

# Assignment 5

## Temporal Probability Model and Optimal Policy

Note: please submit the solution in pdf format.

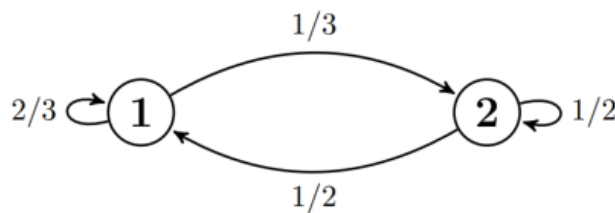
### Problem 1.

Please watch the “Lecture 14 - Rational Decision (part 2): Discounting section” for the description of the problem.

Question: For which  $\gamma$  are left and right equally good when in state b? Please explain it mathematically.

### Problem 2.

Consider a Markov chain for  $X$  specified by the following transition diagram. Please express all final answers as simplified fractions.



**2.1.** Given that  $X_0 = 1$ , find  $P(X_1)$  and  $P(X_2)$ .

$$P(X_1 = 1) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$P(X_1 = 2) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$P(X_2 = 1) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$P(X_2 = 2) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

**2.2.** Find  $P(X_\infty)$ , the stationary distribution of our Markov Chain.

$$P(X_\infty = 1) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$P(X_\infty = 2) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$