2 & | & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array}$$

transition
matrix.

① Probabilities of success if score is 3-3, 4-3, 3-4.

② Expected time to complete the game $h_0 \ h_1 \ h_{-1}$

Let $h_i = P_i(T_{\{2,-2\}} < \infty)$ (run into state 2 or -2)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} h_1 = 0.6h_1 + 0.4h_0 \\ h_0 = 0.6h_1 + 0.4h_{-1} \\ h_{-1} = 0.6h_0 + 0.4 \times 0 \text{ (the other part get success)} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} h_1 = 0.8769 \\ h_0 = 0.6923 \\ h_{-1} = 0.4154 \end{array} \right.$$

let $g_i = E_i(T_{\{2,-2\}})$

Boundary conditions : $g_2 = g_{-2} = 0$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} g_1 = 1 + 0.4g_0 \\ g_0 = 1 + 0.6g_1 + 0.4g_{-1} \\ g_{-1} = 1 + 0.6g_0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} g_1 = 33/13 \\ g_0 = 50/13 \\ g_{-1} = 43/13 \end{array} \right.$$

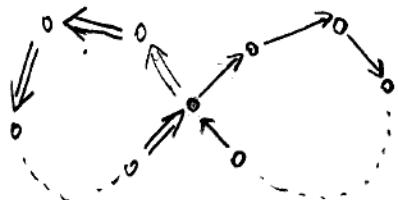
$\{A_n, \text{infinitely often}\} = \{A_n, \text{i.o.}\} = \bigcap_{N=1}^{\infty} \bigcup_{n \geq N} A_n$ event
 $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_N, \dots, \boxed{A_N}, \dots$ tail.

Defn: If $P_i(X_n=i \text{ i.o.}) = P_i\left(\bigcap_{N \geq 1} \bigcup_{n \geq N} \{X_n=i\}\right) = 1$

Then we say that state i is a recurrent state.

Or we say state i is recurrent. (always come back)

Otherwise, we say state i is a transient state or
we say state i is non-recurrent. $P_i < 1$



cycle method.

$$\sigma_i^{(1)} = \sigma_i = \inf \{n \geq 1, X_n=i\}$$

Now we recursively define $\sigma_i^{(k)} = \begin{cases} \inf \{n \geq \sigma_i^{(k-1)} + 1, X_n=i\}, & \text{if } \sigma_i^{(k-1)} < \infty \\ \infty & \text{if } \sigma_i^{(k-1)} = \infty \end{cases}$

Thus $\sigma_i^{(k)}$ is the time for the k -th visit of X_n to state i .

Claim: For any $k \geq 1, n \geq 1$,

$$P_i(\sigma_i^{(k+1)} - \sigma_i^{(k)} = n \mid \sigma_i^{(k)} < \infty) = P_i(\sigma_i = n)$$

Moreover, $\sigma_i^{(1)}, \sigma_i^{(2)} - \sigma_i^{(1)}, \dots, \sigma_i^{(k+1)} - \sigma_i^{(k)}, \dots$ are independent.

$$\text{Pf: } P_i(\sigma_i^{(2)} - \sigma_i^{(1)} = n, \sigma_i^{(1)} = m)$$

$$= P_i(\sigma_i^{(2)} = n+m, \sigma_i^{(1)} = m)$$

$$= P_i(X_m = X_{m+n} = i, X_k \neq i, 1 \leq k \leq m+n-1, k \neq m)$$

$$= P_i(X_m = i, X_{k+m} = i, m+1 \leq k \leq m+n-1) \quad | \quad X_m = i, X_l = i, 1 \leq l \leq m-1$$

$$\times P_i(X_m = i, X_l = i, 1 \leq l \leq m-1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_i &= \left(X_{n+m} = i, X_k \neq i, m+1 \leq k \leq n+m-1 \mid X_m = i \right) \\
 &\times P_i(X_m = i, X_l \neq i, 1 \leq l \leq m-1) \\
 &= P_i(X_n = i, X_k \neq i, 1 \leq k \leq n-1) \\
 &\quad \times P_i(X_m = i, X_l \neq i, 1 \leq l \leq m-1) \\
 &= P_i(\sigma_i^{(1)} = h) P_i(\sigma_i^{(1)} = m)
 \end{aligned}$$

$P_{ij} = P_i(\sigma_j < \infty)$ first time come back to j .

$$P_{ii} = P_i(\sigma_i < \infty)$$

Claim: $P_i = (\sigma_i^{(k)} < \infty) = P_{ii}^k$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Pf: } P_i(\sigma_i^{(k)} < \infty) &= P_i(\sigma_i^{(k-1)} < \infty, \sigma_i^{(k)} - \sigma_i^{(k-1)} < \infty) \\
 &= P_i(\sigma_i^{(k-1)} < \infty) P_i(\sigma_i^{(k)} - \sigma_i^{(k-1)} < \infty \mid \sigma_i^{(k-1)} < \infty) \\
 &= P_i(\sigma_i^{(k-1)} < \infty) P_i(\sigma_i < \infty)
 \end{aligned}$$

Let $V_i = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \mathbf{1}_{\{X_n = i\}}$ number of visits to state i

We see ① $V_i \geq k \Leftrightarrow \sigma_i^{(k)} < \infty$

$$\text{② } \{V_i = \infty\} = \{X_n = i, \forall n\}$$

so $P_i(V_i \geq k) = P_{ii}^k$ and V_i has geometric distribution with success probability P_{ii}

Proposition: (0-1 law)

$$P_i(V_i = \infty) = 0 \Leftrightarrow E_i V_i < \infty \Leftrightarrow P_{ii} < 1$$

$$P_i(V_i = \infty) = 1 \Leftrightarrow E_i V_i = \infty \Leftrightarrow P_{ii} = 1$$

Conclusion: The probability that state i will be visited infinitely many times is 0 or 1.

$P_{ij}^{(n)}$ n-step transition probability

let $G_{ij} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_{ij}^{(n)}$ (Green function)

$$E_i V_i = E_i \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1_{\{X_n=i\}} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P_i(X_n=i) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P_{ii}^{(n)} = \underline{G_{ii}-1}$$

Corollary:

(1) $P_{ii}=1 \Leftrightarrow i$ recurrent $\Leftrightarrow G_{ii}=\infty$ } one and only

(2) $P_{ii} < 1 \Leftrightarrow i$ transient $\Leftrightarrow G_{ii} < \infty$ } one of (1), (2)
will happen

Statement: If $i \leftrightarrow j$ mutually communicate.

Then i is recurrent $\Leftrightarrow j$ is recurrent.

Pf: Suppose i is transient, then we can choose $k, l > 0$

$$\text{st } P_{ij}^{(k)}, P_{ji}^{(l)} > 0 \quad G_{ii} < \infty$$

$$\text{then } P_{ii}^{(k+r+l)} \geq P_{ij}^{(k)} P_{jj}^{(r)} P_{ji}^{(l)} \xrightarrow[r]{\text{sum over}} G_{ii} \geq G_{jj} P_{ij}^{(k)} P_{ji}^{(l)}$$

$\Rightarrow G_{jj} < \infty \Rightarrow j$ is transient and vice versa.

(mutually communicating transient class)

Thus, recurrence/transient is a property of mutually communicating class and we can talk about recurrent class/transient class.

Moreover, if the markov chain is irreducible, then all states are either recurrent/transient. In this case, we talk about recurrent/transient of the Markov chain.

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$P_i(V_i < \infty) = 1 \Leftrightarrow i \text{ is transient} \Leftrightarrow E_i V_i < \infty \Leftrightarrow P_{ii} < 1 \Leftrightarrow G_{ii} < \infty$

$P_i(V_i = \infty) = 1 \Leftrightarrow i \text{ is recurrent} \Leftrightarrow E_i V_i = \infty \Leftrightarrow P_{ii} = 1 \Leftrightarrow G_{ii} = \infty$

$$G_{ij} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_{ij}^{(n)} \quad E_i V_i = G_{ii} - 1$$

$i \xrightarrow{} j$ i recurrent $\Leftrightarrow j$ recurrent

irreducible \Leftrightarrow all states are either transient or recurrent.

Lem: Let π be a stationary distribution

and the state j is transient Then $\pi_j = 0$

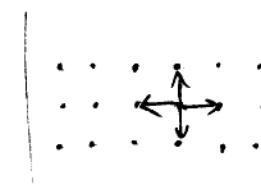
Pf: $\forall i, j \in S$, claim: $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_{ij}^{(n)} \leq G_{jj} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_{jj}^{(n)} < \infty$ (HW)

Therefore, $\sum_{i \in S} \pi_i \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_{ij}^{(n)} \leq \sum_{i \in S} \pi_i G_{jj} = G_{jj} < \infty$

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{i \in S} \pi_i P_{ij}^{(n)} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \pi_j < \infty \Rightarrow \pi_j = 0$$

Fact: d-dimensional RW is on \mathbb{Z}^d

$$P = \frac{1}{2d}$$



$d=1, 2$ it is recurrent

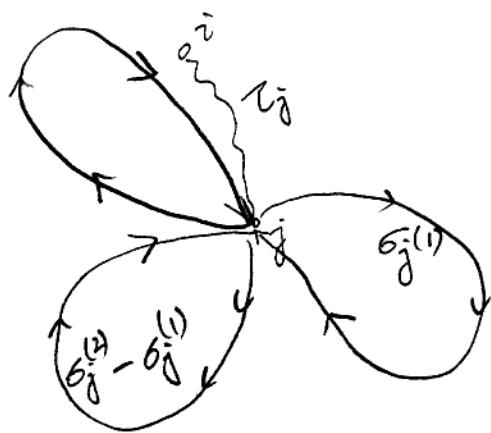
$d \geq 3$ it is transient.
(degree of freedom)

How often you are going to come back?

$$V_j(n) = \sum_{k=0}^n \mathbf{1}_{\{X_k=j\}} \quad \text{visit } j$$

"frequency" $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{V_j(n)}{n}$ (Law of large numbers)

Let $X_0 = i$, Suppose it is an irreducible chain.



From the picture.

$V_j(n) = \# \text{ of excursion } j \rightarrow j + 1$

By cycle argument, each excursion
is independent.

length of excursion = $\sigma_j^{(1)}$, $\sigma_j^{(2)} - \sigma_j^{(1)}$, $\sigma_j^{(3)} - \sigma_j^{(2)}$... are independent.
also i.i.d.
let us consider $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{V_j(n)}$ should be the period.

$$\frac{\text{number of steps}}{\text{number of excursions}}$$

Roughly speaking, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{V_j(n)} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sigma_j^{(1)} + (\sigma_j^{(2)} - \sigma_j^{(1)}) + \dots + (\sigma_j^{(K)} - \sigma_j^{(K-1)})}{K}$

Law of large numbers $\rightarrow E_j \sigma_j^{(1)}$ $\sigma_j^{(1)} = \sigma_j$ for short

Thus, "frequency" $\approx \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{V_j(n)}{n} = \frac{1}{E_j \sigma_j^{(1)}}$

Theorem: Let $V_j(n) = \sum_{k=0}^n \mathbf{1}_{\{X_k = j\}}$

Suppose P is irreducible

then $\forall j \in S$, and any initial distribution μ .

then $P_\mu \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{V_j(n)}{n} = \frac{1}{E_j \sigma_j} \right) = 1$

(frequency is the reciprocal of time)

Pf: It suffices to prove the case $\mu = \delta_i = \mathbb{I}_{\{i\}}$

If P is transient then $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{I}_{\{X_k=j\}} < \infty$

$$\text{Then } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{V_j(n)}{n} = 0 = \frac{1}{E_j \sigma_j}$$

Since j is transient, we know $P_j(\sigma_j < \infty) < 1 \Rightarrow E_j \sigma_j = \infty$

Now assume P is recurrent.

$$\text{Then } 1 = P_j(\sigma_j < \infty) = P_i(\sigma_j < \infty) \quad (\text{Hw})$$

$$\text{Thus } P_i\left(\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \mathbb{I}_{\{X_k=j\}} = \infty\right) = 1 \quad \text{number of visits.}$$

$$\text{Let } \{\tilde{X}_n = X_{j+n}, n \geq 0\}$$

contains excursions, start from the first hitting time.

$$\{V_j(n) = k+1\} = \{T_j + \tilde{\sigma}_j^{(k)} \leq n < T_j + \tilde{\sigma}_j^{(k+1)}\}$$

where $\tilde{\sigma}_j^{(k)}$ is the time $\{\tilde{X}_n, n \geq 0\}$ comes back to j at the k -th excursion.

Therefore, $\tilde{\sigma}_j^{(1)}, \tilde{\sigma}_j^{(2)} - \tilde{\sigma}_j^{(1)}, \dots, \tilde{\sigma}_j^{(k)} - \tilde{\sigma}_j^{(k-1)}$ are i.i.d by cycle method.

Thus, by Strong Law of Large numbers,

$$P_i\left(\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\tilde{\sigma}_j}{k} = E_j \sigma_j\right) = 1$$

$$\text{weak LLN} \\ P\left(\left|\frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} - EX\right| > \varepsilon\right) \rightarrow 0$$

Strong LLN

$$P\left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{X_1 + \dots + X_n}{n} = EX\right) = 1.$$

We know, $\{V_j(n) = k+1\}$

$$= \{T_j + \tilde{\sigma}_j^{(k)} \leq n \leq T_j + \tilde{\sigma}_j^{(k+1)}\}$$

and as $n \rightarrow \infty$, we know $V_j(n) \rightarrow \infty$

$$\overline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{V_j(n)} \leq \overline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T_j + \tilde{\sigma}_j^{(k+1)}}{k+1} = \overline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\tilde{\sigma}_j^{(k+1)}}{k+1} = E_j \sigma_j$$

$$\underline{\lim}_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{V_j(n)} \geq \underline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{T_j + \tilde{\sigma}_j^{(k)}}{k+1} = \underline{\lim}_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{k}{k+1} \cdot \frac{\tilde{\sigma}_j^{(k)}}{k} = E_j \sigma_j$$

Thus, $P_i(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{V_j(n)} = E_j \sigma_j) = 1$ which implies the Theorem

$$V_j(n) = \sum_{k=0}^n \mathbb{1}_{\{X_k=j\}}$$

By our Theorem on frequencies,

$$P_\mu(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{V_j(n)}{n} = \frac{1}{E_j \sigma_j}) = 1$$

Suppose $\mu = \pi$ is the stationary distribution.

$$E_\pi \frac{V_j(n)}{n} = E_\pi \frac{\sum_{k=0}^n \mathbb{1}_{\{X_k=j\}}}{n} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^n P_\pi(X_k=j) = \pi_j$$

$$\text{thus } P_\pi(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} E \frac{V_j(n)}{n} = \frac{1}{E_j \sigma_j}) = 1$$

Therefore

$$\boxed{\pi_j = \frac{1}{E_j \sigma_j}}$$

- The stationary distribution is the frequency.
- If j is transient, $T_j = 0$, $E_j \sigma_j = \infty$
- time average (frequency) $\stackrel{=} \text{ spatial average } (\pi_j)$

$P_j(\sigma_j < \infty) < 1$ Transient

which $\Leftrightarrow P_j(\sigma_j = \infty) > 0 \Rightarrow E_j \sigma_j = \infty \Rightarrow \pi_j = 0$.

$P_j(\sigma_j < \infty) = 1$ Recurrent

$\nRightarrow E_j \sigma_j < \infty$

Def'n let j be recurrent. If $E_j \sigma_j < \infty$ then j is called positive recurrent. (time is finite)

If $E_j \sigma_j = \infty$, Then j is called null recurrent.
(time is infinite)

Theorem: If P is irreducible, Then following statements are equivalent.

(1) All states are positive recurrent.

(2) There exist positive recurrent state.

(3) There exist stationary distribution so that

$$\pi_j = \frac{1}{E_j \sigma_j} \pi_j$$

Theorem: (Ergodic Theorem)

Suppose P is irreducible and positively recurrent.

Let f be a bounded function on S (let $\pi = (\pi_i)_{i \in S}$ be stationary distribution)

Then $P \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^n f(X_k) = \sum_{i \in S} \pi_i f(i) \right) = 1$

Time average

Space average

Let the chain P be irreducible.

$$P_n \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n f(x_k) = \sum_{j \in S} \pi_j f(j) \right) = 1$$

$\pi_j = \frac{1}{E_j \sigma_j}$ ↑ Weighted sum

Example: (Repair chain)

A machine has 3 critical parts that are subject to failure but can function as long as two are working. When two are broken then they are replaced and machine is back to working order next day.

Let State space be parts that are broken:

$$S = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 12, 23, 13\} \quad 7 \text{ states}$$

Parts 1, 2, 3 fail with probabilities 0.01, 0.02, 0.04
No two parts fail on the same day.

transition matrix

$$P = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 12 & 23 & 13 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \\ 12 \\ 23 \\ 13 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 0.93 & 0.01 & 0.02 & 0.04 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.94 & 0 & 0 & 0.02 & 0 & 0.04 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.95 & 0 & 0.01 & 0.04 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.97 & 0 & 0.02 & 0.01 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

} fix the machine

Q: We operate the machine for 1800 days. (approx. 5 years)
Then how many parts of 1, 2, 3 are we going to use?

invariant distribution:

solve for $\pi = (\pi_0, \pi_1, \pi_2, \pi_3, \pi_{12}, \pi_{23}, \pi_{13})$

s.t. $\pi P = \pi$

$$\pi_0 = \frac{3000}{8910} \quad \pi_1 = \frac{500}{8910} \quad \pi_2 = \frac{1200}{8910} \quad \pi_3 = \frac{4000}{8910}$$

$$(\pi_{12}\pi_{13})^{-1} = \pi_{12} = \frac{22}{8910} \quad \pi_{23} = \frac{128}{8910} \quad \pi_{13} = \frac{60}{8910}$$

By the Ergodic theorem:

$$\# \text{ of part 1} = 1800 \times (\pi_{12} + \pi_{13}) = 1800 \times \frac{82}{8910} \approx 16.56.$$

$$\# \text{ of part 2} = 1800 \times (\pi_{12} + \pi_{23}) \approx 30.30$$

$$\# \text{ of part 3} = 1800 \times (\pi_{13} + \pi_{23}) \approx 37.98.$$

$P_i(X_n=j) = P_{ij}^{(n)} \xrightarrow{n \rightarrow \infty} \pi_j, \forall i, \text{ Each } P_{ij} \text{ converges to } \pi_j?$

n-step transition probability

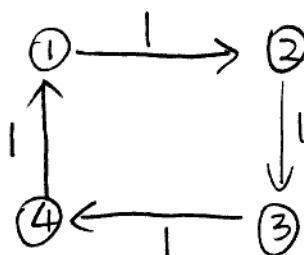
Ergodic theorem tells us that with probability 1

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{k=0}^n \mathbb{1}_{\{X_k=j\}}}{n} = \pi_j \quad \text{we take expectation on both sides}$$

Then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{k=0}^n P_i(X_k=j)}{n} = \pi_j \quad E 1_A = P(A)$

i.e. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^n P_{ij}^{(k)} = \pi_j \quad (\text{average converges to } \pi_j)$

Example:



irreducible

$$\pi_1 = \pi_2 = \pi_3 = \pi_4 = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$P_{12}^{(1)} = 1, \quad P_{12}^{(2)} = 0, \quad P_{12}^{(3)} = 0, \quad P_{12}^{(4)} = 0$$

$$P_{12}^{(5)} = 1, \quad P_{12}^{(6)} = 0, \quad P_{12}^{(7)} = 0, \quad P_{12}^{(8)} = 0. \quad \dots \text{Periodically}$$

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_{12}^{(n)}$ does not exist! But $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n P_{12}^{(k)}}{n} = \frac{1}{4}$
average converges.

(The process has to be essentially random).

Def'n: We call the greatest common divisor of numbers $\{n \geq 1, P_{ii}^{(n)} > 0\}$ be the period of state i .

If i has period 1, then i is called aperiodic.

ex: $\{4, 8, 12, \dots\} \rightarrow \text{Period} = 4$

periodic chains do not converge!

"loss of memory"

Proposition: If $i \leftrightarrow j$ then i and j have the same period.

Pf: Assume the periods of i and j are d_i, d_j

Since $i \leftrightarrow j$, we can pick up $k, l \geq 1$ st.

$P_{ij}^{(k)}, P_{ji}^{(l)} > 0$. Therefore, $P_{ii}^{(k+l)} > 0$ so $d_i | (k+l)$. 

On the other hand, $\forall n \in R_j = \{m \geq 1, P_{jj}^{(m)} > 0\}$ 

We have $P_{ii}^{(k+n+l)} \geq P_{ij}^{(k)} P_{jj}^{(n)} P_{ji}^{(l)} > 0$ so $d_i | (k+n+l)$.

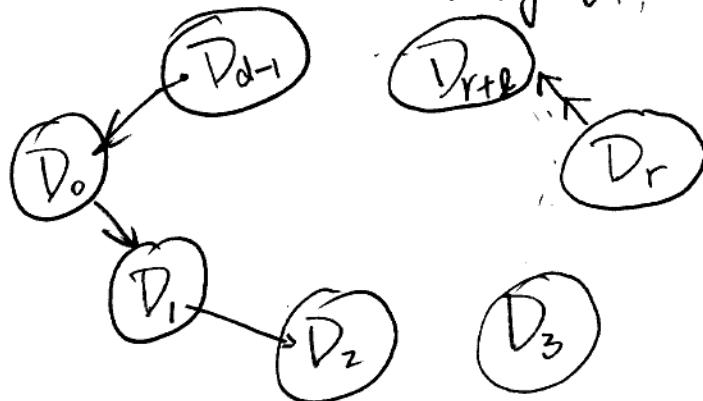
Thus, $d_i | n$. Then $d_i | d_j$

Conversely, $d_j | d_i$ so $d_i = d_j$

Thus, we can talk about the period of a mutually communicating class, the period of an irreducible Markov chain, etc.

Theorem: Let P be irreducible. Then $\exists d \geq 1$ and a partition D_0, D_1, \dots, D_d of S (we define $D_{nd+r} = D_r$)

s.t. (i) $\forall r \geq 0, \forall i \in D_r, \forall l \geq 0, \sum_{j \in D_{r+l}} P_{ij}^{(l)} = 1$
 (ii) $\forall r \geq 0, \forall i, j \in D_r, \exists n_0 \geq 0$ s.t. $\forall n \geq n_0, P_{ij}^{(nd)} > 0$



- * Deterministically, from D_r , after l steps, reach D_{r+l} .
- * after d steps, must come back to j from i .
 d is the period. (i, j in same set)

Conclusion: If P is aperiodic, then $\forall i, j \in S$,

$\exists n_0 \geq 0$ s.t. $\forall n \geq n_0, P_{ij}^{(n)} > 0$ ($d=1$)
 (arbitrary many steps)

Theorem: If P is irreducible and aperiodic.
 Let π be the stationary distribution.

Then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_{ij}^{(n)} = \pi_j$. Moreover, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |P_{ij}^{(n)} - \pi_j| = 0 \quad \forall i \in S$.

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period of state i is the greatest common divisor of the set $\{n \geq 1, P_{ii}^{(n)} > 0\}$.

aperiodic. Goal: $P_{ij}^{(n)} \rightarrow \pi_j$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Theorem: Suppose P is irreducible and aperiodic. Then if π is the stationary distribution, we have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j \in S} |P_{ij}^{(n)} - \pi_j| = 0 \quad \forall i \in S.$$

In particular, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_{ij}^{(n)} = \pi_j \quad P_{ij}^{(n)} = P_i(X_n=j)$

"Coupling"

$X_n \quad Y_n \quad S$ We don't require X_n and Y_n are Markov

$Z_n = (X_n, Y_n)$ State space $S \times S$

* No matter where you start the chain, you will end up with the same distribution (π_j)

* loss of memory. \leftarrow aperiodicity.

We don't know where we come from.

$(X_n, X_0=i_1)$



Same process

Start from different states.

$(\tilde{X}_n, \tilde{X}_0=i_2)$

$(Y_n, Y_0=j_2)$

PF = (Details will not be on the exam)

Let $\{X_n, n \geq 0\}$ and $\{Y_n, n \geq 0\}$ be two independent Markov chains on S with transition probability matrix P .

Initial distributions μ and ν

Let $Z_n = \{(X_n, Y_n) : n \geq 0\}$ be the coupled process.

The state space of Z_n is $S \times S$.

Therefore, the transition probability of Z_n is

$P_{(i_1, i_2), (j_1, j_2)} = P_{i_1 j_1} P_{i_2 j_2}$ and we denote the transition matrix \bar{P} .

Initial distribution: $\mu \times \nu$

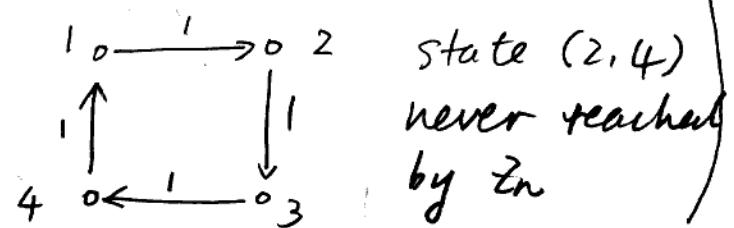
Step 1: Since P is irreducible. By the conclusion we have on Lecture 10 before we state the Theorem, we see that we can find n sufficiently large,

so that $P_{i_1 j_1}^{(n)} > 0, P_{i_2 j_2}^{(n)} > 0$

This means that the coupling chain $Z_n = (X_n, Y_n)$ is irreducible

(Remark: In case P is periodic it can happen

that Z_n is reducible



state (2, 4)
never reached
by Z_n

And Z_n is also aperiodic

for i , $\{n, P_{ii}^{(n)} > 0\}$

$\gcd \{n_1, n_2, \dots\} = 1$

for j , $\{\tilde{n}, P_{jj}^{(\tilde{n})} > 0\}$

$\gcd \{\tilde{n}_1, \tilde{n}_2, \dots\} = 1$

$\{\tilde{n}, P_{(i,j)}^{(\tilde{n})}(i,j) > 0\} \quad \gcd \{\tilde{n}_1, \tilde{n}_2, \dots\} = 1$

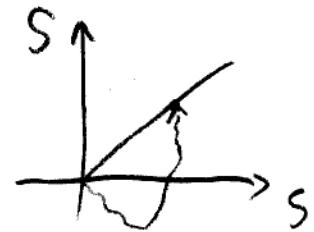
Step 2: The stationary distribution of \bar{P} is $\pi \times \pi$.

Step 3: Since \bar{P} is irreducible, and by HW 5.1.(3), we know that all states are recurrent. (in $S \times S$)

Let $\tau = \inf \{n \geq 0, X_n = Y_n\}$

Then, $P(\tau < \infty) = 1$.

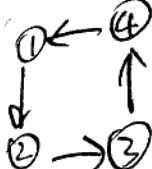
Coupled process hit the diagonal.



After that, their behaviors are going to be the same.

* Coupled chain should be irreducible.

* Periodicity may not give us irreducibility.



Step 4: We know that if we start X_n and Y_n after they first meet, then the distribution of X_n and Y_n shall be the same.

Therefore, $P(X_n=j, \tau \leq n) = \sum_{m=0}^n \sum_{i \in S} P(X_n=j, \tau=m, Z_m=(i,i))$

$$= \sum_{m=0}^n \sum_{i \in S} P(\tau=m, Z_m=(i,i)) P(X_n=j | \tau=m, Z_m=(i,i))$$

Since $\{\tau=m, Z_m=(i,i)\} = \{Z_0, \dots, Z_{m-1} \text{ not diagonal}, Z_m=(i,i)\}$

$$\text{Then } P(X_n=j \mid T=m, Z_m=(i,i)) = P(X_n=j \mid Z_m=(i,i))$$

$$= P(X_n=j \mid X_m=i, Y_m=i) = P(X_n=j \mid X_m=i) = P_{ij}^{(n-m)}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } P(X_n=j, T \leq n) = \sum_{m=0}^n \sum_{i \in S} P(T=m, Z_m=(i,i)) P_{ij}^{(n-m)}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } P(Y_n=j, T \leq n) = \sum_{m=0}^n \sum_{i \in S} P(T=m, Z_m=(i,i)) P_{ij}^{(n-m)}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } P(X_n=j, T \leq n) = P(Y_n=j, T \leq n)$$

$$\text{Thus, } \sum_{j \in S} |P(X_n=j) - P(Y_n=j)|$$

$$= \sum_{j \in S} |P(X_n=j, T > n) - P(Y_n=j, T > n)|$$

$$= \sum_{j \in S} P(X_n=j, T > n) + \sum_{j \in S} P(Y_n=j, T > n) \quad \text{by triangle inequality}$$

$$= 2 P(T > n) \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

(aperiodicity)

$$\text{let } \mu = \delta_i \quad \pi = \pi_L$$

$$\text{we get } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{j \in S} |P_{ij}^{(n)} - \pi_{ij}| = 0 \quad \underline{\text{Done}}$$

Summary: P is irreducible and aperiodic and stationary distribution π_L .

$$\text{Then } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_{ij}^{(n)} = \pi_{ij}$$

We know that $\pi_{ij} = \frac{1}{E_j \sigma_j}$ by Ergodic Theorem.

Thus, if j is null-recurrent ($E_j \sigma_j = \infty$)

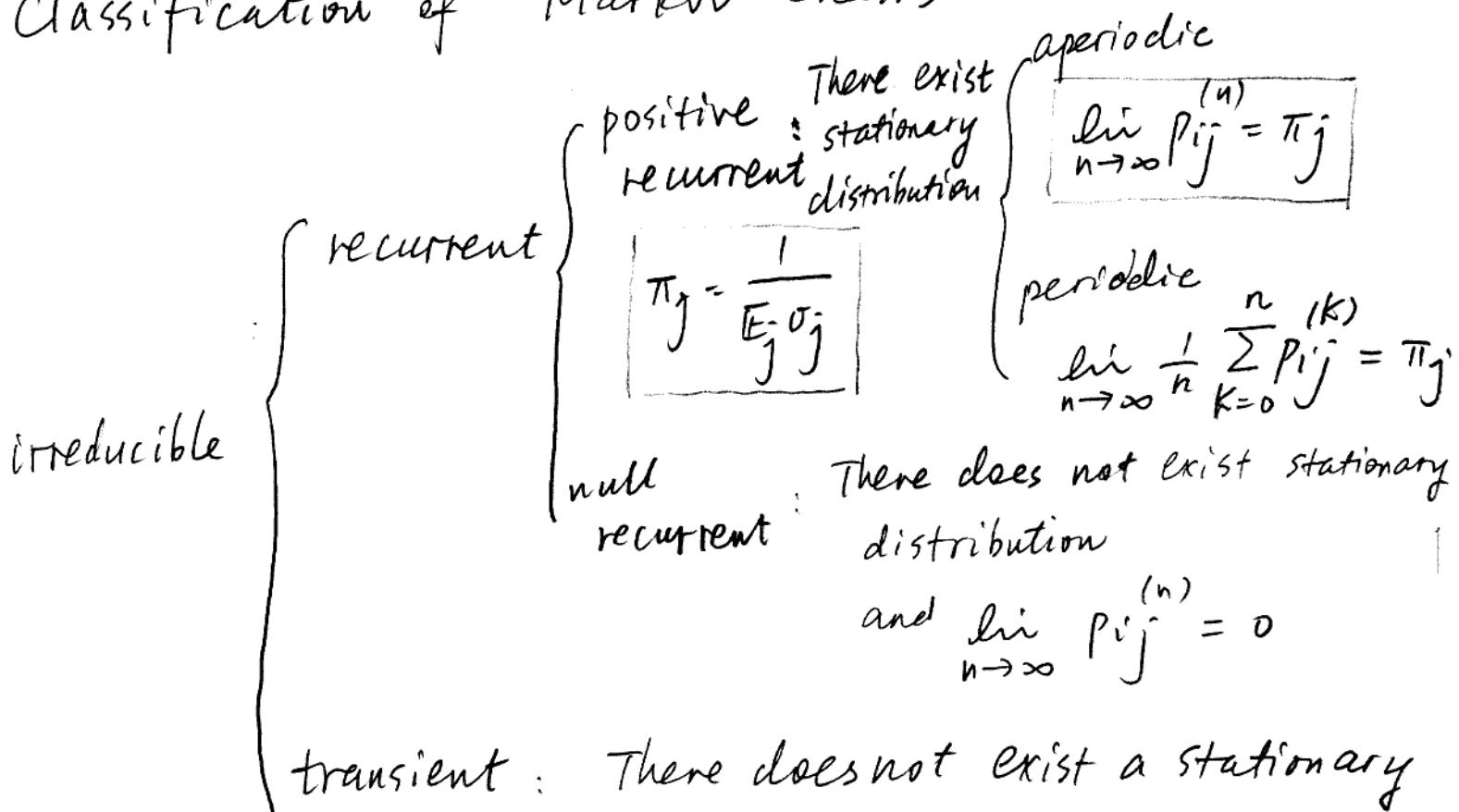
then $\pi_{ij} = 0$.

(positive recurrence \Rightarrow stationary distribution)

Theorem : Suppose P is irreducible and null-recurrent

Then $\forall i, j \in S \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_{ij}^{(n)} = 0$

Classification of Markov Chains



$$(\text{since } G_{ii} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} P_{ii}^{(n)} < \infty \Rightarrow P_{ii}^{(n)} \rightarrow 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow P_{ij}^{(n)} \rightarrow 0$$

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In our coupling construction $Z_n = (X_n, Y_n)$

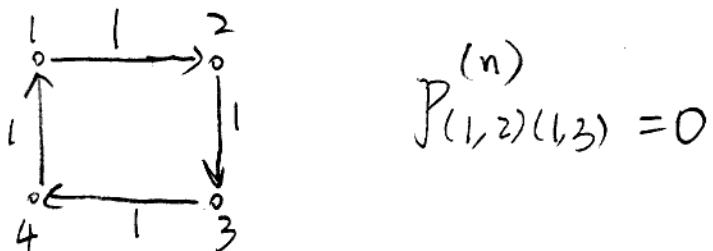
$$P_{(i_1, i_2)} P_{(j_1, j_2)} = P_{i_1 j_1} P_{i_2 j_2}$$

If P is aperiodic. Then $Z_n = (X_n, Y_n)$ is irreducible.

This is because we apply the conclusion in lecture 10.

$$\exists n_0 \geq 0 \quad \forall n \geq n_0, \quad P_{i_1 j_1}^{(n)} > 0 \quad P_{i_2 j_2}^{(n)} > 0 \Rightarrow P_{(i_1, i_2)}^{(n)} P_{(j_1, j_2)}^{(n)} > 0$$

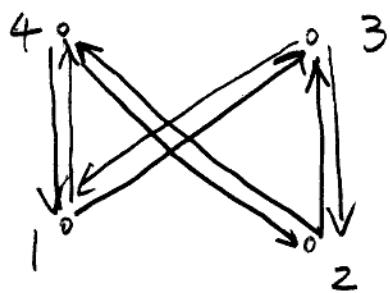
If P is periodic. Then $Z_n = (X_n, Y_n)$ can be reducible.



Ex: Consider a transition matrix.

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0.6 & 0.4 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0.2 & 0.8 \\ 3 & 0.25 & 0.75 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 0.5 & 0.5 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Calculate $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P^{2n}$



Let X_n be a Markov chain with transition matrix P . P irreducible.

$$P_{11}^{(2)} > 0 \quad P_{11}^{(3)} = 0 \quad P_{11}^{(4)} > 0$$

$$P_{11}^{(5)} = 0 \quad \dots \quad \text{Period} = 2$$

$$P^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0.35 & 0.65 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.45 & 0.55 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.3 & 0.7 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.4 & 0.6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Let } A = \begin{pmatrix} 0.35 & 0.65 \\ 0.45 & 0.55 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 0.3 & 0.7 \\ 0.4 & 0.6 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Thus, } P^{2n} = \begin{pmatrix} A^n & 0 \\ 0 & B^n \end{pmatrix}$$

Both matrices A and B are irreducible & aperiodic
Stationary distribution

$$(\alpha, 1-\alpha)A = (\alpha, 1-\alpha)$$

$$\alpha = \frac{9}{22}$$

$$(\beta, 1-\beta)B = (\beta, 1-\beta)$$

$$\beta = \frac{4}{11}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P^{2n} = \begin{pmatrix} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A^n & 0 \\ 0 & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} B^n \end{pmatrix}$$

$$A^n = \begin{pmatrix} P_{11}^{(n)} & P_{12}^{(n)} \\ P_{21}^{(n)} & P_{22}^{(n)} \end{pmatrix}$$

By theorem, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_{ij}^{(n)} = \pi_{ij}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P^{2n} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{9}{22} & \frac{13}{22} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{9}{22} & \frac{13}{22} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{4}{11} & \frac{7}{11} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{4}{11} & \frac{7}{11} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_{11}^{(n)} = \pi_{11} = \alpha$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_{12}^{(n)} = \pi_{12} = 1-\alpha$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_{21}^{(n)} = \beta$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_{22}^{(n)} = 1-\beta$$

Let X_n be a Markov Chain with transition matrix P .

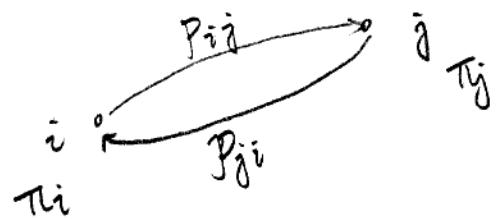
let $X_0 \sim \mu = (\mu_0, \dots, \mu_m)$ s.t. $P(X_0=i) = \mu_i \quad 1 \leq i \leq m$

$$P(X_i=j) = \sum_{i \in S} P(X_i=j | X_0=i) P(X_0=i) = \sum_{i \in S} \mu_i P_{ij} = \mu P$$

μ is stationary iff $\mu P = \mu$

Def'n: The distribution $\pi = (\pi_i)_{i \in S}$ is called

detailed balance iff $\forall i, j \in S, \pi_i P_{ij} = \pi_j P_{ji}$



Remark: (i) Detailed balance does not always exist.

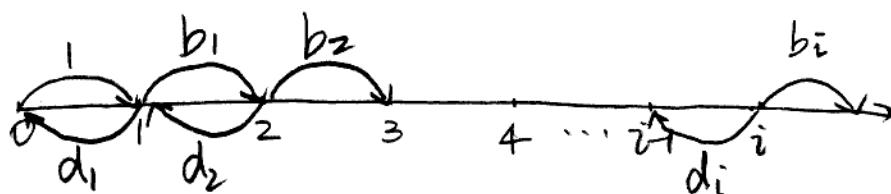
(ii) If detailed balance exists,

stationary requires $\pi_i = \sum_{j \in S} \pi_j P_{ji}$

But $\sum_{j \in S} \pi_j P_{ji} = \sum_{j \in S} \pi_i P_{ij} = \pi_i \sum_{j \in S} P_{ij} = \pi_i$

Then Detailed balance \Rightarrow stationary

Ex: Birth-Death Chain



$$P_{01} = 1, \quad P_{i,i+1} = b_i, \quad P_{i,i-1} = d_i$$

$$d_i + b_i = 1, \quad i \geq 1$$

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \\ 1 & d_1 & 0 & b_1 \\ 2 & d_2 & 0 & b_2 \\ 3 & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Suppose $(\pi_i)_{i=0,1,2,\dots}$ is detailed balance

$$\pi_i p_{i,i+1} = \pi_{i+1} p_{i+1,i} \text{ so } \pi_i b_i = \pi_{i+1} d_{i+1} \Rightarrow \pi_{i+1} = \frac{b_i}{d_{i+1}} \pi_i$$

$$\text{In particular, } \pi_0 = \pi_1 d_1, \quad b_0 = 1$$

$$\pi_i = \frac{b_{i-1}}{d_i} \pi_{i-1} = \frac{b_{i-1} b_{i-2}}{d_i d_{i-1}} \pi_{i-2} = \dots = \frac{b_{i-1} b_{i-2} \dots b_1}{d_i d_{i-1} \dots d_1} \pi_0, i \geq 1$$

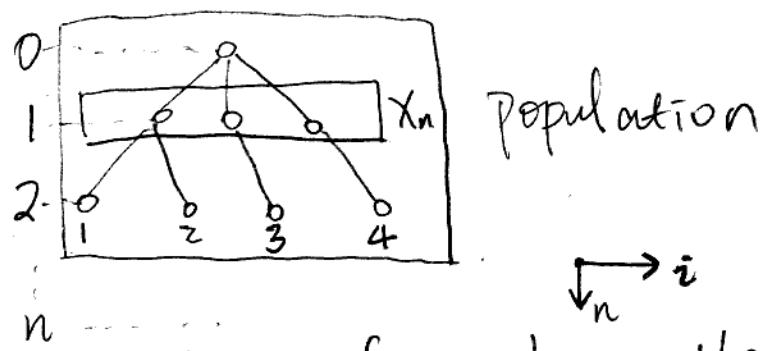
$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \pi_i = 1 \Leftrightarrow \pi_0 \left(1 + \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_{i-1} \dots b_0}{d_i \dots d_1} \right) = 1.$$

Therefore, if $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{b_{i-1} \dots b_0}{d_i \dots d_1} < \infty$, then detailed balance exists. \Rightarrow stationary distribution exists and equals to detailed balance.

(stationary is a global balance)

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Branching Process



X_n = # of people in the population

X_n Galton-Watson process (GW process)

n - generation

i - labeling of people in a generation

$\{\xi_{ni} : n \geq 0, i \geq 1\}$ i.i.d. non-negative integer valued random variables

ξ_{ni} - # of children in n th generation

denote in general $\xi_{ni} \stackrel{d}{=} \xi$

$P(\xi=k) = P_k$. children (offspring) distribution ($k=0, 1, 2, \dots$)

Branching process

$\{X_n : n \geq 0\}$

$X_0 = 1^L$

absorbing state

$$X_{n+1} = \sum_{i=1}^{X_n} \xi_{ni}$$

{ extinction

$X_n = 0$

blow up

$\tau_0 = \inf\{n \geq 0, X_n = 0\}$ extinction time

If $\tau_0 < \infty$, we say process extincts.

Otherwise, we say process survive.

$$P_1(\tau_0 < \infty) = p$$

extinction probability.

Remark: 0 is absorbing state
All other states are transient.

Generating Function

X - random variable

$$f_X(s) = E s^X = E e^{(\log s) X} = \varphi_X(\log s)$$

$$E S^\xi = f(s)$$

$$X_0 = 1, \quad X_1 = \xi$$

$$f_{X_1}(s) = f(s)$$

$$f_{X_{n+1}}(s) = E s^{X_{n+1}} = E s^{\sum_{i=1}^{X_n} \xi_i n_i} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} P(X_n=k) E(s^{\sum_{i=1}^k \xi_i n_i} | X_n=k)$$

Let us notice that X_n is independent of $\{\xi_m, m \geq n, i \geq 1\}$
Therefore $f_{X_{n+1}}(s) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} P(X_n=k) (E s^\xi)^k$ (ξ is i.i.d.)

$$= E(E s^\xi)^{X_n} = f_{X_n}(f(s)) \quad \text{offspring } \xi.$$

generating function of X_n

$$f_{X_n}(s) = \underbrace{f(f(f(\dots(f(s) \dots))))}_{n \text{ iterations}}$$

Theorem: (1) Let $m = E\xi = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} k P_k$. Then $E X_n = m^n$.

(2) If $P_1 \neq 1$, then P is the minimum non-zero solution of $S = f(s)$ and $P < 1 \Leftrightarrow m > 1$

(P is the extinction probability)

fixed point equation

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Pf: (1)} \quad \mathbb{E}X_{n+1} &= \mathbb{E}\sum_{j=1}^{X_n} \xi_{nj} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} P(X_n=k) \mathbb{E}\left(\sum_{j=1}^k \xi_{nj} \mid X_n=k\right) \\
 &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} P(X_n=k) k \mathbb{E}\xi \\
 &= m \mathbb{E}X_n.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}X_n = m^n$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (2) \quad P &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} P_1(T_0 < \infty, X_1=k) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} P_1(T_0 < \infty \mid X_1=k) P_1(X_1=k) \\
 &= P_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P_k P_k P_k (T_0 < \infty) \\
 &= P_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P_k (P_1(T_0 < \infty))^k = f(P)
 \end{aligned}$$

Suppose $P_1 \neq 1$, $m \leq 1$.

Then $f(s) = s$ has only one solution $s=1$ on $[0,1]$

$$f(s) = P_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} P_k s^k = P_0 + P_1 s + P_2 s^2 + \dots \quad \text{power series}$$

$$P(\xi = k) = p_k \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$f'(1) = m$$

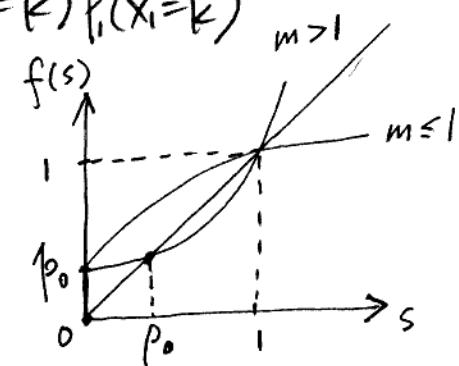
$m > 1$. $\ell = f(\ell)$ two solutions $\ell = P_0$ and $\ell = 1$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_0 &= \ell = P_1(T_0 < \infty) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_1(T_0 \leq n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_1(X_n=0) \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_{X_n}(0) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f^{(n)}(0) \leq P_0
 \end{aligned}$$

$m > 1$ supercritical — survive, extinction probability P_0 is the minimum solution of $f(\ell) = \ell$

$m=1$ critical.

$m < 1$ subcritical.



Example: $P_k = p(1-p)^k$ want: P

$$m = E\zeta = \sum_k k P_k = \sum_k k p(1-p)^k = \frac{1-p}{p}$$

↑
average # of offsprings

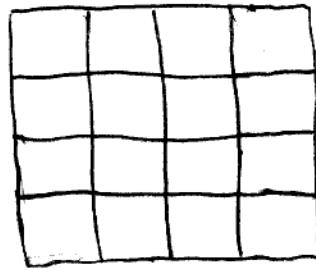
$p > \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow m \leq 1$ extinct.

$$p < \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow m > 1, \quad p = f(p) = \sum_k p(1-p)^k p^k = \frac{p}{1-p(1-p)}$$

$$p = \frac{p}{1-p}$$

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Hw.2



ET.

X_n - position of the rook

Y_n - position of the bishop.

X_n is a random walk on $G_1 = (V_1, E_1)$

$|V_1| = 16$ each vertex of G_1 has out degree 6.

$$\pi_i P_{ij} = \pi_j P_{ji} \Rightarrow \pi_i = \frac{1}{16}$$

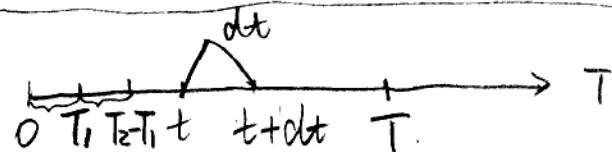
$$\pi_i^X = 1/16$$

$|V_2| = 8$ 6 vertices with out degree 3
2 vertices with out degree 5

$$|E_2| = 28$$

$$\pi_i P_{ij} = \pi_j P_{ji}$$

$$\pi_i = \begin{cases} \frac{3}{28} & \text{if out degree of } i \text{ is 3} \\ \frac{5}{28} & \text{if out degree of } i \text{ is 5} \end{cases}$$



λ - rate, number of unit-time arrivals.

$$P(\text{There will be a customer in } [t, t+dt]) = \lambda dt + o(dt)$$

$$P(\text{There will be no customer in } [t, t+dt]) = 1 - \lambda dt + o(dt)$$

$$P(\text{There will be } \geq 2 \text{ customers in } [t, t+dt]) = o(dt)$$

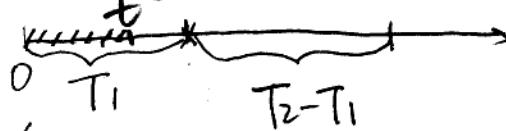
Goal: arrival time / waiting time $T_1, T_2 - T_1, \dots$

• # of customers in a fixed amount of time $[0, t] = N_t$

Remark: if I_1, I_2 are two time intervals so that $I_1 \cap I_2 = \emptyset$ — poisson time

then customer arrival in I_1 and I_2 are independent of each other.

Waiting time. $T_1, T_2 - T_1, T_3 - T_2, \dots$ are independent (i.i.d.)



homogeneous

(let the common distribution be $\xi \stackrel{d}{=} T_1$)

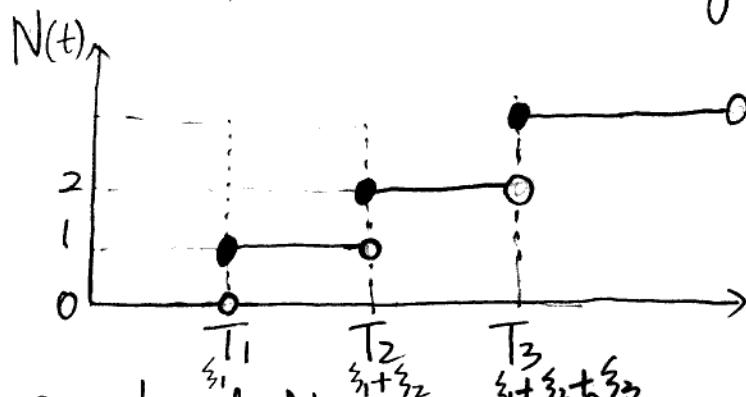
Suppose $T_1, T_2 - T_1, \dots$ share the same distribution with a random variable ξ .

$$P(\xi > t) = P(\text{no customer arrival during time } [0, t])$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} P(\text{no customer arrived during time } [0, \frac{t}{N}])^N \\ &= \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda t}{N}\right)^N = e^{-\lambda t} \end{aligned}$$

Conclusion: $\xi \sim \exp(\lambda)$. $E\xi = \frac{1}{\lambda}$ waiting time.

N_t = Total # of customers during time $[0, t]$



jump process

States: $\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$
wait for an exponential time

Graph of N_t as a function of t is continuous from the right having limit from the left.

N_t is a Markov process.

$$\{N_t = k\} = \{\xi_1 + \dots + \xi_k \leq t < \xi_1 + \dots + \xi_k + \xi_{k+1}\}$$

(Space - Time Duality)

$$\text{Let } S_k = \xi_1 + \dots + \xi_k \quad \text{Then } \{N_t = k\} = \{S_k \leq t < S_{k+1}\}$$

$$\mathbb{P}(N_t = k) = \mathbb{P}(\xi_1 + \dots + \xi_k \leq t < \xi_1 + \dots + \xi_k + \xi_{k+1})$$

$$= \int_{t_1 > 0, \dots, t_k > 0, t_{k+1} > 0} \int dt_1 \dots dt_k dt_{k+1} \lambda^{k+1} e^{-\lambda(t_1 + \dots + t_k + t_{k+1})}$$

$$t_1 + \dots + t_k < t \leq t_1 + \dots + t_k + t_{k+1}$$

$$= \int_{t_1 > 0, \dots, t_k > 0} dt_1 \dots dt_k \lambda^{k+1} e^{-\lambda(t_1 + \dots + t_k)} \int_{t-(t_1 + \dots + t_k)}^{\infty} e^{-\lambda t_{k+1}} dt_{k+1}$$

$$t_1 + \dots + t_k < t$$

$$= \int_{t_1 > 0, \dots, t_k > 0} dt_1 \dots dt_k \lambda^{k+1} e^{-\lambda(t_1 + \dots + t_k)} \frac{1}{\lambda} e^{-\lambda(t-(t_1 + \dots + t_k))}$$

$$t_1 + \dots + t_k < t$$

$$= \lambda^k e^{-\lambda t} \int dt_1 \dots \int dt_k$$

$t_1 > 0 \dots t_k > 0$
 $t_1 + \dots + t_k \leq t$

$$= (\lambda t)^k e^{-\lambda t} \int d\tilde{t}_1 \dots \int d\tilde{t}_k = \frac{(\lambda t)^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda t}$$

$\tilde{t}_1 > 0 \dots \tilde{t}_k > 0$
 $\tilde{t}_1 + \dots + \tilde{t}_k \leq 1$

Conclusion $N_t \sim \text{Poisson } (\lambda t)$

N_t = # of arrivals in $[0, t]$

Definition Let ξ_1, ξ_2, \dots be i.i.d. $\exp(\lambda)$

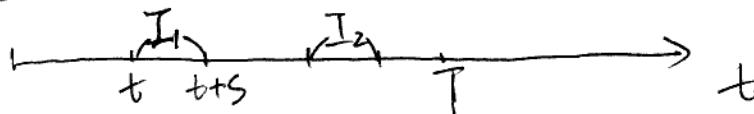
$$S_n = \xi_1 + \dots + \xi_n$$

$$\text{Let } \{N_t = k\} = \{S_k \leq t < S_{k+1}\}$$

$$\text{So that } N_t = \max \{n : S_n \leq t\}$$

Then $\{N_t\}_{t \geq 0}$ is called a Poisson process with rate / parameter λ and we write $N_t \sim PP(\lambda)$

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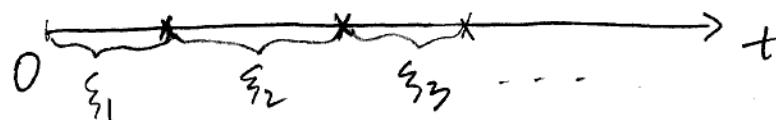
$$I_1 \cap I_2 = \emptyset$$

$$\Rightarrow N_t \in I_1 \text{ or } N_{t+s} \in I_2$$

$$P(N_{t+s} - N_t = 1) = \lambda s + o(s)$$

$$P(N_{t+s} - N_t = 0) = 1 - \lambda s + o(s)$$

$$P(N_{t+s} - N_t \geq 2) = o(s)$$

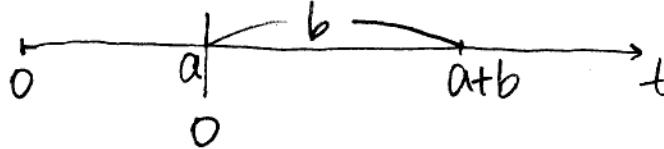


Waiting time $\sim \exp(\lambda)$

$$\xi_1 = T_1, \xi_2 = T_2 - T_1, \dots, \xi_n = T_n - T_{n-1}$$

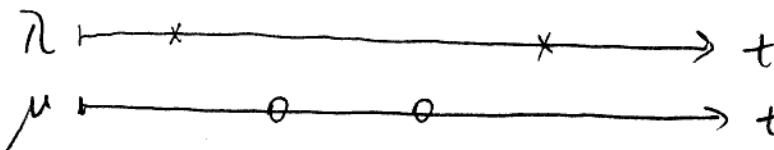
Basic Properties of $\xi \sim \text{Exp}(\lambda)$

$$1. \text{Memoriless: } P(\xi - a > b | \xi > a) = P(\xi > b)$$



2. Exponential Race:

$$\xi \sim \exp(\lambda) \quad \eta \sim \exp(\mu) \quad \xi \perp\!\!\!\perp \eta$$



$$P(\xi < \eta) = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda + \mu}$$

$$P(\xi > \eta) = \frac{\mu}{\lambda + \mu}$$

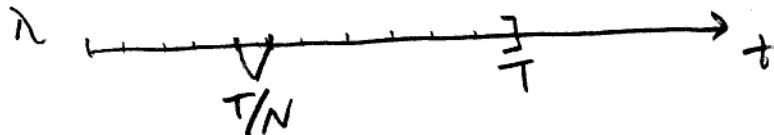
$$\text{and } \xi \wedge \eta \sim \exp(\lambda + \mu)$$

waiting time: either a man
or a woman

N_t = # of customer arrivals in $(0, t]$

$$P(N_t = k) = \frac{(\lambda t)^k}{k!} e^{-\lambda t}, \quad k=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\{N_t = k\} = \{\xi_1 + \xi_2 + \dots + \xi_k \leq t < \xi_1 + \dots + \xi_{k+1}\}$$



We divide $(0, T]$ into N intervals $I_i = \left(\frac{T(i-1)}{N}, \frac{T i}{N}\right]$,
 $i = 1, \dots, N$.

$$P(\text{there will be a customer in } I_i) \approx \lambda \frac{T}{N} + o\left(\frac{1}{N}\right)$$

$$N_T = X_1 + \dots + X_N \quad X_i \sim \text{Bernoulli}\left(\frac{\lambda T}{N}\right)$$

$$\text{as } N \text{ large, } N_T \sim B(N, \frac{\lambda T}{N})$$

Conclusion: $\text{PP}(\lambda) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} B(N, \frac{\lambda}{N})$

Theorem: Let $X_{n,m}$, $1 \leq m \leq n$, be independent r.v.'s with
 $P(X_{n,m}=1) = p_m$. $P(X_{n,m}=0) = 1-p_m$. Let $S_n = X_1 + \dots + X_n$,
 $\lambda_n = E S_n = p_1 + \dots + p_n$ and $Z_n \sim \text{Poisson}(\lambda_n)$

Then for any set A,

$$|P(S_n \in A) - P(Z_n \in A)| \leq \sum_{m=1}^n p_m^2$$

Proposition: Suppose $t, s \geq 0$, n, m are non-negative integers,

$$\text{then } P(N_t = k, N_{t+s} - N_t = l) = P(N_t = k) P(N_{t+s} - N_t = l)$$

Moreover, $N_{t+s} - N_t$ has the same distribution
as N_s . (Stationary increment)

independent increment

- Summary: A stochastic process $\{N_t\}_{t \geq 0}$ is a PP(λ) iff
- (1) $N_0 = 0$, N_t takes integer values.
 - (2) Trajectory N_t is monotonically non-decreasing continuous from right, having limit from left.
 - (3) N_t has independent increments.
 - (4) As $s \rightarrow 0^+$, $P(N_{t+s} - N_t = 1) = \lambda s + o(s)$,
- $$P(N_{t+s} - N_t = 0) = 1 - \lambda s + o(s)$$

(time homogeneity with rate λ)

Proposition: Suppose $0 \leq t_1 < \dots < t_k < t < t+s$.

$$0 \leq n_1 \leq \dots \leq n_k < n < n+m$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } P(X_{t+s} = n+m \mid X_t = n, X_{t_1} = n_1, \dots, X_{t_k} = n_k) \\ = P(X_{t+s} = n+m \mid X_t = n) = P(X_s = m) \end{aligned}$$

(markov property)



Stationary independent increment.

Conditioned on $N_t = 1$. Let the arrival time of this customer be $S_1 \in [0, t]$,

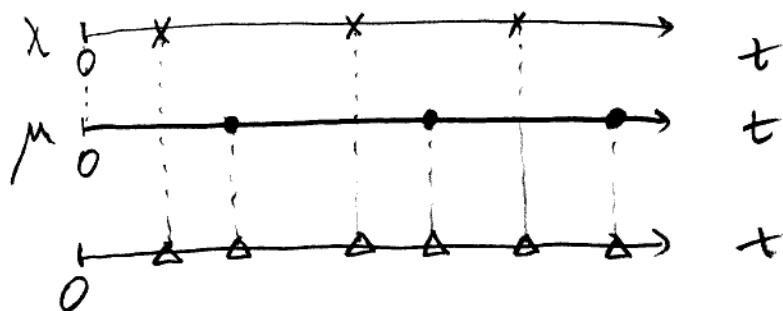
$$\begin{aligned} P(S_1 \in [s, s+\Delta s] \mid N_t = 1) &= \frac{P(S_1 \in [s, s+\Delta s], N_t = 1)}{P(N_t = 1)} \\ &= \frac{P(\xi_1 \in [s, s+\Delta s], \xi_2 > t - \xi_1)}{\lambda t e^{-\lambda t}} = \frac{\int_s^{s+\Delta s} dt_1 \int_{t-t_1}^{\infty} dt_2 \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda(t_1+t_2)}}{\lambda t e^{-\lambda t}} \\ &= \left[\int_s^{s+\Delta s} dt_1 \lambda^2 e^{-\lambda t_1} \frac{1}{\lambda} e^{-\lambda(t-t_1)} \right] / [\lambda t e^{-\lambda t}] = \frac{\Delta s \cdot \lambda e^{-\lambda t}}{\lambda t e^{-\lambda t}} = \frac{\Delta s}{t} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $S_1 | N_t = 1 \sim U([0, t])$

Order statistic: X_1, \dots, X_n i.i.d.

$Y_1 \leq \dots \leq Y_n$ so that $\{Y_1, \dots, Y_n\} = \{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$

Proposition: Conditioned on $N_t = k$, the arrival times for customers are S_1, \dots, S_k . is the order statistic of k independent r.v.'s uniformly distributed on $[0, t]$.



Proposition: (Superposition). Let N_t and M_t be two independent Poisson processes. N_t has rate λ and M_t has rate μ . Then $N_t + M_t \sim PP(\lambda + \mu)$.

$$\xi \sim \exp(\lambda), \eta \sim \exp(\mu); \xi \wedge \eta \sim \exp(\lambda + \mu) \text{ regardless of gender}$$

Proposition: (Thinning): Let $\{N_t\}_{t \geq 0} \sim PP(\lambda)$, $\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_n$ i.i.d, independent of N_t .

$$P(\varepsilon_i = 1) = 1 - P(\varepsilon_i = 0) = p.$$

Then $\{M_1(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{N_t} 1\{\varepsilon_n = 1\}, t \geq 0\} \sim PP(\lambda p)$ are independent.

$$\{M_2(t) = \sum_{n=1}^{N_t} 1\{\varepsilon_n = 0\}, t \geq 0\} \sim PP(\lambda(1-p))$$

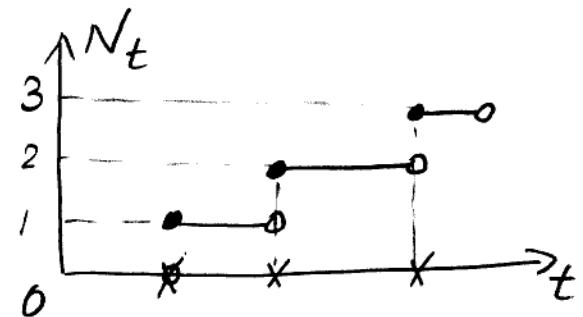
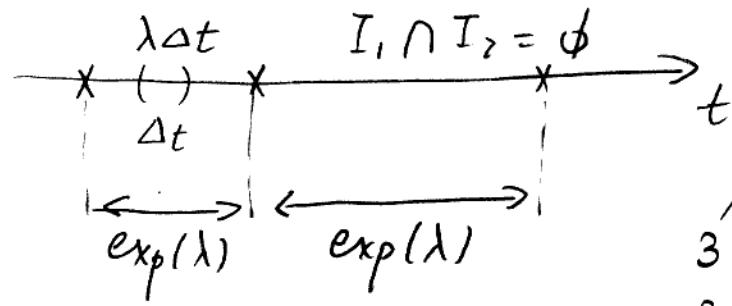
Ex: Given a Poisson process with red arrivals with rate λ , and independent Poisson process with green arrivals with rate μ .

What's probability we see 6 red arrivals before a total of 4 green ones?

$$\sum_{k=6}^9 \binom{9}{k} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\lambda+\mu}\right)^k \left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda+\mu}\right)^{9-k}$$

at least 6 red in the first 9 arrivals.

Review



(1). Stationary & independent

increment
↑

arrival rate is always λ

(2) Markov property

(3) Conditioning on $N_t = 1$, the arrival time
 $S_1 \sim U[0, t]$

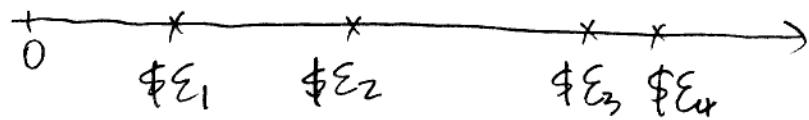
(4) Thinning & Superposition

Compound Poisson Process

Let $\{N_t\}_{t \geq 0}$ be a Poisson process with rate

λ Let $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots$ i.i.d. independent of N_t

Let $S_t = \sum_{k=1}^{N_t} \varepsilon_k$ Then $\{S_t\}_{t \geq 0}$ is called a compound Poisson process.



$N_t \sim PP(\lambda)$ $\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots$ i.i.d. $\perp\!\!\!\perp N_t$
 $Y_t = \sum_{j=1}^{N_t} \varepsilon_j$ group sizes

$$P(\varepsilon_i = k) = P_k \quad k = 1, 2, \dots \quad \text{Thinning}$$

$$Y_t = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} k N_t^{(k)} \quad N_t^{(k)} = \sum_{j=1}^{N_t} \mathbb{1}_{\{\varepsilon_j = k\}} \sim PP(\lambda P_k) \quad \text{groups with size } k$$

Ex: (Insurance) k -th type of claim is worth a_k

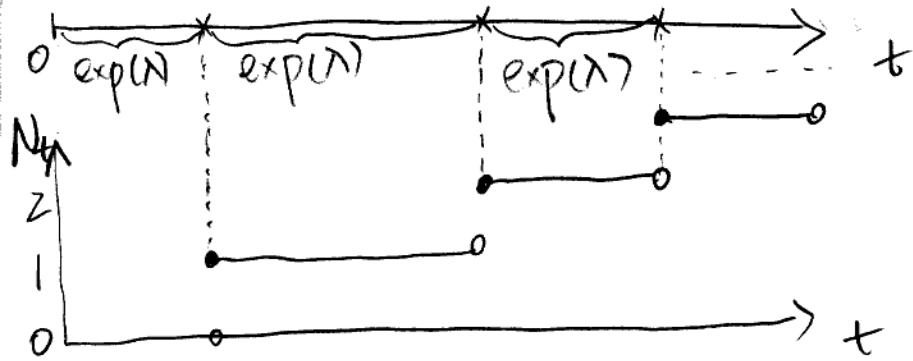
$$Y_t = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k N_t^{(k)} = \sum_{j=1}^{N_t} a_{\varepsilon_j}$$

$$M \quad I = \{k: a_k \geq M\} \quad \text{Let } Z_t = \sum_{k \in I} a_k N_t^{(k)} = \sum_{j=1}^{N_t} a_{\varepsilon_j} \mathbb{1}_{\varepsilon_j \in I}$$

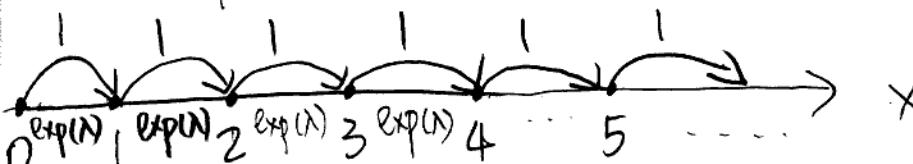
is again a compound poisson process

$$\text{Let } N_t^I = \sum_{j=1}^{N_t} \mathbb{1}_{\varepsilon_j \in I} \sim PP(\lambda P(I))$$

$$\text{Thus, } Z_t = \sum_{j=1}^{N_t^I} a_{\varepsilon_j}$$



State space: $N_t \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ $N_t \sim PP(\lambda)$



Continuous time Markov chain

We can imagine there is a clock at each site, ringing at $\exp(\lambda)$ time ("exponential clock") and the process N_t jumps from i to $i+1$ after the clock rings.

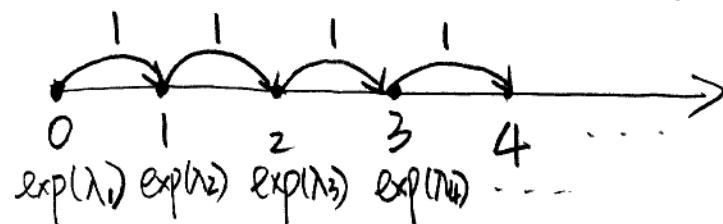
In order to have independent increment (Markov property), waiting time has to be exponential.

Suppose ξ_1, ξ_2, \dots are independent

$$\xi_k \sim \exp(\lambda_k)$$

$$S_0 = 0, S_n = \xi_1 + \xi_2 + \dots + \xi_n$$

Let $X_t = \sup\{n : S_n \leq t\}$ people you can see before t .
Then X_t is called a (pure) birth process.



Regardless of the waiting time, the process is a Markov chain.

The λ_k 's are called rate (speed) of the process.

$$(Ex:) \xi \sim \exp(\lambda) \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{P(\xi < t)}{t} = \lambda.$$

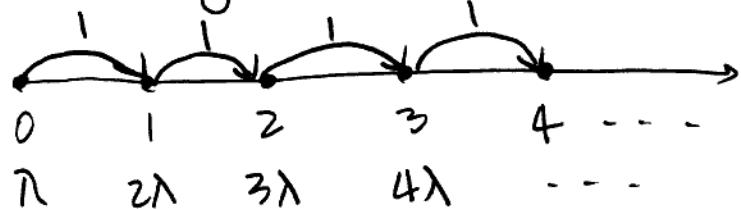
$$\tau = \xi_1 + \xi_2 + \dots$$

We can imagine the bigger λ_k is, the smaller τ will be. If $\tau < \infty$, we say X_t blows up.

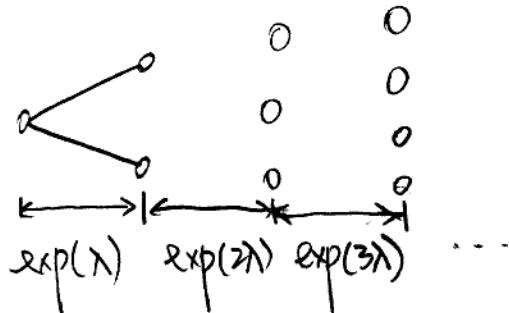
$$\text{Fact: } \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\lambda_k} < \infty \Leftrightarrow P(\tau < \infty) = 1$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\lambda_k} = \infty \Leftrightarrow P(\tau < \infty) = 0 \quad \text{"0-1" laws.}$$

Specifically, $\lambda_k = k\lambda$. Then X_t is called Yule process.



$$\xi_n \sim \exp(\lambda) \quad \eta \sim \exp(\mu) \quad \xi \wedge \eta \sim \exp(\lambda + \mu)$$

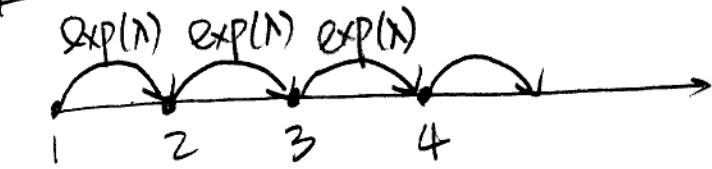


We know Yule process is not going to blow up

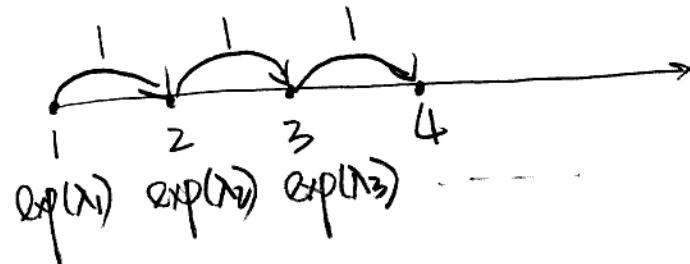
$$\sum \frac{1}{k} < \infty$$

proposition: Suppose $\{X_t : t \geq 0\}$ is a Yule process starting from $X_0 = 1$. Then $P(X_t = k \mid X_0 = 1) = (1 - e^{-\lambda t})^{k-1} e^{-\lambda t}$ for any $k \geq 1$

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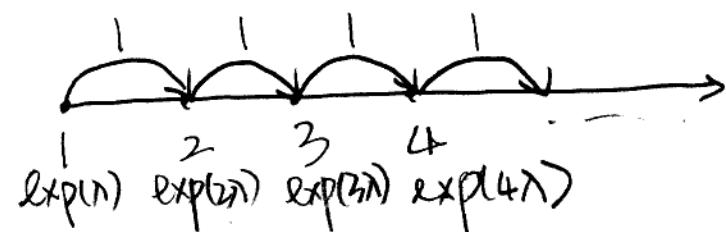
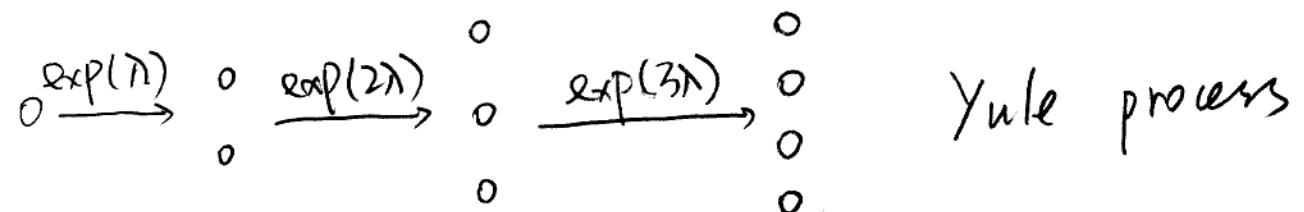
chain of states



jump markov chain.
exponential clock

Continuous time Markov chain.

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{P(\zeta < t)}{t} = \lambda \text{ speed of the process}$$



Yule process: $\lambda_k = k\lambda$ not a blow-up process

Blow up: In finite time, process runs to infinity

Proposition: Let $\{X_t\}_{t \geq 0}$ be a Yule process starting from 1

$$\text{Then: } P_1(X_t = k) = (1 - e^{-\lambda t})^{k-1} e^{-\lambda t} \quad \forall k \geq 1.$$

transition probability for Yule process

$$P_t(1, k) \quad P_{1k}(t) \quad P(1, k; t) \quad P(t; 1, k)$$

Pf: Let $S_n = \xi_1 + \dots + \xi_n$ where $\xi_k \sim \exp(\lambda)$ independently.

$$\text{Then } P_i(X_t=k) = P(S_{k-1} < t \leq S_k)$$

$$= P(S_{k-1} \leq t) - P(S_k \leq t)$$

$$\text{We claim } P(S_k \leq t) = (1 - e^{-\lambda t})^k, k \geq 1$$

prove the claim by induction,

$$(1) P(S_1 \leq t) = P(\xi_1 \leq t) = 1 - e^{-\lambda t}.$$

$$(2) \text{ Suppose that } P(S_n \leq t) = (1 - e^{-\lambda t})^n.$$

Then since $\xi_{n+1} \sim \exp((n+1)\lambda)$,

$$\text{Therefore, } P(S_{n+1} \leq t) = P(S_n + \xi_{n+1} \leq t)$$

$$= \int_0^t (n+1)\lambda e^{-\lambda(n+1)x} P(S_n \leq t-x) dx \text{ independency}$$

$$= \int_0^t (n+1)\lambda e^{-(n+1)\lambda x} (1 - e^{-\lambda(t-x)})^n dx$$

$$= e^{-(n+1)\lambda t} \int_0^t (n+1)\lambda e^{\lambda(t-x)} (e^{\lambda(t-x)} - 1)^n dx$$

$$= e^{-(n+1)\lambda t} (e^{\lambda(t-x)} - 1)^{n+1} \Big|_{x=t}^{x=0}$$

$$= (1 - e^{-\lambda t})^{n+1}$$

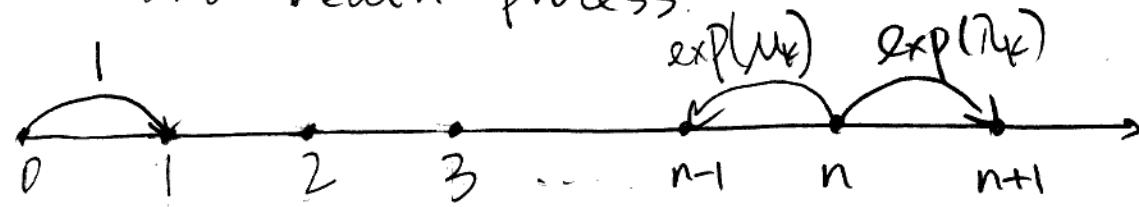
$$\text{Thus, } P_i(X_t=k) = (1 - e^{-\lambda t})^{k-1} - (1 - e^{-\lambda t})^k$$

More generally we have $= e^{-\lambda t} (1 - e^{-\lambda t})^{k-1}$

$$P_i(X_t=j) = P_{ij}(t) = \binom{j-1}{i-1} (e^{-\lambda t})^i (1 - e^{-\lambda t})^{j-i} \quad (\text{Exercise!})$$

Negative Binomial Distribution

Birth and Death process.



Imagine at each site, there are two clocks.

Birth clock & Death clock

Birth clock at site $k \sim \exp(\lambda_k)$

Death clock at site $k \sim \exp(\mu_k)$

and they are independent.

whichever rings first, the process jumps from $k \rightarrow k+1$ or $k \rightarrow k-1$ respectively.

Such a process X_t on $\{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ is a birth-death process.

By thinning, we can think of the following equivalent picture, at each site k , there is a clock & a coin

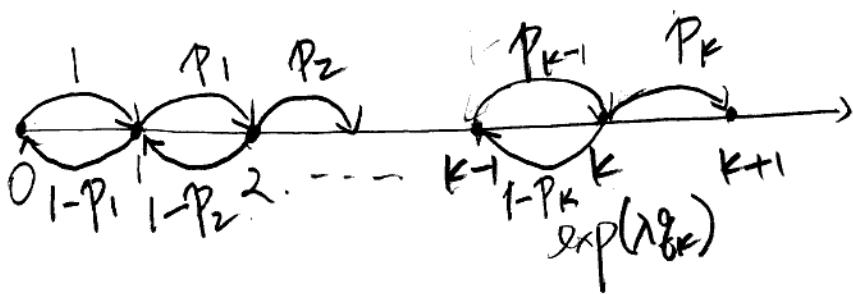
clock $\sim \exp(\lambda_k + \mu_k)$ Denote $q_k = \lambda_k + \mu_k$

Coin is a Bernoulli $(\frac{\lambda_k}{\lambda_k + \mu_k})$

Coin = 1 \Rightarrow when clock rings, we have birth.

Coin = 0 \Rightarrow when clock rings, we have death.

Denote $P_k = \frac{\lambda_k}{\lambda_k + \mu_k}$



This gives us a continuous time birth and death chain.

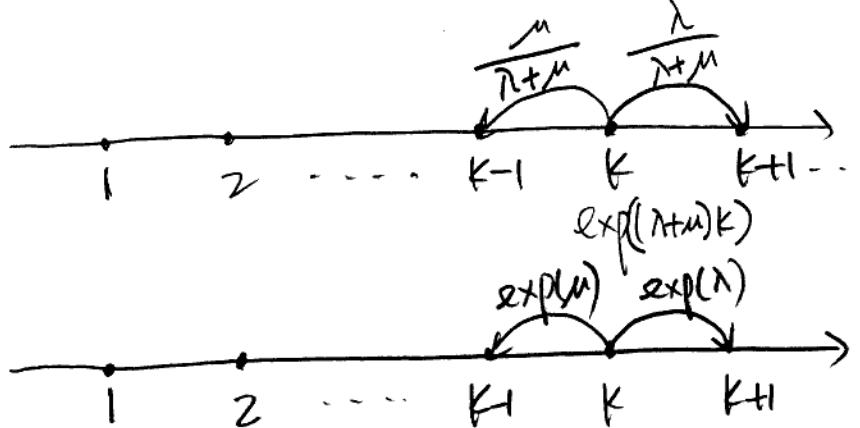
We denote the birth & death chain Y_t as follows.

$$P(Y_{n+1} = k+1 \mid Y_n = k) = p_k, \quad P(Y_{n+1} = k-1 \mid Y_n = k) = 1-p_k.$$

The Markov chain $\{Y_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ is called the embedding chain / skeleton chain of the birth & death process.

Ex: Yule process.

Suppose in the population, each individual is going to produce an offspring with rate λ , and it is going to die with rate μ . Therefore, the total population X_t is a Birth & Death process.



We can also think of X_t as a branching process with offspring distribution $P(\xi=0) = \frac{\mu}{\lambda+\mu}$, $P(\xi=1) = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda+\mu}$ and continuous time.

Suppose $X_0 = 1$. Let $T = \inf\{t : X_t = 0\}$

$T < \infty \Leftrightarrow$ extinction population size

Suppose $\lambda > \mu$. Let $f(k) = P(T < \infty | X_0 = k)$ extinction probability.

$f(k) \downarrow$ as $k \uparrow$ and $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f(k) = 0$

By first trial method,

$$f(k) = \frac{\lambda}{\lambda+\mu} f(k+1) + \frac{\mu}{\lambda+\mu} f(k-1)$$

which gives $\frac{f(k) - f(k+1)}{f(k-1) - f(k)} = \frac{\mu}{\lambda}$

Thus $f(k) = \left(\frac{\mu}{\lambda}\right)^k = P(T < \infty | X_0 = k)$ (minimal solution)

(2) If $\lambda < \mu$. Then $P(T < \infty | X_0 = 1) = 1$

Since $E\xi =$ expected value of offspring

$$= 0 \cdot \frac{\mu}{\lambda+\mu} + 2 \cdot \frac{\lambda}{\lambda+\mu} < 1.$$

Then let $g(k) = E_{X^T} k$.

By first trial method,

$$g(n) = \frac{1}{n(\lambda+\mu)} + \frac{\lambda}{\lambda+\mu} g(n+1) + \frac{\mu}{\lambda+\mu} g(n-1)$$

Therefore

$$\lambda g(n+1) - \lambda g(n) + \frac{1}{n} = \mu g(n) - \mu g(n-1)$$

$$\text{So } g(n) - g(n-1) = \frac{\lambda}{\mu} [g(n+1) - g(n)] + \frac{1}{\mu} - \frac{1}{n}$$

Thus since $g(0) = 0$ (boundary condition)

$$g(1) = \frac{\lambda}{\mu} [g(2) - g(1)] + \frac{1}{1} \cdot \frac{1}{\mu}$$

$$= \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^2 [g(3) - g(2)] + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\lambda}{\mu^2} + \frac{1}{1} \frac{1}{\mu}$$

= ...

$$= \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^n [g(n+1) - g(n)] + \frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^{n-1} \frac{1}{\mu} + \dots + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right) \frac{1}{\mu} + \frac{1}{1} \frac{1}{\mu}$$

Since $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} [g(n+1) - g(n)] = 0$

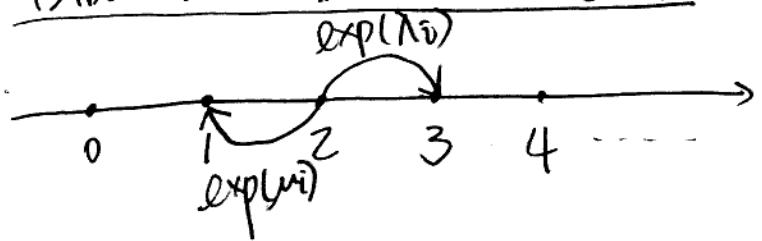
$$\text{So } \lambda g(1) = \frac{1}{\mu} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^2 + \dots + \frac{1}{n} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^n + \dots$$

$$= \ln \frac{\mu}{\mu - \lambda}$$

$$\text{Thus } \bar{E}, T = g(1) = \frac{1}{\lambda} \ln \frac{\mu}{\mu - \lambda}. \quad \square$$

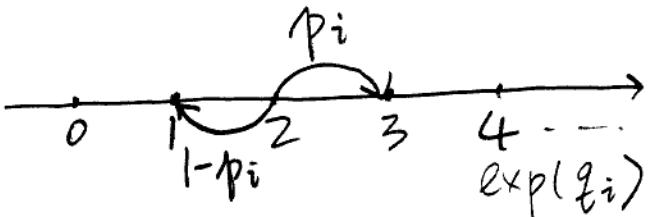
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Birth and Death Process



$$q_i = \lambda_i + \mu_i$$

$$P_i = \frac{\lambda_i}{\lambda_i + \mu_i}$$

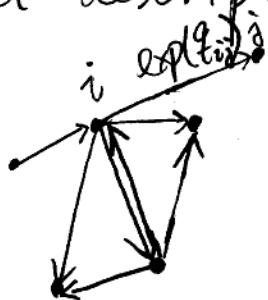


$$1 - P_i = \frac{\mu_i}{\lambda_i + \mu_i}$$

1. Continuous time Markov Chain.

(= Jump Markov chain = Q-process)

Model description: States $i \in S$ - statespace



Directed Graph

At each site i , we have a family of clocks.

$\sim \exp(q_{ij})$ whichever rings first, we jump from state i to state j .

At state j , there is another family of clocks

$\sim \exp(q_{jk})$ independent of each other and of the clocks at site i . whichever rings first, jump $j \rightarrow k$.

By thinning, we can equivalently have the following model. at each site i , there is one clock $\sim \exp(q_i)$

$$q_i = \sum_{\substack{j \neq i \\ j \in S}} q_{ij}$$

We wait until the clock rings and then we jump from i to j with probability $p_{ij} = \frac{q_{ij}}{q_i} = \frac{q_{ij}}{\sum_{\substack{j \neq i \\ j \in S}} q_{ij}}$

That is, we roll a multiface dice with face j having probability p_{ij} .

Regardless of waiting time, the behavior of the process X_t described above is the same as a Markov chain Y_n with transition matrix $P = (p_{ij})_{i,j \in S}$. The Markov chain Y_n is called the embedding chain. Or we can call it skeleton chain.

We append $p_{ii} = 0$ if $q_i > 0$.

$$\nearrow p_{ii} = 1 \text{ if } q_i = 0$$

i is an absorbing state

Let $\xi_j \sim \exp(q_j)$ independently.

$\tau = \xi_{Y_1} + \xi_{Y_2} + \dots$ total time spent in the chain

If $P(\tau < \infty) = 1$, we say X_t blow up.

We will restrict ourselves to jump Markov chains that do not blow up.

2. Markov Property

Heuristically, Markov property says that conditioned on knowing the current state, future is independent of the past. In the case of continuous time Markov chain, it means that the time we have to wait before we jump depends only on where we are, independent of how long we have been waiting. the only choice for such a waiting time is exponential distribution

Memoriless. $\xi \sim \exp(\lambda)$ $P(\xi > a+b | \xi > b) = P(\xi > a)$

$$P_i(X_t=j) = P(X_t=j | X_0=i)$$

We have $\{X_t=j\}$ embedding chain jumps to j .

$$= \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} \bigcup_{\substack{i_0, i_1, \dots, i_n \in S \\ i_n=j}} \left\{ Y_0 = i_0, \dots, Y_n = i_n; \xi_{Y_0} + \dots + \xi_{Y_{n-1}} \leq t < \xi_{Y_0} + \dots + \xi_{Y_n} \right\}$$

$\xi_j \sim \exp(q_j)$ independent

$$P_i(X_t=j) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{i_0, i_1, \dots, i_n \in S \\ i_n=j}} P(Y_0 = i_0, \dots, Y_n = i_n; \xi_{Y_0} + \dots + \xi_{Y_{n-1}} \leq t < \xi_{Y_0} + \dots + \xi_{Y_n})$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{i_0, i_1, \dots, i_n \in S \\ i_n=j}} \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} P_{i_k i_{k+1}} \left\{ \dots \left\{ \begin{array}{l} t_{i_0} \geq 0, \frac{n}{q_j} t_{i_n} \leq t < \sum_{k=1}^n t_{i_k} \\ \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} q_{i_k} e^{-q_{i_k} t_{i_k}} \end{array} \right\} \dots \right\}$$

Make use of this formula,
we can prove

$$P_i(X_0=j, X_{t+s}=k) = P_i(X_t=j) P_j(X_s=k) \quad (*) \quad (\text{Ex})$$

$$P_i(X_t=j) = P_{ij}(t) = p(t_i; i, j) = P_t(i, j)$$

$P_{ij} : P_{ij}^{(n)} : n\text{-step transition probability}$

$P_{ij}(t) : \text{function of } t$

transition matrix $P(t) = (P_{ij}(t))_{i,j \in S}$

Sum over all $j \in S$ in $(*)$ on both sides.

$$P_{ik}(t+s) = \sum_{j \in S} P_{ij}(t) P_{jk}(s)$$

Chapmann-Kolmogorov identity.

$$P(t+s) = P(t) P(s)$$

Proposition: (Markov property)

(1) $\forall k \geq 2, \forall 0 < t_1 < \dots < t_k, \forall i_1, \dots, i_k \in S$

$$P_j(X_{i_1}=i_1, \dots, X_{i_k}=i_k) = P_j(X_{i_1}=i_1) \prod_{s=1}^{k-1} P_{i_s}(X_{t_{s+1}-t_s}=i_{s+1})$$

(2) $\forall 0 \leq t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_k < t, s > 0, \forall i_1, \dots, i_k, i, j \in S$

$$P(X_{t+s}=j | X_t=i, X_{t_1}=i_1, \dots, X_{t_k}=i_k) = P_i(X_s=j)$$

3. Infinitesimal description of continuous time

Markov Chain

$$P(t) = (P_{ij}(t))_{i,j \in S}$$

$$P'(t) = \frac{dP}{dt}$$

Next time!

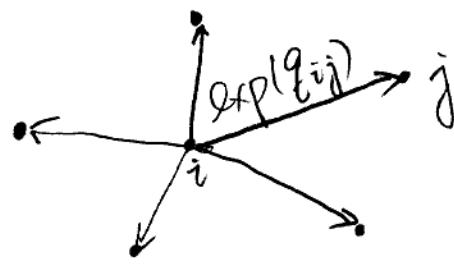
Formula

$$P_i(X_t=j) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{i_1, \dots, i_{n-1} \in S \\ i_n = j}} P \left(Y_0 = i_0, \dots, Y_n = i_n; \sum_{Y_0} + \dots + \sum_{Y_{n-1}} \leq t < \sum_{Y_0} + \dots + \sum_{Y_n} \right)$$

$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{i_1, \dots, i_{n-1} \in S \\ i_n = j}} \prod_{k=0}^{n-1} p_{i_k i_{k+1}} \left\{ \dots \left\{ \prod_{k=0}^n q_{i_k} e^{-q_{i_k} t_{k+1}} dt_1, \dots, dt_{n+1} \right\} \dots \right\} \quad \begin{array}{l} t_k \geq 0 \\ \sum_{k=1}^n t_k \leq t < \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} t_k \end{array}$$

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3. Infinitesimal description of the process.



$$q_i = \sum_{\substack{j \in S \\ j \neq i}} q_{ij}$$

Waiting time at site i .

When jump, probability $i \rightarrow j$, $p_{ij} = \frac{q_{ij}}{q_i}$

embedding chain $\{Y_n\}_{n \geq 0}$, transition matrix $(P_{ij})_{i,j \in S}$

$$P(X_t=j | X_0=i) = P_i(X_t=j) = p_{ij}(t)$$

↳ transition probability

from i to j in time t

transition matrix $P(t) = (P_{ij}(t))_{i,j \in S}$

$$P(t+s) = P(t)P(s) = P(s)P(t)$$

$$P_{ij}(t) = P(X_t=j | X_0=i)$$

$$i \neq j, \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} P_{ij}(t) = 0.$$

$$P'_{ij}(0) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{P_{ij}(t)}{t} = q_{ij} \quad \text{transition rate.}$$

$$\left[\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{P_{i,i+1}(t)}{t} = \lambda = q_{i,i+1}, \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{P_{i,i+k}(t)}{t} = 0 \quad (k \geq 2) \right]$$

PF: $P_{ij}(t) = P_i(N(t)=1, Y_1=j)$

$$= P_{ij} \int_{\substack{t_1 \geq 0, t_2 \geq 0 \\ t_1 + t_2 \geq t \geq t_1}} q_{ii} e^{-q_{ii} t_1} q_j e^{-q_{jj} t_2} dt_1 dt_2.$$

$$= q_{ij} \int_0^t e^{-q_i t_1} - e^{-q_j(t-t_1)} dt_1$$

$$= q_{ij} e^{-q_j t} \int_0^t e^{q_i - q_j} dt_1$$

Thus, $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} P_{ij}(t) = q_{ij}$

When $i=j$, $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} P_{ii}(t) = 1$.

$$P'_{ii}(0) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{P_{ii}(t) - 1}{t} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{- \sum_{\substack{j \neq i \\ j \in S}} P_{ij}(t)}{t}$$

$$= - \sum_{\substack{j \neq i \\ j \in S}} q_{ij} \quad \left[P_{ii}(t) = 1 - \sum_{\substack{j \neq i \\ j \in S}} P_{ij}(t) \right]$$

Summary $P(t) = (P_{ij}(t))_{i,j \in S}$

$$P'(0) = \begin{pmatrix} \sum_{j \neq 1} q_{1j} & q_{12} & q_{13} & \cdots & q_{1n} \\ q_{21} & \sum_{j \neq 2} q_{2j} & q_{23} & \cdots & q_{2n} \\ \vdots & & & & \vdots \end{pmatrix} = Q - \text{generator}$$

Row sum of Q -matrix = 0

$$P'(t) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{P(t+h) - P(t)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{P(t)P(h) - P(t)}{h}$$

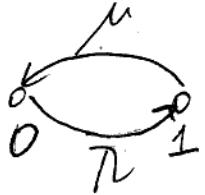
$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{P(t)(P(h) - I)}{h} = P(t) \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{P(h) - I}{h} = P(t) \cdot Q$$

(Forward Kolmogorov equation)

$$P'(t) = Q P(t) \quad (\text{Backward Kolmogorov equation})$$

Solution: $P(0) = I$ (Reference: Kolmogorov, A.N.
On analytical foundations of probability
theory, Math. Ann. 104 (1931))

Ex: 2-State Markov Chain. pp. 415-458)



$$q_{01} = \lambda$$

$$q_{10} = \mu$$

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} -\lambda & \lambda \\ \mu & -\mu \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P(t) = \begin{pmatrix} P_{00}(t) & P_{01}(t) \\ P_{10}(t) & P_{11}(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P'(t) = Q P = P Q$$

$$\begin{cases} P'_{00}(t) = -\lambda P_{00}(t) + \lambda P_{10}(t) \\ P'_{11}(t) = -\mu P_{11}(t) + \mu P_{01}(t) \end{cases}$$

$$P_{10}(t) = 1 - P_{11}(t) \quad P_{01}(t) = 1 - P_{00}(t)$$

$$\text{Solution: } P_{00}(t) = \frac{\mu + \lambda e^{-(\mu + \lambda)t}}{\mu + \lambda}$$

$$P_{01}(t) = \frac{\lambda - \lambda e^{-(\mu + \lambda)t}}{\mu + \lambda}$$

$$P_{11}(t) = \frac{\lambda + \lambda e^{-(\mu + \lambda)t}}{\mu + \lambda}$$

$$P_{10}(t) = \frac{\mu - \mu e^{-(\mu + \lambda)t}}{\mu + \lambda}$$

as $t \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P_{00}(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P_{10}(t) = \frac{\mu}{\mu + \lambda}$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P_{11}(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P_{01}(t) = \frac{\lambda}{\mu + \lambda}$$

Solve the Differential Equation

$$p'_{00}(t) = -\lambda p_{00}(t) + \lambda p_{10}(t) \quad \left. \right\}$$

$$p_{10}(t) = 1 - p_{11}(t)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow p'_{00}(t) &= -\lambda p_{00}(t) + \lambda(1 - p_{11}(t)) \\ &= \lambda - \lambda(p_{00}(t) + p_{11}(t)) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly $p'_{11}(t) = \mu - \mu(p_{00}(t) + p_{11}(t))$

Let $V(t) = p_{00}(t) + p_{11}(t)$ we get $V(0) = 2$

$$V'(t) = (\lambda + \mu) - (\lambda + \mu)V(t)$$

$$\Rightarrow V(t) = e^{-(\lambda + \mu)t} + 1$$

Thus $p'_{00}(t) = \lambda - \lambda V(t) = -\lambda e^{-(\lambda + \mu)t}$

$$\Rightarrow p_{00}(t) = \frac{\mu + \lambda e^{-(\mu + \lambda)t}}{\mu + \lambda}$$

and we can then solve similarly for $p_{01}(t)$, $p_{11}(t)$, $p_{10}(t)$

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Ergodic Properties of continuous time Markov chain

- (1) irreducibility, aperiodicity
- (2) Recurrent, Transient, positive recurrent
- (3) stationary distribution, ergodic theorem, detailed balance.

Assume $\{X_t\}_{t \geq 0}$ is a Q-process with Q-matrix Q
state space S transition matrix $P(t) = e^{tQ}$.

Let $\{Y_n\}$ be the embedding chain

$$S_n = \sum_{i=0}^n Y_i + \dots + Y_{n-1} = \text{jump time}$$

$N_s = \# \text{ of jumps of } X_t \text{ during } [0, s]$.

$T_j = \inf \{t \geq 0, X_t = j\}$ is the first time X_t jumps to j.

Def'n: If $P_{ij}(T_j < \infty) > 0$, then we say i communicates with j, and we write $i \rightarrow j$. if $i \rightarrow j$ and $j \rightarrow i$, then we say i and j mutually communicate.

and write $i \leftrightarrow j$. If $\forall i, j \in S, i \rightarrow j$, then we say Q is irreducible or X_t is irreducible.

proposition: If $i \neq j$, then following equivalent.

(1) $i \rightarrow j$ (2) embedding chain $\{Y_n\}$ has $i \rightarrow j$.

(3) $\exists i_0, \dots, i_n, i_0 = i, i_n = j, q_{i_0 i_1}, \dots, q_{i_{n-1} i_n} > 0$.

(4) For all $t > 0$, $P_i(X_t=j) > 0$.

(5) There exists $t > 0$ st. $P_i(X_t=j) > 0$.

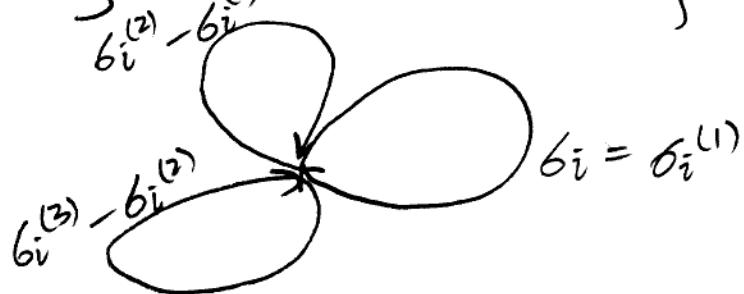
$$\sigma_i = \inf \{t \geq 0, X_t = i\}$$

$$\tau_i = \inf \{t \geq 0, X_t = i\}$$

If $X_0 = i$ then $\sigma_i \neq \tau_i$

If $X_0 \neq i$ then $\sigma_i = \tau_i$

Recursively, $\sigma_i^{(1)} = \sigma_i, \sigma_i^{(k+1)} = \inf \{t \geq S_{N_i^{(k)}}, X_t = i\}$



Proposition. The following are equivalent.

(1) $P_i(\forall t > 0, \exists s > t, \text{s.t. } X_s = i) = 1$.

(2) $q_i = 0$ or $P_{ii} = P_i(\sigma_i < \infty) = 1$.

(3) $q_i = 0$ or $\forall K > 0, P_i(\sigma_i^{(K)} < \infty) = 1$.

(4) $G_{ii} = \int_0^\infty P(X_t = i) dt = \infty$.

(5) i is recurrent state for the embedding chain.

Def'n: If any of (1)–(5) in the previous proposition is satisfied, then we say state i is recurrent.

Otherwise, i is transient.

(cycle)

Lemma: For any $k \geq 0$ and $A > 0$,

$$P_i(\sigma_i^{(k+1)} - \sigma_i^{(k)} < A \mid \sigma_i^{(k)} < \infty) = P_i(\sigma_i < A)$$

and conditioned on $X_0 = i$, $\sigma_i^{(k)} < \infty$, the sequence of r.v.'s $\{\sigma_i^{(k)} - \sigma_i^{(k-1)}, 1 \leq k \leq n\}$ are i.i.d. and $\sigma_i^{(0)} = 0$.

Theorem: Let i be recurrent, $q_{ii} > 0$.

$$\text{then } P_i\left(\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t 1_{X_s=i} ds = \frac{1}{q_{ii} E_i \sigma_i}\right) = 1.$$

Discrete Time: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n 1_{X_k=i} = i = \frac{1}{E_i \sigma_i}$ frequency.

Proof: By LLN, $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sigma_i^{(k)}}{k} = E_i \sigma_i$

$\forall t \geq 0$, let $N_t = \sup\{k \geq 0, \sigma_i^{(k)} \leq t\}$ be

the number of jumps to site i before t ,

then $\frac{t}{N_t} \rightarrow E_i \sigma_i$. thus $\frac{N_t}{t} \rightarrow \frac{1}{E_i \sigma_i}$

But $\frac{1}{N_t} \int_0^t 1_{X_s=i} ds \rightarrow \frac{1}{q_{ii}}$

Thus, $\frac{1}{t} \int_0^t 1_{X_s=i} ds = \frac{N_t}{t} \cdot \frac{1}{N_t} \int_0^t 1_{X_s=i} ds = \frac{1}{E_i \sigma_i} \frac{1}{q_{ii}}$

Def'n: Let i be recurrent. If $q_i = 0$ or $E_i \delta_i < \infty$,

then we say i is positive recurrent.

If $q_i > 0$, and $E_i \delta_i = \infty$, then we say i is null-recurrent.

Def'n: $\mu = (\mu_1, \dots, \mu_n)$ is a probability distribution on S is stationary iff $\forall t \geq 0, \mu P(t) = \mu$.

$$\mu P(0) = \mu, \quad (\mu P(t))' = \mu P'(t) = \mu Q P(t) = 0.$$

Proposition: μ is stationary for $P(t) \Leftrightarrow \mu Q = 0$

Theorem (mixing): If Q is irreducible and μ is a stationary distribution for $P(t)$, then $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} P_{ij}(t) = \mu_j$

Proposition: If Q is irreducible, then following are equivalent.

(1) All states are positive recurrent.

(2) there exist positively recurrent state.

(3) there exist stationary distribution.

In particular, if μ is stationary distribution,

$$\text{then } \mu_i = \frac{1}{q_i E_i \delta_i}$$

Theorem: (Ergodic Theorem)

let Q be irreducible and stationary distribution.

let $f: S \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be bounded.

then $P_\mu\left(\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \int_0^t f(X_s) ds = \sum_{i \in S} \mu_i f(i)\right) = 1$.

ν is any initial distribution.

$$\pi_i p_{ij} = \pi_j p_{ji}$$

Def'n: let μ be a probability distribution on S .

We say μ is a detailed balance iff.

$$\forall i, j \in S, \mu_i q_{ij} = \mu_j q_{ji}$$

Show then that $\mu = (\mu_i)_{i \in S}$ is a stationary distribution, this is because

$$(\mu Q)_j = \sum_{\substack{k \in S \\ k \neq j}} \mu_k q_{kj} - \mu_j \sum_{\substack{k \in S \\ k \neq j}} q_{jk} \quad (q_{jj} = -\sum_{k \in S} q_{jk})$$

detailed balance

$$\sum_{\substack{k \in S \\ k \neq j}} \mu_j q_{jk} - \sum_{\substack{k \in S \\ k \neq j}} \mu_j q_{jk} = 0$$

so

$\mu = (\mu_j)_{j \in S}$ is a stationary distribution

Let us further show that $\mu_i p_{ij}(t) = \mu_j p_{ji}(t)$

We define $\hat{p}_{ij}(t) = \frac{\mu_j}{\mu_i} p_{ji}(t)$

and show $\hat{p}_{ij}(t) = p_{ij}(t)$ then we are done

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now we have } \hat{p}_{ij}(0) &= \frac{\mu_j}{\mu_i} p_{ji}(0) = \frac{\mu_j}{\mu_i} \delta_{ji} \\ &= \delta_{j,i} = \delta_{ij} \\ &= p_{ij}(0) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{And } \hat{p}_{ij}'(t) = \frac{\mu_j}{\mu_i} p_{ji}'(t)$$

$$= \frac{\mu_j}{\mu_i} \sum_{k \in S} q_{jk} P_{ki}(t)$$

$$= \frac{\mu_j}{\mu_i} \sum_{k \in S} q_{jk} \frac{\mu_i}{\mu_k} \hat{p}_{ik}(t)$$

$$= \sum_{k \in S} \frac{\mu_j q_{jk}}{\mu_k} \hat{p}_{ik}(t) = \sum_{k \in S} q_{kj} \hat{p}_{ik}(t)$$

$$= \sum_{k \in S} \hat{p}_{ik}(t) q_{kj} \Rightarrow \hat{p}_{ij}(t) = (e^{tQ})_{ij}$$

$$\text{so } \hat{p}_{ij}(t) = p_{ij}(t) \text{ thus } \mu_j p_{ji}(t) = \mu_i p_{ij}(t)$$

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$$\mu_i q_{ij} = \mu_j q_{ji}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu_i p_{ij}(t) = \mu_j p_{ji}(t) \quad P' = QP$$

$$\hat{P}_{ij}(t) = \frac{\mu_j}{\mu_i} p_{ji}(t) \quad \hat{P}'_{ij}(t) = \sum_k \hat{P}_{ik}(t) q_{kj}$$

$$P_{ij}(t) \quad P' = \hat{P}Q$$

1. Hitting times and hitting distributions

Continuous time Markov chain X_t state space S .

Q -matrix $Q = (q_{ij})_{i,j \in S}$

$A \subset S$. $T_A = \min \{t : X_t \in A\}$

$a \in A$. $h_a = P_a(X_{T_A} = a)$

boundary conditions $h_a = 1$, $h_b = 0$, for all $b \in A \setminus \{a\}$.

for $i \notin A$, $h_i = \sum_{j \neq i} p'_{ij} h_j = \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{q_{ij}}{q_i} h_j$. $q_i = -\sum_j q_{ij}$

$\Leftrightarrow \sum_{j \in S} q_{ij} h_j = 0$ for all $i \notin A$

$g_i = E_i T_A$

boundary condition if $i \notin A$, then $g_i = 0$.

if $i \notin A$, $g_i = \frac{1}{q_i} + \sum_{j \neq i} p_{ij} g_j = \frac{1}{q_i} + \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{q_{ij}}{q_i} g_j$

$\Leftrightarrow 1 + \sum_{j \in S} q_{ij} g_j = 0$

Queuing Theory

queuing systems.

Service

- (1) arrival time of customers
- (2) how long does the service spend at each customer
- (3) how many agents are providing service

Questions: Stability

Average queue length

Average waiting time

G (general)

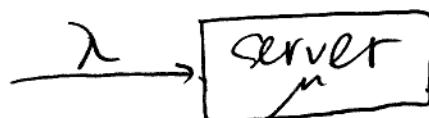
M/M/1 queue

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1 agent

memoriless of arrival time of customer

memoriless of time at each service

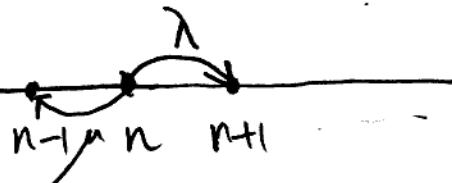
Arrival rate λ Service Rate μ



L_t = length of the queue. (birth & death chain)

State space

0 1 2 3



Birth Rate λ
Death Rate μ

Detailed balance

$$T_{li} q_{i,i+1} = T_{l(i+1)} q_{i+1,i} \quad T_{li} \lambda = T_{l(i+1)} \mu$$

$$\pi_{li+1} = \frac{\lambda}{\mu} \pi_{li} = \dots = \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^i \pi_0.$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \pi_{li} = \pi_0 (1 + \frac{\lambda}{\mu} + (\frac{\lambda}{\mu})^2 + \dots) = 1 \Rightarrow \pi_{li} = 1 - \frac{\lambda}{\mu}.$$

Stability criteria $\lambda < \mu$

Detailed Balance gives the stationary distribution

$$\pi_{li} = \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right) \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu}\right)^i \quad i=0, 1, 2, \dots$$

$$\text{Average length} = E L_t = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} i \pi_0 = \frac{\lambda}{\mu - \lambda}$$

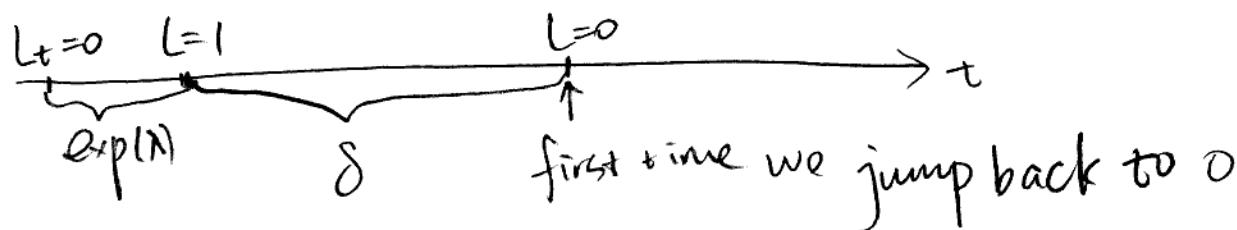
Average time a customer spend at the queue
= W

When a person arrives at the queue at time t
he is the L_t+1 's person in the queue.

$$W = \sum_{i=0}^{L_t+1} \tau_i \quad \tau_i \sim \exp(\mu)$$

$$EW = \frac{1}{\mu} (E L_t + 1) = \frac{1}{\mu} \left(\frac{\lambda}{\mu - \lambda} + 1 \right) = \frac{1}{\mu - \lambda}$$

(3) proportion of time that the agent is working



$$\frac{ES}{ES + ES}$$

$$\delta_0 = \delta + \zeta$$

$$E_0 \sigma_0 = \frac{1}{q_0 \tau_{L0}} = \frac{1}{\lambda(1-\frac{\lambda}{\mu})} = \frac{\mu}{\lambda(\mu-\lambda)}$$

$$ES = E_0 \tau_0 - E_0 \tau_3 = \frac{\mu}{\lambda(\mu-\lambda)} - \frac{1}{\lambda} = \frac{1}{\mu-\lambda}$$

$$\text{proportion} = \frac{\lambda}{\mu}$$

M/M/S queue

birth rate λ

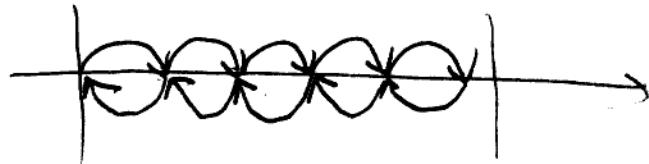
death rate $S\mu$

M/M/infinity queue

birth rate λ , never wait

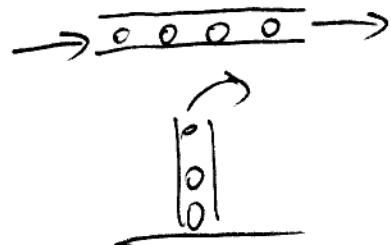
M/M/S with a finite waiting room of size N .

$$L_s \leq N$$



FIFO (first in first out)

LIFO (last in first out)



Brownian Motion



X_t

Einstein 1905

$X_0 = 0$

Assumptions

(1) X_t is space homogeneous

(2) $X_{t+s} - X_t$ is independent of X_t

$X_{t+s} - X_t$ has the same distribution as X_s
(independent and stationary increments)

(3) X_t is a continuous function of t
(with probability 1)

$$X(t) = X_t$$

$$\xi_i = X\left(\frac{i}{n}t\right) - X\left(\frac{i-1}{n}t\right), i=1, 2, \dots$$

Assumption (1) $\Rightarrow \mathbb{E}\xi_i = 0$

Assumption (2) $\Rightarrow \xi_1, \xi_2, \dots, \xi_n, \dots$ i.i.d.

If we assume $\mathbb{E}X_t^2 < \infty$ then $\mathbb{E}X_t^2 = n \mathbb{E}\xi_i^2$

$$X(t) = \xi_1 + \dots + \xi_n$$

Apply Central Limit Theorem

$$\frac{\xi_1 + \dots + \xi_n - n\mathbb{E}\xi_1}{\sqrt{n \text{Var} \xi_1}} \xrightarrow[n \rightarrow \infty]{d.} N(0, 1)$$

$$\text{Thus } X(t) \xrightarrow{d.} N(0, \mathbb{E}X_t^2) \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{But } \mathbb{E}X_{t+s}^2 &= \text{Var}(X_{t+s} - X_t) + \mathbb{E}X_t^2 \\ &= \text{Var}(X_{t+s} - X_t) + \text{Var}X_t \\ &= \mathbb{E}X_s^2 + \mathbb{E}X_t^2 \end{aligned}$$

Let $m(t) = \mathbb{E}X_t^2$ Then $m(t+s) = m(t) + m(s)$
and $m(t)$ is continuous in t by Assumption (3)

$$\text{Thus } m(t) = \sigma^2 t$$

$$\text{and } \sigma^2 = \mathbb{E}X_1^2 = \text{Var}X_1$$

$$\text{So } X_t \sim N(0, \sigma^2 t)$$

Definition We say a stochastic process

$\{B_t : t \geq 0\}$, $B_0 = 0$ is a Brownian motion

(Wiener process) (in dimension 1) if

(i) $\forall t \geq 0, s > 0, B_{t+s} - B_t \sim N(0, \sigma^2 s)$

(ii). $\forall 0 < t_1 < \dots < t_n, B_{t_1}, B_{t_2} - B_{t_1}, \dots, B_{t_n} - B_{t_{n-1}}$

are independent

(iii) With probability 1 the process B_t has continuous trajectories.

If $\sigma^2 = 1$, we call B_t a standard Brownian motion. We sometime also write W_t for B_t .

$$B_0 = 0 \quad \mathbb{P}_0$$

$$\tilde{B}_0 = x \quad \tilde{B}_t = x + B_t \quad \mathbb{P}_x$$

Proposition (Finite dimensional distribution)
 $0 < t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_n$ the joint probability density of $(B(t_1), B(t_2), \dots, B(t_n))$ is

$$p(t_1, t_2, \dots, t_n; x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = \prod_{k=1}^n p_{t_k - t_{k-1}}(x_{k-1}, x_k)$$

Where

$$p_t(x, y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2 t}} e^{-\frac{(y-x)^2}{2\sigma^2 t}}$$

Let B_t be a Brownian motion

$$\mathbb{E} B_t = 0 \quad \text{Cov}(B_t, B_s) = t \cdot s$$

Scaling Property $\frac{B_{ct}}{\sqrt{c}} \stackrel{d}{=} B_t$

Multidimensional Brownian Motion

$B(t) = (B_1(t), \dots, B_n(t))$ $B_i(t)$ independent

Exercise Show that if B_t is a ^{Standard} Brownian motion
then the following are ^{Standard} Brownian motions

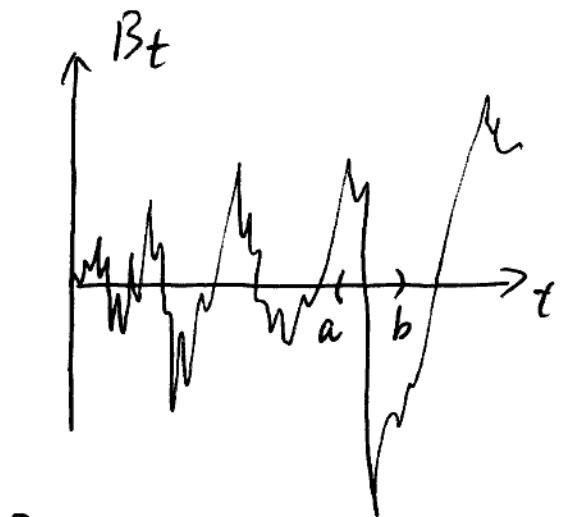
$$(1). \{-B_t, t \geq 0\}$$

$$(2). \{B_{t+u} - B_u : t \geq 0\}$$

$$(3). \{B_{T-t} - B_T : 0 \leq t \leq T\} \quad (\text{for finite time})$$

$$(4). \{t B_{\frac{1}{t}}, t \geq 0\} \quad (\text{define } t B_{\frac{1}{t}} = 0 \text{ as } t=0)$$

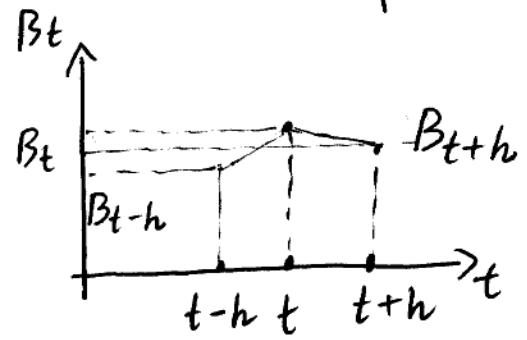
Sample Path property



Property 1 For any $(a, b) \subset \mathbb{R}$

B_t is not monotone in (a, b)

Property 2 B_t is not differentiable for almost all trajectories and all $t \geq 0$



Since $B_{t+h} - B_t$ is independent of $B_t - B_{t-h}$

$$\mathbb{P}(B_{t+h} - B_t = B_t - B_{t-h}) = 0$$

Markov Process : $\forall 0 \leq t_1 < \dots < t_n < t, s > 0, x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\mathbb{P}(B_{t+s} \in A \mid B_t = x, B_{t_1} \in B_1, \dots, B_{t_n} \in B_n)$$

$$= \mathbb{P}(B_{t+s} \in A \mid B_t = x) = p_s(x, A)$$

where $p_s(x, A) = \int_A p_s(x, y) dy$

First passage time

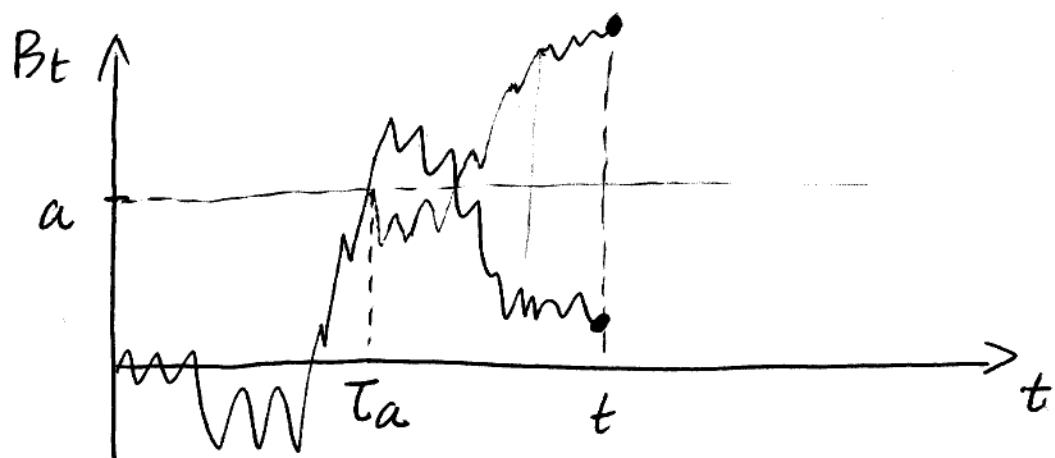
$$\tau_A = \inf \{t \geq 0 : B_t \in A\}, T_{\{a\}} = \tau_a$$

Strong Markov PropertyIf τ is a

first passage time, then conditioned on $\tau < \infty$
 the process $\{B_{t+\tau} - B_\tau : t \geq 0\}$ is a standard
 Brownian motion and it is independent of
 $\{B_s : 0 \leq s \leq \tau\}$

Reflection Principle

$$\forall a > 0 \quad P_0(\tau_a < t) = 2P_0(B_t > a)$$



Exercise (1) $a > 0$ Calculate the distribution of τ_a

$$(2) \quad E e^{-\lambda \tau_a} = e^{-a\sqrt{2\lambda}}, \forall \lambda, a > 0$$

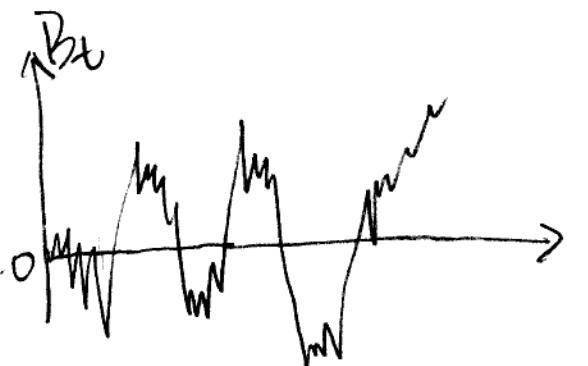
(3). $M_t = \sup_{0 \leq s \leq t} B_s$, Calculate the

distribution of M_t

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Brownian Motion (Standard)

$$(B_t)_{t \geq 0}$$



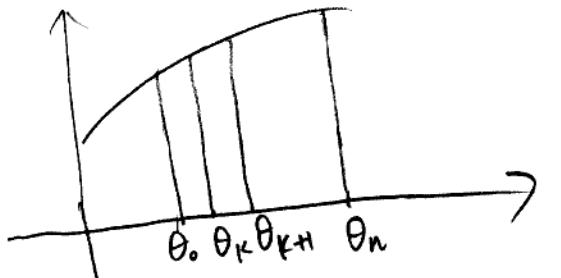
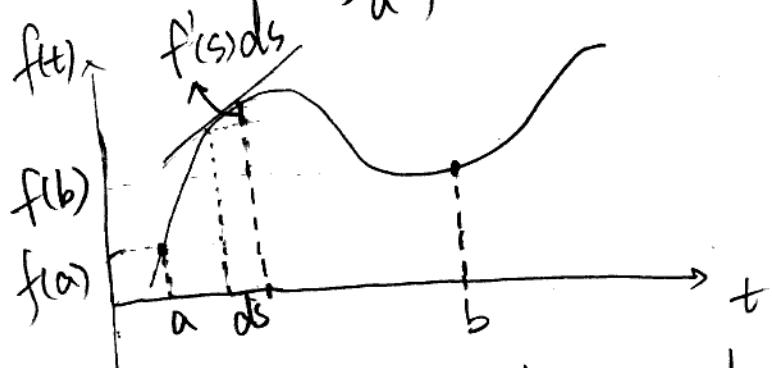
(1) $B_t \sim N(0, t)$

(2) $B_{t+s} - B_t$ independent of B_t

$$B_{t+s} - B_t \stackrel{d}{=} B_s$$

(3) continuous trajectories

$$f(b) - f(a) = \int_a^b f'(s) ds$$



$$s = s(\theta) \quad ds = s'(\theta) d\theta$$

$$f(s(b)) - f(s(a)) = \int_a^b f'(s(\theta)) \underbrace{s'(\theta) d\theta}_{ds} = \int_a^b f'(s(\theta)) ds$$

Stochastic Calculus

(K. Itô)

$$f(B_T) - f(B_t) = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} f'(B_s) B'_s ds = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} f'(B_s) dB_s$$

$$\int_a^b f'(s(\theta)) ds = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f'(s(\xi_k)) (s(\theta_{k+1}) - s(\theta_k))$$

$\max_{0 \leq k \leq n-1} |\theta_{k+1} - \theta_k| \rightarrow 0$

$\theta_k \leq \xi_k \leq \theta_{k+1}$

$$\int_a^b f'(B_s) dB_s = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f'(B_{t_k}) (B_{t_{k+1}} - B_{t_k})$$

max|t_{k+1}-t_k|→0
0≤t≤n-1

$$\int_0^t B_s dB_s = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} B_{t_k} (B_{t_{k+1}} - B_{t_k}) = I_1$$

max|t_{k+1}-t_k|→0

$$\exists \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} B_{t_{k+1}} (B_{t_{k+1}} - B_{t_k}) = I_2$$

max|t_{k+1}-t_k|→0

$$I_2 - I_1 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (B_{t_{k+1}} - B_{t_k})^2 \xrightarrow{?} 0$$

max|t_{k+1}-t_k|→0

$$E(B_{t+h} - B_t)^2 = E B_h^2 = h$$

$$(dB_s)^2 \approx dt$$

$$dB_b \approx \sqrt{dt}$$

$$E(I_2 - I_1) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (t_{k+1} - t_k) = t_{n-1} - t_0 = t$$

differentiability deterministic.

Def'n: (Itô's Integral)

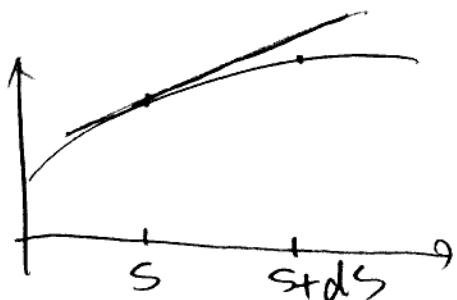
$$\int_0^t f(B_s) dB_s = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} f(B_{t_k}) (B_{t_{k+1}} - B_{t_k})$$

max|t_{k+1}-t_k|→0

$$f(S(t_2)) - f(S(t_1)) = \int_{t_1}^{t_2} f'(S(\theta)) dS(\theta)$$

$$f(S(t) + dS(t)) - f(S(t)) = f'(S(t)) dS$$

$$(dS)^2 = 0$$



$$f(B_t + dB_t) - f(B_t) = f'(B_t) dB_t + \frac{1}{2} f''(B_t) \underline{(dB_t)^2} + \frac{1}{3} f'''(B_t) \underline{dB_t^3}$$

$$f(B_t + dB_t) - f(B_t) = f'(B_t) dB_t + \frac{1}{2} f''(B_t) \frac{dt}{dt}$$

$$f(B_t) - f(B_0) = \left[\int_0^t f'(B_s) dB_s + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t f''(B_s) ds \right] \text{Itô's correction}$$

$$f(\varphi_t) - f(\varphi_0) = \int_0^t f'(\varphi_s) d\varphi_s \quad d\varphi_s = ds \quad (ds)^2 = 0$$

$$f(x) = x^2$$

$$B_t^2 - B_0^2 = \int_0^t 2B_s dB_s + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^t 2 ds \\ = 2 \int_0^t B_s dB_s + t$$

$$B_t^2 - t = 2 \int_0^t B_s dB_s$$