

DATA 468: Applied Stochastic Process

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1. Choose the right answer. (15 points)

i). In Fig 1, which ones are transient state(s)?

(a) 1, 2, 5 (b) 1, 4, 7 (c) 1 (d) None of these

ii). In Fig 1, which ones are recurrent state(s)?

(a) 2, 3, 4 (b) 5, 6, 7 (c) All except 1 (d) None of them

iii). A random variable is a..... that maps the outcome of a random experiment into a real number.

(a) State (b) Function (c) Markov Chain (d) none of these

iv). To predict the future state of a Markov chain, it is only important to know the state.

(a) Future (b) Present (c) Past (d) none of these

v). If it is possible to go from state i to state j , we say that state j is from i .

(a) Communicate (b) Accessible (c) Periodic (d) Closed

2. Mark each statement as True or False. (15 points)

i). A Markov chain is a type of stochastic chain, but not all stochastic chains are Markov.

(a) True (b) False

ii). Each row of a transition matrix (P) should sum to 1.

(a) True (b) False

iii). $P_{ij}^{(n)}$ represents the probability of making a transition from state i to state j in a single step.

(a) True (b) False

iv). A state is called transient if, starting from state i , there is a 100% probability of returning to state i .

(a) True (b) False

v). Each state in a Markov Chain has a period.

(a) True (b) False

3. In radio communications, the carrier signal is often modeled as a sinusoid with a

random phase. Consider the stochastic process $X(t) = \cos(2\pi t + \theta)$, where the random phase shift θ has a Uniform $(0, 2\pi)$ distribution. (10 points)

i). Find the mean function.

ii). Find $X(2)$.

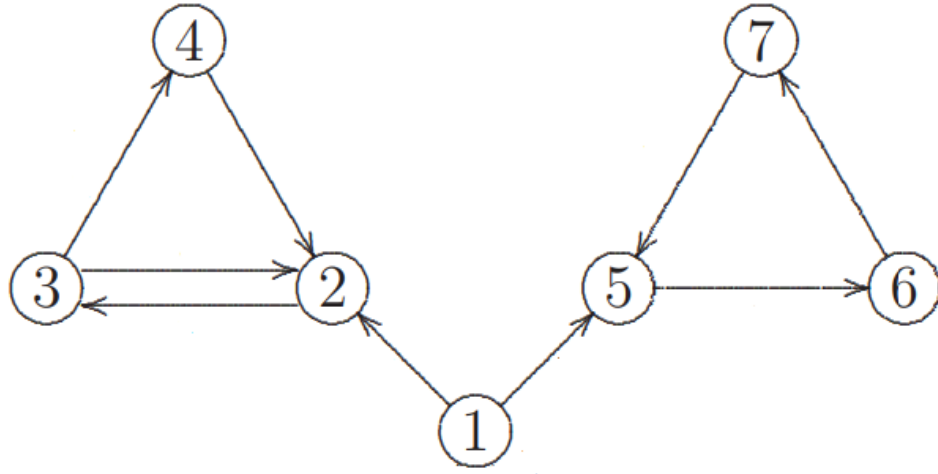


图 1: Transition Probabilities.

4. A Markov chain X_0, X_1, X_2, \dots has the transition probability matrix (for the states $\{0, 1, 2\}$)(30 points)

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} 0.3 & 0.2 & 0.5 \\ 0.5 & 0.1 & 0.4 \\ 0.5 & 0.2 & 0.3 \end{bmatrix}$$

and initial distribution: $\pi = [0.5, 0.5, 0]$.

i). Draw a transition diagram of P

ii). Find $P(X_2 = 1 | X_1 = 0, X_0 = 2)$.

iii). Find $P(X_1 = 1)$.

iv). Find $P(X_{45} = 1 | X_{44} = 0)$.

v). Find $P(X_1 = 0)$.

5. There are 3 types of weather in a particular area: {sunny, cloudy, and rainy}={1, 2, 3}. A news Media channel wants to broadcast its prediction about next week's weather. The news channel hires a weather forecasting company to find out next week's weather. (30 points)

	Sunny	Cloudy	Rainy
Sunny	70%	20%	10%
Cloudy	20%	50%	30%
Rainy	50%	25%	25%

表 1: Weather transition probabilities

Note: Currently, there is sunny weather in that area.

- i). Write the transition matrix and draw the transition diagram for the above problem.
- ii). Compute the chances of different weather conditions (sunny, cloudy, and rainy) next week.
- iii). What is the probability that the weather will be sunny next week?
- iv). What is the probability that the weather will be cloudy next week?
- v). What is the probability that the weather will be rainy next week?

Important Formulas

i). Uniform distribution function

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{b-a}, \text{ where } a \leq x \leq b$$

ii) The expected value of X is given by

$$\mathbb{E}[g(X)] = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(x)f(x) dx$$

ii) The integral of $\cos(2\pi t + \theta)$ is

$$\int \cos(2\pi t + \theta) dt = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sin(2\pi t + \theta)$$