MATH180C: Introduction to Stochastic Processes II

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Today: FSA for general MC

> Q&A: October 19

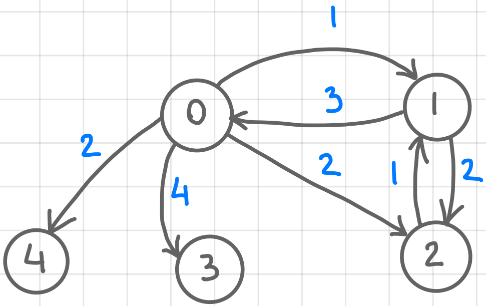
Next: PK 6.3, 6.6, Durrett 4.2

This week:

- Quiz 2 on Wednesday, October 21 (lectures 4-6)
- Homework 2 (due Friday, October 23, 11:59 PM)

General continuous time finite state MCs

Rate diagram



Generator

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Infinitesimal description

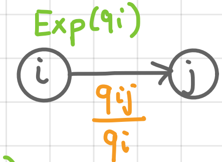
$$P_{ij}(h) = q_{ij}h + o(h), \quad i \neq j$$

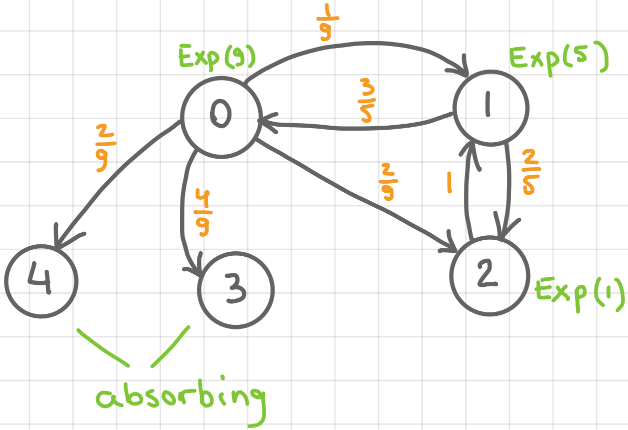
$$P_{ii}(h) = 1 - q_i h + o(h)$$

$$P_{02}(h) = 2h + o(h)$$

$$P_{00}(h) = 1 - 9h + o(h)$$

Jump and hold





Absorption probabilities for finite state chains

By considering the jump chain $(Y_n)_{n\geq 0}$ with $Y_n = X_{W_n}$ and its transition probabilities $P(Y_{n+1}=j \mid Y_n = i) = \frac{q_{ij}}{q_i}$ we can apply the first step analysis to compute, e.g., the absorption probabilities (similarly as for B&D)

If state i is absorbing, then $q_{ij}=0$ for all $j \neq i$ (no jumps from state i), so $q_i = q_{ii} = 0$. Let Q be given by

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\begin{array}{c} \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ K-1 \\ K \\ \vdots \\ N \end{array}
\end{array}
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\left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc}
-q_0 & & & \cdots & q_{ij} & \\
\vdots & & & & \vdots & \\
q_{ij} & \cdots & -q_{K-1} & & & \\ \hline
 & & & 0 & & 0 \\
 & 0 & & & \ddots & \\
 & & & & & 0
\end{array}\right)
\end{array}$$

with $\{0,\dots,K-1\}$ transient,
$\{K,\dots,N\}$ absorbing

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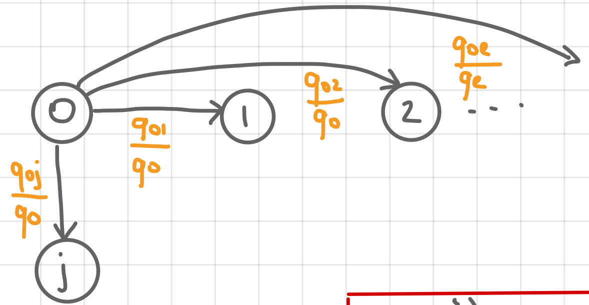
Let $i \in \{0, \dots, K-1\}$, $j \in \{K, \dots, N\}$.

Let $\mathbf{M} = \min\{n : Y_n \in \{K, \dots, N\}\}$

Denote $u_i^{(j)} = P(Y_{\mathbf{M}} = j \mid X_0 = i)$.

Then FSA leads to the system

Jump chain



$u_i^{(j)} = P(Y_{\mathbf{M}} = j \mid Y_0 = i)$

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$$\boxed{u_i^{(j)} = \frac{q_{ij}}{q_i} + \sum_{\substack{\ell=0 \\ \ell \neq i}}^{K-1} \frac{q_{i\ell}}{q_i} u_\ell^{(j)}}$$

$P(Y_{n+1} = j \mid Y_n = i)$ $\qquad$ $P(Y_{n+1} = \ell \mid Y_n = i)$

Example

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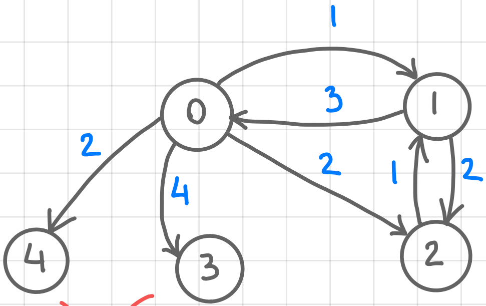

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Compute $P(Y_M = 3)$ if $P(X_0 = i) = p_i$ for $i = 0,1,2$

$\sum p_i = 1$

Denote $u_i = P(Y_M = 3 \mid Y_0 = i)$.

$$\begin{cases} u_0 = \\ u_1 = \\ u_2 = \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \\ \\ u_2 = u_1 , \end{cases}$$

$P(Y_M = 3) =$

Mean time to absorption

Similar analysis as was applied to B&D processes can be used to compute the mean time to absorption : before each jump from step i to state j the process sojourns on average in state i.

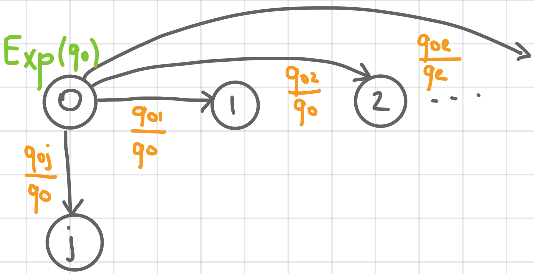
$$Q = \begin{array}{c} \\ 0 \\ \vdots \\ K-1 \\ K \\ \vdots \\ N \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \begin{array}{ccc|ccc} 0 & \cdots & K-1 & K & \cdots & N \end{array} \\ \left(\begin{array}{ccc|ccc} -q_0 & & & \cdots & q_{ij} & \\ \vdots & & & & \vdots & \\ q_{ij} & \cdots & -q_{K-1} & & & \\ \hline & & & 0 & & 0 \\ & 0 & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & & 0 \end{array} \right) \end{array}$$

Let $T = \min\{t : X_t \in \{K, \dots, N\}\}$

$M = \min\{n : Y_n \in \{K, \dots, N\}\}$

Denote $w_i =$

Then FSA gives



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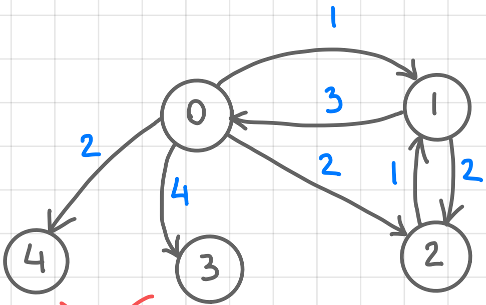

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$$w_i = E(T \mid X_0 = i)$$

$$\begin{cases} w_0 = \\ w_1 = \\ w_2 = \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \\ \\ w_2 = 1 + w_1 \end{cases}$$