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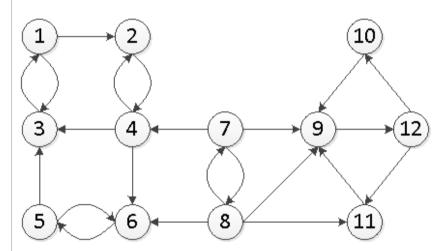
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## Exercise: Periodic states

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Consider a Markov chain with the following transition probability graph:



1. How many recurrent classes are there?

2 ▼ **Answer**: 2

2. How many periodic recurrent classes are there?

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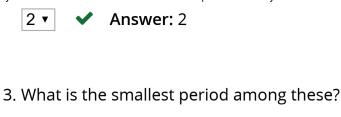
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4. What is the largest period among these?

#### Answer:

2

- 1. There are two recurrent classes:  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$  and  $\{9, 10, 11, 12\}$ .
- 2. Both of the recurrent classes are periodic.
- 3. The recurrent class  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$  has a period of 2. In the figure below, the state within this recurrent class alternates between a red state and a blue state.

Answer: 2

4. The recurrent class  $\{9, 10, 11, 12\}$  has a period of 3. In the figure below, the state within this recurrent class cycles from a purple state, to a yellow state, to a green state, and back to a purple state.

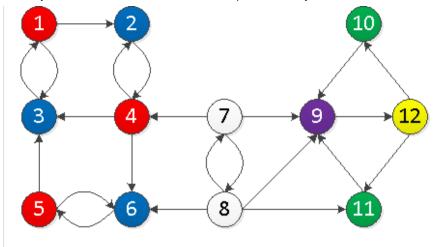
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#### **Problem Set 10**

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