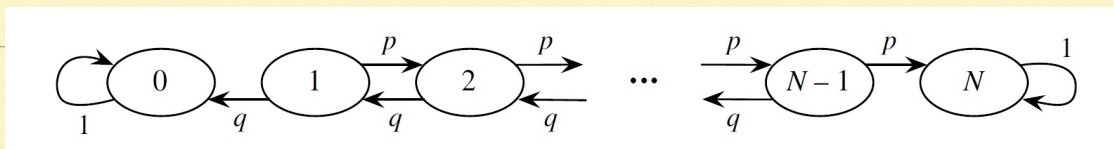


two gamblers, A, B , start with i and $N-i$ dollars respectively.

A sequence of bets for $\$1$.

each round A has prob p of winning.
prob $q = 1-p$ of losing.

Let X_n be the wealth of A at time n .



The Prob of A wins?

Set P_i : prob of A wins the game.

given A starts with i dollars.

W : the event A wins.

$$P_i = p \cdot P(W | A \text{ starts at } i \text{ and wins round } 1) \\ + q \cdot P(W | A \text{ starts at } i \text{ and loses round } 1)$$

$$= p \cdot P(W | A \text{ starts at } i+1)$$

$$+ q \cdot P(W | A \text{ starts at } i-1)$$

$$= \underline{p \cdot P_{i+1} + q \cdot P_{i-1}} \quad \text{difference equation.}$$

$$P_i = \begin{cases} a + b \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^i, & p \neq q \\ a + bi, & p = q \end{cases}$$

$$\text{if } p = q = \frac{1}{2}, \quad P_i = \frac{i}{N}$$

$$\text{otherwise, } P_i = \frac{1 - \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^i}{1 - \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^N}$$

$$\text{if } p = 0.49 \quad q = 0.51 \quad i = 100 = N - i$$

$$\Rightarrow P_i = 1.8\%$$