

Multiplication Rule:

$$P(A \cap B) = P(A) \times P(B | A) \quad \text{since} \quad P(B | A) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)}$$

Similarly,

$$P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A) \times P(B | A) \times P(C | A \cap B)$$

$$\text{since} \quad P(A \cap B \cap C) = P(A) \times \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(A)} \times \frac{P(A \cap B \cap C)}{P(A \cap B)}$$

$$P(A \cap B \cap C \cap D) = P(A) \times P(B | A) \times P(C | A \cap B) \times P(D | A \cap B \cap C)$$

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Furthermore,

$$P(A \cap B | C) = P(A | C) \times P(B | A \cap C)$$

$$\text{since} \quad \frac{P(A \cap B \cap C)}{P(C)} = \frac{P(A \cap C)}{P(C)} \times \frac{P(A \cap B \cap C)}{P(A \cap C)}$$

Law of Total Probability:

$$P(A) = P(A \cap B) + P(A \cap B') = P(B) \times P(A | B) + P(B') \times P(A | B')$$

If $B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \dots \cup B_m = S$ and $B_i \cap B_j = \emptyset$ for $i \neq j$,

$$P(A) = P(B_1) \times P(A | B_1) + P(B_2) \times P(A | B_2) + \dots + P(B_m) \times P(A | B_m)$$

Similarly,

$$P(A | C) = P(B | C) \times P(A | B \cap C) + P(B' | C) \times P(A | B' \cap C)$$

If $B_1 \cup B_2 \cup \dots \cup B_m = S$ and $B_i \cap B_j = \emptyset$ for $i \neq j$,

$$P(A | C) = P(B_1 | C) \times P(A | B_1 \cap C) + P(B_2 | C) \times P(A | B_2 \cap C)$$

$$+ \dots + P(B_m | C) \times P(A | B_m \cap C)$$

Markov Chain:

$$X_0, X_1, X_2, \dots, X_{n-1}, X_n, X_{n+1}, \dots$$

$$P(X_{n+1}=x_{n+1} \mid X_n=x_n, X_{n-1}=x_{n-1}, \dots, X_0=x_0) = P(X_{n+1}=x_{n+1} \mid X_n=x_n)$$

$$x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1} \in S - \text{state space}$$

$$P(X_{n+1}=x_{n+1} \mid X_n=x_n) - \text{transition probabilities}$$

$$\text{stationary transition probabilities} - P(X_{n+1}=x_{n+1} \mid X_n=x_n) \text{ does not depend on } n$$

$$P(x, y) = P^1(x, y) = P(X_1=y \mid X_0=x) = P(X_{n+1}=y \mid X_n=x)$$

$$\forall x \in S \quad \sum_{y \in S} P(x, y) = 1$$

$$P^n(x, y) = P(X_n=y \mid X_0=x) = P(X_{n+m}=y \mid X_m=x)$$

$$P^0(x, y) = P(X_0=y \mid X_0=x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x=y \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

initial distribution

$$\pi_0(x) = P(X_0=x) \quad x \in S \quad \sum_{x \in S} \pi_0(x) = 1$$

$$\pi_n(x) = P(X_n=x) \quad x \in S \quad \sum_{x \in S} \pi_n(x) = 1$$

$$P(X_0=x_0, X_1=x_1) = \pi_0(x_0) \times P(x_0, x_1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_0=x_0, X_1=x_1, \dots, X_{n-1}=x_{n-1}, X_n=x_n) \\ = \pi_0(x_0) \times P(x_0, x_1) \times \dots \times P(x_{n-1}, x_n) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(X_{n+m}=x_{n+m}, \dots, X_{n+1}=x_{n+1} \mid X_n=x_n, X_{n-1}=x_{n-1}, \dots, X_0=x_0) \\ = P(x_n, x_{n+1}) \times \dots \times P(x_{n+m-1}, x_{n+m}) \end{aligned}$$

Fact: $P^2(x, y) = P(X_2 = y \mid X_0 = x) = \sum_{z \in S} P(x, z) \times P(z, y)$

Proof: Since $\{X_2 = y\} = \bigcup_{z \in S} \{X_1 = z, X_2 = y\}$,

$$\begin{aligned} P^2(x, y) &= P(X_2 = y \mid X_0 = x) = \sum_{z \in S} P(X_1 = z, X_2 = y \mid X_0 = x) \\ &= \sum_{z \in S} P(X_1 = z \mid X_0 = x) \times P(X_2 = y \mid X_1 = z, X_0 = x) \\ &= \sum_{z \in S} P(X_1 = z \mid X_0 = x) \times P(X_2 = y \mid X_1 = z) = \sum_{z \in S} P(x, z) \times P(z, y). \end{aligned}$$

$$P^{n+1}(x, y) = P(X_{n+1} = y \mid X_0 = x) = \sum_{z \in S} P(x, z) \times P^n(z, y)$$

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$$P^{n+m}(x, y) = P(X_{n+m} = y \mid X_0 = x) = \sum_{z \in S} P^n(x, z) \times P^m(z, y)$$

$$P^3(x, y) = P(X_3 = y \mid X_0 = x) = \sum_{z_1 \in S} \sum_{z_2 \in S} P(x, z_1) \times P(z_1, z_2) \times P(z_2, y)$$

$$\pi_n(x) = P(X_n = x) = \sum_{y \in S} \pi_0(y) \times P^n(y, x)$$

$$\pi_{n+1}(x) = P(X_{n+1} = x) = \sum_{y \in S} \pi_n(y) \times P(y, x)$$

1. The winter weather in Central Illinois is not kind – there are never two nice days in a row. If there is a nice day, the next day would either have rain or snow with equal chance. If it rains on a given day, there is a 50% chance it would rain again the next day, a 25% chance it would snow, and a 25% chance the next day would be nice. If it snows on a given day, there is equal chance that it would rain, it would snow, or the day would be nice.

$$S = \{N, R, S\}$$

$$P(N, N) = \quad \quad \quad P(N, R) = \quad \quad \quad P(N, S) =$$

$$P(R, N) = \quad \quad \quad P(R, R) = \quad \quad \quad P(R, S) =$$

$$P(S, N) = \quad \quad \quad P(S, R) = \quad \quad \quad P(S, S) =$$

The weather forecast for Monday claims that there is a 50% chance it would be nice, 20% or rain, and 30% of snow.

$$\pi_0(N) = \quad \quad \quad \pi_0(R) = \quad \quad \quad \pi_0(S) =$$

- a) Find the probability that Monday would be nice, and it would rain on Tuesday.

$$P(X_0 = N, X_1 = R) =$$

- b) Find the probability that it would rain on Monday, nice on Tuesday, snow on Wednesday, snow again on Thursday, and nice on Friday.

$$P(X_0 = R, X_1 = N, X_2 = S, X_3 = S, X_4 = N) =$$

- c) Find the probability that it would be nice on Tuesday.

$$P(X_1 = N) = \pi_0(N) \times P(N, N) + \pi_0(R) \times P(R, N) + \pi_0(S) \times P(S, N)$$

d) Find the probability that it would rain on Tuesday.

$$P(X_1 = R) =$$

e) Find the probability that it would rain on Wednesday.

$$P(X_2 = R) =$$

f) Given that it is nice on Monday, what is the probability it would snow on Wednesday?

$$\begin{aligned} &P(X_1 = N \mid X_0 = N) \times P(X_2 = S \mid X_1 = N) + P(X_1 = R \mid X_0 = N) \times P(X_2 = S \mid X_1 = R) \\ &\quad + P(X_1 = S \mid X_0 = N) \times P(X_2 = S \mid X_1 = S) \\ &= P(N, N) \times P(N, S) + P(N, R) \times P(R, S) + P(N, S) \times P(S, S) \end{aligned}$$

g) Given that it rains on Monday, what is the probability it would be nice on Wednesday?

$$P(R, N) \times P(N, N) + P(R, R) \times P(R, N) + P(R, S) \times P(S, N)$$

h) Given that it snows on Monday, what is the probability it would rain on Wednesday?

Suppose $S = \{ 0, 1, \dots, d \}$.

The transition matrix

$$\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ \vdots \\ i \\ \vdots \\ d \end{array} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & \dots & j & \dots & d \\ P(0,0) & \dots & P(0,j) & \dots & P(0,d) \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ P(i,0) & \dots & P(i,j) & \dots & P(i,d) \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ P(d,0) & \dots & P(d,j) & \dots & P(d,d) \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{P}$$

$$\mathbf{P}_{ij} = P(i,j) = P^1(i,j) = P(X_1=j | X_0=i)$$

$$[\mathbf{P}^n]_{ij} = P^n(i,j) = P(X_n=j | X_0=i)$$

$$P^2(x,y) = P(X_2=y | X_0=x) = \sum_{z \in S} P(x,z) \times P(z,y)$$

$$P^{n+m}(x,y) = P(X_{n+m}=y | X_0=x) = \sum_{z \in S} P^n(x,z) \times P^m(z,y)$$

The initial distribution

$$\boldsymbol{\pi}_0 = [\pi_0(0) \dots \pi_0(i) \dots \pi_0(d)] = [P(X_0=0) \dots P(X_0=i) \dots P(X_0=d)]$$

$$\boldsymbol{\pi}_n = [\pi_n(0) \dots \pi_n(i) \dots \pi_n(d)] = [P(X_n=0) \dots P(X_n=i) \dots P(X_n=d)]$$

$$\boldsymbol{\pi}_n = \boldsymbol{\pi}_0 \times \mathbf{P}^n \qquad \pi_n(x) = P(X_n=x) = \sum_{y \in S} \pi_0(y) \times P^n(y,x)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\pi}_{n+1} = \boldsymbol{\pi}_n \times \mathbf{P} \qquad \pi_{n+1}(x) = P(X_{n+1}=x) = \sum_{y \in S} \pi_n(y) \times P(y,x)$$